

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- **Steady sentiments prevailed in key maize markets on Saturday.** 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		
		11-2-2012	10-2-2012	Change	11-2-2012	10-2-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1270	1260	+10	455	545	-91
Nizamabad	Bilty	1180	1180	Unch	10	10	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1130	1130	Unch	1000	1667	-667
Koppal	Bilty	1160	1160	Unch	1000	5000	-4000
Ahmedabad	Feed	1330	1310	+20	2500	3000	-500
Ahmedabad	Starch	1350	1350	Unch			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Feb-12	-8.5	1165	1174.5	1152	1156	Spot	24		
Mar-12	-13	1191.5	1194.5	1182.5	1184.5	Jan-12		28.5	56.5
Apr-12	-5.5	1215	1217.5	1204	1212.5	Feb-12			28

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 10.02.12	In-Process 10.02.12	Total 10.02.12	FED 06.02.12
Feb-12	2140	-2910	8690	-870	Davangere	1252	299	1551	1252
Mar-12	2590	-2280	11370	1150	Delhi	1021	0	1021	1021
Apr-12	370	-280	2370	-40	Nizamabad	8245	0	8245	8115

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) on 10th Feb 2012

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-12	250.53	251.41	247.28	248.66	-5.25
May-12	252.40	252.99	248.95	250.13	-2.36
Jul-12	254.27	254.56	250.53	251.61	-6.50
Sep-12	232.81	233.50	228.88	230.06	-3.35
Dec-12	223.27	224.25	219.53	220.32	-3.25

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