

Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- Steady to weak sentiments prevailed in various key spot markets of maize on Tuesday. Arrival pressure for maize from Bihar markets, good US corn planting report and need based maize demand in domestic market kept the prices on lower side.
- Maize prices declined in Delhi as well as in Naugachia market today owing to higher arrivals compared to prior day.
- Meanwhile, Indian FOB prices are quite competitive compared to Argentina and US as decreasing domestic prices and surge in dollar prices gives exporters an advantage at present.
- Maize rake loading in Naughachia region in Bihar continued with brisk pace and delivered price quoted @ around Rs.12000 PMT
- On Export front, AP corn is offering at USD 244 FOB per ton.
- Demand for maize is normal from feed and starch industries, Fresh demand from exporters is awaited that may supported price in the weeks ahead.
- Rake business of maize has been witnessed from Khagaria, Mansi, Naugachia and Gulab Bagh sourcing centers to Rajasthan, Punjab, and Delhi etc.

Daily International Market Scenario:

- Farmers have planted record corn crop in their respective fields represented by recent USDA corn planting progress. Farmers have completed 96% of the corn planted till 21st May 2012 up from 87% corn planted till last week. Last year, farmers have completed 75% corn plantation during same period last year. Meanwhile, out of 18 states, Wisconsin and Michigan had showed great improvement in corn planting compared to last week. Also, planting in Tennessee state has already completed for this season. Meanwhile, USDA rate 77% corn crop good to excellent. It is notable that US is suffering from lower corn stocks at present but recent corn planting would lift the corn stock levels considerably higher after harvesting.
- Japan feed millers bought around 500000 tons of corn for shipments between July and September. Buyers purchased 300000 tons of corn from Brazil and 200000 tons of corn from Argentina. It is notable that corn prices in Argentina and Brazil are quite low at present compared to other major exporting nations.

Outlook: Corn prices are continuing its bear run in domestic markets over Bihar crop arrivals but rebound could be seen in International markets owing to firm Chinese corn demand and decline in Argentina corn crop which will support the prices.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		22.5.2012	21.5.2012	Change	22.5.2012	21.5.2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1130	1140	-10	727	545	+182
Nizamabad	Bilty	1100	1100	Unch	1000	1000	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1060	-	-	500	-	-
Koppal	Bilty	1100	1100	Unch	-	-	-
Naugachia	Bilty	900	925	-25	16667	16667	Unch
Kolkata	Mill	1050	1050	Unch	8333	8333	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1180	1180	Unch	7000	3000	+4000
	Starch	1200	1200	Unch			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	June-12	June-12	Aug-12
June-12	-22	1161	1166	1143	1145	Spot	-45		
July-12	-23	1199	1210	1185	1186	June-12		41	41
Aug-12	-26	1232	1238	1214	1215	July-12			0

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
June-12	6840	-3550	13940	-830		21.5.12	21.5.12	21.5.12	21.05.12
July-12	5240	370	5760	400	Davangere	2542	100	2642	2542
Aug-12	620	-250	3110	100	Nizamabad	6463	0	6463	6463

**CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 21st May 2012**

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Jul-12	251.22	253.68	247.48	249.15	-2.50
Sep-12	216.38	219.83	215.00	215.89	0.79
Dec-12	213.72	216.28	209.00	212.74	3.50
Mar-13	216.78	219.92	214.51	216.68	1.57
May-13	220.81	222.58	218.64	220.22	0.98

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