

**14th May, 2020****Executive Summary:**

- Across India, maize is being traded lower due to sluggish feed makers demand amid arrival pressure. It is likely to trade steady to range bound in near term on the expectation of fresh demand of stockists and importers.
- In Bihar, despite the demand of South and Nepal feed makers; maize is being traded lower at Rs. 1100-1150 per quintal (Bilty Price) as bulk demand is still missing amid arrival pressure. However, it is a good buying point for stockists and importers which could give support to the market.
- Maize is moving towards Bengaluru and Tamil Nadu at Rs. 1450 and 1550 per quintal (Delivered Price); sourced from Davangere region of Karnataka.
- As per media news, the five cattle feed manufacturing plants of the Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd. has started purchase of the produce at Rs.1,760 per quintal from 12th May'2020. The maximum quantity of purchase has been capped at 50 quintals from each farmer.
- 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 10-15% due to labour shortage.
- 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.

Previous Updates:

- As per media news, Haryana offers reward to shift from water guzzling paddy crops to maize and pulses crops.
- 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.
- 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 2.07 USD/MT to 127.45 USD/MT for May'20 contract compared to previous day.
- USDA increased its world corn ending stock estimates by 24.90 MMT to 339.62 MMT for 2020/21 compared to last year due to increase in production estimates; mainly in U.S, Brazil, Ukraine, Mexico, Canada and E.U for 2020/21 which could weigh on global corn market.

Previous Updates:

- In U.S, corn plantings as on 10 May 2020 stand at 67%, up 39 percentage points from same time last year and up 11 percentage points from 5 year average. Rapid U.S planting progress likely to put pressure on CBOT corn prices.
- 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.
- 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 range bound 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
	12-May-20	12-May-20	12-May-20	11-May-20
Nizamabad	-	-	-	-
Sangli	459	-	459	459

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		13-May-20	12-May-20	Change	13-May-20	12-May-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1360	1350	10	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1300	Closed	-	1000	Closed	-
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	NR	1260	-	NR	33	-
Gadag	Local	1350	NR	-	673	NR	-
Hubli	Local	1355	1335	20	175	127	48
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	1300	NR	-	207	NR	-
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	1100	1100	Unch	40000	40000	Unch
	Bilty	1150	1150	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	NA	1400	-	NA	1000	-
	Starch	NA	1300	-			



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Khanna	Local	1300	1300	Unch	2250	3000	-750
	Bilty	1400	1430	-30			
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 12 May,2020						
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	
May-20	125.49	127.75	123.12	127.45	2.07	
Jul-20	125.29	127.55	123.81	126.86	1.48	
Sep-20	127.45	129.13	126.08	128.34	0.79	
Dec-20	131.69	132.87	130.21	132.18	0.39	
Mar-21	136.90	137.79	135.33	137.20	0.30	

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