

Maize Market Fundamentals:

- Mixed sentiments recorded in various maize spot markets on Friday as markets could not find adequate cues to decide the prices either side. However, traders are trying to make profit booking at higher levels in anticipation of price decline in the couple of weeks before Bihar maize crop arrivals.
- There are only domestic buyers like Poultry and Starch industries are buying maize from Davengere at present as reported. Also, no rake business has been reported from Davengere recently.
- Indian CIF Maize prices (~\$314.28) decline marginally during last week owing to steady sentiments in domestic market and rupee appreciation. Meanwhile, Indian maize exporters are getting parity compared to US corn exporters and also give stiff competition from Brazil CIF (~\$311.42) and Argentina CIF (~\$298.39).
- Maize arrivals are yet to pick up and might take another 15-20 days as reported. However, recent rains and hailstorm has not affect the maize crop but definitely delay the harvesting of maize.
- Stockiest and bulk buyers are waiting for lower price and lower moisture level as new crop arriving in Bihar contains high moisture level. Besides, farmers in other producing states along with stockiest are holding back stocks for getting ruminative prices in the months ahead. Demand for maize will remain at higher side and any one sided fall in the market is unlikely.

International Market Commentary:

- US exports 3.23 million tons of corn in Feb 2012 which is down from 3.45 million tons of corn exports in Jan 2012 and also down from 3.24 million tons in Feb 2011.
- South Korea's feedmill group MFG bought 132000 tons of corn for July and August delivery from Cargill and Toepfer at \$324.79 and \$305.98 CFR/Ton respectively as reported.
- China imports corn from Ukraine for the first time as Ukrainian corn offers better price then US corn and also it is not genetically modified. It is noticeable that China imports 1.75 million tons of corn in 2011 and are expected to import around 3-4 million tons of corn in 2012.
- Maize prices in the international market are likely to head northward despite higher area coverage reported in major corn producing nations. Demand for corn in the international market is continuously increasing with rising feed grade demand and higher use for ethanol. Tight supply position world over and likely firmness in wheat prices are expected to support maize prices.

Outlook: Tight stock positions of corn in US and expected delay of corn crop from Bihar might support the prices of maize in domestic as well as in International markets in short term.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		13.4.2012	12.4.2012	Change	13.4.2012	12.4.2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1400	1385	+15	364	364	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1160	1150	+10	1000	1000	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1140	1150	-10	1333	1667	-334
Koppal	Bilty	1150	1150	Unch	300	300	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1325	1360	-35	-	-	-
Ahmedabad	Starch	1370	1380	-10	-	-	-

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Apr-12	May-12	June-12
Apr-12	-3	1198	1213	1198	1198	Spot	-38		
May-12	1	1236	1247	1232	1235	April-12		37	74
June-12	4	1267	1279	1267	1272	May-12			37

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 12.04.12	In-Process 12.04.12	Total 12.04.12	FED 9.04.12
Apr-12	2120	200	8610	-790	Davangere	1795	202	2052	1799
May-12	2980	150	10080	650	Nizamabad	8269	52	8321	8269
June-12	840	-260	4160	150					

**CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 12th April 2012**

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
May-12	250.53	251.81	248.26	250.33	1.25
Jul-12	247.08	248.07	245.11	246.79	0.49
Sep-12	221.30	222.29	219.43	222.09	3.50
Dec-12	214.51	215.79	212.94	215.20	1.28
Mar-13	218.55	219.63	217.37	219.14	1.28

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