

23RD September, 2020**Executive Summary:**

- 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 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.

Previous Updates:

- 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.
- 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 negligible 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 3.44 USD/MT to 145.56 USD/MT for December'20 contract compared to previous day. Agriwatch expects that increase in export demand for U.S corn would lead to CBOT corn.
- In U.S, 61% crop of corn is in good to excellent condition as of 20th September'20, up 1 percentage points from last week. 8% of crop has been harvested as of 20th September'20, up 2 percentage points from corresponding period last year.
- 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).

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
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
	21-Sep-20	21-Sep-20	21-Sep-20	14-Sep-20
Gulabagh	59	-	59	247
Sangli	-	-	-	-

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		22-Sep-20	21-Sep-20	Change	22-Sep-20	21-Sep-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1300	1300	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1350	1350	Unch	4000	4000	Unch
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	1311	NA	-	38	NA	-
Gadag	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Hubli	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	1350	1350	Unch	1283	1198	85
Nizamabad	Bilty	1375	1375	Unch	300	20	280
Karimnagar	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Khammam	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Sangli	Feed	1475	1472	3	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1275	1250	25	1000	1000	Unch
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	1450	1450	Unch	NA	NA	-
Gulabagh	Local	1250	1250	Unch	20000	20000	Unch
	Bilty	1300	1300	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1310	1300	10	10000	10000	Unch
	Starch	1330	1300	30			

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Khanna	Local	1150	1150	Unch	1650	2250	-600
	Bilty	1250	1250	Unch			
Ludhiana	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Jalgaon	Bilty	1400	1400	Unch	1450	1450	Unch
Chhindwara	Loose price	1250	Closed	-	NA	Closed	-

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 21 September,2020						
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	
Dec-20	148.62	148.91	144.97	145.56	-3.44	
Mar-21	152.36	152.45	148.62	149.30	-3.25	
May-21	153.93	154.32	150.88	151.47	-3.15	
July-21	155.21	155.50	152.36	153.04	-2.66	
Sep-21	153.04	153.04	150.39	150.78	-2.07	

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