

**Maize Market Fundamentals:**

***Firm sentiments have been witnessed in various spot markets of maize on Friday. Lesser corn arrivals and higher demand of corn from Poultry and Starch Industries kept the prices at higher level.***

- UP maize growers have planted maize in 31450 hectares in 2011 for Rabi season till 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 which is 32.5% lesser compared to previous year same period. Government is targeting around 50000 hectares of maize sowing in 2011.
- Maize productivity in India is low (~2414 kg per hectare) despite of large areas of Maize in India. It is noticeable that India got 4<sup>th</sup> no in terms of area in the world. USA, China, and Brazil have more maize area than India at present.
- Maize has been planted in 245000 hectares till 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in Bihar for Rabi season 2011-12 which is -4.7% higher compared to 2010-11 maize rabi sowing same period. Rabi has sowed in 257000 hectares last year same period.
- Lesser arrivals of maize and moderate domestic as well as exports demand of maize kept the corn prices at higher side.
- Indian CIF Maize prices (~\$281.69) have came down despite of recent increase in domestic prices of corn as stronger dollar prices give respite to exporters and take India get into the competition. Indian corn exporters are getting a stiff competition from exporters compared to Brazil CIF (~282.7) and Argentina CIF (~281.1).
- Movement of 40 rakes (25 from Koppal + 15 from Munirabad) has been reported in this season for various destinations like Chennai, Tutikorin etc at FOR ranging Rs. 1180 to 1100.
- It is reported that maize production in Kharif season is down by 20% in the interiors of AP and Karnataka due to poor rainfall.

**Outlook:**

***Good Corn demand has been witnessed in domestic markets as regular buying came from big poultry and starch industries at present. Also, lesser arrivals of corn in the market support the corn prices domestically. We expect that there is further potential of increase in corn prices in the coming days.***

**Spot Prices at Key Markets:**

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		16-12-2011	15-12-2011	Change	16-12-2011	15-12-2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1130	1130	Unch	364	364	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1100	1100	Unch	500	500	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1125	1120	+5	3333	6667	-3333
Koppal	Bilty	1085	1085	Unch	12000	12000	Unch
Kolkata	Mill	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ahmedabad	Feed	1170	1165	+5	6000	6000	Unch
Ahmedabad	Starch	1225	1200	+25			

**NCDEX Maize Futures**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12
Dec-11	-6.5	1118	1129.5	1110	1113	Spot	-13	-37	-65
Jan-12	-6	1141	1153.5	1135	1137	Dec-11		24	52
Feb-12	-19	1175	1184.5	1151	1165	Jan-12			28

  

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
						15-12-11	15-12-11	15-12-11	12.12.11
Dec-11	700	-370	1970	-580	Davangere	-	-	-	-
Jan-12	2590	260	5840	-30	Delhi	3888	0	4132	4132
Feb-12	550	40	1100	110	Nizamabad	3741	0	3741	3741

**Maize CBOT Daily Futures Price Listing (\$/Tonne) as on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
<b>Dec'11</b>	228.58	229.86	226.81	227.89	<b>-0.69</b>
<b>March'12</b>	231.83	233.21	230.06	231.34	<b>-0.59</b>
<b>May'12</b>	234.19	235.67	232.62	233.90	<b>-0.59</b>
<b>Jul'12</b>	221.79	222.78	219.92	222.09	<b>-0.10</b>
<b>Sep12</b>	212.54	214.61	210.97	213.82	<b>1.08</b>

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