

Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- Weak sentiments witnessed in major spot markets of maize on Saturday.
- Maize markets of the south were reported closed today and will re-open on Monday.
- In Bihar, sowing of maize is expected to start in the first week of November and old crop of maize is almost over.
- In Delhi market, despite the new crop arrival pressure, maize prices are trading firm due to increase in demand from poultry.
- In Ahmadabad region of Gujarat, poultry feed millers are purchasing maize from Maharashtra region at around Rs. 1400 per quintal.

International Market Scenario:

- Corn prices decreased by \$1.67 per ton yesterday and settled at \$290.38 for December contract in CBOT markets.
- As per the latest IGC report, the 2012-13 world corn production is estimated to be 830 million tons, lower from previous estimate of 833 million tons. The stocks outlook has tightened further despite a forecast 3% contraction in demand, and end season inventories in the major exporters are likely to decline by almost one quarter. Although EU import needs are rising, world trade is expected to slip to a three-year low with Mexico and China likely to buy less.
- As per U.S. Agriculture Department, private exporters switched to non-U.S. corn for a 270,000 ton sale to Mexico that originally was reported as optional origin for delivery 2012-13 marketing year. The 2012/13 marketing year for corn opened on Sept. 1.
- As per USDA crop progress report, 87% corn crop has harvested till date which is below 2% from expectation due to rainy conditions in U.S. but higher by 27% from last year during the same period and 38% from 5 year avg. As per John Dee, meteorologist for Global Weather Monitoring, Occasional showers over the next 7 to 10 days could minor delay in harvesting the residual U.S. corn crop.

Outlook: Sluggish export demand amid new crop arrivals pressurized the corn prices. We expect maize prices to trade down further due to arrival pressure.

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

Market	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
		27.10.2012	26.10.2012	Change	27.10.2012	26.10.2012	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1400	1400	Unch	545	909	-364
Nizamabad	Bilty	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Davangere	Bilty	Closed	1350	-	Closed	2000	-
Naugachia	Bilty	Closed	-	-	Closed	-	-
Kolkata	Mill	1425	Closed	-	6667	Closed	-
Ahmedabad	Feed	1330	1340	-10	3000	5000	-2000
	Starch	1345	1380	-35			

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12
Nov-12	13.00	1278.00	1304.00	1277.00	1294.00	Spot	-	-	-
Dec-12	13.00	1310.00	1334.00	1309.00	1327.00	Dec-12		-	-
Jan-13	7.00	1368.00	1377.00	1366.00	1368.00	Jan-13			-

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
						25.10.12	25.10.12	25.10.12	22.10.12
Nov-12	10020	-2110	44970	-1380	Davangere	99	0	99	99
Dec-12	6100	-270	31860	510	Nizamabad	201	203	404	201
Jan-13	620	20	6330	-180	Delhi	31095	0	31095	31343

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 26th October 2012

Dec-12	292.05	293.13	290.08	290.38	-1.67
Mar-13	292.74	293.82	290.87	291.17	-1.67
May-13	291.56	292.64	289.89	290.08	-1.48
Jul-13	288.90	289.79	286.84	287.23	-1.67
Sep-13	259.78	260.37	258.40	259.19	-0.20

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