

**14<sup>th</sup> March, 2020****Executive Summary:**

- Across India, maize is likely to trade steady to weak in near term too on the expectation of sluggish feed makers' demand as there is fear of coronavirus and bird flu in the market. Also, expectation of new crop arrival in coming weeks could also weigh on market sentiments.
- In Davangere region of Karnataka, maize arrivals of kharif season contains fungus 8-12% and being traded lower due to quality issue amid sluggish demand of Tamilnadu' feed makers. Also, expectation of new crop arrival in coming weeks amid recent imported arrival in Tamilnadu; also weighing on market sentiments.
- In Nizamabad, maize is likely to trade steady to weak in near term due to sluggish poultry feed makers' demand on the fear of corona virus. Also, expectation of new crop arrival during end of March keeping weigh on market sentiments. 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:**

- As per trade sources, Vessel (TAN BINH) with 19,700 tonnes of corn, has arrived at Tuticorin port on 1st March, 2020.
- As per trade sources, India exported around 47,080 MT of maize for the month of January'20 at an average FoB of \$333.71/ MT. Out of which, around 42,335 MT Indian maize was exported mainly to Nepal at an average FoB of \$331.08/MT; mainly through Raxaul followed by Sonauli ICD port.
- 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.
- 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.
- Across 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 trade sources, NAFED had 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 was sought for shipment to the Mangalore port and rest to the Tuticorin port at around \$227/ MT. These shipments are expected to arrive during the month of March. Also, MMTC had issued an international tender for Non- GMO yellow corn for 1,75,000 MT for shipment by 10th Feb 2020, but did not accept any bids towards that tender.

**International Market Commentary:**

- Corn on CBOT fall by 3.74 USD/MT to 145.56 USD/MT for March'20 contract compared to previous day due to uncertainty over economic fallout from the coronavirus.
- As per USDA, U.S corn exports reached 15.23 MMT in the 2019-20 marketing year. At 0.85 MMT (for the period 28th February- 5th March, 2020) US corn exports were down 4 percent from the previous week but up 4 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (368,200 MT), Japan (192,300 MT), Chile (84,600 MT), South Korea (66,800 MT), and Costa Rica (66,600 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
	12-Mar-20	12-Mar-20	12-Mar-20	10-Mar-20
Nizamabad	-	-	-	-
Sangli	462	-	462	463

**Spot Prices at Key Markets**

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		13-Mar-20	12-Mar-20	Change	13-Mar-20	12-Mar-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1650	1650	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	1350	1350	Unch	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1300	1300	Unch	5000	5000	Unch
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	1700	NR	-	783	NR	-
Gadag	Local	NR	1421	-	NR	196	-
Hubli	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	1420	1400	20	403	446	-43
Nizamabad	Bilty	1800	1800	Unch	500	50	450
Karimnagar	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Khammam	Local	1470	1475	-5	50	120	-70
Sangli	Feed	1489	1505	-16	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Gulabghat	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1600	NR	-	2000	NR	-
	Starch	1500	NR	-			



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Khanna	Local	1720	NA	-	1950	NA	-
	Bilty	1840	NA	-			
Ludhiana	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Jalgaon	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Chhindwara	Loose price	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 12 March,2020						
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	
Mar-20	148.62	148.62	144.48	145.56	-3.74	
May-20	146.84	146.84	143.69	143.99	-3.44	
Jul-20	147.63	147.73	144.68	145.17	-3.05	
Sep-20	146.45	146.55	144.19	144.68	-2.36	
Dec-20	148.02	148.12	145.66	146.35	-2.07	

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