

Executive Summary:

- In Ahmedabad region of Gujarat, poultry feed makers quoted maize steady at Rs.1700 per quintal while starch feed makers quoted maize firm by Rs. 50 per quintal to Rs. 1700 per quintal compared to previous day.
- In Nizamabad, maize is likely to trade 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. 2,000 per quintal.

Previous Updates:

- In A.P, maize has been sown in around 1.85 lakh hectares as of 19th February'20 which is higher than 1.59 lakh hectare covered during corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 101% to season normal and at vegetative to cob formation stage. In Krishna, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam, Prakasam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Guntur districts, 25,574 hectare of maize area is affected by Fall armyworm, stem borer, and Root rot; out of which, 25,025 hectare of maize area has treated.
- In Telangana, it has been sown in 1.86 lakh hectare as of 19th February'20 which is higher than 1.12 lakh hectare covered during corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 124% to season normal and its sowing has completed. Maize crops are at tasselling to cob formation stage. Pest and Disease reported nil.
- Sources revealed that in Telangana, stock of maize could be around 5000 MT which was 10,000 MT during corresponding period last year.
- In Davangere region of Karnataka, maize arrivals contains fungus up to 8%. Maize is likely to trade steady to slightly weak due to sluggish feed makers demand amid arrival of imported goods.
- 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.
- In M.P, maize market traded down due to supply pressure of low quality material on the concern over low feed makers demand on the fear of coronavirus.
- 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 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 1.87 USD/MT to 146.55 USD/MT for March'20 contract compared to previous day on the expectation for robust U.S. plantings and on the concern over spread of coronavirus beyond China. Further, price direction depends on the demand for U.S corn.
- At 0.76 MMT (for the period 07th January- 13th February, 2020) US corn exports were down 3 percent from the previous week but up 24 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (247,200 MT), Japan (232,800 MT), Colombia (81,500 MT), South Korea (66,200 MT), and Panama (41,900 MT).

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

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NCDEX Maize Futures

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

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

Spread	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Spot	-	--	--
Mar-20	--	-	--
Apr-20	--	--	-

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

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	EDD
	24-Feb-20	24-Feb-20	24-Feb-20	24-Feb-20
Nizamabad	-	-	-	-
Sangli	463	-	463	463

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		25-Feb-20	24-Feb-20	Change	25-Feb-20	24-Feb-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1750	1800	-50	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1650	1650	Unch	2000	2000	Unch
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	1610	1640	-30	25	104	-79
Gadag	Local	1670	1670	Unch	60	166	-106
Hubli	Local	1580	1685	-105	55	2	53
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	NR	1700	-	NR	422	-
Nizamabad	Bilty	1800	1900	-100	500	50	450
Karimnagar	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Khammam	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Sangli	Feed	1753	1746	7	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	3000	3000	Unch
	Starch	1700	1650	50			

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Khanna	Local	1820	1800	20	2250	1950	300
	Bilty	1830	1850	-20			
Ludhiana	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Jalgaon	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Chhindwara	Loose price	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 24 February,2020						
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	
Mar-20	148.12	148.12	145.66	146.55	-1.87	
May-20	149.60	149.60	147.04	148.12	-1.77	
Jul-20	150.68	150.68	148.32	149.40	-1.57	
Sep-20	149.99	150.09	148.12	148.71	-1.67	
Dec-20	151.57	151.67	149.80	150.49	-1.48	

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