

Executive Summary:

- In Telangana, Maize sowing for the Rabi season as of 06th February'19 reported at 1.06 lakh a hectare which is lower than 1.32 lakh hectares in the corresponding period last year. Crop is at knee high stage. Nizambad, Kamareddy, Warangal (U)/(R), Nirmal, Karimnagar and Mahabubabad districts are affected by fall army worm. Trade sources revealed that in Nizamabad, around 10-20% crop is affected by fall army worm. New crop in Telangana is expected to arrive at the end of February month.
- News is circulating into the market that Telangana Government could release around 4 lakh tons of maize into market at Rs. 1800-1825 per quintal in the coming days. If that happen, market could sustain at these levels.
- Maize is moving towards Hyderabad at Rs. 2150 per quintal; sourced from Nizamabad.
- In Ahmadabad region of Gujarat, poultry feed makers quoted maize down by Rs. 25 per quintal to Rs. 2250 per quintal while starch feed makers quoted maize down by Rs. 50 per quintal to Rs. 2200 per quintal compared to previous day.
- In Davangere region of Karnataka, demand from Bangalore makers is still supporting to maize cash market. As per trade source, maize is moving towards Bangalore at Rs. 2050 per quintal, Namakkal at Rs. 2150 per quintal, Chitradurga at Rs. 2000 per quintal, Sangali at Rs. 1950 per quintal and Chennai at Rs. 2200 per quintal (Delivered price); sourced from Davangere. As per trade source, around 40,000 MT of maize has been stocked by stockists.
- In Naugachia region of Bihar, maize is likely to trade steady to firm in the near term. It is moving towards Kolkata at Rs. 2300 per quintal.

Previous Updates:

- In India, Rabi maize has been sown in around 14.88 lakh hectares as of 01st February, 2019 which is lower than 16.50 lakh hectares during corresponding period last year. In Bihar, maize has been sown in around 4.58 lakh hectare which is slightly lower than 4.66 lakh hectares during corresponding period last year. Trade sources revealed that area shifted towards wheat and Mustard. Crop conditions are favourable till the time. In Karnataka, it has been sown in around 0.81 lakh hectare which is lower than 0.99 lakh hectares during corresponding period last year. In Maharashtra, it has been sown in around 1.16 lakh hectares- lower than 1.99 lakh hectares during corresponding period last year. In Gujarat, maize progressive area of Rabi 2018-19 is 0.97 lakh hectares which is equal to 0.96 lakh hectares during corresponding period last year.
- As per trade source, in A.P, due to high prices of maize; poultry feed makers are buying more broken rice to reduce its feed cost.
- Delay in imports likely to keep firmness of Indian maize prices.

International Market Commentary:

- Corn on CBOT fall by 1.38 USD/MT to 148.22 USD/MT for Mar'19 contract compared to previous day.
- U.S corn exports reached 18.60 MMT in the 2018-19 marketing year. At 1.00 MMT (for the period 21st December- 27th December, 2018) US corn exports were up 12 percent from the previous week and 1 percent from the previous 4-week average; for the destination like Mexico (261,600 MT), Colombia (249,500 MT), South Korea (201,500 MT), Peru (97,800 MT), and Japan (93,700 MT).

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

NCDEX Maize Futures

| Contract | +/- | Open | High | Low | Close | Volume | Volume Change | OI | OI Change |
|----------|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|-----|-----------|
| Mar-19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Apr-19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| May-19 | - | 1540.00 | 1540.00 | 1540.00 | 1540.00 | 10 | - | 190 | - |

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

| Spread | Feb-19 | Mar-19 | Apr-19 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Spot | - | | |
| Feb-19 | | - | |
| Mar-19 | | | - |

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

| Stocks | Demat | In-Process | Total | EDD |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 07.Feb.19 | 07.Feb.19 | 07.Feb.19 | 04.Feb.19 |
| Gulabbagh | -- | -- | -- | - |

Spot Prices at Key Markets

| Centre | Grade | Prices (Rs./qtl) | | | Arrivals in Quintal | | |
|------------|---------------|------------------|----------|--------|---------------------|----------|--------|
| | | 8-Feb-19 | 7-Feb-19 | Change | 8-Feb-19 | 7-Feb-19 | Change |
| New Delhi | Hybrid | 2300 | 2200 | 100 | NA | NA | - |
| Koppal | Loose | 1960 | 1960 | Unch | 200 | 200 | Unch |
| Davangere | Loose price | 1950 | 1950 | Unch | 2000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Ranebennur | Hybrid/Local | NA | 2050 | - | NA | NA | - |
| Bagalkot | Hybrid/Local | NA | 1946 | - | NA | 53 | - |
| Gadag | Local | 1946 | 1950 | -4 | 39 | 45 | -6 |
| Hubli | Local | NA | NA | - | NA | NA | - |
| Shimoga | Hybrid/Local | NA | 1990 | - | NA | 174 | - |
| Nizamabad | Bilty | 2050 | 2050 | Unch | 200 | 200 | Unch |
| Karimnagar | Local | NR | NR | - | NR | NR | - |
| Khammam | Local | NR | NR | - | NR | NR | - |
| Sangli | Feed | 2106 | 2145 | -39 | NA | NA | - |
| Naugachia | Bilty | 2125 | 2125 | Unch | NA | NA | - |
| Kolkata | Mill Delivery | 2300 | 2300 | Unch | NA | NA | - |
| Gulabbagh | Local | 2138 | 2116 | 22 | NA | NA | - |
| | Bilty | NA | NA | - | | | |
| Ahmadabad | Feed | 2250 | 2275 | -25 | 6000 | 8000 | -2000 |
| | Starch | 2200 | 2250 | -50 | | | |
| Khanna | Local | 2100 | 2100 | Unch | 1800 | 1800 | Unch |
| | Bilty | 2230 | 2230 | Unch | | | |

**CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 07 February,2019**

| Contract Month | Open | High | Low | Close | Change |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Mar-19 | 149.50 | 149.70 | 148.12 | 148.22 | -1.38 |
| May-19 | 152.75 | 152.85 | 151.17 | 151.27 | -1.48 |
| Jul-19 | 155.80 | 155.90 | 154.29 | 154.42 | -1.38 |
| Sep-19 | 156.98 | 156.98 | 155.50 | 155.60 | -1.28 |
| Dec-19 | 158.65 | 158.75 | 157.47 | 157.57 | -1.08 |

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