

Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- Steady to firm sentiments prevailed in various maize spot markets on Thursday. Good demand from Poultry and Starch industries kept the prices at higher side.
- Meanwhile, prices in Naugachia market stabilize at present due to decline in arrivals. Farmers are holding maize stocks at present. Also, scattered rainfall in various maize growing region in Bihar raise a concern of increase in moisture content and fungus in maize.
- Around 40% maize stocks still left with farmers and traders in Bihar till date as reported.
- Maize sowing has started in AP and farmers have planted maize in 0.03 lac hectares till 20th June 2012 lower than last year ~0.53 lac hectares maize sowed at same period. Only 1% sowing has completed in AP till date due to lack of rainfall which discourage the farmers.
- As per Agriwatch sources, around 20-25 lac hectares of maize and bajra acreage is going to shift towards guar. Last year, maize and bajra acreage was 65 lac hectares in Rajasthan as reported.
- As per Agriwatch Sources, acreage of Tur is likely to shift towards Maize in Jalna district in Maharashtra this year owing to delayed monsoon.
- Big names in Feed Industries from South Korea and Japan are seeking corn from major exporters like Argentina, Brazil, India and Ukraine which increases the competition between major exporters. Asian corn importers prefer to buy corn from these countries instead of US due to parity advantage. Corn exports from US is declining week on week basis due to increasing corn prices in CBOT due to dryness in corn fields which damage the crop.
- India has exported around 2.4 million tons of maize in this marketing year till date starting in October. It is notable that Indian exporters are expected to ship around 900,000 tons of maize in the coming months.

International Market Scenario:

- US corn prices declined on Wednesday over disappointment that the Fed didn't introduce aggressive moves to boost US economy.
- Rosaria Grains exchange held its Argentina corn production outlook at 19 million tons for 2012-13.

Outlook: Maize prices are likely to notice steady to firm tone in the short –term following good demand in the domestic market. However increasing arrivals from Uttar Pradesh will weigh on prices to certain extent in the medium –term.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		21.6.2012	20.6.2012	Change	21.6.2012	20.6.2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1060	1060	Unch	909	909	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1135	-	-	-	-	-
Davangere	Bilty	1150	1140	+10	833	833	Unch
Naugachia	Bilty	875	875	Unch	3333	1667	+1667
Kolkata	Mill	1040	1020	+20	5000	5000	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1225	1200	+25	5000	5000	Unch
	Starch	1225	1200	+25			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	July-12	Aug-12	Sept-12
July-12	17	1176	1196	1169	1195	Spot	-60		
Aug-12	20	1219	1237	1211	1235	July-12		40	
Sept-12	19	1260	1270	1260	1270	Aug-12			35

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
July-12	3630	-1640	12740	340		20.06.12	20.06.12	20.06.12	18.06.12
Aug-12	1840	-880	11340	450	Davangere	2542	0	2542	2542
Sept-12	150	-140	2150	50	Nizamabad	5448	0	5448	5448
					Delhi	0	253	253	-

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 20th June 2012

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Jul-12	240.29	242.75	238.13	240.78	-0.75
Sep-12	221.60	224.25	217.46	223.86	0.49
Dec-12	220.42	223.37	215.99	222.97	3.00
Mar-13	224.35	227.60	220.51	227.40	1.08
May-13	227.01	231.63	223.66	229.76	0.89

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