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Executive Summary:

- In Bihar, despite the export demand from Bangladeshi and Nepalese feed makers, maize is being traded at Rs. 1250 per quintal (Bilty Price). In U.P and Punjab, feed makers are buying maize at Rs.1250-1260 per quintal and Rs. 1350-1360 per quintal respectively; sourced from Naugachia region of Bihar.
- In Ahmedabad region of Gujarat, poultry feed makers quoted maize steady at Rs. 1370 per quintal compared to previous day.
- As per Telangana agri department, maize has been sown in 1,93,876 acres as of 12th Aug'20; lower than 8,48,732 acres compared to corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 16% to season normal and at cob formation to seed hardening stage. Agriwatch trade sources revealed that decrease in acreage is mainly due to encouragement by Telangana Government, to shift towards other remunerative crops like cotton but that decrease can't be more than 25%. Also, around 50% maize crop has been infested by fall-armyworm in Nizamabad district. Agriwatch expects that decrease in acreage and loss in yield would support to maize prices in the state.

Previous Updates:

- In India, maize has been sown in 75.88 lakh hectares as of 7th Aug'20, 101.58% 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 Maharashtra, it has been sown in 8.40 lakh hectares; higher than 7.92 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year. In Rajasthan, it has been sown in 9.15 lakh hectares; higher than 8.80 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year. However, In M.P, maize has been sown in 14.95 lakh hectares as of 7th Aug'20; lower than 15.26 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year.
- In A.P, maize has been sown in 0.73 lakh hectares as of 5th Aug'20 which is higher than 0.66 lakh hectares of the corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 78% to season normal and at sowings to vegetative stage. In Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Guntur, Anantapuram, Kurnool and Chittoor districts of Andhra Pradesh, around 2049 hectares area of maize has been affected by fall-armyworm; out of which 1233 hectares has been treated. As per media source, auction of maize for 53,010.30 MT and 47,010.40 MT has been scheduled by Andhra Government for 12th-13th Aug, 2020 respectively.
- As per media news, nearby Aurangabad districts of Maharashtra, around 1 lakh hectares area of maize has been affected by Northern Leaf Blight disease and Physoderma brown spot fungus.
- Hyderabad poultry feed makers are buying maize at Rs. 1450-1500 per quintal; sourced from Nizamabad region.
- 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.
- 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 1.18 USD/MT to 123.81 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.
- In U.S, 71% crop of corn is in good to excellent condition as of 9th August'20, down 1 percentage points from last week. 97% crop of corn is in silking stage while 59% crop of corn is in dough stage and 11% crop of crop has dented as of 9th August'20.

Outlook and Recommendation: Maize cash market is likely to trade steady to slightly firm in the near term.

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NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Volume Change	OI	OI Change
Aug-20	-5.00	1298.00	1298.00	1290.00	1290.00	110	-	2150	-
Sep-20	-11.00	1300.00	1300.00	1300.00	1317.00	10	-	450	-
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
	12-Aug-20	12-Aug-20	12-Aug-20	10-Aug-20
Gulabagh	802	-	802	805
Sangli	-	-	-	-

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		13-Aug-20	11-Aug-20	Change	13-Aug-20	11-Aug-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1250	1250	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1250	1250	Unch	4000	5000	-1000
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NR	1385	-	NR	3490	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	NR	1300	-	NR	89	-
Gadag	Local	1250	NR	-	293	NR	-
Hubli	Local	NR	NR	-	-	-	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	1300	NR	-	1440	NR	-
Nizamabad	Bilty	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-
Karimnagar	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Khammam	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Sangli	Feed	1438	1446	-8	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1200	1200	Unch	2000	2500	-500
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Gulabagh	Local	1200	1200	Unch	30000	40000	-10000
	Bilty	1250	1250	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1370	1370	Unch	2000	3000	-1000
	Starch	1380	1380	Unch			

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Khanna	Local	1150	1100	50	1200	900	300
	Bilty	1220	1200	20			
Ludhiana	Local	1100	1100	Unch	100	100	Unch
	Bilty	1200	1200	Unch			
Jalgaon	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Chhindwara	Loose price	1200	1200	Unch	1000	2500	-1500

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 12 August,2020						
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	
Sep-20	122.53	124.01	121.25	123.81	1.18	
Dec-20	127.26	129.03	125.98	128.83	1.48	
Mar-21	131.79	133.56	130.51	133.36	1.38	
May-21	134.84	136.61	133.75	136.41	1.28	
July-21	137.40	138.97	136.31	138.87	1.28	

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