

**Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:**

- Steady to firm sentiment witnessed in key spot markets on Thursday due to higher demand from Poultry firms supported by lower stock position in Southern markets of Maize.
- Sources revealed that in Karnataka, around 20% area shifted towards cotton from maize. Higher poultry demand amid concern of lower output keeps maize prices at upper level.
- Farmers in A.P. sowed maize in 4.97 lac hectares till 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012 which is 7% higher compared to last year. Maize sowed by farmers in their respective fields. Crop condition is average in various maize growing belts owing to scattered rainfall.
- On Export front, India already exported around 3.79 million tons of maize in 2011-12 and still 63797 tons of maize is either exported or waiting at ports to load. Increasing export as well as domestic demand of maize and lower maize stock availability in domestic markets could drive the prices upwards in the coming days.
- Daily around 50 trucks of maize is moving towards Bangalore from Davengere. Maize also moved towards Sangli from Davengere as reported.
- Total acreage of maize in India as on Aug 16, stood at 6.94 million hectares, down marginally year on year. It is notable that sowing of maize is almost over and various trade houses are trying to figure out the yield of maize which will become crucial factor for analyzing the production of maize for the coming kharif season. However, as per Agriwatch initial survey, Yield is likely to decline in AP, Karnataka due to late sowing and lack of rainfall.

**International Market Scenario:**

- Corn prices decreased by \$0.39 per tons yesterday and settled at \$326.79 for Sept contract in CBOT markets.
- South Africa maize traders are anticipating 10.919 million tons output against 11 million tons forecasted earlier.
- Argentina farmers considered early sowing of corn to take advantage of good moisture in soil and high global corn prices due to the worst drought in U.S. Early planting could help in bumper corn harvesting and will replenish global stockpiles that have been depleted by the U.S. drought. As per USDA estimate, Argentina corn harvesting could increase by 33 percent to 28 million tons this year.

**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		
		23.8.2012	22.8.2012	Change	23.8.2012	22.8.2012	
Delhi	Hybrid	1300	1300	Unch	1091	1091	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1451	1431	+20	-	-	-
Davangere	Bilty	1475	1475	Unch	833	833	Unch
Naugachia	Bilty	-	1225	-	-	1667	-
Kolkata	Mill	-	1400	-	-	5000	-
Ahmedabad	Feed	1500	1500	Unch	10000	4000	+6000
	Starch	1470	1470	Unch			

**NCDEX Maize Futures**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Sept-12	Oct-12	Nov-12
Sept-12	+35.00	1513.00	1548.00	1500.00	1541.00	Spot	-90	-	-
Oct-12	+19.00	1489.00	1509.00	1463.00	1500.00	Sept-12		-41	-102
Nov-12	+7.00	1438.00	1450.00	1418.00	1439.00	Oct-12			-61

  

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
						22-8-12	22-8-12	22-8-12	21-8-12
Sept-12	45550	8020	32070	-2700	Davangere	1091	0	1091	1091
Oct-12	18860	2370	32410	-300	Nizamabad	2453	100	2553	2453
Nov-12	12680	4770	60950	-1800	Delhi	26475	1053	27528	25974

**CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2012**

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
<b>Sep-12</b>	326.79	328.26	323.83	326.79	<b>-0.39</b>
<b>Dec-12</b>	329.64	330.43	326.00	328.56	<b>-1.57</b>
<b>Mar-13</b>	329.25	330.03	325.70	327.97	<b>-4.50</b>
<b>May-13</b>	325.51	326.29	322.56	324.03	<b>-2.26</b>
<b>Jul-13</b>	320.39	320.69	316.75	317.64	<b>-2.95</b>

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