

Executive Summary:

- In India, Rabi maize has been sown in around 11.27 lakh hectares as of 21st December, 2018 which is lower than 12.57 lakh hectares during corresponding period last year. In Bihar, maize has been sown in around 4.11 lakh a hectare which is lower than 4.13 lakh hectares during corresponding period last year. In Karnataka, it has been sown in around 0.72 lakh hectare which is lower than 0.83 lakh hectares during corresponding period last year. In Maharashtra, it has been sown in around 0.84 lakh hectares which is lower than 1.37 lakh hectares during corresponding period last year.
- In Telangana, Maize sowing for the Rabi season as of 21st Dec'18 reported at 0.78 lakh hectares which is higher than 0.71 lakh hectares in the corresponding period last year. It is at vegetative stage. Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Medak, Warangal (U) (R), Nirmal, Karimnagar and Mahabubabad districts are affected by fall armyworm. Trade sources revealed that in Nizamabad, around 10-15% crop is affected by fall armyworm.
- As per market news, the government is considering on an industry demand to allow non GMO maize import of 1 million tons at zero duty to overcome a shortage in domestic market. If that happen; maize prices could sustain from the end of month of Jan.
- As per trade source, Telangana government may release their stock in to the market during the month of Jan.
- In Naugachia region of Bihar, maize is likely to trade firm due to low arrival amid high demand. Maize is moving towards Kolkata and Jharkhand at Rs.1900-1950 and Rs. 1900 per quintal respectively.
- In Ahmadabad region of Gujarat, poultry feed makers quoted maize steady at Rs. 1900 per quintal while starch feed makers quoted it steady at Rs. 1925 per quintal compared to previous day.
- Maize is moving towards Bangalore at Rs. 1850 per quintal, Nammakal at Rs. 1900 per quintal, Sangali at Rs. 1850 per quintal, Chennai at Rs. 1920 per quintal and Ranabennuru at Rs. 1720 per quintal (Delivered price), sourced from Davangere. It is likely to trade firm in the near term due to high demand. Grain size is medium and contains 14% moisture.
- In Nizamabad, most of the material arriving in open market is of low quality; around 7-8% grain is damaged and small in size. Local starch feed makers are buying it at Rs. 1400 per quintal while poultry feed makers are buying at Rs. 1570 per quintal. Maize is moving to Hyderabad at Rs. 1650 per quintal. It is likely to trade steady to slightly firm in near term.

International Market Commentary:

- Corn on CBOT rose by 1.28 USD/ MT to 149.01 USD/MT for March'19 contract compared to previous day.
- As per USDA, U.S corn exports reached 15.72 MMT in the 2018-19 marketing year. At 0.95 MMT (for the period 30th November- 6th December, 2018) US corn exports were down 18 per cent from the previous week and 9 per cent from the previous 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (384,400 MT), Japan (201,400 MT), Saudi Arabia (146,500 MT), South Korea (68,400 MT), and Peru (45,000 MT).

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

NCDEX Maize Futures

| Contract | +/- | Open | High | Low | Close | Volume | Volume Change | OI | OI Change |
|----------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|--------|---------------|----|-----------|
| Jan-19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Feb-19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mar-19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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

| Spread | Dec-18 | Jan-19 | Feb-19 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Spot | - | | |
| Jan-19 | | - | |
| Feb-19 | | | - |

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

| Stocks | Demat | In-Process | Total | EDD |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 21.Dec.18 | 21.Dec.18 | 21.Dec.18 | 17.Dec.18 |
| Gulabbagh | -- | -- | -- | - |

Spot Prices at Key Markets

| Centre | Grade | Prices (Rs./qtl) | | | Arrivals in Quintal | | |
|------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------|-----------|--------|
| | | 22-Dec-18 | 21-Dec-18 | Change | 22-Dec-18 | 21-Dec-18 | Change |
| New Delhi | Hybrid | 1850 | 1850 | Unch | NA | NA | - |
| Koppal | Loose | Closed | 1720 | - | Closed | 2000 | - |
| Davangere | Loose price | Closed | 1725 | - | Closed | 5000 | - |
| Ranebennur | Hybrid/Local | NA | 1720 | - | NA | NA | - |
| Bagalkot | Hybrid/Local | NA | 1726 | - | NA | 320 | - |
| Gadag | Local | NA | 1700 | - | NA | 29 | - |
| Hubli | Local | NA | NA | - | NA | NA | - |
| Shimoga | Hybrid/Local | NA | 1670 | - | NA | 58559 | - |
| Nizamabad | Bilty | Closed | 1570 | - | Closed | 300 | - |
| Karimnagar | Local | 1725 | 1704 | 21 | 90 | 120 | -30 |
| Khammam | Local | NR | NR | - | NR | NR | - |
| Sangli | Feed | 1853 | 1853 | Unch | NA | NA | - |
| Naugachia | Bilty | 1875 | 1825 | 50 | NA | NA | - |
| Kolkata | Mill Delivery | 1950 | 1950 | Unch | NA | NA | - |
| Gulabbagh | Local | | | | NA | NA | - |
| | Bilty | NA | NA | - | | | |
| Ahmadabad | Feed | 1900 | 1900 | Unch | 4000 | 4000 | Unch |
| | Starch | 1925 | 1925 | Unch | | | |
| Khanna | Local | 1800 | 1750 | 50 | 1200 | 1950 | -750 |

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|------------|-------------|--------|------|----|--------|----|---|
| | Bilty | 1910 | 1850 | 60 | | | |
| Ludhiana | Local | NA | NA | - | NA | NA | - |
| | Bilty | NA | NA | - | | | |
| Jalgaon | Bilty | NA | NA | - | NA | NA | - |
| Chhindwara | Loose price | Closed | NR | - | Closed | NR | - |

| CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 21 December, 2018 | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| Contract Month | Open | High | Low | Close | Change | |
| Mar-19 | 147.83 | 149.40 | 147.53 | 149.01 | 1.28 | |
| May-19 | 150.98 | 152.45 | 150.68 | 152.06 | 1.28 | |
| Jul-19 | 153.73 | 155.21 | 153.50 | 154.91 | 1.28 | |
| Sep-19 | 154.52 | 155.90 | 154.42 | 155.60 | 1.18 | |
| Dec-19 | 156.39 | 157.47 | 156.19 | 157.18 | 0.98 | |

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