

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- **No major development was seen on maize trading front** and physical market remained under pressure on improved arrivals amid lackluster trading activities from bulk buyers. Domestic market traded almost flat without any firm directional clue. Cheaper and ample availability of feed grade wheat is on driving seat and directing maize to follow suit.
- **As far as Koppal market is concerned, around 45 rakes** have been moved out from the market to various destinations in this season till date as reported.
- **NCDEX has revised the tick size of maize** – Feed/ Industrial Grade from 0.50 paise to Rs. 1 with the approval of FMC. This step of NCDEX might attract the market participants as increase in tick size will increase the volatility of prices. Modified tick size will be applicable in all running contracts from 23rd February 2012.
- **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

International Market Commentary:

- US corn futures end lower, stumbling on expectations of a large US crop and fund-selling. Traders say anticipation of the USDA's annual outlook forum later this week, and the likelihood it will forecast a big jump in corn acreage, weighed on prices. The market's inability to climb overnight despite outside macro support prompted selling, and funds were heavy sellers of an estimated 11,000 contracts, traders add. The market held above key 50-day and 100-day moving averages, however. CBOT March corn ends down 12 1/4c to \$6.29 1/2 per bushel.
- **Brazil's total maize output is expected to reach 60 million** ton mark in 2012 season which is 7% higher compared to last year, according to FAO. Increase in maize production is mainly due to surge in winter planting of maize. Earlier, Brazil government estimated 60.83 million tonnes of maize production for 2011-12 season which also support the recent estimate of FAO.

Outlook: Maize prices will stay in a range with weak tone on increasing maize arrivals from AP and TN. Also weak demand from Domestic and Export buyers support the bearishness in maize prices for short term.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		22-2-2012	21-2-2012	Change	22-2-2012	21-2-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1325	1325	Unch	91	273	-182
Nizamabad	Bilty	1160	Market closed	-	10	Market closed	-
Davangere	Bilty	1125	1125	Unch	3333	5000	-1667
Koppal	Bilty	1160	1145	+15	500	500	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1320	1320	Unch	-	8000	-
Ahmedabad	Starch	1330	1360	-30			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12
Mar-12	-9	1156	1165	1146	1148	Spot	12	-15	-40
Apr-12	-11	1181	1192.5	1173	1175	March-12		27	52
May-12	-12	1193	1221	1193	1200	April-12			25

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 22.02.12	In-Process 22.02.12	Total 22.02.12	FED 18.02.12
Mar-12	3300	780	15230	340	Davangere	1649	0	1649	1303
Apr-12	730	-180	3160	230	Delhi	1016	0	1016	1021
May-12	200	90	1660	0	Nizamabad	8626	0	8626	8245

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 21th Feb 2012

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-12	253.18	253.87	246.10	247.77	-12.25
May-12	254.27	255.05	247.48	249.35	-4.62
Jul-12	255.54	256.23	249.05	250.92	-10.75
Sep-12	234.09	235.47	230.26	232.91	-1.97
Dec-12	223.56	224.94	220.22	221.89	-1.77

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