

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- Mixed sentiments prevailed in the maize markets today as markets could not find adequate cues to decide the prices either side.
- Government estimate 21.6 million ton of maize production in 2011-12**, according to 2nd advance estimate released by government.
- With increasing arrivals in south India amid** cheaper availability of wheat and limited export demand maize remained under pressure and traded lower in key markets of India. Shifting demand from maize to wheat has directly impacted the inner market tone of maize and resultantly it is expected to trade lower in the week ahead.
- However, medium term outlook for maize is bullish due** to lower estimation of crop size in the international market. Export demand for Indian maize is expected once again in mid March as prices in the international market is likely to go up on weather concern. Besides, lower prices in domestic market may attract starch industries and feed millers to start fresh buying.
- Wheat and maize are frequently used for feed milling and** both commodities prices affect one another sentiments as usual. However, this year wheat is expected to remain at driving seat due to ample availability and bumper production prospects and may drive maize market in the same direction wheat is heading for.
- Buenos Aires Grains Exchange has cut its corn production estimates** for Argentina to 21.3 million tonnes. Dry weather 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).

Outlook : Maize is expected to trade range bound with weak bias likely to continue for short term on changing inner tone in the cash market, weak export demand and appreciating Indian currency.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		13-2-2012	11-2-2012	Change	13-2-2012	11-2-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1300	1270	30	455	455	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1170	1180	-10	10	10	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1130	1130	Unch	1667	1000	667
Koppal	Bilty	1160	1160	Unch	500	1000	-500
Ahmedabad	Feed	1320	1330	-10	-	2500	-
Ahmedabad	Starch	1350	1315	35	-	-	-

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Feb-12	1	1148.5	1169	1146	1157	Spot	13		
Mar-12	-1	1183.5	1198.5	1176	1183.5	Jan-12		26.5	55
Apr-12	-0.5	1213	1226	1208	1212	Feb-12			28.5

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
Feb-12	3220	1080	6760	-2930		11.02.12	11.02.12	11.02.12	06.02.12
Mar-12	4080	1490	11880	510	Davangere	1303	248	1551	1252
Apr-12	540	170	2470	100	Delhi	1021	0	1021	1021
					Nizamabad	8245	50	8295	8115

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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