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#### Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- > Steady to firm sentiments were witnessed in most of the major maize spot markets on Saturday.
- Demand for maize from the Kolkata feed millers reported around 800 quintals on daily basis at Rs. 1600-1620 per guintal sourced from Bihar.
- In the Nizamabad region of A.P., maize stock is reported around 4 lakh bags. Sources revealed that poultry demand may increase in the coming days but prices would trade in a range in the near term.

### International Market Scenario:

- > Corn prices were up yesterday by \$1.18 and settled at \$286.34 for March contract in CBOT markets.
- Informa Economics has raised its 2013 US corn planting forecast to 99.303 million acres from previous forecast of 99.026 million acres.
- Argentina's government has stated that Argentina will approve at least 3 million tons more corn exports in 2012-13 over the coming weeks. It also forecasted a corn harvest of at least 26 million tons. The government has already freed 15 million tons of 2012-13 corn for export.
- As per the latest IGC report, the 2012-13 world corn production is estimated higher by 15 million tons to 845 million tons from the November month estimate due to upward revision for U.S and China and brighter prospects for Argentina but still down by 3.79% from the previous year estimate. The global stock outlook is likely to be tightening by 20 million tons y-o-y basis due to increase in consumption estimate from 849 million tons to 865 million tons.
- > The USDA raised Argentina corn production by 0.50 million tons to 28.0 million tons. However, estimated production depends on rainfall occurrence within 9 days.

## Outlook: As per USDA and IGC estimates, globally tight stock position of corn could keep prices firm.

|                | _      | P         | rices (Rs./qtl) |        | Arrivals in bags |           |        |  |
|----------------|--------|-----------|-----------------|--------|------------------|-----------|--------|--|
| Market         | Grade  | 19.1.2013 | 18.1.2013       | Change | 19.1.2013        | 18.1.2013 | Change |  |
| Delhi          | Hybrid | 1525      | 1525            | Unch   | 455              | 455       | Unch   |  |
| Nizamabad      | Bilty  | Closed    | 1370            | -      | Closed           | 800       | -      |  |
| Davangere      | Bilty  | Closed    | 1405            |        | Closed           | 5000      |        |  |
| Naugachia      | Bilty  | -         | -               | -      | -                | -         | -      |  |
| Kolkata        | Mill   | 1620      | 1620            | Unch   | 500              | 1333      | -833   |  |
| A hune de he d | Feed   | 1510      | 1500            | +10    | 4000             | 3000      | +1000  |  |
| Ahmedabad      | Starch | 1550      | 1540            | +10    |                  |           |        |  |
| Sangli         | Feed   | 1450      | 1448            | +2     |                  |           |        |  |

## Spot Prices at Key Markets:

#### **NCDEX Maize Futures**

| Contract | +/-    | Open    | High    | Low     | Close   | Spread | Feb-13 | Mar-13 | Apr-13 |
|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Feb-13   | -7.00  | 1425.00 | 1425.00 | 1412.00 | 1415.00 | Spot   | -      | -      | -      |
| Mar-13   | -10.00 | 1447.00 | 1455.00 | 1445.00 | 1445.00 | Feb-13 |        | -      | -      |
| Apr-13   | -5.00  | 1462.00 | 1468.00 | 1459.00 | 1460.00 | Mar-13 |        |        | -      |

| Contract | Volume | Change | OI    | Change | Stocks    | Demat   | In-Process | Total   | FED      |
|----------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|----------|
| Feb-13   | 3,360  | -1180  | 55650 | -230   |           | 18.1.13 | 18.1.13    | 18.1.13 | 14.01.13 |
|          | ,      |        |       |        | Davangere | 449     | 99         | 548     | 449      |
| Mar-13   | 1,820  | -670   | 21080 | -20    | Nizamabad | 14715   | 0          | 14715   | 14665    |
| Apr-13   | 490    | -990   | 16870 | 110    | Delhi     | 16516   | 0          | 16516   | 17897    |

# CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 18th January, 2013

| Mar-13 | 285.16 | 287.13 | 284.57 | 286.34 | 1.18 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| May-13 | 285.36 | 287.72 | 284.87 | 287.03 | 1.57 |
| Jul-13 | 282.01 | 284.97 | 281.72 | 283.98 | 1.77 |
| Sep-13 | 240.29 | 242.26 | 239.90 | 241.47 | 1.08 |
| Dec-13 | 230.45 | 232.72 | 230.45 | 232.42 | 1.57 |

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