



Maize Weekly Research Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**DOMESTIC MAIZE MARKET SUMMARY**

Domestic sentiments remained same during last week due to lockdown in India.

Across India, maize is likely to trade steady to weak in near term on sluggish demand from poultry feed industry in the wake of coronavirus and bird flu. Besides, large size of Rabi crop is also weighing on market sentiments.

In Davangere, maize is being traded at Rs. 1350 per quintal (Bilty Price) and also being delivered to Bengaluru at Rs. 1600 per quintal and Nammakal at Rs. 1650 per quintal respectively.

As per trade sources, around 1 lakh MT of maize has been procured by Telangana state government till date. Earlier State Government announced that it will procure entire Rabi season crop of maize at MSP of Rs. 1760 per quintal, directly from farmers through village procurement centers over a period of 45 days.

CURRENT HARVEST SITUATION

As per trade sources, in Telangana, around 75% rabi crop of maize has been harvested as of 16th April'20. Meanwhile, in Bihar and West Bengal regions, maize crop has been harvested around at 8% each. Also, in Maharashtra and Karnataka, harvesting has barely started. As there would not be any loss due to few days of delay in harvesting; farmers are not in hurry to harvest due to lockdown.

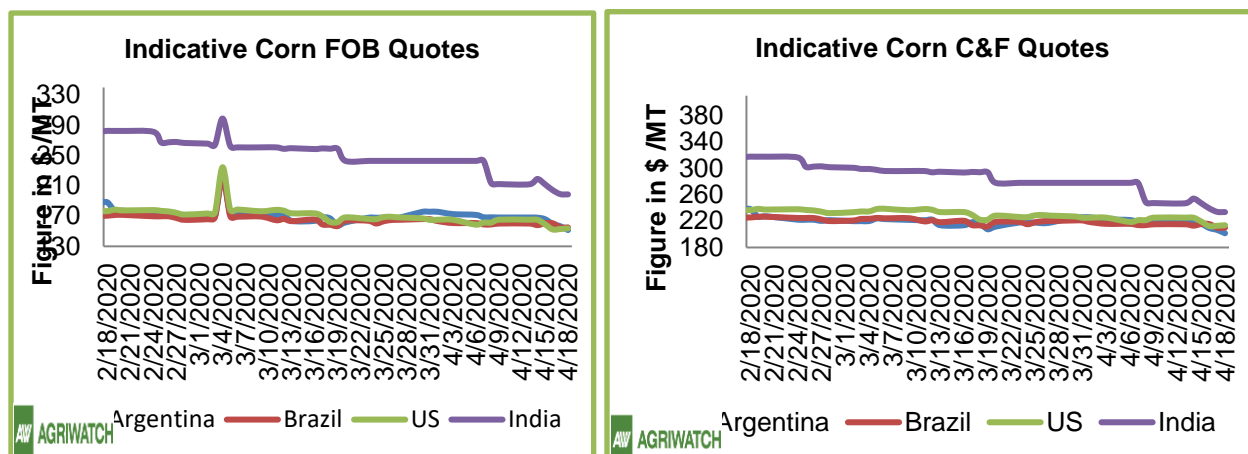
THIRD ADVANCE ESTIMATE FOR RABI SEASON 2019-20

As per 3rd advanced estimates for 2019-20, Agriwatch expects maize production for this Rabi season at 7.16 MMT with the expected yield of 4.22 MT/ hectare.

INTERNATIONAL CORN MARKET SUMMARY

Corn on CBOT fall by 3.74 USD/MT to 126.86 USD/MT for May'20 contract compared to previous week due to decrease in demand for U.S corn. Further, price direction also depends on the demand for U.S corn.

U.S corn exports reached 20.82 MMT in the 2019-20 marketing year. At 1.22 MMT (for the period 3rd-9th April, 2020) US corn exports were down 5 percent from the previous week but up 12 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (348,800 MT), Japan (262,100 MT), South Korea (254,200 MT), Colombia (175,100 MT), and the Dominican Republic (61,200 MT). Agriwatch expects that CBOT corn market could trade down in near term.

EXPORT PARITY TREND


Indian C&F Rate to Thailand vs. other Countries (\$1= Rs. 76.52)				
As on 18.04.2020	Argentina	Brazil	US	India
FOB	151.48	155.00	153.69	198.63
C&F	201.48	210.00	213.69	233.63

As depicted by the above data, there is parity for Indian maize as gap of prices between India and other exporting countries has narrowed. Current FOB of Ukraine is \$175 USD/ MT.

EXPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY'20

As per trade sources, India exported around 24,835 MT of maize for the month of February'20 at an average FoB of \$306.63/ MT. Out of this, around 21,435 MT Indian maize was exported to Nepal at an average FoB of \$301.66/MT; through Raxaul, Sonauli ICD and Jogbani ICD ports.

IMPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY'20

As per trade sources, India imported around 1,47,554.51 MT of maize for the month of February'20. Out of this, around 1,28,534.51 MT was imported from Myanmar at Kolkata port (1,06,563 MT @ \$266.37 USD/MT), Tuticorin (7,175 MT @ \$247.01 USD/MT), Chennai (1100 MT @ \$284.76 USD/MT), Vizag (4,799 MT @ \$250.31 USD/MT) and Mundra port (5,899 MT @ \$260.99 USD/MT) while around 19,000 MT was imported from Ukraine at Kandla port at an average value of \$199.70 USD/ MT.

VESSEL POSITION

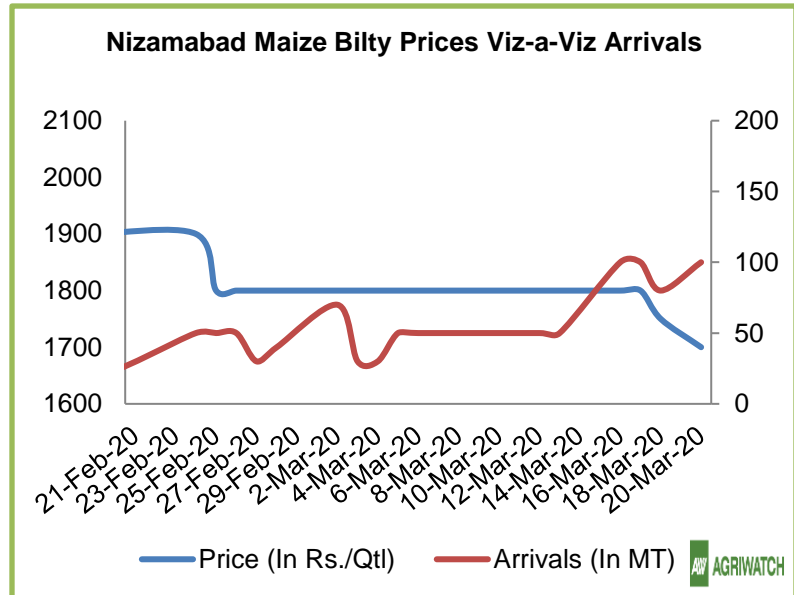
As per trade sources, Vessel (TAN BINH) with 19,700 tonnes of corn, has arrived at Tuticorin port on 1st March, 2020.

CURRENT MARKET DYNAMICS:

During the week under review, sentiments remained same as most of the spot markets of maize were closed. The various key spot markets dynamics are as under:

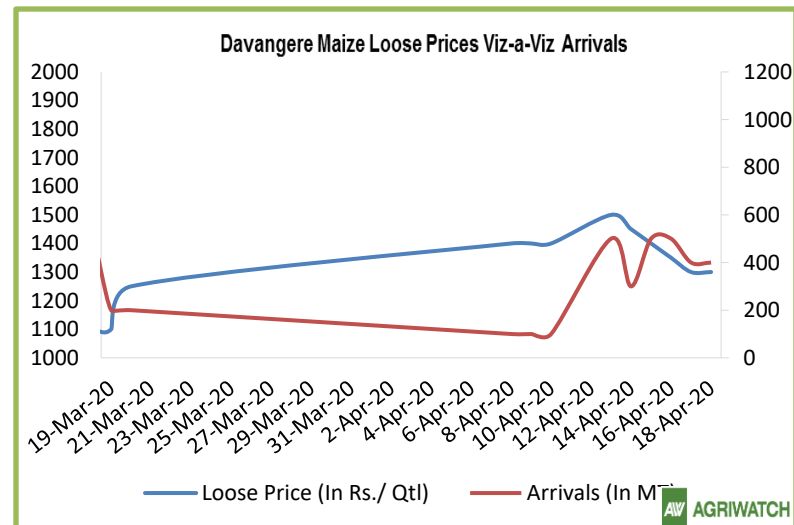
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KARNATAKA:

