

# **Maize Weekly Research Report**

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

# DOMESTIC MAIZE MARKET SUMMARY

Sentiments remained unchanged as most of the Maize cash markets were closed during the week due to March closing and Holi festival. Agriwatch expects that Maize would trade steady given continuous demand from domestic feed markets, despite expectation of new crop arrivals in near term weighing on market sentiments.

# MAIZE TRADE SCENARIO

Sources revealed that Hyderabad poultry feed makers are buying Maize at Rs.1,550-1,600 per quintal; sourced from Telangana. Tamil Nadu feed makers are buying maize at Rs. 1,700 per quintal, sourced from Karnataka. Low quality Maize is moving towards Banaras and Muzaffarnagar districts of U.P at Rs. 1,400-1,425 and Rs. 1,550 per quintal, respectively, sourced from Bihar.

# FIRST ADVANCE ESTIMATE OF RABI PRODUCTION

Agriwatch's first advance estimate for the Maize production in 2020-21 Rabi season is 6.41 MMT with average yield of 3.74 MT per hectare. Sources revealed that in Aurangabad and Jalgaon districts of Maharashtra, quality of around 25% crop of maize could be affected due to rains over last two weeks.

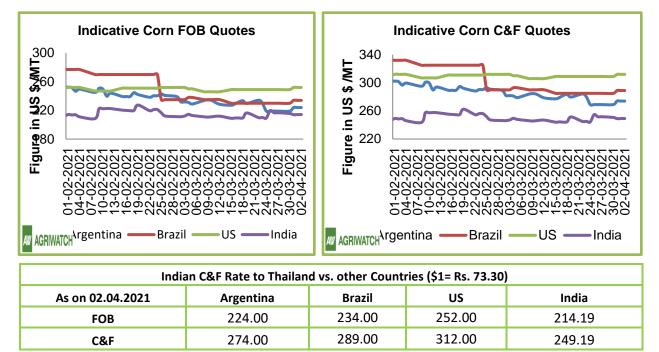
# INTERNATIONAL CORN MARKET SUMMARY

Corn on CBOT rose by 2.85 USD/MT to 220.36 USD/MT for March'21 contract compared to previous week as corn planted area in U.S was below the market expectations. Agriwatch expects that increase in export demand for U.S. Maize in near term would support to CBOT Maize.

At 1.98 MMT (for the period March 19- March 25, 2021) U.S. Maize exports were unchanged from the previous week but up 2 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Japan (4,34,200 MT), Mexico (2,98,100 MT), China (2,75,000 MT), Colombia (2,63,900 MT), and Taiwan (1,65,900 MT).



#### EXPORT PARITY TREND



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

#### **EXPORTS**

As per trade sources, India exported around 4,27,493 MT of Maize in the month of February 2021 at an average FoB of US\$ 222.50 per MT, out of which, 2,72,928 MT was exported to Vietnam at an average FoB of US\$ 239.41 per MT and around 51,513 MT was exported to Bangladesh at an average FoB of US\$ 201.68 per MT. Around 34,229 MT was exported to Nepal at an average FoB of US\$ 208.42 per MT. And, 20,892 MT was exported to Malaysia at an average FoB of US\$ 245.51 per MT.

#### **VESSEL POSITION**

Sources revealed that 10,500 MT of Maize Vessel, HAI DOUNG 68, was expected to arrive at VIZAG port on April 03, 2021. And, 27,000 MT of Maize Vessel, KEN HOU, was expected to complete loading at Krishnapatnam port on April 03, 2021. And, 30,980 MT of Maize Vessel, EAST BANGOK, is waiting for berth, at Chennai port since March 12, 2021. While, 32,000 MT of Maize Vessel, CETUS STAR, was expected to arrive at VIZAG port on April 02, 2021. And, 30,000 MT of Maize Vessel, FEDERICA, is expected to arrive at VIZAG port on April 05, 2021.

