

Executive Summary:

- As per trade sources, Vessel (TAN BINH) with 19,700 tonnes of corn is expected to arrive at Tuticorin port on 29 February, 2020.
- In Davangere region of Karnataka, maize arrivals contains fungus 10-20%. Maize is likely to trade steady to slightly weak due to sluggish feed makers demand amid arrival of imported goods in Tamilnadu.
- 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. Local starch feed makers are buying maize at Rs. 1675 per quintal while sluggish demand of Hyderabad feed makers reported at Rs. 2000 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.
- 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:

- IGC increased its forecast for 2019/20 global corn production by 1 MMT to 1112 MMT compared to previous forecast. Forecast for global corn ending stock was also up by 1 MMT to 284 MMT compared to last forecast for 2019/20 which could weigh on international corn market.
- As per USDA, U.S corn exports reached 13.50 MMT in the 2019-20 marketing year. At 0.84 MMT (for the period 14th January- 20th February, 2020) US corn exports were up 11 percent from the previous week and 20 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (278,700 MT), Colombia (224,700 MT), Japan (155,500 MT), Guatemala (62,200 MT), and Honduras (59,600 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
	27-Feb-20	27-Feb-20	27-Feb-20	24-Feb-20
Nizamabad	-	-	-	-
Sangli	463	-	463	463

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		28-Feb-20	27-Feb-20	Change	28-Feb-20	27-Feb-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1750	1750	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1650	1700	-50	2000	1000	1000
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NR	1670	-	NR	5721	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	1640	1630	10	276	140	136
Gadag	Local	1575	1640	-65	66	349	-283
Hubli	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	1700	NR	-	34080	NR	-
Nizamabad	Bilty	1800	1800	Unch	400	30	370
Karimnagar	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Khammam	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Sangli	Feed	1777	1772	5	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Gulabgh	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1700	1700	Unch	3000	2000	1000
	Starch	1700	1700	Unch			



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Khanna	Local	1740	1810	-70	1950	1800	150
	Bilty	1825	1820	5			
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 27 February,2020

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-20	145.56	145.66	142.41	143.50	-2.36
May-20	147.14	147.24	144.19	144.88	-2.56
Jul-20	148.91	149.01	146.15	146.65	-2.46
Sep-20	148.62	148.62	146.25	146.75	-1.97
Dec-20	149.99	150.19	148.12	148.62	-1.57

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