AGRIWATCH

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Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- Maize prices noticed steady to firm tone on Monday.
- Steady arrivals and buying interest in the export market supported prices.
- India is likely to export 3.5 million tons of maize in 2011-12. Indian maize FOB prices quoted at \$311 per ton compared to Latin American maize FOB prices quoted at \$339 per ton.
- Meanwhile, Indian maize exporters are getting parity compared to US Maize C&F prices (~\$396.20) and Argentina Maize C& F prices (355.61) and though getting stiff competition from Brazil C&F (~\$329).
- Farmers have planted maize in 4.57 lakh hectares in AP till 01st August 2012 that is higher than last year 4.09 lakh hectares maize sowed at same period.
- Deficient rainfall in the maize growing regions is likely to affect the yield of the crop.
- There is good demand in the export market and prices are firming up.
- Demand has declined from poultry and starch industries following higher prices.
- Firm prices in the international market following drought in US added to the positive tone of the market.

Daily International Market Scenario:

- Corn futures at CBOT closed lower following rains in certain growing regions.
- As per source, US are likely to reduce maize sowing area around 20% due to dry weather conditions. In USDA latest report, U.S corn yield has been forecasted down by 20 bushels from 164 bushels per acre. The USDA's current forecast is a yield of 146 bushels and production at 12.97 billion.
- National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO), Uganda is developing a new maize variety that is resistant to pests and can stand harsh weather conditions.

Outlook: We expect prices to continue it's steady to bullish tone for the coming week.

	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags			
Market		07.8.2012	06.8.2012	Change	07.8.2012	06.8.2012		
Delhi	Hybrid	1360	1360	Unch	2182	2182	Unch	
Nizamabad	Bilty	1420	1418	+2	-	-	-	
Davangere	Bilty	1450	-	-	500	-	-	
Naugachia	Bilty	1175	1175	Unch	3333	3333	Unch	
Kolkata	Mill	1300	1300	Unch	6667	6667	Unch	
Ahmedabad	Feed	1525	1485	+40	<u> </u>	6000	Unch	
	Starch	1510	1500	+10	6000	6000		

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12
Aug-12	-12	1470.00	1483.00	1458.00	1458	Spot	52		
Sep-12	-35	1519.00	1527.00	1482.00	1486	May-12		28.00	
Oct-12	-37.00	1530.00	1537.00	1493.00	1494	June-12			8.00

Contract	Volume	Change		Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
Contract	volume	Change	OI	Change	SIUCKS	06-8-12	06-8-12	06-8-12	06-8-12
Aug-12	1190	-4470	4330	-720	Davangere	1094	0	1094	1094
Sep-12	25.920	47290	47790	510	Nizamabad	2055	304	2359	2055
Oct-12	6780	14780	14840	400	Delhi	20244	603	20847	20244

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Sep-12	316.16	317.93	312.12	316.06	-7.00
Dec-12	314.88	318.72	310.65	316.85	-0.98
Mar-13	315.77	319.21	311.83	317.83	-1.25
May-13	312.12	316.45	309.66	315.18	-0.49
Jul-13	310.45	314.09	306.81	313.01	0.20

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 6th Aug, 2012

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