

28th August, 2020**Executive Summary:**

- In A.P, maize has been sown in 0.87 lakh hectares as of 26th Aug'20 which is higher than 0.84 lakh hectares of the corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 93% to season normal and at Knee high to tasselling and cob formation stage. In Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Guntur, Anantapuram, Kurnool, Chittoor, Krishna and YSR Kadapa districts of Andhra Pradesh, around 5585 hectares area of maize has been affected by fall-armyworm; out of which 4584 hectares has been treated.
- 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, feed makers are buying maize at Rs.1350 per quintal; sourced from Naugachia region of Bihar. Hyderabad poultry feed makers are buying maize at Rs. 1500 per quintal; sourced from Nizamabad region.

Previous Updates:

- In India, maize has been sown in 79.58 lakh hectares as of 21st Aug'20, 106.49% 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 8.65 lakh hectares; higher than 8.38 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year. In Rajasthan, it has been sown in 9.34 lakh hectares; higher than 8.82 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year. However, In M.P, maize has been sown in 15.36 lakh hectares as of 21st Aug'20; lower than 15.44 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year.
- 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.
- As per media sources, maize tender for 53,010.30 MT and 47,010.40 MT has been cancelled by Andhra Government.
- Trade sources revealed that heavy rains in Maharashtra and U.P could affect the crop quality.
- 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.
- 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 0.10 USD/MT to 134.05 USD/MT for September'20 contract compared to previous day.
- In U.S, 64% crop of corn is in good to excellent condition as of 23rd August'20, down 5 percentage points from last week. 5% crop of crop has matured as of 23rd August'20, up 3 percentage points from corresponding period last year.

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
Sep-20	3.00	1309.00	1309.00	1309.00	1309.00	10	-	570	-
Oct-20	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	-	-
Nov-20	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	-	-

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

Spread	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20
Spot	-	--	--
Sep-20	--	-	--
Oct-20	--	--	-

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

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	EDD
	26-Aug-20	26-Aug-20	26-Aug-20	24-Aug-20
Gulabagh	932	-	932	931
Sangli	-	-	-	-

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		27-Aug-20	26-Aug-20	Change	27-Aug-20	26-Aug-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1290	1250	40	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	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Gadag	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Hubli	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	1320	1300	20	393	482	-89
Nizamabad	Bilty	1370	1370	Unch	100	20	80
Karimnagar	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Khammam	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Sangli	Feed	1405	1423	-18	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1275	1275	Unch	2000	1500	500
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Gulabagh	Local	1200	1200	Unch	40000	35000	5000
	Bilty	1250	1250	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	NR	1370	-	NR	8000	-
	Starch	NR	1360	-			

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Khanna	Local	1130	1150	-20	2250	1950	300
	Bilty	1260	1280	-20			
Ludhiana	Local	1150	1150	Unch	100	100	Unch
	Bilty	1220	1220	Unch			
Jalgaon	Bilty	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Chhindwara	Loose price	1300	1300	Unch	2500	3000	-500

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 26 August,2020						
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	
Sep-20	133.95	134.34	132.77	134.05	-0.10	
Dec-20	139.27	139.76	138.28	139.46	-0.10	
Mar-21	143.99	144.38	143.01	144.09	-0.10	
May-21	146.45	146.94	145.66	146.65	-0.10	
July-21	148.22	148.71	147.53	148.42	Unch	

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