

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- Steady to firm sentiments prevailed in various maize spot markets on Saturday. Meanwhile, we expect some demand in the coming days at lower levels. Also tighter supply of maize might support the price for short term
- As far as crop progress is concerned, maize has been planted in around 3.65 lac hectares in Bihar which is the major contributor of maize production in Rabi season. This year Rabi maize planting is 7.4% higher compared to last year. Meanwhile, harvesting of the crop has been started in Bihar and around 20% of the crop has already being harvested at present.
- 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:

- 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		
		03-3-2012	02-3-2012	Change	03-3-2012	02-3-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1400	1400	Unch	273	273	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	Market closed	1160	Unch	Market closed	50	-
Davangere	Bilty	1155	1135	+20	1667	3333	-1667
Koppal	Bilty	1160	1160	Unch	400	400	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1300	1310	-10	3000	3000	
Ahmedabad	Starch	1330	1340	-10			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12
Mar-12	5	1158	1164	1145	1157	Spot			
Apr-12	2	1177	1197	1175	1187	March-12			
May-12	14	1210	1229	1210	1220	April-12			

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 02.03.12	In-Process 02.03.12	Total 02.03.12	FED 27.02.12
Mar-12	1860	-1570	14690	-360	Davangere	1649	0	1649	1649
Apr-12	1650	160	6780	450	Delhi	315	0	315	846
May-12	580	470	3130	340	Nizamabad	8323	0	8323	8323

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 2th Mar 2012

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-12	257.02	259.78	255.05	259.38	5.25
May-12	257.12	258.00	254.66	257.81	0.39
Jul-12	257.81	258.60	255.35	258.30	0.75
Sep-12	234.98	238.72	234.09	237.93	2.56
Dec-12	223.07	224.55	221.89	224.35	1.28

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