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Executive Summary:

- In Davangere, maize traded steady at Rs. 1350 per quintal (Bilty Price) compared to previous day and delivered to Bengaluru and Nammakal at Rs. 1600 per quintal each.
- In Bihar, today, arrivals were disrupted due to rain.
- Across India, maize is likely to trade steady to weak in near term on sluggish demand from poultry feed industry in the wake of coronavirus. Besides, large size of Rabi crop is also weighing on market sentiments.

Previous Updates:

- In Bihar, maize is being traded at Rs. 1400 (Bilty Price) per quintal and delivered to Punjab and Haryana at Rs. 1650 per quintal each in very limited quantity due to sluggish demand.
- As per trade sources, India imported around 57,255 MT of maize for the month of March'20. Out of this, around 46,635 MT was imported from Myanmar at Tuticorin (22,588 MT @ \$252.30 USD/MT), Kolkata port (13,863 MT @ \$265.20 USD/MT), Vizag (6,176 MT @253.14 USD/MT), Mundra port (3,935 MT @266.67 USD/MT) and Chennai (72 MT @353.94 USD/MT) while around 10,620 MT was imported from Ukraine at Kandla port at an average value of \$196.51 USD/ MT.
- As per trade sources, in Telangana, around 80-85% rabi crop of maize has been harvested while in Bihar regions, maize crop has been harvested around at 30% till date. Also, in Maharashtra and Karnataka, harvesting has barely started.
- As per trade sources, Telangana state government is actively procuring maize at Rs. 1760 per quintal. Earlier State Government announced that it will procure entire Rabi season crop of maize at MSP of Rs. 1760 per quintal, directly from farmers through village procurement centers over a period of 45 days.
- As per trade sources, India exported around 24,835 MT of maize for the month of February'20 at an average FoB of \$306.63/ MT. Out of which, around 21,435 MT Indian maize was exported mainly to Nepal at an average FoB of \$301.66/MT; mainly through Raxaul followed by Sonauli ICD and Jogbani ICD port.
- In Telangana, maize has been sown in 2.36 lakh hectare as of 18th March'20 which is higher than 1.16 lakh hectare covered during corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 157% to season normal. In A.P, maize has been sown in around 1.87 lakh hectares as on 11th March'20 which is higher than 1.61 lakh hectare covered during corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 102% to season normal. 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 Weekly Report and Price Forecast 09 Apr 2020 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. 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.

International Market Commentary:

- Corn on CBOT fall by 4.04 USD/MT to 120.27 USD/MT for May'20 contract compared to previous day due to decrease in demand for U.S corn. It is likely to trade down in near term too on the forecast for good planting weather in the U.S. Midwest amid poor demand from the ethanol sector.
- In U.S, corn has been planted 27% as of 26 April'20 which is above than 15% compared to corresponding period last year and 7% from last 5 year average period. 3% crop of corn has emerged which is 1% above than corresponding period last year.

Previous Updates:

- As per USDA, U.S corn exports reached 21.65 MMT in the 2019-20 marketing year. At 0.83 MMT (for the period 10th- 16th April, 2020) US corn exports were down 32 percent from the previous week and 28 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (285,100 MT), Colombia (165,100 MT), South Korea (67,600 MT), Vietnam (56,300 MT), and Japan (51,600 MT). Agriwatch expects that CBOT corn market could trade down in near term.

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
May-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July-20	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	-	-

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

Spread	May-20	Jun-20	July-20
Spot	-	--	--
May-20	--	-	--
Jun-20	--	--	-

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

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	EDD
	27-Apr-20	27-Apr-20	27-Apr-20	27-Apr-20
Nizamabad	-	-	-	-
Sangli	461	-	461	461

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		28-Apr-20	27-Apr-20	Change	28-Apr-20	27-Apr-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Koppal	Loose	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Davangere	Loose	1300	1300	Unch	5000	5000	Unch
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	NR	1300	-	NR	424	-
Gadag	Local	NR	1380	-	NR	3574	-
Hubli	Local	NR	1320	-	NR	108	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	NR	1300	-	NR	655	-
Nizamabad	Bilty	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Karimnagar	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Khammam	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Sangli	Feed	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Gulababagh	Local	NA	1350	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	1400	-			
Ahmedabad	Feed	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
	Starch	Closed	Closed	-			

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Khanna	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Ludhiana	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Jalgaon	Bilty	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Chhindwara	Loose price	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 27 April,2020						
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	
May-20	124.01	124.31	119.78	120.27	-4.04	
Jul-20	126.77	127.16	122.83	123.32	-3.84	
Sep-20	128.44	128.73	125.09	125.58	-3.35	
Dec-20	132.08	132.47	129.32	129.72	-2.85	
Mar-21	137.30	137.40	134.44	134.93	-2.56	

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