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Executive Summary:

- > No major change was recorded in cash maize market on Wednesday except in Sangli and Ahmedabad. As demand for maize is not up to the mark, pressure may be felt on maize market fundamental.
- TN Agriculture University expects maize price to hover in the range of Rs 1250 to Rs 1300 per qtl. during February and March and advises farmers to sell their produce after harvesting. After March prices are unlikely to move up considerably.
- Currently in local market maize prices are ruling in the range of Rs 1200 to Rs 1240 per quintal depending on quality of the crop. Arrivals from Udumalpet, Virudhunagar, Arrupukottai and Dindigul has already commenced and current arrivals from Karnataka are expected to end with February.
- The cultivation area reduced by 26 per cent in 2013-14 due to diversification of cropping pattern, particularly to cotton, by farmers following good monsoon in Tamil Nadu.
- In Ahmadabad region of Gujarat, poultry feed makers quoted maize firm by Rs. 35 per quintal to Rs. 1400 per quintal while starch feed makers quoted maize firm by Rs. 25 per quintal to Rs. 1425 per quintal on Monday.
- In Delhi, hybrid maize was quoted unchanged at Rs. 1450 per quintal. Sources revealed that maize could trade steady in the near term. Maize stock could be around 2500 quintal in local market..
- As per IBIS data, exports of corn were reported around 0.032 million tons for the period of 5th Jan to 11th Jan'15 mainly to Malaysia, Vietnam and Sri Lanka.
- As per ministry of agriculture, maize have been sown in 12.70 lakh hectares as on 9th January, 2015 during Rabi season, lower by 0.31 lakh hectares as compared to last year.

International Market Commentary:

- As per USDA, U.S accumulated corn export figures reached to 13,015,185 metric tons for the 2014-15 marketing year. Exports of 4,00,200 MT were down 22 percent from the last week and 40 percent from the prior 4-week average; reported by U.S to Japan (186,700 MT), Mexico (129,900 MT), Colombia (30,700 MT), Peru (27,500 MT), and Taiwan (16,100 MT) for the period January 02-08, 2015.
- Informa Economics raised its forecast for U.S. 2015 corn plantings by 0.602 million acres to 88.612 million acres. (Source: Reuters)
- As per latest USDA updateThe 2014-2015 marketing-year average corn price is projected in a range of \$3.35 to \$3.95, 15 cents higher than the December projection.

Outlook and Recommendation:

Market may trade steady to slightly weak .

NCDEX Maize Futures

| Contract | +/- | Open | h H | ligh Lo | | ow Clo | |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|------|--------|---------|
| Jan-15 | | | | | | | |
| Feb-15 | 2.00 | 1240.0 | 0 124 | 40.00 | 1238 | .00 | 1238.00 |
| Mar-15 | Unch | 1258.0 | 0 125 | 58.00 | 1258 | .00 | 1258.00 |
| *Prices are taken at 5:00 p.m. | | | | | | | |
| Contract | Volu | me (| Change | ļ | 01 | Ch | ange |
| Jan-15 | | | | | | | |
| Feb-15 | 227 | 0 | -10 | 1 | 1630 | | 70 |
| Mar-15 | 10 | | -170 | | 110 | | 10 |
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*Volume and OI are taken at 5:00 p.m.

| Spread | Feb-15 | Mar-15 | April-15 | | | |
|---|--------|--------|----------|--|--|--|
| Spot | 30 | | | | | |
| Feb-15 | | 18 | 36 | | | |
| Mar-15 | | | 13 | | | |
| *Basis –Nizamabad (Spread calculated as at 5:00 p.m. price) | | | | | | |

| Stocks | Demat | In-Process | Total | FED |
|-----------|---------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 20.1.15 | 20.1.15 | 20.1.15 | 19.1.15 |
| Gulabbagh | 169 | 0 | 169 | 169 |
| Davangere | - | - | - | - |
| Nizamabad | - | - | - | - |
| New Delhi | 19 | 0 | 19 | 19 |
| Sangli | 15099 | 764 | 15863 | 12807 |
| Jalgaon | - | - | - | - |

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Spot Prices at Key Markets

| | Crede | Prices (Rs./qtl) | | | Arrivals in Quintal | | | |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------|-----------|--------|--|
| | Grade | 21-Jan-15 | 20-Jan-15 | Change | 21-Jan-15 | 20-Jan-15 | Change | |
| New Delhi | Hybrid (U.P.) | 1450 | 1450 | Unch | 1000 | 600 | 400 | |
| Kopal | Loose | 1180 | 1180 | Unch | NA | NA | - | |
| Davangere | Loose | 1080 | 1080 | Unch | 5000 | 5000 | Unch | |
| Ranebennur | Hybrid/Local | NA | NA | - | NA | NA | - | |
| Bagalkot | Hybrid/Local | 1156 | NA | - | 195 | NA | - | |
| Gadag | Local | NA | NA | - | NA | NA | - | |
| Hubli | Local | 1106 | NA | - | 160 | NA | - | |
| Shimoga | Hybrid/Local | 1080 | 1080 | Unch | 1398 | 965 | 433 | |
| Nizamabad | Bilty | 1270 | Closed | - | NA | Closed | - | |
| Karimnagar | Local | NA | NA | - | NA | NA | - | |
| Khammam | Local | NA | NA | - | NA | NA | - | |
| Sangli | Feed | 1264 | 1275 | -11 | NA | NA | - | |
| Yeola-Nashik | Bilty | NA | NA | - | NA | NA | - | |
| Naugachia | Bilty | 1350 | 1350 | Unch | 667 | 833 | -167 | |
| Kolkata | Mill Delivery | 1525 | 1525 | Unch | 4167 | 4167 | Unch | |
| Ahmedabad | Feed | 1350 | 1370 | -20 | 5000 | 7000 | -2000 | |
| Anmedabad | Starch | 1350 | 1375 | -25 | 5000 | | | |
| Gulabhash | Local | 1375 | 1375 | Unch | 4500 | 1500 | Unch | |
| Gulabbagh | Bilty | 1400 | 1400 | Unch | 1500 | | | |
| Khanna | Local | 1400 | 1400 | Unch | | | | |
| Khanna | Bilty | 1500 | 1500 | Unch | NA | 1800 | - | |
| Ludhiana | Local | 1250 | 1250 | Unch | NIA | NIA | - | |
| Luoniana | Bilty | 1300 | 1300 | Unch | NA | NA | | |

| CBOT Corn D | CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 20 Jan, 2015 | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| Contract Month | Open | High | Low | Close | Change | | |
| Mar-15 | 151.63 | 153.90 | 150.45 | 153.60 | 1.28 | | |
| May-15 | 154.49 | 156.75 | 153.41 | 156.55 | 1.38 | | |
| Jul-15 | 157.05 | 159.21 | 155.96 | 159.01 | 1.18 | | |
| Sep-15 | 159.21 | 161.38 | 158.33 | 161.28 | 1.18 | | |
| Dec-15 | 162.56 | 164.33 | 161.28 | 164.13 | 0.89 | | |

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