

Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- Mixed sentiments witnessed in major spot markets of Maize on Friday.
- In Nizamabad region of Andhra Pradesh, weather conditions are favorable for harvesting and there are chances of increase in arrivals from the next week.
- Sluggish demand from poultry and starch was reported from the Ahmadabad region of Gujarat as they have around 20 days maize stock. However, Punjab poultry farms have shifted demand towards bajra from maize.
- 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.

International Market Scenario:

- Corn prices increased by \$0.10 per ton yesterday and settled at \$297.96 for December contract in CBOT markets.
- South Korea's largest feedmaker Nonghyup Feed Inc. has reportedly purchased 10,000 tons of corn from the Russian Far East in a direct deal with a Russian trading company MIG in Vladivostok. (Source : Reuters)
- The US Grain Council has estimated an increase of 5 to 6 million tons of corn production in China this year based on increased plantation area and a better yield prospects. China's official corn production is estimated at 197 million tons, while the USDA is expecting a crop of 200 million tons. (Source : Reuters)
- 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.

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		
		10/5/2012	10/4/2012	Change	10/5/2012	10/4/2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1280	1280	Unch	727	727	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1435	1420	15	1000	2000	-1000
Davangere	Bilty	1425	1400	25	1167	833	334
Naugachia	Bilty	-	1250	-	-	1667	-
Kolkata	Mill	-	1400	-	-	3333	-
Ahmedabad	Feed	1440	1470	-30	4000	5000	-1000
	Starch	1433	1425	8			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Sept-12	Oct-12	Nov-12
Oct-12	+2.00	1352.00	1373.00	1352.00	1365.00	Spot	70	-	-
Nov-12	+2.00	1252.00	1263.00	1244.00	1255.00	Oct-12		-110	-77
Dec-12	+2.00	1284.00	1295.00	1278.00	1288.00	Nov-12			33

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
						4.10.12	4.10.12	4.10.12	1.10.12
Oct-12	11940	-2110	16600	-6770	Davangere	119	0	119	119
Nov-12	19700	-3930	66430	680	Nizamabad	201	0	201	201
Dec-12	3000	-6250	20720	280	Delhi	31389	0	31389	31389

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 4th October 2012

Dec-12	297.76	302.09	296.38	297.96	+0.10
Mar-13	298.05	301.99	296.68	298.05	-0.10
May-13	296.28	300.22	295.30	296.48	+0.10
Jul-13	293.63	297.56	292.64	293.72	+0.10
Sep-13	263.61	265.38	261.25	261.25	-3.05

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