

Maize Market Fundamentals:

Steady to firm sentiments witnessed in various maize spot markets on Tuesday. Fresh enquiries and improved local demand of maize by Poultry and Starch Industries support the prices today.

- Overall Maize sowing has been increased by 9.2% to 11.70 lac hectares compared to last year, according to Agmin.
- No fresh enquiries has been witnessed for maize exports till yet but recent increase in maize international prices give some hopes to exporters for maize exports in couple of weeks.
- CORN SALE: Private exporters reported the sale of 152,900 tonnes of U.S. corn to Mexico for delivery this marketing year, said the Agriculture Department on Monday.
- Rake business has been reported from Davengere market of 1 rake for Erode market at FOR 1175.
- Local buyers like Sugana is active in the market and buying maize for poultry feed purpose from Davengere market.
- More than 100 rakes of maize have been moved out from Karnataka market in this season till date. Out of which 30 rakes of maize has been transported in this season till date from Haveri (Karnataka) region and 38 rakes from Davangere. Also, 42 rakes have been moved from Ranebennuru center (Karnataka) this season till date. Ranebennuru is 37 km from Davengere market and becoming a major sourcing center of maize. It is also reported that around 52 rakes of maize have been moved from Koppal to various consumption centers and ports till date in this season.
- Availability of wheat and Bajra at lower prices is also unsupportive to the maize market fundamentals. Maize is likely to trade sideways with higher pressure on downward move.

Outlook:

Increasing arrivals of maize from TN and lower export demand of corn might drive the maize prices down for short term. However, firm sentiments of international maize will increase the parity of maize exports which will increase the maize domestic prices in the couple of weeks.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

| Market | Grade | Prices (Rs./qtl) | | | Arrivals in bags | | |
|-----------|--------|------------------|---------------|--------|------------------|---------------|--------|
| | | 24-1-2012 | 23-1-2012 | Change | 24-1-2012 | 23-1-2012 | Change |
| Delhi | Hybrid | 1275 | - | - | 300 | - | - |
| Nizamabad | Bilty | 1180 | Market closed | - | 100 | Market closed | - |
| Davangere | Bilty | 1160 | 1150 | +10 | 6667 | 6667 | Unch |
| Koppal | Bilty | 1160 | 1160 | Unch | 2000 | 2000 | Unch |
| Ahmedabad | Feed | 1300 | 1280 | +25 | 5000 | 7000 | -2000 |
| Ahmedabad | Starch | 1325 | 1325 | Unch | | | |

NCDEX Maize Futures

| Contract | +/- | Open | High | Low | Close | Spread | Feb-12 | Mar-12 | Apr-12 |
|----------|-------|--------|------|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Feb-12 | -21 | 1272.5 | 1273 | 1245 | 1245 | Spot | -65 | | |
| Mar-12 | -24.5 | 1290 | 1297 | 1269 | 1269 | Jan-12 | | 24 | 45 |
| Apr-12 | -20 | 1307 | 1307 | 1290 | 1290 | Feb-12 | | | 21 |

| Contract | Volume | Change | OI | Change | Stocks | Demat 23.01.12 | In-Process 23.01.12 | Total 23.01.12 | FED 16.01.12 |
|----------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Feb-12 | 2970 | -260 | 13610 | 160 | Davangere | 600 | 302 | 902 | 101 |
| Mar-12 | 740 | 130 | 4800 | 60 | Delhi | 2520 | 0 | 2520 | 2992 |
| Apr-12 | 330 | 220 | 1380 | 150 | Nizamabad | 8014 | 101 | 8115 | 5855 |

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT)

| Contract Month | Open | High | Low | Close | Change |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mar-12 | 241.47 | 244.52 | 240.88 | 244.03 | 8.50 |
| May-12 | 243.54 | 246.59 | 243.15 | 246.30 | 3.54 |
| Jul-12 | 244.62 | 248.16 | 244.52 | 247.87 | 9.50 |
| Sep-12 | 227.21 | 228.78 | 225.53 | 228.39 | 1.87 |
| Dec-12 | 217.37 | 219.24 | 216.28 | 218.94 | 1.77 |

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