

**Executive Summary:**

- In Bihar, despite the demand of South and Nepal feed makers; maize is being traded lower at Rs. 1,150 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 per quintal each (Delivered Price); sourced from Davangere region of Karnataka.
- As per trade sources, India imported around 268.5 MT of maize for the month of April'20. Out of this, around 193.5 MT was imported from Myanmar at Kolkata port (145.5 MT @ \$261.04 USD/MT) and Chennai port (48 MT @ \$249.98 USD/MT).
- 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.
- 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, 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 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, 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:**

- As per USDA, U.S corn exports reached 25.41 MMT in the 2019-20 marketing year. At 1.40 MMT (for the period 1st- 7th May, 2020) US corn exports were down 6 percent from the previous week but up 16 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (386,900 MT), Japan (304,300 MT), Costa Rica (99,100 MT), South Korea (80,600 MT), and Tunisia (63,700 MT). Agriwatch expects that decrease in export demand for U.S corn could weigh on CBOT corn prices.

**Previous Updates:**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 tradesteady torange bound in the near term.

**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
	15-May-20	15-May-20	15-May-20	11-May-20
Gulabagh	-	99	99	-
Sangli	459	-	459	459

**Spot Prices at Key Markets**

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		16-May-20	15-May-20	Change	16-May-20	15-May-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1360	1360	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1300	1300	Unch	2000	3000	-1000
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	NR	1290	-	NR	47	-
Gadag	Local	NR	1310	-	NR	525	-
Hubli	Local	1270	1250	20	197	162	35
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	1310	1350	-40	379	152	227
Nizamabad	Bilty	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Karimnagar	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Khammam	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Sangli	Feed	NR	NR	-	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Gulabagh	Local	1100	1100	Unch	20000	20000	Unch
	Bilty	1150	1150	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	NA	1400	-	NA	1000	-
	Starch	NA	1300	-			
Khanna	Local	1300	1300	Unch	1950	3000	-1050
	Bilty	1390	1400	-10			
Ludhiana	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Jalgaon	Bilty	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Chhindwara	Loose price	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-

<b>CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 15 May,2020</b>					
<b>Contract Month</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Jul-20</b>	<b>125.09</b>	<b>126.18</b>	<b>124.70</b>	<b>125.68</b>	<b>0.69</b>
<b>Sep-20</b>	<b>126.77</b>	<b>127.65</b>	<b>126.37</b>	<b>127.16</b>	<b>0.39</b>
<b>Dec-20</b>	<b>130.31</b>	<b>131.19</b>	<b>130.21</b>	<b>130.70</b>	<b>0.10</b>
<b>Mar-21</b>	<b>135.62</b>	<b>136.21</b>	<b>135.33</b>	<b>135.72</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>May-21</b>	<b>138.48</b>	<b>139.17</b>	<b>138.38</b>	<b>138.58</b>	<b>-0.10</b>

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