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**Executive Summary:**

- Steady to mixed sentiment was noticed in major Maize spot market on Wednesday.

**Previous Updates:**

- As per the trade sources, India exported around 2,44,521 MT of Maize in February 2022 at an average FoB of US\$ 305.84 per MT, out of which, 1,36,328 MT was exported to Vietnam at an average FoB of US\$ 271.77 per MT. And 57,990 MT was exported to Bangladesh at an average FoB of US\$ 306.30 per MT. Around 19,032 MT was exported to Malaysia at an average FoB of US\$ 290.89 per MT and approximately 24,757 MT was exported to Nepal at an average FoB of US\$ 304.50 per MT.
- Sources revealed that Maize in Nizamabad market was being traded between Rs. 2,200 per quintal. Loose Maize in market of Davangere, Karnataka was being traded between Rs. 2,250 to Rs. 2,350 per quintal.
- At Chhindwara market new maize with moisture between 13 % to 14 % was being traded between Rs. 2,500 per quintal to Rs. 2,510 per quintal.
- As per the source, 33,000 metric tonne (MT) of Maize Vessel KALIXENOS is waiting at berth for loading at Tuticorin port since 21st Feb 2022. Also, 36,000 MT of Maize Vessel OCEAN REEF has completed loading at Vizag port. And, 31,500 MT of Maize Vessel GOLDEN EAGLE has completed loading at Krishnapathnam port.
- Arrivals in major markets are very little leading to hike in prices at various spot markets.
- Good quality Maize with optimum moisture content was being traded in Bihar between Rs. 2,200 to Rs. 2,300 per quintal. Average quality Maize sourced from Bihar was being supplied to Kharagpur, Kolkata and Siliguri to fulfil the demand of poultry industry at the rate of Rs. 2,250 per quintal. Sourced from Bihar, Bangladesh was buying Maize at Rs. 2,250 per quintal.
- In Andhra Pradesh, as of 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022, Rabi Maize cover has been reached at 1.95 lakh hectare as compared to 1.53 lakh hectare for same time last year. In Telengana, as of 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022, Rabi Maize cover has been reached at 1.92 lakh hectare as compared to 1.79 lakh hectare for same time last year.
- According to sowing data, as of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022, acreage cover under Rabi Maize in India has reached at 19.31 lakh hectare as compared to 17.51 lakh hectare previous year same time. Highest acreage cover seen in Bihar at 5.96 lakh hectare, followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu at 3.37 lakh hectare and 1.91 lakh hectare respectively.
- According to Gujarat Agri. Dept., with 87,924 hectares as compared to last year same period of 95,975 hectares, 80.79% sowing completed as on 10th January 2022.

**International Market Commentary:**

- Corn on CBOT rose by 0.20 to 255.89 USD per MT for March'22 contract, as compared to previous day. AgriWatch expects that ongoing Ukraine-Russia war and dry weather-related conditions in Brazil and Argentina may provide support to Corn on CBOT.
- U.S. Maize exports have reached at 27.53 million metric tonne (MMT) for the 2021-22 Marketing Year, with the exports of 1.76 MMT for the period of 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, these exports were down by 14 percent from the previous week and also from the prior 4-week average, to the destinations like China (555,100 MT), Mexico (371,700 MT), Colombia (258,400 MT), Japan (205,100 MT), and Saudi Arabia (140,000 MT). However, rising crude oil prices amid Ukraine-Russia War may impact U.S Corn exports.

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

### Spot Prices at Key Markets

Centre	Grade	Prices (Rs./qtl)			Arrivals in Quintal		
		16-Mar-22	15-Mar-22	Change	16-Mar-22	15-Mar-22	Change
New Delhi	Hybrid	2500	2500	Unch	NA	NA	-
Koppal	Loose	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Davangere	Loose	2300	2300	Unch	1000	1000	Unch
Ranebennur	Hybrid/Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	2250	2205	45	78	28	50
Gadag	Local	NA	1720	-	NA	40	-
Hubli	Local	2250	2110	140	226	75	151
Shimoga	Hybrid/Local	NA	2000	-	NA	1237	-
Nizamabad	Bilty	2300	2300	Unch	NA	1	-
Karimnagar	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Khammam	Local	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
Sangli	Feed	2398	2400	-2	NA	NA	-
Naugachia	Bilty	2400	2400	Unch	NA	NA	-
Kolkata	Mill Delivery	2450	2450	Unch	NA	NA	-
Gulabgach	Local	2350	2350	Unch	500	500	Unch
	Bilty	2400	2400	Unch			
Ahmedabad	Feed	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-
	Starch	NA	NA	-			
Khanna	Local	2250	2250	Unch	1950	1800	150
	Bilty	2380	2375	5			
Ludhiana	Local	NR	NR	-	NR	NR	-
	Bilty	NR	NR	-			
Jalgaon	Bilty	2450	2450	Unch	2450	2450	Unch
Chhindwara	Loose price	NA	NA	-	NA	NA	-

### CBOT Corn Daily Futures Price Listing (USD/MT) as on 15 th March, 2022

Contract Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
Mar-22	255.89	256.58	250.78	255.89	-0.20
May-22	293.39	298.81	289.75	298.41	3.84
July-22	281.68	285.12	277.15	284.73	1.87
Sep-22	262.68	264.36	258.16	263.87	-0.20
Dec-22	256.48	256.98	250.87	256.39	-0.49

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