

**Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:**

- Firm sentiments recorded in various maize spot markets on Thursday.
- India is likely to export 3.5 million tons of maize in 2011-12. Indian maize FOB prices quoted at \$300 per ton compared to Latin American maize FOB prices quoted at \$330-340 per ton.
- Corn prices are taking cues from firm International markets. It is notable that US is facing worst drought since 1956.
- Poultry industries from Southern region feel the heat of rising corn prices and trying to shift towards wheat as a feed ingredient.
- Indian C&F Maize prices (~\$340.84) improved by \$24 per ton during the week compared to the prior week as maize prices got support due to good poultry and starch industries. Meanwhile, Indian maize exporters are getting parity compared to US Maize C&F prices of maize (~\$385.30) and though getting stiff competition from Argentina (~\$329.04) and Brazil C&F (~\$323).
- Agriculture ministry increased foodgrains production estimate for 2011-12 to 257.44 million tons which is up from the food grains production estimated by government in the third advance estimate which was stood at 52.56 million tons.
- Traders and farmers are holding maize stocks at present in anticipation of higher prices. Bihar maize is presently moving towards Nepal, Kolkata and Kakinada for exports as reported.
- Maize is moving by roads from Davengere to Bangalore at FOR 1450 per quintal. Also, Karnataka maize delivered to Erode market is quoted at Rs 1500 per quintal FOR. Around 100 trucks of maize is moved from Davengere daily towards various consumption centers.
- There is fewer maize arrivals left in Punjab which is going to end in the coming week as expected. Meanwhile, maize is moving from Punjab towards Mundra and Kandla port.

**International Market Scenario: commission**

- Corn prices surged yesterday owing to extended dry spell continued in US which hurting corn crop.
- US corn exports reached to 34.48 million tons till 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012. However, US corn exports in latest reporting week stood at 31900 tons which is 82 percent down from previous week and 77 percent down from prior 4 weeks as reported.
- USDA downgrades corn crop condition to 31 percent good to excellent down from 40 percent a week ago.

**Outlook: Maize prices seems bullish in medium to long term considering firm demand and lower maize stocks. In addition to it, delayed sowing and kharif maize harvesting future prospects likely to take the prices to new high.**

**Spot Prices at Key Markets:**

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		19.7.2012	18.7.2012	Change	19.7.2012	18.7.2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1375	1360	+15	2364	2909	-545
Nizamabad	Bilty	1318	1328	-10	-	-	-
Davangere	Bilty	1400	1400	Unch	1167	1667	-500
Naugachia	Bilty	1125	1100	+25	2500	3333	-833
Kolkata	Mill	1300	1260	+40	5000	5000	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1500	1475	+25	4000	5000	-1000
	Starch	1525	1450	+75			

**NCDEX Maize Futures**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Aug-12	Sept-12	Oct-12
Aug-12	53	1500	1551	1500	1548	Spot	-230		
Sept-12	47	1529	1570	1529	1570	Aug-12		-19	
Oct-12	19	1545	1559	1532	1546	Sept-12			3

  

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
						18-7-12	18-7-12	18-7-12	16-7-12
Aug-12	32420	10370	32320	2790	Davangere	1942	0	1945	1942
Sept-12	24150	14730	17980	2660	Nizamabad	1631	0	1631	1631
Oct-12	4020	10	5410	160	Delhi	10084	1748	11832	10084

**CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
<b>Sep-12</b>	307.01	313.70	300.51	312.91	15.50
<b>Dec-12</b>	304.06	309.27	297.46	308.68	5.12
<b>Mar-13</b>	304.06	308.78	298.05	308.29	11.50
<b>May-13</b>	302.78	307.20	297.17	306.91	4.43
<b>Jul-13</b>	300.42	304.65	294.81	304.45	4.23

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