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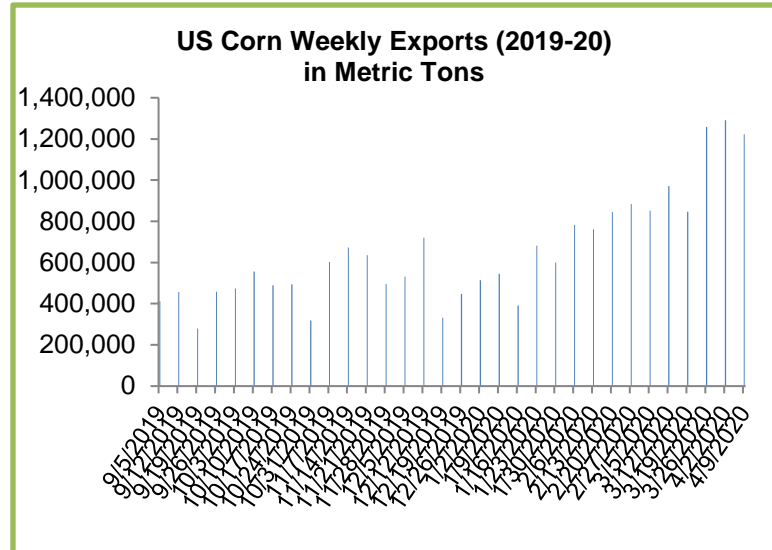


DOMESTIC MAIZE OUTLOOK:

Prices of maize are likely to be weak due to sluggish demand of poultry feed makers on the fear of corona virus and bird flu amid expectation of supply pressure after lockdown.

INTERNATIONAL MARKET HIGHLIGHT:

As per USDA, U.S corn exports reached 20.82 MMT in the 2019-20 marketing year. At 1.22 MMT (for the period 3rd- 9th April, 2020) US corn exports were down 5 percent from the previous week but up 12 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Mexico (348,800 MT), Japan (262,100 MT), South Korea (254,200 MT), Colombia (175,100 MT), and the Dominican Republic (61,200 MT). Agriwatch expects that CBOT corn market could trade down in near term.



PREVIOUS UPDATES

During the month of April, USDA increased its world corn ending stock estimates by 5.83 MMT to 303.17 MMT for 2019/20 compared to previous month due to decrease in domestic consumption and also increase in production estimates for 2019/20 which could weigh on global corn market.

During the month of April, Corn ending stock estimates for U.S increased by 5.08 MMT to 53.15 MMT for 2019/20 due to decrease in consumption estimates while for Ukraine, it increased its corn ending stock estimates by 0.04 MMT to 0.70 MMT compared to previous month estimates due to increase in production estimates for 2019/20. However, for Argentina, it decreased its corn ending stock estimates by 0.24 MMT to 3.87 MMT compared to previous month due to increase in exports while for Brazil, it kept unchanged its corn ending stock estimates at 4.39 MMT compared to previous month estimates.

USDA forecasted corn plantings at 96.990 million acres, more than above the average analyst forecast for 94.328 million acres which could weigh on market sentiments.

IGC increased its global corn production forecast for 2019/20 by 4 MMT to 1116 MMT compared to previous forecast. Forecast for global corn ending stock was also up by 5 MMT to 289 MMT due to increase in production amid lower estimates for trade and consumption for 2019/20 compared to last month forecast which could weigh on international corn market. IGC also forecast, global corn production at 1157 MMT and global corn ending stock estimates at 274 MMT for 2020/21.

INTERNATIONAL CORN OUTLOOK:

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ANNEXURE

MAIZE SPOT MARKET PRICES (RS. /QUINTAL)

Maize(Corn)Weekly Prices:						
Market	Grade	17-Apr-20	10-Apr-20	17-Mar-20	17-Apr-19	17-Apr-18
Naugachia	Bilty	Closed	NA	NA	2075	1275
Delhi	Hybrid Maize (U.P.)	Closed	Closed	1700	NR	1450
Davangere	Loose	1300	1400	1100	NR	1150
Shimoga	Bilty	1600	NR	1300	NR	1420
Ranebennur	Bilty	NR	NR	1300	2300	1140
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	NR	NR	1530	NR	1176
Gadag	Local	1460	NR	1330	NR	1089
Nizamabad	Bilty	Closed	Closed	1800	2100	1320
Khanna	Bilty	Closed	Closed	1720	2350	1500
Sangli	Feed	NA	NA	1513	2445	NA
Ahmedabad	Feed	Closed	Closed	NR	NR	1360
	Starch	Closed	Closed	NR	NR	1400

Maize CBOT Weekly Futures Price Listing (USD/Ton)				
	Contract Month	17-Apr-20	10-Apr-20	Change
Corn CBOT Prices	May-20	126.86	130.60	-3.74
	July-20	129.62	132.57	-2.95
	Sep-20	131.39	134.54	-3.15
	Dec-20	135.23	138.08	-2.85
	Mar-21	139.86	142.61	-2.75

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