

**Maize Market Fundamentals:**

- **Steady sentiments prevailed in key maize markets on Friday.** 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.
- Buenos Aires Grains Exchange has cut its corn production estimates for Argentina to 21.3 million tonnes. Dry whether is major concern in South America which majorly affects the yield of corn.
- According to the USDA's latest U.S. Export Sales report, corn exports of 1,088,900 MT were up 63 percent from the previous week. The primary destinations were to Japan (437,100 MT), Mexico (253,600 MT), China (118,900 MT), South Korea (76,600 MT), Venezuela (63,200 MT), and the Dominican Republic (35,500 MT).

**International Market Commentary:**

US corn futures end lower, retreating amid farmer selling and profit-taking after a USDA report failed to provide fresh support. Although prices climbed early in the session after USDA raised projected exports by 50M bushels, traders say that was well within expectations. The weaker close after early gains could be negative technically, traders add, prompting more selling. Analysts say farmers may be wary of missing out on chance to sell at prices well above historical norms. Still, projected US stockpiles are relatively small, and traders say it'll take a big crop to get back to comfortable supply levels. CBOT March corn ends down 5 1/2c to \$6.37/bushel.

**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		
		10-2-2012	9-2-2012	Change	10-2-2012	9-2-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1260	1260	Unch	545	545	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1180	1180	Unch	10	10	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1130	1130	Unch	1667	833	+833
Koppal	Bilty	1160	1160	Unch	5000	3000	+2000
Ahmedabad	Feed	1310	1315	-5	3000	5000	-2000
Ahmedabad	Starch	1350	1350	Unch			

**NCDEX Maize Futures**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Feb-12	-18.5	1180	1188	1160	1165
Mar-12	-12	1201	1215.5	1193	1200
Apr-12	-14	1247.5	1247.5	1213	1219.5

Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Spot	15		
Jan-12		35	54.5
Feb-12			19.5

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-12	5050	2190	9560	-1670
Mar-12	4870	3080	10220	2340
Apr-12	650	-240	2410	-140

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
	09.02.12	09.02.12	09.02.12	06.02.12
Davangere	1252	299	1551	1252
Delhi	1021	0	1021	1021
Nizamabad	8245	0	8245	8115

**CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012**

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-12	252.59	256.63	249.05	250.72	-5.50
May-12	254.66	258.20	250.72	252.49	-2.56
Jul-12	256.23	259.68	252.40	254.17	-6.50
Sep-12	234.19	236.36	230.94	233.40	-1.48
Dec-12	224.84	227.21	221.99	223.56	-2.16

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