

Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- In major maize markets, steady to firm sentiment witnessed on Saturday due to steady demand.
- In Karnataka, around 10% stock of maize is reported till date. In addition to it, poultry and starch industry has 15 to 20 days stock. In the current sowing period, around 20% area shifted towards cotton from maize which is leading prices at higher level.
- Feed millers from Ahmedabad regions are sourcing their stocks from UP presently at Rs. 1570-1580 per quintal.
- Also, Bihar maize is moving towards Kakinada port at Rs. 1350 per quintal.
- 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.

International Market Scenario:

- Maize harvest for EU is forecasted to be at 56.9 million tons during the year, down from 65.2 million tons in 2011 due to drought damage, thus raising its import requirements.
- Maize crop outlook in France is reported to improve due to good weather conditions in past weeks and an average yield of 9.7-9.8 tons per hectare is likely to be seen.
- As per the USDA, Corn exports were reported down by 38% from last week to 372,800 MT and 35 percent from the prior 4-week average.
- Indonesia is likely to reduce corn imports by half to 1.5 million tons on the expectation of higher production around 9-10 million tons as compared to 8-9 million tons in 2011.
- 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.

Outlook: Maize prices seem bullish in medium to long term considering overall firm demand and depleting stocks. In addition to it, concern of lower output lead the prices to the new high.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		01.9.2012	31.8.2012	Change	01.09.2012	31.8.2012	
Delhi	Hybrid	1400	1400	Unch	1455	1455	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1564	1563	+1	-	-	-
Davangere	Bilty	-	1475	-	-	1000	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1300	1300	Unch	3333	3333	Unch
Kolkata	Mill	1425	1425	Unch	6667	6667	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1580	1570	+10	3000	3000	Unch
	Starch	1550	1550	Unch			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Sept-12	Oct-12	Nov-12
Sept-12	4.00	1515.00	1535.00	1496.00	1516.00	Spot	48		
Oct-12	-10.00	1509.00	1520.00	1490.00	1498.00	Sept-12		-18	-100
Nov-12	-9.00	1423.00	1445.00	1414.00	1416.00	Oct-12			-82

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat 31-8-12	In-Process 31-8-12	Total 31-8-12	FED 27-8-12
Sept-12	9480	-7680	20750	-840	Davangere	1091	0	1091	1091
Oct-12	8120	-4090	38890	70	Nizamabad	1929	0	1929	2553
Nov-12	3580	-2170	57900	310	Delhi	29315	462	29777	27365

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 31s^t Aug 2012

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Sep-12	319.21	320.29	313.31	315.96	-3.44
Dec-12	318.03	318.72	312.22	314.78	-3.44
Mar-13	318.13	318.72	313.01	315.67	-2.66
May-13	315.47	315.57	310.55	312.91	-2.56
Jul-13	308.88	310.75	305.43	307.20	-1.97

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