

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- Steady to firm sentiments prevailed in the market. Recent IGC report gives bullish signal. In addition to it, firm dollar, weaker arrivals in domestic markets might support the prices domestically in the coming days for short term.
- Meanwhile demand from poultry and Starch industries remained good.
- Arrivals of maize have started in Bihar as reported and might get pace after 10-15 days.
- Freight rate from US to China remained unchanged at \$49 while Freight from Argentina to China remained same at \$41 as reported.
- Around 24000 tons of maize stocks are loading at vessel named Crystal Gold at Tuticorin port as reported.
- It is noticeable that around 66 rakes of maize has moved from Davengere market in this season till date as reported which was 55 last week.
- Meanwhile, around 2 rakes business has been reported from Davengere market for Kakinada delivery at FOR 1110. Cargill is the buyer as reported.
- It is noticeable that farmers hold around 30% of maize stocks in Karnataka at present and are expected to release their stocks continuously as market prices of maize are attractive at present for farmers. Davengere, Rannebennuru and Haveri districts are the major sourcing centers in Karnataka at present. Also, around 25% maize hold by Poultry and Starch Industries in Karnataka as reported.
- Indian CIF Maize prices (~\$307.02) declined by \$4 during last week owing to rupee depreciation. However, Indian maize exporters are not getting export parity as Brazil CIF (~\$290.75) and Argentina CIF (~\$305.81) have given stiff competition to Indian Maize.

International Market Commentary:

- Corn prices moved up in today's trading session in CBOT** owing to tight supply of corn in US and rumors of more buying of corn by China shown in recent IGC report. IGC kept its world corn production same compared to last month ~864 million tons but increase consumption by 6 million tons which decrease the ending stocks by 4 million tons.
- It is noticeable that Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2012 totaled 6.01 billion bushels, down 8 percent from March 1, 2011. (Source: Grains Stock Report by USDA)
- USDA increase its corn planting estimate up by 4% compared to last year to 95.9 million acres which is the most planted corn crop by US farmers in 75 years.** USDA previous year corn planting was 91.9 million acres.

Outlook: Tight stock positions of corn in US might support the prices of maize in domestic as well as in International markets.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		03.4.2012	02.4.2012	Change	03.4.2012	02.4.2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1400	1400	Unch	455	455	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1180	1160	+20	-	1000	-
Davangere	Bilty	1130	1130	Unch	3333	667	+2667
Koppal	Bilty	1160	1160	Unch	200	200	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1340	1330	+10	4000	3000	+1000
Ahmedabad	Starch	1360	1350	+10			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Apr-12	May-12	June-12
Apr-12	-7	1246	1246	1231	1235	Spot	-55		
May-12	-10	1270	1275	1263	1269	March-12		34	74
June-12	-1	1301	1315	1299	1309	April-12			40

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 02.04.12	In-Process 02.04.12	Total 02.04.12	FED 02.04.12
Apr-12	2900	-2370	11960	-160	Davangere	1749	50	1799	1749
May-12	1330	-810	8260	-130	Nizamabad	8271	0	8271	8271
June-12	480	-440	3040	0					

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT)

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
May-12	255.64	259.58	254.46	257.81	11.00
Jul-12	254.56	257.81	252.69	256.23	3.05
Sep-12	222.58	225.63	218.94	224.75	7.75
Dec-12	212.64	215.40	210.58	214.51	1.87
Mar-13	216.78	220.22	215.20	220.22	3.05

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