

Maize Market Fundamentals:

Maize remained steady to firm as arrivals have started to decline in the domestic markets.

- Arrivals remained lower as producers hold onto stocks anticipating better returns.
- Demand from Consumer industries remain firm and may continue to support prices.
- Firm export demand also supported the uptrend in prices. However exporters added that due to the current holiday season export may slow down amid weak rupee against the U.S Dollar.
- Maize futures at NCDEX rebound on Wednesday after a bearish session. Rise in open interest along with prices indicate that an uptrend is in place and is likely to be sustained. Volume has declined to 3,980, lower by 540 against previous trading day.
- Arrivals were slightly lower in Delhi and Nizamabad as producers were waiting for better returns and were holding onto stocks. Producers in Davangere offloaded stocks getting good returns for crop.
- US futures closed up with double-digit gains near the highs of the day.
- The key driver was continued stress on Argentina's key corn producing regions with no end in sight for the next couple of weeks.
- There's also continued concern about dry weather stress to portions of Brazil's corn region as well.
- There will very little trade and buying from the industry before early January due to the holiday season.
- Corn futures for March delivery advanced 2.2 percent to close at \$6.3325 a bushel on CBOT, the seventh straight gain and the longest rally since Dec. 29, 2010.

Outlook:

Lower arrival and firm domestic and export demand may continue to support prices at lower levels. We expect that corn prices will continue to show strength in the coming days.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		28-12-2011	27-12-2011	Change	28-12-2011	27-12-2011	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1250	1250	Unch	364	455	-91
Nizamabad	Bilty	1145	1135	+10	150	200	-50
Davangere	Bilty	1150	1150	Unch	3000	1667	1333
Koppal	Bilty	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kolkata	Mill	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ahmedabad	Feed	1280	1300	-20	1500	1000	+500
Ahmedabad	Starch	1310	1325	-15			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12
Jan-12	10.0	1217.5	1228.0	1212.5	1218.5	Spot	31.5	2.0	-20.0
Feb-12	19.0	1238.0	1253.5	1233.5	1248.0	Jan-12	-	29.5	51.5
Mar-12	12.5	1270.0	1278.0	1270.0	1270.0	Feb-12		-	22.0

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
Jan-12	3980	-540	9990	440		27.12.11	27.12.11	27.12.11	26.12.11
Feb-12	1370	-230	3190	260	Davangere	-	-	-	-
Mar-12	40	-90	460	10	Delhi	2997	-	2997	2997
					Nizamabad	3691	-	3691	3691

Maize CBOT Daily Futures Price Listing (Cents/bushel) as on 27 th December 2011					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
March'12	625.00	636.75	624.75	633.25	13.75
May'12	633.00	645.00	633.00	641.25	13.25
Jul'12	639.00	650.50	639.00	647.25	13.25
Sep'12	596.00	604.75	596.00	601.25	8.25
Dec'12	573.00	580.00	572.50	577.25	8.25

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