

**Executive Summary:**

- In India, maize has been sown in 82.71 lakh hectares as of 18th Sep'20, 110.68% of normal area and above than last year area of 82.44 lakh hectares. In Maharashtra, it has been sown in 8.81 lakh hectares; higher than 8.66 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 15.38 lakh hectares; lower than 15.42 lakh hectares compared to corresponding period last year.
- As per trade sources, India exported around 2,35,436 MT of maize in the month of Aug'20 at an average FoB of \$182.24/ MT, out of which, 1,65,704 MT was exported to Bangladesh at an average FoB of \$190.18/MT and around 65,160 MT was exported to Nepal at an average FoB of \$177.46/MT.
- In Bihar, maize is being traded at Rs. 1300 per quintal (Bilty Price). It is being delivered to Kolkata at Rs.1400-1450 per quintal; sourced from Bihar. Hyderabad poultry feed makers are buying maize at Rs. 1550 per quintal; sourced from Nizamabad region. It is also moving towards Tamil Nadu and Bengaluru at Rs. 1550 and Rs. 1500 per quintal, sourced from Davangere region of Karnataka.
- In Telangana, maize has been sown in 0.89 lakh hectares as of 18th Sep'20 which is lower than 3.90 lakh hectares of the corresponding period last year. 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 Tur, Cotton and Soybean. Also, fall-armyworm and stem- borer in Nizamabad and Jagtial districts is below ETL. Agriwatch expects that decrease in acreage would support to maize prices in the state.

**Previous Updates:**

- As per trade sources, in M.P region, there could be 4-5% crop loss due to heavy rains; occurred 2 weeks before. However, in Gujarat, crop loss assessment would only be possible in next 10-15 days when conditions become favorable.
- In A.P, maize has been sown in 0.93 lakh hectares as of 16th Sep'20 which is higher than 0.89 lakh hectares of the corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 100% 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 5673 hectares area of maize has been affected by fall-armyworm; out of which 4871 hectares has been treated.
- 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 rose by 3.94 USD/MT to 149.01 USD/MT for December'20 contract compared to previous week. Agriwatch expects that increase in export demand for U.S corn would lead to CBOT corn.
- As per USDA, U.S corn exports have reached 1.15 MMT in the 2020-21 marketing year. At 0.90 MMT (for the period 4th Sep - 10th Sep, 2020) US corn exports were up 0.52 percent from the previous week; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (213,000 MT), China (209,700 MT), South Korea (138,800 MT), Colombia (118,700 MT), and Japan (114,400 MT). Agriwatch expects that increase in export demand for U.S corn would support to CBOT corn.
- USDA decreased its world corn ending stock estimates by 10.67 MMT to 306.79 MMT for 2020/21 compared to last month due to decrease in production estimates which would support to global corn market.

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020**
**NCDEX Maize Futures**

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Volume Change	OI	OI Change
Oct-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	640	-
Nov-20	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	-	-
Dec-20	--	--	--	--	--	-	-	-	-

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

Spread	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
Spot	-	--	--
Oct-20	--	-	--
Nov-20	--	--	-

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

Stocks	Demat	In-Process	Total	EDD
	18-Sep-20	18-Sep-20	18-Sep-20	14-Sep-20
Gulabagh	247	-	247	247
Sangli	-	-	-	-

**Spot Prices at Key Markets**

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		21-Sep-20	19-Sep-20	Change	21-Sep-20	19-Sep-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1300	1280	20	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1350	1350	Unch	4000	3000	1000
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NA	1390	-	NA	500	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	NA	1290	-	NA	60	-
Gadag	Local	NA	1140	-	NA	3	-
Hubli	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Nizamabad	Bilty	1375	Closed	-	200	Closed	-
Karimnagar	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Khammam	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Sangli	Feed	1472	1450	22	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1250	1250	Unch	1000	1000	Unch
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	1450	1450	Unch	NA	NA	-
Gulabagh	Local	1250	1250	Unch	20000	10000	10000
	Bilty	1300	1300	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1300	1300	Unch	10000	8000	2000
	Starch	1300	1300	Unch			

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<b>Khanna</b>	Local	1150	1150	Unch	2250	1950	300
	Bilty	1250	1260	-10			
<b>Ludhiana</b>	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
<b>Jalgaon</b>	Bilty	1400	1400	Unch	1450	1450	Unch
<b>Chhindwara</b>	Loose price	Closed	Closed	-	Closed	Closed	-

<b>CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 18 September,2020</b>						
<b>Contract Month</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Change</b>	
<b>Dec-20</b>	147.34	149.30	146.94	149.01	1.28	
<b>Mar-21</b>	150.68	152.75	150.29	152.55	1.38	
<b>May-21</b>	152.45	154.62	152.26	154.62	1.57	
<b>July-21</b>	153.73	155.80	153.44	155.70	1.48	
<b>Sep-21</b>	151.47	153.14	151.17	152.85	1.08	

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