

11th September, 2020**Executive Summary:**

- In A.P, maize has been sown in 0.90 lakh hectares as of 9th Sep'20 which is higher than 0.87 lakh hectares of the corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 97% 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 5654 hectares area of maize has been affected by fall-armyworm; out of which 4353 hectares has been treated.
- In Bihar, despite the export demand from Bangladeshi and Nepalese feed makers, maize is being traded at Rs. 1300 per quintal (Bilty Price). Maize is being delivered to Kolkata at Rs.1400 per quintal; sourced from Bihar. Hyderabad poultry feed makers are buying maize at Rs. 1475 per quintal; sourced from Nizamabad region.

Previous Updates:

- As per trade sources, in M.P region, there could be 4-5% crop loss due to recent heavy rains.
- In India, maize has been sown in 81.14 lakh hectares as of 4th Sep'20, 108.58% 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 74.73 lakh hectares but less than last year area of 82.44 lakh hectares. In Maharashtra, it has been sown in 8.75 lakh hectares; higher than 8.57 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year. In Rajasthan, it has been sown in 9.34 lakh hectares; higher than 8.84 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year. However, In M.P, maize has been sown in 15.38 lakh hectares as of 4th Sep'20; lower than 15.45 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year.
- In Telangana, maize crop is 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 is unlikely to be more than 25%. Also, fall-armyworm and stem-borer in Kamareddy, Nizamabad, Jagtial, 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 in 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.
- 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 upto 5 lakh ton of Non- GM Maize (other than seed quality) at a concessional custom duty of 15 % under TRQ Scheme for end users, in the current financial year 2020-21. 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, hence there has been no imports. But it could limit the upside in the long run.
- 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 0.39 USD/MT to 137.79 USD/MT for September'20 contract compared to previous day.
- In U.S, 61% crop of corn is in good to excellent condition as of 6th September'20, down 1 percentage points from last week. 25% of crop has matured as of 6th September'20, up 15 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	650	-
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
	09-Sep-20	09-Sep-20	09-Sep-20	07-Sep-20
Gulabagh	248	-	248	248
Sangli	-	-	-	-

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		10-Sep-20	09-Sep-20	Change	10-Sep-20	09-Sep-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1300	1300	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1300	1300	Unch	4000	4000	Unch
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	1225	1150	75	7	3	4
Gadag	Local	NA	1135	-	NA	261	-
Hubli	Local	1200	NA	-	1	NA	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	1350	1350	Unch	243	4461	-4218
Nizamabad	Bilty	1375	1375	Unch	300	20	280
Karimnagar	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Khammam	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Sangli	Feed	1442	1442	Unch	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1300	1300	Unch	1500	1000	500
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	1400	1400	Unch	NA	NA	-
Gulabagh	Local	1250	1250	Unch	15000	20000	-5000
	Bilty	1300	1300	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1300	1300	Unch	25000	30000	-5000
	Starch	1325	1325	Unch			

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Khanna	Local	1150	1150	Unch	900	1950	-1050
	Bilty	1250	1250	Unch			
Ludhiana	Local	1150	1150	Unch	100	100	Unch
	Bilty	1220	1220	Unch			
Jalgaon	Bilty	1400	1400	Unch	1400	1400	Unch
Chhindwara	Loose price	1300	1300	Unch	2000	2500	-500

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 09 September,2020						
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	
Sep-20	137.69	138.28	137.20	137.79	-0.39	
Dec-20	142.02	142.22	140.94	141.82	-0.59	
Mar-21	146.06	146.35	145.17	145.96	-0.49	
May-21	148.71	148.91	147.83	148.62	-0.39	
July-21	150.39	150.58	149.60	150.29	-0.39	

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