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Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- Maize prices traded with mixed tone on Tuesday.
- As per traders, onion sowing area is shifting towards Maize crops in Maharashtra while, the farmers in Karnataka are covering similar maize sowing area of previous year.
- In Tamilnadu, maize demand is slow due to higher prices and millers are shifting towards its alternatives like Wheat and broken rice.
- Crop is likely to be affected in certain areas following lack of sufficient rainfall, thereby adding to the positive tone of the market.
- Indian maize FOB prices quoted lower to \$345 per ton compared to Latin American maize FOB prices quoted at \$304 per ton.
- In the 4th advanced estimate of government, Maize production has been estimated to 16.22 million tonnes 2011/12 against previous year estimate i.e. 16.64 million tonnes.
- Farmers have planted maize in 3.92 lakh hectares in AP till 25th July 2012 that is higher than last year 3.65 lakh hectares maize sowed at same period.
- In Rajasthan, 943.2 thousands hectares maize sowing has been completed as on 24 July'12 lower against 999.3 thousands hectares during corresponding period of time of previous year.

Daily International Market Scenario:

- Corn imports by Japan will be at 26-year low, little unchanged from last year's figure of 15.3 million metric tonnes as buyers have switched to cheaper alternatives like feed wheat.
- According to IGC, world maize production in 2012/13 was put at 864 million tonnes, down 53 million tonnes from a previous forecast of 917 million and now below the prior season's 870 million.
- The IGC put this year's U.S. maize crop at 300 million tonnes, down from a previous estimate of 350 million and now below the prior season's 314 million.
- Maize crops are developing well in Western Europe amid warm and sunny weather.

Outlook: Prices are likely to firm up in the coming days amid expected lower domestic and global output.

		Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags			
Market	Grade	31.7.2012	30.7.2012	Change	31.7.2012	30.7.2012		
Delhi	Hybrid	1380	1390	-10	2182	1455	+727	
Nizamabad	Bilty	1404	1396	+8	-	-	-	
Davangere	Bilty	1460	1460	Unch	333	1667	-1333	
Naugachia	Bilty	1200	1200	Unch	3333	3333	Unch	
Kolkata	Mill	1330	1350	-20	5000	6667	-1667	
Ahmedabad	Feed	1490	1475	+15	2000	5000	-2000	
	Starch	1550	1525	+25	3000	5000		

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Aug-12	Sep-1	2 0	Oct-12
Aug-12	-43	1522	1535	1473	1487	Spot	-27			
Sep-12	-40	1560	1573	1507	1525	May-12		38.00)	
Oct-12	-40	1537	1537	1488	1494	June-12			-	31.00
							Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
Contract	Volu	me C	hange	OI	Change	Stocks	30-7-12	30-7-12	30-7-12	30-7-12
Aug-12	268	50	3800	25410	-6720	Davangere	1844	0	1844	1844
Sep-12	33,9	70 1	3250	32120	4560	Nizamabad	1881	203	2084	1883
Oct-12	683		2240	11060	-340	Delhi	15987	2025	18012	15987

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Sep-12	315.27	323.93	314.78	322.75	21.50
Dec-12	313.50	321.87	312.91	320.39	8.17
Mar-13	310.94	318.82	310.85	317.44	19.00
May-13	308.58	316.06	308.58	313.80	6.40
Jul-13	305.04	312.52	304.35	311.04	6.69

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 30th, July 2012

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