

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mixed sentiments witnessed in most of the major spot markets of maize during last week.

In Ahmedabad region of Gujarat, poultry feed makers demand reported steady for corn in a range of Rs. 1600-1700 per quintal. However, starch feed makers demand reported down and quoted around 1490-1500 per quintal as, sourced from Bihar and U.P.

Currently, maize for delivery to exporters is quoted at US dollar 279 per tons (fob). Better rains over the key Maize producing regions support the supply prospects in the current Kharif season. While, prices likely to stay range bound till the new crop arrives in the market.

MAIZE KHARIF SOWING UPDATE:

As per sowing report by Ministry of agriculture, maize sowing has increased from last year owing to good rainfall in the maize growing regions. Farmers have planted maize in 8.19 million hectares as of 12th September, 2013 against 7.4 million hectares sown in 2012-13. Agriwatch forecast above 15.5 million tons maize production for the kharif crop of this season.

State-wise Area Coverage of Maize as of 29th Aug'13

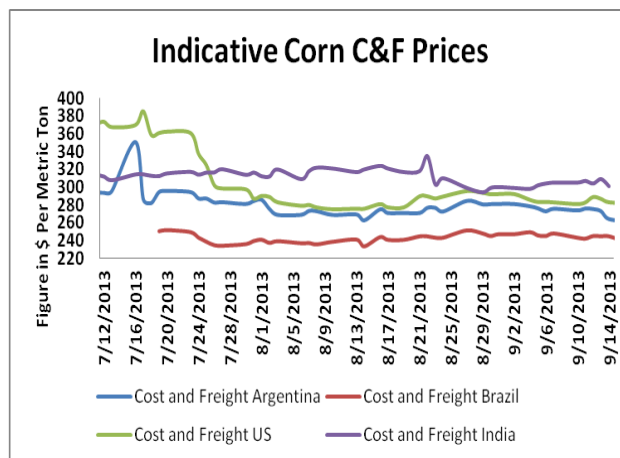
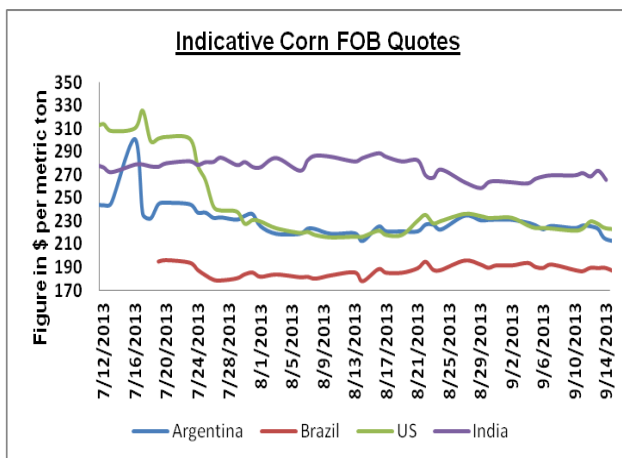
(Area in
Lakh ha)

Sl. N o.	State	Normal Area (DES)	Normal Area of Corresponding Week	Area Covered (SDA)				Difference in Area coverage (2013) with			
				2013	2012	2011	2010	Normal of Corresponding Week	2012	2011	2010
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
North West India											
1	Haryana	0.11	0.12	0.26	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.13	0.13
2	Himachal Pradesh	2.97	2.88	2.97	2.97	2.95	2.97	0.09	0.01	0.02	0.00
3	Jammu & Kashmir	3.10	1.95	2.07	2.05	2.06	2.03	0.13	0.02	0.01	0.04
4	Punjab	1.40	1.47	1.52	1.35	1.40	1.50	0.05	0.17	0.12	0.02
5	Rajasthan	10.76	10.34	9.67	9.68	10.54	10.88	-0.68	-0.01	-0.87	-
6	Uttar Pradesh	7.56	8.35	8.13	7.83	8.02	9.28	-0.22	0.30	0.11	1.15

