

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- **Steady to weak sentiments prevailed in key maize markets on Thursday.** Lesser wheat prices compared to maize and improved arrivals of maize shift the demand of maize towards wheat little bit which stabilizes the prices of maize. However, weakness in Rupee again might gives maize exporters some hope in the coming days. **Meanwhile, at present weak export as well as domestic demand of maize** has been witnessed. Also, decreasing international prices of maize doesn't seem supportive for domestic maize prices.
- **Less ethanol demand might stop the corn bullish in CBOT as reported.**
- Conab said that Brazil corn crop would rise owing to an expected surge in winter corn crop planting in the coming weeks
- **More than 150 rakes of maize have been moved out from Karnataka market** in this season till date. Out of which 45 rakes of maize has been transported in this season till date from Haveri (Karnataka) region and 34 rakes from Davangere. Also, 30 rakes have been moved from Ranebennuru center (Karnataka) this season till date. It is also reported that around 36 rakes of maize have been moved from Koppal to various consumption centers and ports till date in this season. Also, 2 rakes has been moved from Shimoga market as reported in this season till date.

International Market Commentary:

US corn futures end mixed as traders consolidate positions ahead of Thursday's USDA report. Traders unwilling to take risks ahead of the report, to be released at 8:30 a.m. EST, as recent reports have been highly unpredictable. Traders expecting the government will lower South America production and hike U.S. exports, but those shifts may already be priced into the market. Traders say it may take a significant surprise to push the market out of its recent trading range. CBOT corn ends up 1/4c to \$6.42 1/2 a bushel, other contracts slightly lower.

Outlook:

Maize prices are continuously moving downwards and buyers are not showing buying interest in the falling market as they are expecting further price decline in maize. In addition to it, need based buying have witnessed from Poultry and Starch industries. Also, appreciation of Rupee hits profit margins of maize exporters and keeps the exporters out of the export market. Considering expected arrivals of maize stock in 10-15 days from AP, and lesser export demand, we expect prices of maize will fall in the coming days.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		9-2-2012	8-2-2012	Change	9-2-2012	8-2-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1260	1260	Unch	545	545	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1180	1180	Unch	10	10	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1130	1150	-20	833	3333	-2500
Koppal	Bilty	1160	-	-	2000	-	-
Ahmedabad	Feed	1315	1310	+5	-	-	-
Ahmedabad	Starch	1350	1350	Unch	-	-	-

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Feb-12	-20	1191.5	1198.5	1178.5	1182	Spot	-2		
Mar-12	-17	1221	1222	1209	1210	Jan-12		28	49
Apr-12	-13.5	1240	1245.5	1231	1231	Feb-12			21

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 08.02.12	In-Process 08.02.12	Total 08.02.12	FED 06.02.12
Feb-12	2860	770	11230	-1230	Davangere	1252	151	1403	1252
Mar-12	1790	640	7880	360	Delhi	1021	0	1021	1021
Apr-12	890	40	2550	360	Nizamabad	8113	132	8245	8115

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) on 8th Feb 2012

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-12	252.69	255.35	248.76	252.89	0.25
May-12	254.86	257.32	250.92	255.05	-0.20
Jul-12	256.63	258.60	252.40	256.73	-0.25
Sep-12	235.18	236.95	230.85	234.88	-0.69
Dec-12	225.53	227.50	221.89	225.73	-0.69

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