

Maize Market Fundamentals:

Steady sentiments witnessed in various key spot markets on Wednesday as markets couldn't find adequate cues to decide the prices either side.

- Ukraine Corn shipments declined to 588,440 tons in January compared to 1.24 million tons in December.
- It is expected that corn prices are likely to move up in the coming week led by expected rebound in export demand from China.
- Ukraine corn exports falling to 10 million tonnes from 12 million tonnes due to storage difficulties and low quality which restrict corn exports from Ukraine.
- Corn growers has probably grow corn in 4.5 million hectares for 2012-13 which is around 25% higher corn sowed compared to last year, according to Ukraine Agribusiness club.
- Weak rake business has been reported from Koppal as decreasing international corn prices and appreciation in Rupee discourage the exporters and find difficulty in export parity from prevailing domestic prices.
- US has export around 170,200 tonnes of corn to Mexico, Reuters.
- 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.
- 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.

Outlook:

Increasing arrivals of maize from TN and lower demand of corn might keep 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		
		1-02-2012	31-01-2012	Change	1-02-2012	31-01-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1260	1260	Unch	455	455	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1180	1180	Unch	100	100	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1170	1170	Unch	2500	5000	-2500
Koppal	Bilty	1150	1160	-10	2000	7000	-500
Ahmedabad	Feed	1275	1265	+10	4000	7000	-3000
Ahmedabad	Starch	1305	1310	-5			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Feb-12	Unch	1243.5	1243.5	1221	1233	Spot	-53		
Mar-12	Unch	1260	1268	1253	1263	Jan-12		30	50
Apr-12	-2	1290	1295	1277.5	1283	Feb-12			20

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 31.01.12	In-Process 31.01.12	Total 31.01.12	FED 30.01.12
Feb-12	2430	320	13950	30	Davangere	850	452	1302	850
Mar-12	720	260	5470	170	Delhi	2042	0	2042	2042
Apr-12	410	310	1810	70	Nizamabad	8115	0	8115	8064

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 31th Jan 2012

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-12	248.85	252.69	248.36	251.51	7.25
May-12	251.12	254.95	250.82	253.97	2.95
Jul-12	252.49	256.33	252.20	255.35	7.50
Sep-12	231.24	234.59	231.14	233.60	2.46
Dec-12	222.29	225.53	221.99	224.16	1.87

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