

**Maize Market Fundamentals:**

- **Maize prices improved in various key spot markets on Friday. Need based buying from lower levels and good demand from Poultry and Starch Industries weigh on the prices today.**
- **Lesser wheat price compared to Maize shift demand of maize towards wheat.** However, continuous increase in prices of wheat in recent days might shift the requirement of feed buyers demand towards maize.

**International Market Commentary:**

- US corn futures end mixed, with near-term contracts rising on export demand while deferred months slide on fresh planting forecasts. Export sales to China and unknown destinations helped nearby corn futures as near-term supplies remain tight, traders say. But supplies could balloon later this year as the USDA projected domestic corn acreage of 94M, up 2.2% from 2011. CBOT March corn ends up 1 1/4c at \$6.39 1/2 per bushel while December falls to a 1-month low and finishes down 5 3/4c at \$5.58 3/4.
- China bought its first major purchase of corn from US in four months. China bought 120,000 tons of US corn, according to USDA. Meanwhile, recent corn purchase by US might be a major indication of starting of Chinese corn demand which might results in further corn shipments from US for China in the coming weeks.
- Chinese corn import is expected to increase by 4 million tonnes in 2011-12 due to decrease in crop production of corn in China by 6.5%.
- **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		
		24-2-2012	23-2-2012	Change	24-2-2012	23-2-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1350	1350	Unch	364	364	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1160	1150	+10	10	10	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1125	1120	+5	833	1667	-833
Koppal	Bilty	1160	1160	Unch	500	500	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1330	1320	+10	6000	6000	Unch
Ahmedabad	Starch	1330	1340	-10			

**NCDEX Maize Futures**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12
Mar-12	6	1135	1148	1131	1143	Spot	17		
Apr-12	11	1156	1175	1156	1172	March-12		29	57
May-12	6	1182	1202	1182	1200	April-12			28

  

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 23.02.12	In-Process 23.02.12	Total 23.02.12	FED 21.02.12
Mar-12	2730	380	15240	-280	Davangere	1649	0	1649	1649
Apr-12	1330	260	4170	470	Delhi	1016	0	1016	1016
May-12	660	170	2150	320	Nizamabad	8625	0	8625	8626

**CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2012**

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-12	251.22	253.28	249.25	251.71	1.25
May-12	252.49	254.46	250.03	252.89	0.49
Jul-12	253.58	255.54	251.12	253.77	0.50
Sep-12	232.81	234.19	230.45	232.03	-2.07
Dec-12	221.99	222.78	218.15	219.92	-2.26

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