7	Uttarakha nd	0.29	0.37	0.42	0.33	0.35	0.53	0.05	0.09	0.07	- 0.11
Central India											
1	Chhattisg arh	1.03	1.70	2.23	1.65	1.79	1.71	0.53	0.58	0.44	0.52
2	Gujarat	4.13	4.05	3.42	3.68	3.94	4.25	-0.63	-0.26	-0.52	- 0.83
3	Madhya Pradesh	8.49	8.77	10.0 2	9.04	8.74	8.81	1.25	0.98	1.28	1.21
4	Maharash tra	6.52	6.52	9.53	6.85	6.75	6.86	3.01	2.68	2.78	2.67
5	Orissa	0.85	2.30	2.56	2.55	2.41	2.35	0.26	0.00	0.15	0.21
Southern Peninsula											
1	Andhra Pradesh	4.98	4.51	6.09	5.14	4.79	4.30	1.58	0.95	1.30	1.79
2	Karnatak a	10.81	10.03	12.2 0	9.85	11.1 5	10.8 4	2.17	2.35	1.05	1.36
3	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Tamil Nadu	1.65	0.29	0.10	0.24	0.39	0.36	-0.20	-0.15	-0.29	- 0.26
East & North East India											
1	Assam	0.19	0.13	0.19	0.10	0.14	0.15	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.04
2	Bihar	2.46	3.12	4.42	3.76	3.09	3.03	1.30	0.66	1.33	1.39
3	Jharkhan d	1.98	2.05	2.48	2.48	2.34	1.94	0.43	0.00	0.14	0.54
4	West Bengal	0.35	0.50	0.45	0.43	0.57	0.56	-0.05	0.02	-0.12	- 0.11
	Others	1.46	1.36	1.43	1.82	1.15	1.28	0.07	-0.39	0.28	0.14

ON THE EXPORT FRONT:

As per IBIS data, During the month of Aug'13, 0.216 million tons corn exports reported to Malaysia, Taiwan, Nepal, UAE and Bangladesh mainly through Tondiarpet JNPT, Raxul LCS, Chennai Sea, and Kolkata port.

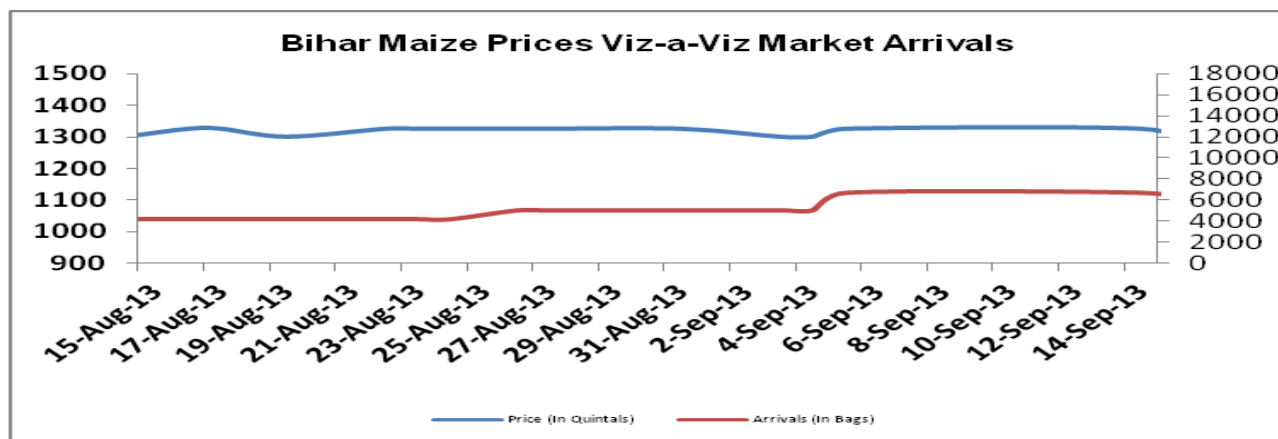


Indian C&F Rate to Thailand vs. other Countries (\$1= Rs. 62.24)				
	Argentina	Brazil	US	India
FOB	212.4	184.85	224.21	279
Cost and Freight (C&F)	262.4	239.85	284.21	314

