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Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- Steady to weak sentiments recorded in various maize markets on Friday.
- Indian C&F Maize prices (~\$281.21) improved by \$2 per ton during the week compared to the prior week owing to recent increase in maize price in Southern India due to increase in demand. Meanwhile, Indian maize exporters are getting parity compared to US Maize C&F prices of maize (~\$315.83) and though getting stiff competition to Argentina (~\$273.43) and Brazil C&F (~\$257.06).
- As far as sowing of maize for Kharif crop is concerned, there is no rain in Karnataka which discourage the farmers. Sowing for maize has not started yet. As far as monsoon is concerned, it will probably hit Kerala by 1st June and Karnataka by 5th June as per IMD forecast.
- Around 40 rakes of maize have moved from Haveri maize sourcing center in this season till date. Out of 40 rakes, 20 rakes have been moved for export purpose and rest is for domestic use.
- Meanwhile, around 25% maize stocks left in Karnataka markets at present which only can be used for domestic consumption as reported.
- It is notable that maize exports touched around 2.5 million tons figure at present in 2011-12 season. We expect maize exports are likely to reach 3 million tons in this marketing season.
- Around 100 rakes has been moved from Gulab bagh, Khagaria and Naugachia sourcing centers to various consumptions states like Punjab, Haryana and Gujarat.
- Around 30-32% maize stocks has been arrived in Bihar markets till date as reported. However, high moisture content still remained a big concern for traders.

Daily International Market Scenario:

- Corn CBOT prices declined yesterday over worries spread due to weak global economic scenario.
- Recent USDA report shows that 72 percent of US corn is good to excellent compared to 77 a week earlier due to lack of rainfall and dry weather affecting new planted corn.

Outlook: Maize prices are continuously moving downwards due to Bihar maize arrivals and weak International sentiments. Prices are likely to follow bear trend in the coming week considering sluggish demand in the maize market.

	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags			
Market		01.6.2012	31.5.2012	Change	01.6.2012	31.5.2012	Change	
Delhi	Hybrid	1090	-	-	545	-	-	
Nizamabad	Bilty	1100	-	-	1000	-	-	
Davangere	Bilty	1100	1125	-25	1667	1333	+333	
Koppal	Bilty	1100	1100	Unch	-	-	-	
Naugachia	Bilty	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kolkata	Mill	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ahmedabad	Feed	1140	1150	-10	5000	5000	Unch	
	Starch	1175	1165	+10	5000	5000		

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	June-1	2 June	-12	Aug-12
June-12	-5	1112	1117	1092	1106	Spot	-6			
July-12	7	1149	1157	1129	1154	June-12		48		
Aug-12	3	1180	1180	1153	1179	July-12				25
Contract	Volu	ume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 31.05.12	In-Process 31.05.12	Total 31.05.12	FED 28.05.12
June-12	59	40	1370	12450	-1390	Davangere	2841	0	2841	2741
July-12	73	30	2290	8640	720	Nizamabad	6060	0	6060	5958
Aug-12	33	80	1160	7080	970					

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Jul-12	220.42	221.99	217.96	218.55	-4.25
Sep-12	207.33	209.20	205.66	206.84	-0.49
Dec-12	205.26	206.94	203.29	205.46	1.50
Mar-13	209.49	211.07	207.62	209.69	0.69
May-13	211.76	214.22	210.77	212.74	0.59

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 31st May 2012

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