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Maize Domestic Market Fundamentals:

- > Steady to weak sentiments featured in most of the major maize spot markets on Wednesday.
- Ahmadabad feed millers of Gujarat region are currently purchasing maize from Maharashtra region at around Rs. 1500 per quintal. Sources revealed that maize could trade steady to slightly down due to sluggish export demand. Meanwhile, some weakness was reported from starch and poultry industries buyers in the spot market which could weigh on the prices.
- In Bhiwani region of Haryana, sources revealed that demand for bajra from poultry industries could shift towards maize in the coming weeks due to change in weather conditions and support maize prices.

International Market Scenario:

- Corn prices increased by \$0.10 per ton yesterday and settled at \$287.13 for March contract in CBOT markets.
- As per news sources, Feed mills in Vietnam are likely to purchase corn for February shipment, although overall grain demand in Asia remained slow this week on the expectation of record-large production in South America which generally enter the market in March.
- As per USDA, U.S. corn export figures reached to 7306361 metric tons for the 2012-13 marketing year which is lowered by ~55% from the last marketing year during the same period. However, Corn exports were up by 50 percent to 369500 metric tons from the last week and by 75 percent from prior 4-week average. Out of total weekly exports of 369500 MT reported by U.S to China (163,500 MT), Japan (110,300 MT), Mexico (46,800 MT), and Honduras (15,400 MT).

Outlook: We expect maize prices could trade steady in the near term. As no new fresh export enquiries reported in the market. However, lower stock position with the continuous demand from poultry feed industries could support maize prices at the lower level.

		Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in bags		
Market	Grade	30.1.2013	29.1.2013	Change	30.1.2013	29.1.2013	Change
Delhi	Hybrid	1485	1485	Unch	364	364	Unch
Nizamabad	Bilty	1360	1360	Unch	200	200	Unch
Davangere	Bilty	1380	1380	Unch	3333	3333	Unch
Naugachia	Bilty	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kolkata	Mill	1625	1625	Unch	3333	3333	Unch
Ahmedabad	Feed	1500	1500	Unch	10000	3000	7000
	Starch	1500	1540	-40			
Sangli	Feed	1428	1428	Unch			

Spot Prices at Key Markets:

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Spread	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13
Feb-13	-9.00	1347.00	1353.00	1340.00	1341.00	Spot	19	-	-
Mar-13	-6.00	1374.00	1379.00	1369.00	1370.00	Feb-13		29	51
Apr-13	-4.00	1395.00	1397.00	1388.00	1392.00	Mar-13			22

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change	Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
Feb-13	4510	-3220	43220	-1270		29.01.13	29.01.13	29.01.13	28.01.13
				-	Davangere	548	0	548	548
Mar-13	3350	-3100	31990	1040	Nizamabad	14765	0	14765	14715
Apr-13	1400	-2800	21840	180			0		
					Delhi	13508	U	13508	13548

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 29 January, 20

Mar-13	286.74	288.31	286.34	287.13	+0.10
May-13	286.74	288.02	286.25	287.33	+0.30
Jul-13	283.20	284.18	282.60	283.59	Unch
Sep-13	240.78	241.67	240.00	240.29	-1.18
Dec-13	231.73	232.42	230.85	231.04	-1.18

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