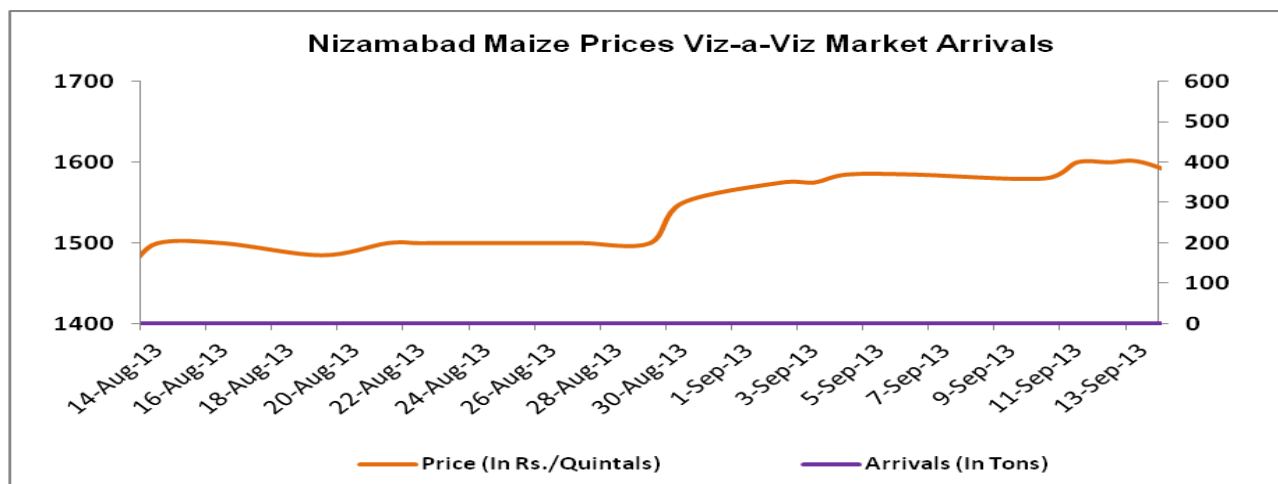
CURRENT MARKET DYNAMICS:

During the week, mixed sentiments witnessed in most of the major spot markets of maize. The various key spot markets dynamics were as under:

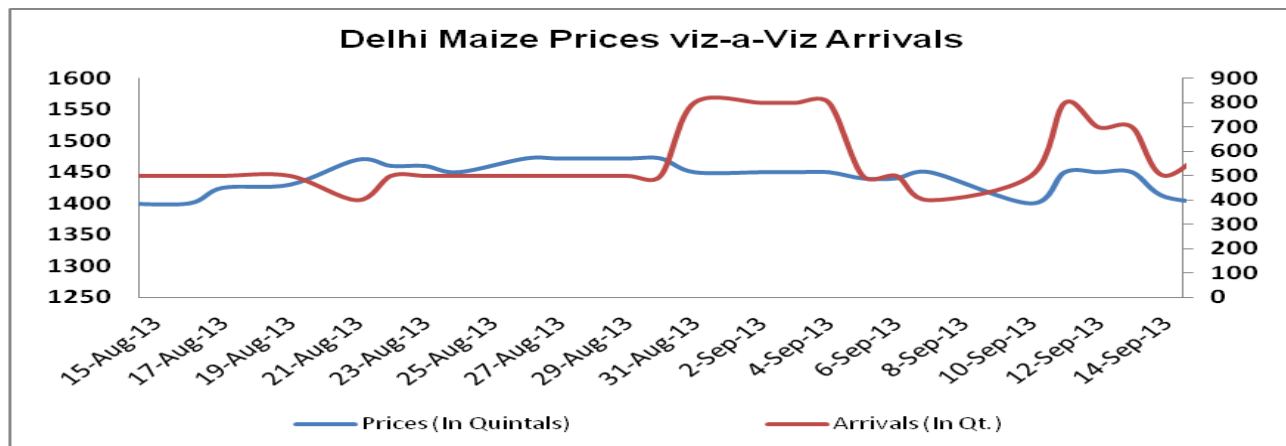
Bihar: During the week in review, Kolkata feed millers demand reported steady at Rs.1500 per quintal.



