

**Executive Summary:**

- In Ahmedabad region of Gujarat, poultry and starch feed makers quoted maize steady at Rs. 1700 per quintal compared to previous day.
- Maize traded weak in last few days as poultry farmers cut down animal feed purchases on the rumor on social media that chickens are a cause of the spread of coronavirus. Besides, expectation of Rabi crop arrival in the coming months amid arrival of imported goods is putting pressure on market sentiments.

**Previous Updates:**

- In Nizamabad, maize is likely to trade steady to slightly weak in near term due to sluggish demand of bulk buyers on the expectation of new crop arrival in the coming months. Maize is moving towards Hyderabad at Rs. 2,100 per quintal while it is being bought by local starch feed makers at Rs. 1800 per quintal.
- As per trade sources, India imported around 53,962 MT of maize for the month of January'20. Out of which, around 23,500 MT was imported from Ukraine for the Kandla port at an average value of \$199.31 USD/ MT while around 30,462 MT was imported from Myanmar for the Tuticorin, Kolkata, Chennai, Vizag and Mundra port at an average value of \$245.53 USD/ MT.
- In Davangere, prices of maize traded firm by taking cues from Tamilnadu' maize market. However, it is likely to trade steady to slightly weak on the expectation of arrival of imported goods.
- In A.P, maize has been sown in around 1.77 lakh hectares as of 12th February'20 which is higher than 1.57 lakh hectare covered during corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 96% to season normal and at vegetative to flowering stage. In Krishna, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam, Prakasam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Guntur districts, 26,653 hectare of maize area is affected by Faw; out of which, 25,888 hectare of maize area has treated.
- In Telangana, it has been sown in 1.65 lakh hectare as of 12th February'20 which is higher than 1.12 lakh hectare covered during corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 110% to season normal and its sowing is almost completed. Maize crops are at tasselling to cob formation stage. Fall army worm reported in Kamareddy, Siddipet and Warangal districts.
- In India, maize has been sown in around 16.98 lakh hectares as of 31st Jan'20 for Rabi season 2019-20 which is higher than 14.78 lakh hectare covered during corresponding period last year. In Maharashtra, it has been sown in around 2.28 lakh hectare which is higher than 1.16 lakh hectare during corresponding period last year while in Gujarat, it has been sown in around 1.33 lakh hectare which is higher than 0.97 lakh hectare during corresponding period last year. In Bihar, it has been sown in around 5.05 lakh hectare which is higher than 4.75 lakh hectare during corresponding period last year. However, in Tamil Nadu, it has been sown in around 1.48 lakh hectare which is lower than 1.99 lakh hectare during corresponding period last year.
- As per media report, MMTC has made no purchase in an international tender for Non- GMO yellow corn for 1,75,000 MT for the shipment latest by 10th Feb 2020. Three consignment of 50,000 MT (+/-5%) each were sought for shipment at the Visakhapatnam, Tuticorin and Mangalore port and 25,000 MT (+/- 5%) at the Mumbai port. The lowest price offered was \$226.80 /MT c&f. The tender had closed on Jan. 14 and offers must remain valid up to Jan. 20.
- As per trade sources, India exported around 85,730 MT of maize for the month of December'19 at an average FoB of \$323.64/ MT. Out of which, around 80,202 MT Indian maize was exported mainly to Nepal at an average FoB of \$322.32/MT; mainly through Raxaul followed by Sonauli ICD port.
- As per trade sources, NAFED has issued an international tender to import up to 100,000 MT of Non- GMO corn; to be sourced from Ukraine for the shipment between 1st Feb'20 to 10th Feb'20. Around 50,000 MT is sought for shipment to the Mangalore port and rest to the Tuticorin port at around \$227/ MT.

**International Market Commentary:**

- Corn on CBOT fell by 2.27 USD/MT to 148.71 USD/MT for March'20 contract compared to previous week. Further, price direction depends on the demand for U.S corn.
- As per USDA, U.S corn exports reached 11.89 MMT in the 2019-20 marketing year. At 0.78 MMT (for the period 31st January- 06th February, 2020) US corn exports were up 31 percent from the previous week and 41 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (228,700 MT), Japan (203,800 MT), Colombia (189,700 MT), Saudi Arabia (61,700 MT), and El Salvador (29,600 MT).
- USDA decreased its world corn ending stock estimates by 0.97 MMT to 296.84 MMT for 2019/20 compared to previous month due to increase in consumption estimates for 2019/20 which could lead to global corn market.

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

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**NCDEX Maize Futures**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Volume Change	OI	OI Change
Feb-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-20	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	-	-

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

Spread	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Spot	-	--	--
Feb-20	--	-	--
Mar-20	--	--	-

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

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	EDD
	17-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	17-Feb-20
Nizamabad	-	-	-	-
Sangli	463	-	463	463

**Spot Prices at Key Markets**

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		18-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	Change	18-Feb-20	17-Feb-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1850	1850	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	Closed	1800	-	Closed	1000	-
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	1800	1800	Unch	NA	10784	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Gadag	Local	1855	1665	190	208	253	-45
Hubli	Local	1500	1530	-30	5	7	-2
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Nizamabad	Bilty	1900	1900	Unch	500	50	450
Karimnagar	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Khammam	Local	1600	1500	100	19	32	-13
Sangli	Feed	1766	1787	-21	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Gulabghagh	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1700	1700	Unch	2000	3000	-1000
	Starch	1700	1700	Unch			



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Khanna	Local	1850	1850	Unch	1950	1800	150
	Bilty	1940	1950	-10			
Ludhiana	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Jalgaon	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Chhindwara	Loose price	1500	NR	-	8000	NR	-

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 14 February,2020						
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	
Mar-20	149.40	150.19	148.12	148.71	-0.69	
May-20	151.47	151.96	149.89	150.39	-1.08	
Jul-20	152.95	153.44	151.57	151.76	-1.28	
Sep-20	152.36	152.75	151.08	151.27	-1.28	
Dec-20	154.23	154.42	152.95	153.04	-1.28	

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