

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- Steady to weak sentiments prevailed in various key spot markets on Friday. Markets are taking cues from International markets.
- Meanwhile, a rake business has been reported from Haveri district to Yamunanagar at FOR 1350. At present, only domestic buyers are active in the market at present. It is noticeable that around 30 rakes have already been moved from Haveri in this season.
- Exports prospects from India to Vietnam weakening owing to pest control measures which increase the cost. In addition to it, appreciation in Rupee also hinders the exports of maize from India. PQ authorities are ensuring that shipment related to Vietnam is fumigated for 3 days before it is loaded which increase the expenses by USD 10 PMT, according to exporters. It is noticeable that earlier exporters used to load the corn directly in containers and put fumigation tablets in the containers.
- Recently, 1 rake has been delivered to Ahmadabad from Gadak at FOR 1327, which is 60 km far from Koppal.

International Market Commentary:

- US corn futures ended lower, succumbing to profit-taking pressure amid fears of slowing demand. Lower than expected weekly export sales and concerns about low ethanol margins are threatening demand outlooks, encouraging traders to take some profits off the table, analysts say. Expectations for a hefty increase in 2012 US corn plantings and concerns futures were overbought after failing to challenge Wednesday's multi-week highs attracted selling as well, analysts add. CBOT May corn ended down 4c at \$6.54/bushel.
- Brazil has exported around 279,200 tons of Corn in Feb 2012 which is approx 50% less compared to last year corn export by Brazil at same period.
- China bought 110,000 tons of US corn in early Wednesday. It is noticeable that China already purchases 2.6 million tons of US corn since Sept 2011 compared to 313,000 tons of corn purchase by China last year same period.

Outlook: Improvement in maize prices has been witnessed during last week owing to weak arrivals. In addition to it, need based buying have been witnessed from Poultry and Starch industries. Also, appreciation of Rupee hit profit margins of maize exporters and kept the exporters out of the export market. Keeping in view lesser arrivals of maize from various sourcing centers and improved demand, we expect prices will move in a trading range with firm tone in the coming days.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		02-3-2012	01-3-2012	Change	02-3-2012	01-3-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1400	1400	Unch	273	273	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1160	1160	Unch	50	-	-
Davangere	Bilty	1135	1150	-15	3333	5000	-1667
Koppal	Bilty	1160	1160	Unch	400	400	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1310	1300	+10	3000	4000	-1000
Ahmedabad	Starch	1340	1340	Unch			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12
Mar-12	2	1152	1165	1148	1153	Spot	7		
Apr-12	5	1179	1193	1171	1181	March-12		28	53
May-12	3	1217	1217	1206	1206	April-12			25

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 01.03.12	In-Process 01.03.12	Total 01.03.12	FED 27.02.12
Mar-12	3430	1610	15050	-50	Davangere	1649	0	1649	1649
Apr-12	1490	430	6330	180	Delhi	315	0	315	846
May-12	110	-80	2790	20	Nizamabad	8323	0	8323	8323

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 1th Mar 2012

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-12	258.10	258.79	255.64	257.32	-2.75
May-12	258.20	258.99	256.04	257.41	-1.57
Jul-12	258.99	259.97	257.12	258.00	-5.00
Sep-12	235.47	236.75	234.19	235.37	-1.08
Dec-12	222.78	224.35	221.79	223.07	-0.69

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