

**Maize Market Fundamentals:**

**Maize prices have improved in various key spot markets on Monday as lesser arrivals and improved domestic demand of corn weigh on to the prices.**

- Indian CIF Maize prices (~\$305.00) have surged due to increase in domestic prices of corn. Indian corn exporters are competing strongly with Brazil CIF (~293.6) and Argentina CIF (~315.2). Unfavorable weather conditions in Argentina (Second biggest exporter of corn after US) and Brazil weigh on the corn international prices. Increase in corn international prices gives Indian corn exporters an opportunity to export corn but lesser corn arrivals and higher moisture content in maize restrict them to do it so.
- Around 50 rakes of business of maize have been reported from Koppal to various consumption centers and ports till date in this season.
- Higher moisture level in maize and presence of foreign matters than set parameter for export discourage buyers to go for aggressive buying. Demand for fumigation at delivered port is also adds pressure on exporters. However, quality issue is likely to be sorted out soon as assured by concerned ministry.
- Around 3.1 lac hectares of maize has been planted by maize growers in Bihar for Rabi season up to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012 that is 3.3% higher planting of maize compared to previous year same period.
- Movement of maize stock has been reported from Nizamabad market to various destinations like Mumbai and Kakinada at FOR 1300. It is expected to improve after mid January as wheat prices are getting firmer on seasonality basis.
- One rake business has been reported from Davengere market at FOR 1250 Chennai delivery. It is noticeable that around 20 rakes in total have been moved from Davengere to various destinations in this season.

**Outlook:**

**Lower arrivals and likely fresh demand from bulk buyers and retailers may support maize market once again in near term. We expect gains soon in maize price.**

**Spot Prices at Key Markets:**

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		09-1-2012	07-1-2012	Change	09-1-2012	07-1-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1320	1300	+20	455	455	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1180	1100	+80	50	70	-20
Davangere	Bilty	-	-	-	-	-	-
Koppal	Bilty	1230	1190	+40	2000	6000	-4000
Ahmedabad	Feed	1300	1310	-10	2000	-	-
Ahmedabad	Starch	1350	1375	-25			

**NCDEX Maize Futures**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12
Jan-12	10.5	1257	1284	1250	1259	Spot	-79	-120	-155
Feb-12	9	1306	1315	1291	1300	Jan-12		41	76
Mar-12	12	1339	1339	1326	1335	Feb-12			35

  

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 07.01.12	In-Process 07.01.12	Total 07.01.12	FED 01.01.12
Jan-12	4130	-490	8250	-470	Davangere	-	-	-	-
Feb-12	3770	1290	9280	380	Delhi	2997	-	2997	2997
Mar-12	180	-170	1630	-20	Nizamabad	4510	257	4767	3691

**CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT)**

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-12					Closed
May-12					Closed
Jul-12					Closed
Sep-12					Closed
Dec-12					Closed

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