Andhra Pradesh: Maize prices featured steady to slightly weak tone in Nizamabad market. Weekly average Nizamabad maize prices quoted Rs 1580 per Qtl, down Rs 15 per Qtl. from last week. As per trade sources, maize crop could be damaged around 10-15% due to rain and new crop arrivals are likely to hit the market in the coming days. Maize stock could be around 30,000 bags in the Nizamabad market and 6-7 lakh bags in the A.P. market.



Delhi: During the week, hybrid maize traded steady to weak tone in a range of Rs.1400-1440 per quintal, sourced from U.P. Sources revealed that maize could trade steady till the new crop arrives in the higher quantities as higher domestic demand is supporting the maize prices. Meanwhile, higher acreage in the current Kharif season supports the supply prospects.



BUSINESS FROM VARIOUS SOURCING CENTERS DURING THE SEASON TILL DATE:

Destination	By Road (Rs/MT)	By Rake (Rs/MT)
Kolkatta	15000 (Bihar Origin)	
Delhi	14100 (U.P. Origin)	
Punjab(Khanna)		13500 (Bihar Origin)
Gujarat	15000 (Bihar Origin)	

MAIZE SPOT MARKET PRICES (Rs. /QUINTAL)

Market	Grade	20 Sep, 2013	Week Ago	Month Ago	2 Month Ago	Year Ago
New Delhi	Hybrid	1440	1450	1430	1425	1340
	Red	-	-	-	1380	-
Davangere	Bilty	1650	1530	1500	-	1450
Shimoga	Bilty	1450	1440	1440	1410	-
Ranebennur	Bilty	-	-	-	-	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	-	-	-	1457	-

Gadag	Local	-	-	-	-	-
Hubli	Local	1409	-	1401	-	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1275	-	1300	1300	1280
Nizamabad	Bilty	1600	1600	1485	1500	-
Karimnagar	Local	-	1500	-	-	-
Khammam	Local	-	-	-	-	-
khanna	Bilty	1425	1450	1400	1450	1410
Ludhiana	Bilty	1460	1460	1410	1430	1350
Sangli	Bilty	1741	1707	1617	1605	1464
Ahmedabad	Feed	1700	1700	1600	1525	1490
	Starch	1490	1525	1550	1490	1500

DOMESTIC MAIZE OUTLOOK:

Prices of maize could trade range bound till the new crop arrives in the market as supply is lower in the market. However, expectations of higher production are likely to limit the gain.

INTERNATIONAL MARKET: HIGHLIGHTS/CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS:

As per USDA, U.S. accumulated corn export figures reached to 18,044,211 metric tons for the 2012-13 marketing year which is lowered by ~52.4% from the last marketing year during the same period. Exports of 64,700 MT were reported for August 31. The primary destinations were Japan (46,500 MT) and Mexico (11,100 MT). Exports for September 1-5 of 171,200 MT were primarily for Japan (77,700 MT), Mexico (54,800 MT), Guatemala (12,200 MT), and Venezuela (10,000 MT).



