

Executive Summary:

- In Davangere, maize (loose) traded steady at Rs. 1230 per quintal and is likely to trade steady to range bound in near term amid sluggish demand. In Davangere, about a 70% of the material arriving in the market is still infested with fungus. In the affected lots, between 2 to 8% of the grains are infested.
- In Ahmadabad region of Gujarat, poultry feed makers quoted maize firm by Rs. 10 per quintal to Rs. 1280 per quintal while starch feed makers quoted it steady at Rs. 1320 per quintal.
- In Nizamabad, We expect prices are likely to trade steady in near term as market will be closed during this week due to MahaShivratri festival.
- As per Agriwatch trade sources, in Bihar, maize area is likely to increase by 10% for the Rabi season. Maize crop conditions are good right now and new crop arrivals are expected to arrive in the end of March month.
- As per Ministry of Agriculture in India, maize has been sown in around 16.96 lakh hectares as on 9th February'18 for Rabi season (2017-18) which is higher than 16.55 lakh hectare covered during corresponding period last year. In Bihar, it has been sown in around 4.70 lakh hectares which is higher than 4.48 lakh hectares covered during corresponding period last year. While, in Maharashtra, Karnataka and A.P it has been sown in around 2.06, 0.99 and 2.15 lakh hectares respectively as on 9th February'18 for Rabi season (2017-18).

International Market Commentary:

- Corn prices on CBOT rose yesterday by 0.20 USD/MT to 144.58 USD/MT for March'18 contract on the concern over dry weather in Argentina.
- Corn ending stock estimates for U.S decreased by 3.17 MMT to 59.75 MMT for 2017/18 due to increase in exports estimates by 3 MMT to 51.50 MMT for 2017/18 compared to last month as the USDA anticipates reduced shipments from both Argentina and the Ukraine. Argentina corn ending stock forecast was decreased by 1.00 MMT to 5.26 MMT for 2017/18 compared to last month on the expectation of fall in production number due to dry weather conditions.

Outlook and Recommendation: Maize cash market is likely to trade steady to range bound in the near term.

NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close
Feb-18	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-18	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-18	-	-	-	-	-

*Prices are taken at 5:00 p.m.

Contract	Volume	Change	OI	Change
Feb-18	-	-	-	-
Mar-18	-	-	-	-
Apr-18	-	-	-	-

*Volume and OI are taken at 5:00 p.m.

Spread	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
Spot	-		
Feb-18		-	-
Mar-18			-

*Basis –Nizamabad (Spread calculated as at 5:00 p.m. price)

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	FED
	14.Feb.18	14.Feb.18	14.Feb.18	12.Feb.18
Gulababagh	-	-	-	-
Davangere	-	-	-	-
Nizamabad	-	-	-	-
New Delhi	-	-	-	-
Sangli	60	0	60	60
Jalgaon	-	-	-	-

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		15-Feb-18	14-Feb-18	Change	15-Feb-18	14-Feb-18	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1350	1340	10	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	1150	1150	Unch	2000	NA	-
Davangere	Loose price	1230	1230	Unch	3000	3000	Unch
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	NA	1150	-	NA	303	-
Gadag	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Hubli	Local	NA	1125	-	NA	462	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Nizamabad	Bilty	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Karimnagar	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Khammam	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Sangli	Feed	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Gulababagh	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	1150	1150	Unch			
Ahmadabad	Feed	1280	1270	10	5000	3000	2000
	Starch	1320	1320	Unch			
Khanna	Local	1290	1300	-10	3000	3000	Unch
	Bilty	1405	1400	5			
Ludhiana	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Jalgaon	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Chhindwara	Loose price	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 14th February,2018

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
18-Mar	144.28	145.07	143.60	144.58	0.20
18-May	147.24	148.02	146.65	147.53	0.20
18-Jul	150.39	151.08	149.67	150.58	0.20
18-Sep	152.95	153.54	152.26	153.04	0.10
18-Dec	155.90	156.49	155.31	156.10	0.20

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