

21st August, 2020**Executive Summary:**

- As per Telangana agri department, maize has been sown in 2,02,921 acres as of 19th Aug'20; lower than 8,77,815 acres compared to corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 17% 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, fall-armyworm and stem-borer in Nizamabad, Mahabubabad and Nagarkurnool districts is below ETL. Agriwatch expects that decrease in acreage would support to maize prices in the state.
- As per trade sources, India exported around 2,00,296 MT of maize for the month of July'20 at an average FoB of \$184/ MT. Out of which, 1,36,179 MT Indian maize was exported to Bangladesh at an average FoB of \$188.58/MT and around 59,037 MT was exported to Nepal at an average FoB of \$177.58/MT.
- 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.1340 per quintal and Rs. 1360-1370 per quintal respectively; sourced from Naugachia region of Bihar.
- Trade sources revealed that heavy rains in Maharashtra and U.P could affect the crop quality.

Previous Updates:

- As per AP Markfed, from the current rabi crop, 4,16,982 MT of maize has been procured by A.P government as of 27th July,2020.
- Hyderabad poultry feed makers are buying maize at Rs. 1500 per quintal; sourced from Nizamabad region.
- In India, maize has been sown in 77.78 lakh hectares as of 14th Aug'20, 104.08% 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 74.73 lakh hectares but less than last year area of 82.44 lakh hectares. In Maharashtra, it has been sown in 8.53 lakh hectares; higher than 8.24 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year. In Rajasthan, it has been sown in 9.18 lakh hectares; higher than 8.81 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year. However, In M.P, maize has been sown in 15.19 lakh hectares as of 14th Aug'20; lower than 15.31 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year.
- In A.P, maize has been sown in 0.79 lakh hectares as of 12th Aug'20 which is higher than 0.72 lakh hectares of the corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 84% to season normal and at sowings to vegetative stage. In Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Guntur, Anantapuram, Kurnool and Chittoor districts of Andhra Pradesh, around 2055 hectares area of maize has been affected by fall-armyworm; out of which 1273 hectares has been treated.
- 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.
- 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 fell by 0.79 USD/MT to 127.95 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 in U.S could limit the gain.
- In U.S, 69% crop of corn is in good to excellent condition as of 16th August'20, down 2 percentage points from last week. 76% crop of corn is in dough stage and 23% crop of crop has dented as of 16th 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	-1.00	1281.00	1286.00	1280.00	1280.00	840	-	130	-
Sep-20	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	-	-
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
	19-Aug-20	19-Aug-20	19-Aug-20	17-Aug-20
Gulabagh	802	-	802	804
Sangli	-	-	-	-

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		20-Aug-20	19-Aug-20	Change	20-Aug-20	19-Aug-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1225	1225	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1300	1300	Unch	5000	6000	-1000
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	1250	NR	-	31	NR	-
Gadag	Local	1270	NR	-	2	NR	-
Hubli	Local	1115	NR	-	20	NR	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	1350	1400	-50	683	7757	-7074
Nizamabad	Bilty	1375	Closed	-	100	Closed	-
Karimnagar	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Khammam	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Sangli	Feed	1446	1446	Unch	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1225	1225	Unch	1000	2000	-1000
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Gulabagh	Local	1200	1200	Unch	30000	20000	10000
	Bilty	1250	1250	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1340	1350	-10	5000	3000	2000
	Starch	1360	1380	-20			



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Khanna	Local	1150	1130	20	1950	1800	150
	Bilty	1280	1250	30			
Ludhiana	Local	1100	1100	Unch	100	100	Unch
	Bilty	1200	1200	Unch			
Jalgaon	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Chhindwara	Loose price	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 19 August,2020

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Sep-20	128.34	128.83	127.36	127.95	-0.79
Dec-20	134.05	134.74	133.06	133.75	-0.79
Mar-21	139.07	139.66	138.08	138.87	-0.59
May-21	142.02	142.71	141.14	142.02	-0.39
July-21	144.38	144.97	143.40	144.28	-0.49

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