

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- No major trading activities were seen in cash maize market on Wednesday ahead of Holi. Maize prices have declined in various key spot markets on poor demand.
- Around 25% crop of AP has been harvested till date as reported. Around 228 rakes of maize has been moved out from Karnataka market itself in this season as reported.
- Government announce steep hike in Railway Freight by 25% from today onwards as reported. It will drive delivered prices up,
- India is going to produce 5.5 million tons maize in Rabi season 2011-12 which is around 8% higher compared to maize produced last year.
- 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. It is noticeable that around 30 rakes have already been moved from Haveri in this season.
- Recently, 1 rake has been delivered to Ahmadabad from Gadak at FOR 1327, which is 60 km far from Koppal.

International Market Commentary:

- International corn prices traded flat however, it is still hovering above the previous close as cheaper US corn over wheat urge South Korea to purchase around 126,000 tons of corn that support the prices. It is noticeable that corn prices are trading at discount over wheat which will encourage the corn prices in the coming days.
- 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.

Outlook: Maize prices are moving range bound with weak tone as sellers are offloading maize stocks at higher levels which increase the supply pressure in the market. Prices are likely to trade range bound in the coming days as expected.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		06-03-2012	07-03-2012	Change	06-03-2012	07-03-2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1380	Market closed	-	364	364	-
Nizamabad	Bilty	1150	Market closed	-	50	50	-
Davangere	Bilty	1130	1125	-5	8333	8333	-5000
Koppal	Bilty	1140	1140	Unch	300	300	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1280	Market closed	-	4000	4000	-
Ahmedabad	Starch	1315	Market closed	-			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12
Mar-12	6	1127	1143	1126	1137	Spot	23		
Apr-12	6	1163	1174	1161	1168	March-12		30	68
May-12	8	1200	1209	1195	1207	April-12			38

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 06.03.12	In-Process 06.03.12	Total 06.03.12	FED 06.03.12
Mar-12	3930	-160	12850	-1390	Davangere	1649	0	1649	1649
Apr-12	2390	-1090	9100	1110	Nizamabad	8319	0	8319	8319
May-12	510	200	3260	120					

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 06st March 2012

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-12	261.94	262.14	258.20	258.99	-8.25
May-12	259.38	259.68	255.64	257.41	-2.66
Jul-12	259.78	260.17	255.94	257.81	-7.25
Sep-12	237.83	238.42	233.80	235.37	-3.25
Dec-12	223.96	224.25	219.83	221.79	-3.05

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