

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- **Maize market remained under pressure on improved arrivals** amid lackluster trading activities at weekend. Maize arrivals in south Indian markets have increased and pressurized market sentiment for short term. Cheaper and ample availability of feed grade wheat restricts maize market to trade lower..
- **Maize prices in Delhi have improved comparatively to last week** due to dwindling arrivals amid increased demand from feed millers and starch industries. Supply source for Delhi is Rajasthan only right now and it will create tight stock position in the weeks ahead and resultantly may continue to get support. New arrivals from Bihar are expected in May from Rabi crop and then prices are expected to dip.
- **Rake loading from Punjab to south Indian states continues.** Around 4 rakes business of maize has been reported from South India for Rajpura (Punjab) at FOR 1360. Suppliers are Cargill and Bengani group
- **As far as Koppal market is concerned, around 40 rakes** have been moved out from the market to various destinations in this season till date as reported.
- **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 and improving demand.
- **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 in which wheat is heading for.

International Market Commentary:

- **US corn futures ended higher on support from soybeans** and recent strong export demand. The USDA reported fresh exports to South Korea, which while not a surprise, bolstered optimism that exports were picking up amid supply disruptions in South America and the Black Sea region.
- **Meanwhile, corn is struggling to keep pace with soybeans**, which rallied again on exports and the Brazil crop. US corn acreage could slip if prices fall versus soy, although traders say corn acreage will increase substantially from last year regardless. CBOT March corn ends up 5 1/2c at \$6.41 3/4 a bushel, gaining 10c on the week.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		18-2-2012	17-2-2012	Change	18-2-2012	17-2-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1325	1325	Unch	364	545	-182
Nizamabad	Bilty	Market closed	-	-	Market closed	-	-
Davangere	Bilty	Market closed	1125	-	Market closed	1667	-
Koppal	Bilty	1160	1160	Unch	700	700	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1325	1320	+5	8000	-	-
Ahmedabad	Starch	1360	1360	Unch			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Mar-12	9.00	1164	1173.50	1164	1172.5	Spot	11		
Apr-12	-2.00	1191	1202	1191	1196	March-12		23.5	48
May-12	-0.50	1224	1224	1221	1122	April-12			24.5
						May-12			

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
Mar-12	1440	1280	14850	-190		17.02.12	17.02.12	17.02.12	15.02.12
Apr-12	440	120	2830	-20	Davangere	1649	0	1649	1303
May-12	58020	2500	76740	00	Delhi	1021	0	1021	1021
					Nizamabad	8239	346	8585	8245

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 17th Feb 2012

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-12	250.13	254.56	250.03	252.59	5.50
May-12	251.51	255.84	251.41	253.97	2.16
Jul-12	252.59	257.02	252.49	255.15	5.50
Sep-12	233.21	235.96	232.62	234.88	0.98
Dec-12	222.88	225.63	222.38	223.66	0.10

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