

Maize Market Fundamentals:

Steady sentiments witnessed in various maize key markets on Monday. Weak demand as well as supply of maize kept the prices unchanged.

- US has export around 170,200 tonnes of corn to Mexico, Reuters.
- Maize prices are moving downwards keeping in view increasing arrivals of maize from TN market and no export parity of maize from Domestic market which led the prices of maize downwards. Also, appreciation of rupee also discourages the exporters of India at present.
- Growers from AP has sowed maize in 289,000 hectares for Rabi season 2011-12 which is 18% higher sowing figures compared to last year same period.
- Corn demand in International market is expected to rise from China in the coming days after witnessing dull demand of china due to Chinese New Year.
- Speculators cut net long positions of Corn in CBOT keeping in view higher acreage estimates, according to Reuters.
- Maize has been planted in 351000 hectares till 24/1/2012 in Bihar for Rabi season 2011 -12 which is 6.4% higher compared to 2010-11 maize rabi sowing same period. Rabi has sowed in 330000 hectares last year same period. Moreover, Bihar has targeted around 3.5 lac hectares of planting of maize for Rabi season 2011-12.
- On international front, farmers in Argentina might face fresh heat waves after two months of dry weather which might worsen the crop conditions of maize. It is noticeable that abundant rains due to weather pattern known as La Nina has been witnessed in various key regions of maize in Argentina which damage the crop and urge various trade houses to downgrade maize production estimate of Argentina from 30 million tonnes to 20-22 million tonnes.

Outlook:

Increasing arrivals of maize from TN and lower demand of corn might kept the maize prices under pressure for short term. Also, sharp decline in International corn prices might restrict the corn export from India. Maize prices are likely to trade range bound with weak bias in the coming days.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		30-01-2012	28-1-2012	Change	30-01-2012	28-1-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1250	1250	Unch	250	300	-50
Nizamabad	Bilty	-	1180	-	-	100	-
Davangere	Bilty	1165	1165	Unch	3417	5000	-183
Koppal	Bilty	1140	Market closed	-	7000	Market closed	-
Ahmedabad	Feed	1270	1285	-15	4000	3000	+1000
Ahmedabad	Starch	1300	1315	-15			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Feb-12	-9	1234	1247	1218	1230	Spot			
Mar-12	-5.5	1270	1275	1252	1261	Jan-12			
Apr-12	1	1289	1290	1275	1289	Feb-12			

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
						28.01.12	28.01.12	28.01.12	23.01.12
Feb-12	5110	710	13650	-320	Davangere	850	202	1052	600
Mar-12	1650	1080	5190	540	Delhi	2042	0	2042	2520
Apr-12	310	190	1740	40	Nizamabad	8064	51	8115	8014

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT)

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

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