

20th October, 2020**Executive Summary:**

- As per trade sources, India exported around 2,23,781 MT of maize in the month of September'20 at an average FoB of \$185.51/ MT, out of which, 1,67,774 MT was exported to Bangladesh at an average FoB of \$190.82/MT and around 52,112 MT was exported to Nepal at an average FoB of \$178.60/MT.
- In Bihar, maize is being traded at Rs. 1350-1400 per quintal (Bilty Price). It is being delivered to Kolkata at Rs.1400-1500 per quintal; sourced from Bihar. Hyderabad poultry feed makers are buying maize at Rs.1500 per quintal; sourced from Nizamabad region.
- As per trade sources, in Telangana, around 5-7% crop quality has been affected by recent rains.
- In Karnataka, new crop arrivals are lower in quantity and contain moisture of upto 30%. Sources revealed that there is no chance of getting dried material in next 20 days as weather conditions are not favourable for that.

Previous Updates:

- In A.P, maize has been sown in 1.13 lakh hectares as of 14th Oct'20 which is higher than 0.96 lakh hectares of the corresponding period last year. Maize sown area is 121% to season normal. In Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Guntur, Anantapuram, Kurnool, Chittoor, Krishna and YSR Kadapa districts of Andhra Pradesh, around 5934 hectares area of maize has been affected by fall-armyworm; out of which 4268 hectares has been treated.
- In India, new crop arrivals have started which are lower in quantity and contain huge moisture level. In M.P and Karnataka, it contain moisture of upto 30%. While, in Nizamabad, new crop contains moisture upto 25%. Sources that in Nizamabad region, some grain quality could be affected if rain continue further few more days. In Warangal region also, new crop arrivals are poor in quality and contains moisture upto 15%. Some grains are dented and small in size.
- As per trade sources, in M.P, around 7% and in Gujarat, around 3-4% crop quality has been affected by last week rains.
- In India, maize had been sown in 83.27 lakh hectares as of 25th Sep'20, 111.43% of normal area and above than last year area of 82.44 lakh hectares. Around 9.30-9.79 lakh hectares of maize had been harvested as of 25th Sep'20.
- 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 1st Advance Estimates of kharif production of maize for 2020-21 have been released by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare on 22nd September, 2020. It has pegged maize production at 19.88 MMT against set target of 22 MMT for 2020-21. However, Agriwatch's first estimate for the maize production in 2020-21 Kharif season is 18.29 MMT with average yield of 2.20 MT/ hectare.
- 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 2.76 USD/MT to 158.26 USD/MT for December'20 contract compared to previous week. Agriwatch expects that increase in export demand for U.S corn in near term would support to CBOT corn. However, new crop arrivals could limit the gain.
- As per USDA, U.S corn exports have reached 4.49 MMT in the 2020-21 marketing year. At 0.82 MMT (for the period 2nd Oct – 8th Oct, 2020) US corn exports were down 12.80 percent from the previous week; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (306,500 MT), China (269,700 MT), South Korea (58,000 MT), Honduras (49,100 MT), and Colombia (43,200 MT).
- In U.S, 61% crop of corn is in good to excellent condition as of 11th October'20, down 1 percentage points from last week. 41% of crop has been harvested as of 11th October'20, up 21 percentage points from corresponding period last year.
- USDA decreased its world corn ending stock estimates by 6.34 MMT to 300.45 MMT for 2020/21 compared to last month due to decrease in production and imports estimates which would support to global corn market.

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

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NCDEX Maize Futures

Contract	+/-	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Volume Change	OI	OI Change
Oct-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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
	17-Oct-20	17-Oct-20	17-Oct-20	12-Oct-20
Gulabagh	59	-	59	59
Sangli	-	-	-	-

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		19-Oct-20	17-Oct-20	Change	19-Oct-20	17-Oct-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1350	1350	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1150	1150	Unch	1000	1000	Unch
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	1260	NA	-	194	NA	-
Gadag	Local	1140	1175	-35	30	264	-234
Hubli	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Nizamabad	Bilty	1350	Closed	-	2000	Closed	-
Karimnagar	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Khammam	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Sangli	Feed	1428	1433	-5	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1350	1400	-50	1500	1500	Unch
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	1500	1500	Unch	NA	NA	-
Gulabagh	Local	1350	1350	Unch	15000	15000	Unch
	Bilty	1400	1400	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1425	1400	25	8000	2000	6000
	Starch	1450	1430	20			

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Khanna	Local	1100	1130	-30	750	450	300
	Bilty	1150	1180	-30			
Ludhiana	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Jalgaon	Bilty	1400	1400	Unch	1500	1500	Unch
Chhindwara	Loose price	NR	Closed	-	NR	Closed	-

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 16 October,2020						
Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	
Dec-20	158.75	161.02	158.16	158.26	-0.69	
Mar-21	160.33	162.30	159.84	160.23	-0.39	
May-21	160.72	162.69	160.23	160.82	-0.30	
July-21	160.92	162.59	160.43	160.92	-0.20	
Sep-21	155.21	156.29	154.91	155.50	0.30	

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