

**11th May, 2020****Executive Summary:**

- In Bihar, despite the demand of Rajasthan, U.P and Haryana feed makers; maize could trade steady to range bound amid arrival pressure. Any further fall is a good buying opportunity for stockists and importers. However, fresh export demand could give support to the market.
- Maize acreage in Kharif 2020-21 may turn out to be higher than that in Kharif 2019-20 as farmers in Karnataka, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana would prefer less labour intensive crops. Seed availability is expected to remain sufficient as transportation of agriculture related materials has become almost normal after the recent relaxations in lockdown.
- As per trade sources, in Telangana, harvesting of rabi crop of maize is almost over while in Bihar regions, maize crop has been harvested around at 50-60% till date. However, in Karnataka, maize crop has been harvested only at 10% due to labour shortage.

Previous Updates:

- As per media news, Haryana offers reward to shift from water guzzling paddy crops to maize and pulses crops.
- Davangere market have closed again from 6th May'20 due to new case of COVID19. Earlier, maize was being traded at Rs. 1350 per quintal (Bilty Price) and being delivered to Nammakal at Rs. 1550 per quintal but in very limited quantity.
- As per trade sources, India exported around 18,527 MT of maize for the month of March'20 at an average FoB of \$274.79/ MT. Out of which, around 12,217 MT Indian maize was exported mainly to Nepal at an average FoB of \$272.82/MT; mainly through Raxaul followed by Jogbani ICD and Sonauli ICD port.
- 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.
- 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, Telangana state government is 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.

International Market Commentary:

- Corn on CBOT rose by 1.18 USD/MT to 125.58 USD/MT for May'20 contract compared to previous day due to increase in demand for U.S corn. However, Rapid U.S planting progress likely to put pressure on CBOT corn prices.

Previous Updates:

- As per USDA, U.S corn exports reached 24.10 MMT in the 2019-20 marketing year. At 1.40 MMT (for the period 24th- 30th April, 2020) US corn exports were up 33 percent from the previous week and 28 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (393,600 MT), Colombia (236,500 MT), Japan (182,800 MT), South Korea (131,200 MT), and Taiwan (83,800 MT). Agriwatch expects that increase in export demand for U.S corn could lead to CBOT corn prices.
- As per media news, Brazil's second corn harvest is likely to be down by 1.75% to 72.6 million tonnes due to weaker than expected rains during the week, while frost expectation in the state of Parana could also bring further losses to the crop.
- In U.S, corn plantings as on 3 May 2020 stand at 51%, up 30 percentage points from same time last year and up 12 percentage points from 5 year average. Rapid U.S planting progress likely to put pressure on CBOT corn prices.
- IGC increased its global corn production forecast for 2020/21 by 1 MMT to 1158 MMT compared to previous month forecast. Forecast for global corn ending stock was also up by 7 MMT to 281 MMT for 2020/21 compared to last month forecast which could weigh on international 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
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
	08-May-20	08-May-20	08-May-20	04-May-20
Nizamabad	-	-	-	-
Sangli	461	-	461	461

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		9-May-20	8-May-20	Change	9-May-20	8-May-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1400	1400	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	NR	1300	-	NR	79	-
Gadag	Local	NR	1380	-	NR	388	-
Hubli	Local	NR	1335	-	NR	23	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	NR	1400	-	NR	520	-
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	-
Gulabgh	Local	NR	1150	-	NR	NA	-
	Bilty	NR	1220	-			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1425	NR	-	3000	NR	-
	Starch	1400	NR	-			



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Khanna	Local	1350	1300	50	1800	1500	300
	Bilty	1450	1400	50			
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 08 May,2020						
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	
May-20	125.09	126.67	124.99	125.58	1.18	
Jul-20	125.19	127.16	124.90	125.68	0.49	
Sep-20	127.26	129.13	127.16	127.85	0.59	
Dec-20	131.49	133.26	131.39	132.18	0.69	
Mar-21	136.71	138.38	136.61	137.40	0.79	

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