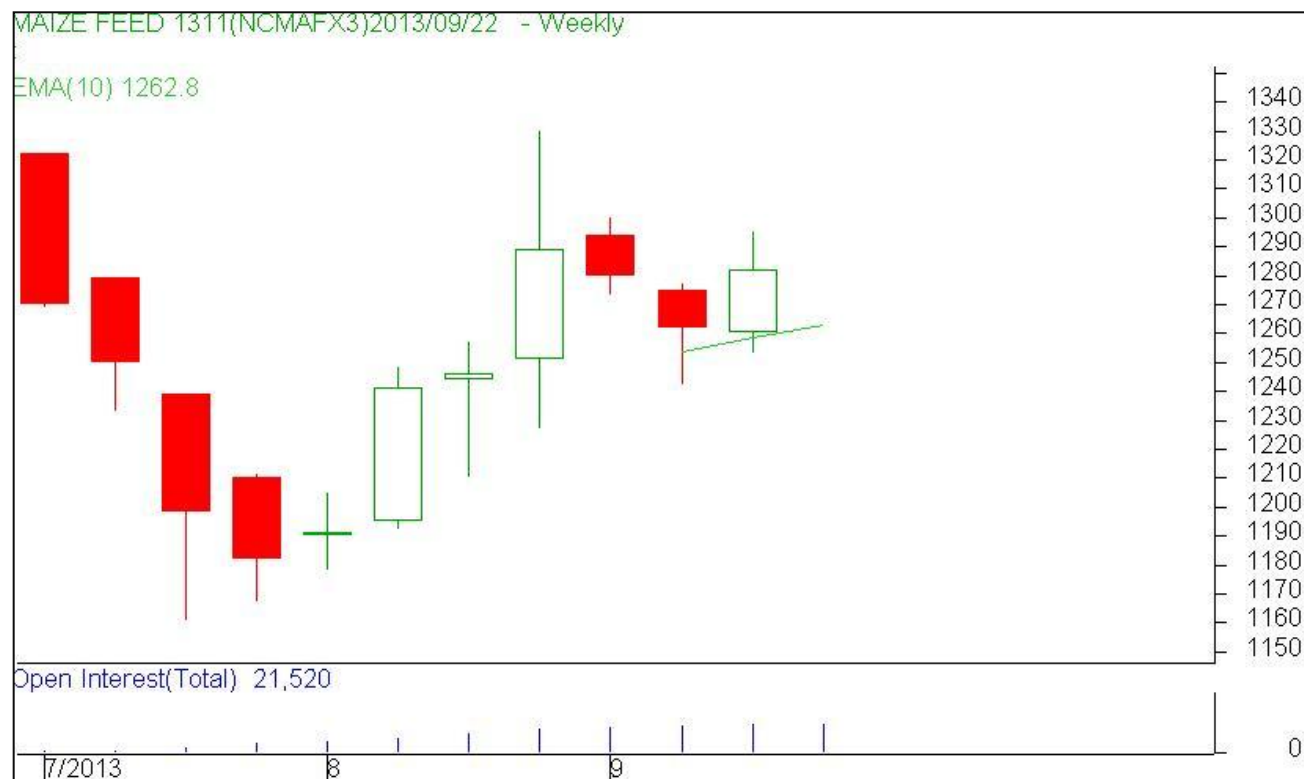
Some other major International Corn Highlights during the week are:

- As per Argentina's Agriculture ministry, the country is expected to plant 5.7 million hectares of corn, down 6.6 percent compared with the previous season.
- Lanworth has improved its forecast for US corn production to 13.483 billion bushels, based on an average yield of 152.9 bushels per acre. However, the global corn production estimate was unchanged at 942 million tons.
- Informa Economics forecasts the 2014 corn planted acreage in the USA at 92.7 Mln. acres against 95.8 million acres in 2013 and yields at 163.0 bu/acre higher compared to 157.6 bu/acre and production at 13,848 Mln bu, up 3068 Mln bu from 2013.
- As per Reuter news, China's big private feed mills are increasingly turning to alternative cheap- sorghum from the United States after using up their annual import allocations for preferred animal feed grain corn.

INTERNATIONAL MAIZE OUTLOOK:

Corn prices on CBOT market could decrease as harvest has started in some state of the U.S. Also, higher production forecast by USDA could also weigh on the market sentiments.

Maize CBOT Weekly Futures Price Listing (USD/Ton)				
	Contract Month	19.9.2013	12.9.2013	Change
Corn CBOT Prices	Dec-13	180.86	183.52	-2.66
	Mar-14	185.78	188.34	-2.56
	May-14	189.03	191.58	-2.55
	Jul-14	191.58	194.34	-2.76
	Sep-14	193.26	196.11	-2.85

FUTURES MARKET ANALYSIS: NCDEX MAIZE:


(November Contract Weekly Chart)

- Candlestick chart pattern reveals gains in the market.
- RSI is moving down in neutral zone support to bearishness.
- **Strategy:** Sell below 1270 and target would be 1255 for the near term.

Maize NCDEX (November)

Support & Resistance				
S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
1247	1255	1280	1305	1315

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