

24th October, 2020**Executive Summary:**

- In Bihar, maize is being traded at Rs. 1400-1450 per quintal (Bilty Price). It is being delivered to Kolkata at Rs.1450-1550 per quintal; sourced from Bihar. Hyderabad poultry feed makers are buying maize at Rs.1500 per quintal; sourced from Nizamabad region.
- In A.P, maize targeted area for the Rabi Season 2020-21 is at 2.03 lakh hectares.

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 5942 hectares area of maize has been affected by fall-armyworm; out of which 4277 hectares has been treated.
- In India, new crop arrivals are lower in quantity and shows huge moisture levels. In Telangana, around 5-7% crop quality has been affected by recent rains. In Nizamabad, new crop arrivals contain moisture of upto 22% and damaged upto 7% while in Warangal region, it contains damaged upto 20%.
- There is the news in the market that around 8,00,000 MT of maize has been sold by Telangana Government at around Rs. 1200 per quintal. It will be confirmed in next few days.
- In Karnataka, new crop arrivals are lower in quantity and contains moisture of upto 30%. Sources revealed that there is no chance of getting dried material in next 15-20 days as weather conditions are not favourable.
- As per media news, Haryana Government has procured 47.35 MT of maize as of 19th Oct, 2020.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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 0.98 USD/MT to 163.87 USD/MT for December'20 contract compared to previous day.
- As per USDA, U.S corn exports have reached 5.39 MMT in the 2020-21 marketing year. At 0.90 MMT (for the period 9th Oct – 15th Oct, 2020) US corn exports were up 10.17 percent from the previous week and 7 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like China (364,000 MT), Mexico (168,300 MT), Japan (165,900 MT), Saudi Arabia (70,200 MT), and Colombia (55,000 MT). 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.
- In U.S, 61% crop of corn is in good to excellent condition as of 18th October'20, same percentage points from last week. 60% of crop has been harvested as of 18th October'20, up 32 percentage points from corresponding period last year.

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
	22-Oct-20	22-Oct-20	22-Oct-20	19-Oct-20
Gulabagh	59	-	59	59
Sangli	-	-	-	-

Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		23-Oct-20	22-Oct-20	Change	23-Oct-20	22-Oct-20	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	1300	1300	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Davangere	Loose	1150	1150	Unch	2000	1500	500
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Gadag	Local	1330	1180	150	152	228	-76
Hubli	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	NA	1350	-	NA	3382	-
Nizamabad	Bilty	1350	1350	Unch	2000	100	1900
Karimnagar	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Khammam	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Sangli	Feed	1440	1442	-2	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	1450	1450	Unch	1500	1500	Unch
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	1550	1550	Unch	NA	NA	-
Gulabagh	Local	1375	1375	Unch	20000	15000	5000
	Bilty	1450	1450	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	1400	1400	Unch	3000	6000	-3000
	Starch	1420	1400	20			



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Khanna	Local	1100	1100	Unch	450	450	Unch
	Bilty	1150	1150	Unch			
Ludhiana	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Bilty	NA	NA	-			
Jalgaon	Bilty	1450	1450	Unch	1550	1550	Unch
Chhindwara	Loose price	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-

CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 22 October,2020

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Dec-20	162.89	164.95	161.71	163.87	0.98
Mar-21	163.87	165.64	162.69	164.66	0.59
May-21	164.46	165.94	163.28	165.25	0.49
July-21	164.46	165.54	163.08	165.05	0.49
Sep-21	157.77	158.16	157.08	157.57	-0.49

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