

# Maize Weekly Research Report

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### DOMESTIC MAIZE MARKET SUMMARY

As per Agriwatch trade sources, new crop arrivals have started in Warrangle and Khammam districts which are lower in quantity and contains high moisture level. After mid of March, crop arrival pressure could be seen in Andhra markets which would keep pressure on market sentiments.

In Andhra Pradesh, as maize area is increased around 20% during Rabi season and by seeing current weather conditions; we are expecting good crop production compared to last year. However, In Bihar, crop arrivals are expected to be delayed by mid of April and there is chance of yield loss too due to severe cold weather conditions which could support market at lower levels.

Overall maize cash markets traded steady to range bound during the week and is expected to be steady to slightly weak in near term, due to sluggish demand. Besides, high carry forward stock amid expectation of good crop production during Rabi season is likely to weigh on market sentiments.

In Ahmadabad region of Gujarat, poultry feed makers quoted maize down by 0.15% to Rs. 1292 per quintal (weekly average price). However, starch feed makers quoted it firm by 0.54% to Rs. 1314 per quintal compared to last week average price.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Weekly Call -: Market participants are advised to wait as there is not much trade volume in near future contract. In Davangere cash market, prices of good quality of maize (loose) are likely to trade at Rs. 1200-1230 per quintal for the week.

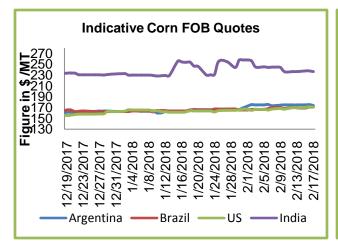
## INTERNATIONAL CORN MARKET SUMMARY

Corn prices on CBOT rose by 0.79 USD/MT to 144.58 USD/MT for March'18 contract compared to last week on the concern over dry weather in Argentina. Agriwatch expects that increase in export demand could support U.S corn market.

At 0.86 MMT (for the period 2nd February –8th February, 2018) U.S corn exports were down 10 percent from the previous week, but up 7 percent from the previous 4-week average.



## **EXPORT PARITY TREND**





Indian C&F Rate to Thailand vs. other Countries (\$1= Rs. 64.27)								
As on 17.02.2018	Argentina	Brazil	US	India				
FOB	173.82	170.60	170.81	236.42				
C&F	223.82	225.60	230.81	271.42				

As depicted by the above data, there is parity for Indian maize as gap of prices between India and other exporting countries has narrowed down.

• We are unable to update export-import data as Govt has restricted the latest IBIS data for Public domain. We will be able to update it as and when available.

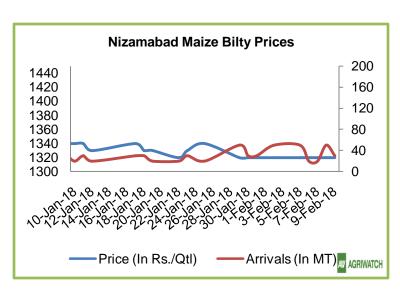


## **CURRENT MARKET DYNAMICS:**

During the week under review, overall steady to range bound sentiments witnessed in most of the major spot markets of maize. The various key spot markets dynamics are as under:

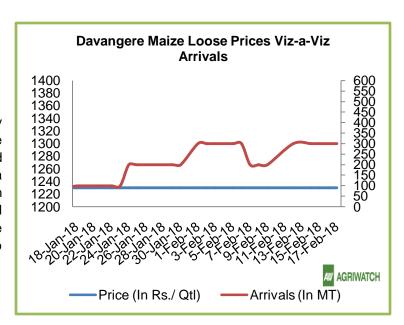
## **N**IZAMABAD:

In Nizamabad, sentiments remained same as maize market was closed during the week due to Maha Shivratri festival. Maize production is likely to be same compared to last year and is likely to trade steady to range bound in near term amid sluggish demand.



## KARNATAKA:

 In Davangere, maize is likely to trade steady to range bound in near term amid sluggish demand. About a 70% of the material arriving in the Davangere market is still infested with fungus. In the affected lots, between 2 to 8% of the grains are infested.



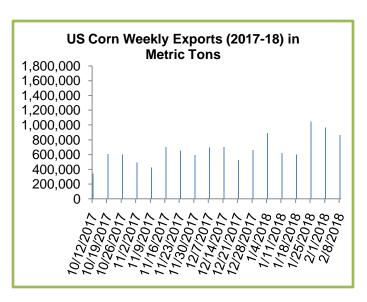
## **DOMESTIC MAIZE OUTLOOK:**

Standard quality maize prices are likely to be steady to slightly weak in near term.



## INTERNATIONALS MARKET: HIGHLIGHTS/CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

As per USDA, U.S corn exports reached 15.64 MMT in the 2017-18 marketing year. At 0.86 MMT (for the period 2nd February -8th February, 2018) U.S corn exports were down 10 percent from the previous week, but up 7 percent from the previous 4average. The destinations were primarily to Japan (293,200 MT), Mexico (239,700 MT), Bangladesh (60,900)the MT), (58,300 Philippines MT), and Colombia (34,500 MT).



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**ANNEXURE** 

## MAIZE SPOT MARKET PRICES (Rs. /QUINTAL)

Market	Grade	15-Feb-18	8-Feb-18	15-Jan-18	15-Feb-17	15-Feb- 16
Gulabbagh	Bilty	1150	1200	1250	1500	NA
Delhi	Hybrid Maize (U.P.)	1350	1325	1325	1575	1650
Davangere	Loose Price	1230	1230	Closed	1560	NA
Shimoga	Bilty	1360	1360	1250	1650	1490
Ranebennur	Bilty	1200	1200	1200	1585	1390
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	1150	1148	1152	1460	1500
Gadag	Local	1080	1100	1042	1489	1380
Nizamabad	Bilty	Closed	1320	Closed	1510	1480
Khanna	Bilty	1405	1400	1400	1610	NA
Sangli	Feed	NA	NA	NA	1562	1495
Ahmadabad	Feed	1280	1280	1310	1520	1550
	Starch	1320	1300	1350	1540	1560



Maize CBOT Weekly Futures Price Listing (USD/Ton)								
	Contract Month	14-Feb-18	31-Jan-18	Change				
Corn CBOT Prices	Mar-18	144.58	143.79	0.79				
	May-18	147.53	146.75	0.78				
	July-18	150.58	149.7	0.88				
	Sep-18	153.04	152.36	0.68				
	Dec-18	156.1	155.41	0.69				

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