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Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- Mixed sentiments witnessed in major spot markets of maize on Friday.
- In Andhra Pradesh, farmers has sown maize in 5.63 lac hectares till 10th October 2012 which is 6% higher as compared to last year and also higher from normal sown area as on date ~4.99 lac hectares. Around 113% sowing has completed in AP till date.
- > In Nizamabad region of Andhra Pradesh, crop arrivals may increase in 4-5 days and may put pressure on the prices.
- > Demand for maize may arise from Ahmadabad region of Gujarat as they have only 1 week stock. Meanwhile, Punjab poultry farms have shifted demand towards bajra from maize.

International Market Scenario:

- Corn prices increased by \$14.37 per ton vesterday and settled at \$304.35 for December contract in CBOT
- USDA has forecasted lower corn yield by 0.8 bushels to 122.0 bushels per acre from the September month resulted in lower production forecast for 2012-13 by 21 million bushels to 10706 million bushels in the October
- USDA also lowered US corn ending stocks to 619 million bushels from 733 million bushels in the September
- > South Korea's Feed Leaders Committee (FLC) bought 70,000 tons corn via tender at \$314.30 C&F per ton from CJ. The product will arrive to the Incheon, Kunsan port at April 1, 2013.
- As per USDA sowing progress report, 97% corn crop was reported in maturity stage till date, higher by 3% from last year but lower by 13% from 5 year avg. 69% corn crop has harvested, higher by 15% from last year during the same period but lower by 41% from 5 year avg.

Outlook: Lower US crop production forecast by USDA support the domestic and international corn prices. Despite the new crop arrival pressure, we expect maize prices to trade steady in the near term on the support of firm international prices.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	F	Prices (Rs./qtl)		Arrivals in bags		
		10/12/2012	10/11/2012	Change	10/12/2012	10/11/2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1375	1350	25	1273	1273	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1390	1400	-10	5000	4000	1000
Davangere	Bilty	1415	1400	15	1667	3333	-1666
Naugachia	Bilty	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kolkata	Mill	1350	1350	Unch	6667	5833	834
Ahmedabad	Feed	1480	1480	Unch	4000	4000	Unch
	Starch	1430	1430	Unch			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12
Oct-12	+11.00	1405.00	1420.00	1389.00	1405.00	Spot	-15	-	-
Nov-12	+12.00	1302.00	1318.00	1294.00	1307.00	Nov-12		-98	-69
Dec-12	+13.00	1333.00	1346.00	1324.00	1336.00	Dec-12			29

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
					SIUCKS	11.10.12	11.10.12	11.10.12	8.10.12
Oct-12	1940	-250	6170	-650	Davangere	99	0	99	99
Nov-12	17990	3710	56260	770	Nizamabad	201	0	201	201
Dec-12	6840	280	25870	900	Delhi	31385	0	31385	31388



CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 11th October 2012

Dec-12	289.89	305.43	288.80	304.35	+14.37
Mar-13	290.08	305.34	289.10	304.35	+13.97
May-13	288.41	302.97	286.93	302.19	+13.87
Jul-13	286.05	300.12	284.18	299.33	+13.28
Sep-13	257.81	266.47	256.63	265.88	+7.77

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