

Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- Mixed sentiments witnessed in major spot markets of Maize on Thursday.
- In Andhra Pradesh, farmers has sown maize in 5.36 lac hectares till 3rd October 2012 which is 0.9% higher as compared to last year and also higher from normal sown area as on date ~4.99 lac hectares. Around 107% sowing has completed in AP till date. Maize new crop arrivals contain 16% moisture level. Sources revealed that arrivals may increase in coming weeks if the weather remains clear and could weigh on the prices.
- Sluggish demand from poultry and starch was reported from the Ahmadabad region of Gujarat as they have one month maize stock. However, Punjab poultry farms have shifted demand towards bajra from maize.

International Market Scenario:

- Corn prices decreased by \$0.59 per ton yesterday and settled at \$297.86 for December contract in CBOT markets.
- Mexico is trying to import corn from Argentina due to lower FOB quotes compared to other exporting nations like US and Brazil. It is notable that Mexico has approved grain imports from Brazil last month as reported. As per the national statistics agency, Mexico imports totaled 7.82 million tons corn last year, almost all of which came from the U.S.
- Brazil has exported 3.15 million tons of corn in September that is 14 percent higher compared to August corn shipment.
- As per IGC estimate, World corn production declined by 1% to 833 million tons as compared to last estimate of 838 million tons in August 2012. Weak planting progress in Argentina and lower corn production estimate in US bound them to lower its global corn production estimates. Decline in output has led to the decline of corn carryover stocks for the coming year.

Outlook: *Lower than expected supplies of corn keeps maize prices steady despite a lack of demand from exporters in the maize spot market. We expect maize prices to trade steady in the near term.*

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		10/4/2012	10/3/2012	Change	10/4/2012	10/3/2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1280	1280	Unch	727	1273	-546
Nizamabad	Bilty	1420	1400	20	2000	4000	-2000
Davangere	Bilty	1400	1400	Unch	500	-	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1250	1275	-25	1667	3333	-1666
Kolkata	Mill	1400	1400	Unch	3333	5000	-1667
Ahmedabad	Feed	1470	1425	45	500	1000	-500
	Starch	1425	1425	Unch			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Sept-12	Oct-12	Nov-12
Oct-12	-23.00	1384.00	1387.00	1343.00	1361.00	Spot	59	-	-
Nov-12	-18.00	1277.00	1282.00	1234.00	1254.00	Oct-12		-107	-74
Dec-12	-20.00	1310.00	1310.00	1270.00	1287.00	Nov-12			33

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
						3.10.12	3.10.12	3.10.12	1.10.12
Oct-12	14050	3220	23370	-17380	Davangere	119	0	119	119
Nov-12	23630	13250	65750	-4570	Nizamabad	201	0	201	201
Dec-12	9250	5890	20440	4250	Delhi	31389	0	31389	31389

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 3rd October 2012

Dec-12	298.25	300.51	294.02	297.86	-0.59
Mar-13	298.74	300.81	294.51	298.15	-0.89
May-13	297.36	298.74	292.64	296.38	-0.79
Jul-13	294.51	295.99	289.79	293.63	-0.59
Sep-13	263.71	265.29	259.58	264.30	+0.59

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