

Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- In major maize markets, Steady to firm sentiment witnessed on Wednesday due to higher poultry demand and depleting stock of maize.
- 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.
- Rainfall was reported across major maize growing area of AP, Karnataka, and Maharashtra, which could help in improving yields.
- Total acreage of maize in India 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 upper level.

International Market Scenario:

- As per survey by Farm Futures Magazine, U.S. farmers are planning to reduce their corn planting to 93.06 million acres in the 2013 from 96.4 million acres in the 2012 year.
- As per secretary-general of the Indonesian Feed Mills Association, Indonesia may reduce corn imports to to 1.5 million tons from 3.1 million tons in 2011 due to higher corn prices.
- As per USDA sowing progress report, 26% corn crop was reported in maturity stage till date, higher by 19% from last year. 6% corn crop has harvested, higher by 4% from last year during the same period. 22% crop was reported in good to excellent condition, lowered by 1% from last week and 32% from last year during the same period.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts Argentina's 2012/13 corn harvest higher by 33 percent to 28 million tons. The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts Argentina's 2012/13 corn harvest higher by 33 percent to 28 million tons.
- 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.

Outlook: Maize prices seem bullish in medium to long term considering firm demand and depleting 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		
		29.8.2012	28.8.2012	Change	29.8.2012	28.8.2012	
Delhi	Hybrid	1400	1360	+40	1455	1455	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1578	1572	+6	-	-	-
Davangere	Bilty	1500	1500	Unch	500	833	-333
Naugachia	Bilty	1300	1275	+25	3333	3333	Unch
Kolkata	Mill	1425	1400	+25	6667	6667	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1600	1600	Unch	3000	6000	-3000
	Starch	1525	1525	Unch			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Sept-12	Oct-12	Nov-12
Sept-12	-25.00	1545.00	1558.00	1520.00	1526.00	Spot	52	-	-
Oct-12	-31.00	1540.00	1546.00	1505.00	1508.00	Sept-12		-18	-99
Nov-12	-26.00	1457.00	1458.00	1425.00	1427.00	Oct-12			-81

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
						28-8-12	28-8-12	28-8-12	27-8-12
Sept-12	19010	2090	24750	-1280	Davangere	1091	0	1091	1091
Oct-12	9730	830	37550	770	Nizamabad	2268	0	2268	2553
Nov-12	5660	-660	58620	-410	Delhi	27772	1640	29412	27365

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 28th Aug 2012

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Sep-12	312.91	314.39	310.26	310.75	-1.97
Dec-12	315.27	316.75	312.62	313.11	-2.07
Mar-13	315.57	316.85	313.01	313.50	-1.97
May-13	312.62	313.99	310.65	311.14	-1.87
Jul-13	307.89	308.19	304.65	305.34	-1.87

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