

**1st August, 2020****Executive Summary:**

- In India, maize has been sown in 74.30 lakh hectares as of 31st July'20 which is higher than 72.58 lakh hectares of the corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 99.5% of normal area. Agriwatch expects maize sown area at 82.24 lakh hectares for the Kharif season 2020-21 which is above than normal area of 74.7 lakh hectares but less than last year area of 82.44 lakh hectares. In M.P, maize has been sown in 14.84 lakh hectares as of 31st July'20; higher than 14.13 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year. In Maharashtra, it has been sown in 8.28 lakh hectares; higher than 7.36 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year. In Rajasthan, it has been sown in 9.00 lakh hectares; higher than 8.61 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year.
- In U.P and Punjab, feed makers are buying maize at Rs.1300 per quintal and Rs. 1350 per quintal respectively; sourced from Naugachia region of Bihar. While, Hyderabad poultry feed makers are buying maize at Rs. 1450-1500 per quintal; sourced from Nizamabad region.
- In A.P, maize has been sown in 0.63 lakh hectares as of 31st July'20 which is higher than 0.61 lakh hectares of the corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 67% to season normal and at sowings to vegetative stage. In Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Guntur, Anantapuram and Kurnool districts of Andhra Pradesh, around 2054 hectares area of maize has been affected by fall-armyworm; out of which 1221 hectares has been treated.
- In Bihar, despite the export demand from Bangladeshi and Nepalese feed makers, maize is being traded at Rs. 1225 per quintal (Bilty Price). Rains since last three-four weeks has affected the arrival quality. It is expected that maize would trade steady to range bound amid limited demand and arrival.

Previous Updates:

- In Telangana, maize has been sown in 0.71 lakh hectares as of 31st July'20; lower than 3.25 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 15% to season normal and at cob formation to seed hardening stage. In Vikarabad district of Telangana, maize crop has been infested by fall-armyworm.
- As per trade sources, India exported around 1,12,867 MT of maize for the month of Jun'20 at an average FoB of \$187.79/ MT, out of which, 58,067 MT Indian maize was exported to Nepal at an average FoB of \$182.49/MT and around 49,406 MT was exported to Bangladesh at an average FoB of \$190.95/MT.
- As per AP markfed, from the current rabi crop, 4,12,911 MT of maize has been procured by A.P government as of 13th July,2020.
- In Pune, Ahmednagar, Nashik and Solapur districts of Maharashtra, maize crop has been infested by fall-armyworm.
- India has authorized imports of 5 lakh ton Non- GM Maize (other than seed quality) at a concessional custom duty of 15 % under TRQ Scheme for end users for the current financial year. At present, there is no import parity as maize is trading lower in the domestic markets due to demand destruction from poultry feed industry on the fear of corona virus.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the increase in MSP of maize by Rs. 90 per quintal to Rs. 1850 per quintal for Kharif crop for marketing season 2020-21.

International Market Commentary:

- Corn on CBOT rose by 0.10 USD/MT to 124.31 USD/MT for September'20 contract compared to previous day. Expectation of increase in export demand in coming weeks for U.S corn would support to CBOT corn market. However, expectation of larger yield due to favorable weather conditions in U.S could limit the gain.
- As per USDA, U.S corn exports has reached 38 MMT in the 2019-20 marketing year. At 0.97 MMT (for the period 17th- 23rd July, 2020) US corn exports were down 8 percent from the previous week and 15 percent from the previous 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (360,800 MT), Japan (355,100 MT), China (67,900 MT), Guatemala (66,500 MT), and Colombia (58,800 MT).
- In U.S, 72% crop of corn is in good to excellent condition as of 26th July'20, up 3 percentage points from last week.
- IGC decreased its global corn production forecast for 2020/21 by 5 MMT to 1164 MMT compared to previous month forecast. However, forecast for global corn ending stock was kept unchanged at 288 MMT for 2020/21 compared to last month forecast.

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
Aug-20	-6.00	1296.00	1291.00	1290.00	1290.00	20	-220	2270	10
Sep-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350	-
Oct-20	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	-	-

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

Spread	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20
Spot	-	--	--
Aug-20	--	-	--
Sep-20	--	--	-

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

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	EDD
	30-July-20	30-July-20	30-July-20	27-July-20
Gulabagh	2947	90	3037	2897
Sangli	-	-	-	-

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		31-Jul-20	30-Jul-20	Change	31-Jul-20	30-Jul-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1250	1250	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	Closed	1300	-	Closed	2000	-
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	1275	NR	-	24	NR	-
Gadag	Local	NR	1090	-	NR	1	-
Hubli	Local	NR	1260	-	NR	16	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	1350	1250	100	799	1561	-762
Nizamabad	Bilty	1370	1370	Unch	100	10	90
Karimnagar	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Khammam	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Sangli	Feed	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1125	1125	Unch	2000	1000	1000
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Gulabagh	Local	1150	1150	Unch	40000	30000	10000
	Bilty	1225	1225	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1350	1350	Unch	5000	5000	Unch
	Starch	1350	1300	50			



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Khanna	Local	1120	1120	Unch	2250	1500	750
	Bilty	1230	1250	-20			
Ludhiana	Local	1150	1150	Unch	500	500	Unch
	Bilty	1200	1200	Unch			
Jalgaon	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Chhindwara	Loose price	1300	1300	Unch	2000	1500	500

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 30 July,2020					
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Sep-20	124.21	125.68	124.11	124.31	0.10
Dec-20	128.44	129.72	128.34	128.64	0.20
Mar-21	133.26	134.34	132.97	133.16	Unch
May-21	136.21	137.30	135.92	136.12	Unch
July-21	138.67	139.66	138.38	138.58	Unch

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