

**Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:**

- Mixed sentiment witnessed in key spot markets of maize on Monday.
- Fresh demand of maize has been witnessed from Poultry feed industries situated in Gujarat which are sourcing their stocks from UP presently.
- Also, Bihar maize is moving towards Kakinada port. However, source hasn't mentioned the price levels.
- In Maharashtra, Maize has been sown in 659348 hectares till 24th Aug, 2012 which is lowered by 2866 hectares from last year.
- Total acreage of maize in India as on Aug 24, stood at 7.126 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.
- 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 up level.

**International Market Scenario:**

- As per pro farmer group, U.S. corn yield is likely to be at 120.25 bushels per acre for 2012-13 which is far below from U.S. agriculture Department forecast at 123.4 bushels per acre.
- As per USDA, U.S. corn export figures reached to 37.29 million tons which is lowered by 6.51 million tons from last year during the same period.
- IGC recently downgraded global corn production output by 26 million tons to 838 million tons for 2012-13, largely reflected by worst drought in US.
- 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, concern of lower output due to delayed sowing likely to take the prices to the new high.**

**Spot Prices at Key Markets:**

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		27.8.2012	25.8.2012	Change	27.8.2012	25.8.2012	
Delhi	Hybrid	1325	1350	-25	909	1364	-455
Nizamabad	Bilty	1537	1499	+38	-	-	-
Davangere	Bilty	1500	-	-	500	-	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1275	1300	-25	4167	3333	+833
Kolkata	Mill	1400	1400	Unch	6667	6667	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1600	1530	+70	3000	6000	-3000
	Starch	1525	1490	+35			

**NCDEX Maize Futures**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Sept-12	Oct-12	Nov-12
Sept-12	-6.00	1555.00	1582.00	1535.00	1548.00	Spot	-11	-	-
Oct-12	+2.00	1548.00	1567.00	1530.00	1532.00	Sept-12		-16	-96
Nov-12	+2.00	1455.00	1482.00	1446.00	1452.00	Oct-12			-80

  

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
						25-8-12	25-8-12	25-8-12	21-8-12
Sept-12	25020	5840	25870	-4180	Davangere	1091	0	1091	1091
Oct-12	14580	8180	36940	930	Nizamabad	2553	0	2553	2453
Nov-12	8380	3870	59010	130	Delhi	27246	1932	29178	25974

**CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2012**

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Sep-12	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-12	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-13	-	-	-	-	-
May-13	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-13	-	-	-	-	-

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