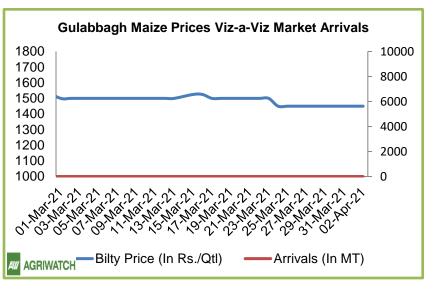


## CURRENT MARKET DYNAMICS:

During the week under review, steady to slightly firm sentiments were reported in most of the major cash markets of maize. The various key spot markets dynamics are as under:

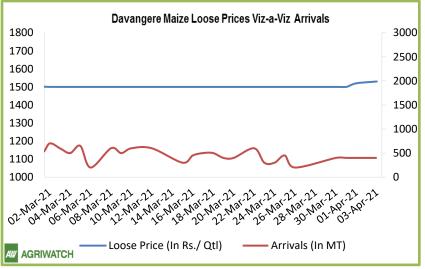
### **BIHAR:**

In Gulabbagh region of Bihar, Maize is being traded at Rs.1,450 per quintal (Bilty Price). Maize in Gulabbagh would trade steady to slightly weak in the range of Rs. 1,400-1,450 per quintal for the week. Expectation of new crop arrivals from the mid of April could weigh on market sentiments.



#### KARNATAKA:

 In Karnataka, maize is likely to trade steady to range bound in near term as maize export has been slow from last two weeks due to insufficient quality arrivals; which contains 8-10% water fungus.



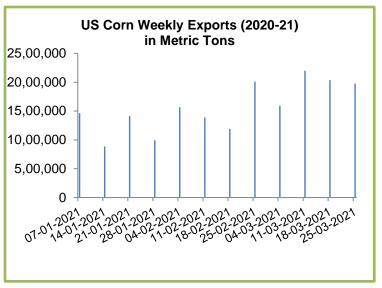
#### DOMESTIC MAIZE OUTLOOK:

Agriwatch expects that Maize would trade steady to slightly weak despite continuous demand from domestic feed markets as expectation of new crop arrivals in near term would weigh on market sentiments.



#### **INTERNATIONAL MARKET HIGHLIGHT:**

As per USDA, U.S. Maize exports have reached around 33.92 MMT in the 2020-21 marketing year. At 1.98 MMT (for the period March 19- March 25, 2021) U.S. Maize exports were unchanged from the previous week but up 2 percent from the prior 4-week average; mainly for the destinations like Japan (4,34,200 MT), Mexico (2,98,100 MT), China (2,75,000 MT), Colombia (2,63,900 MT), and (1,65,900 Taiwan MT). However, Agriwatch expects that increase in export demand for U.S. Maize in near term would support to CBOT Maize.



#### PREVIOUS UPDATES

Brazil second crop plating is over now, out of which, around 25% late planted crop, is likely to suffer from inadequate rainfall.

USDA increased its World Maize Ending Stock Estimate by 1.14 MMT to 287.67 MMT for 2020-21, along with an increase in Production Estimates, which would weigh the global Maize market.

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# ANNEXURE

# MAIZE SPOT MARKET PRICES (RS. /QUINTAL)

Maize (Corn)Weekly Prices:								
Market	Grade	02-Apr-21	26-Mar-21	02-Mar-21	01-Apr-20	02-Apr-19		
Naugachia	Bilty	1450	Closed	1450	NA	NA		
Delhi	Hybrid Maize (U.P.)	1500	1550	1550	Closed	2250		
Davangere	Loose	Closed	1500	1500	Closed	2000		
Shimoga	Bilty	NA	NA	NA	1500	2040		
Ranebennur	Bilty	NA	NA	NA	1400	2100		
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	NA	1455	1450	NA	1985		
Gadag	Local	NA	1415	1370	NA	2015		
Nizamabad	Bilty	Closed	Closed	1500	Closed	2000		
Khanna	Bilty	Closed	Closed	1350	Closed	2100		
Sangli	Feed	1650	1677	1710	NA	2171		
Ahmedabad	Feed	1650	Closed	1480	Closed	2200		
	Starch	1660	Closed	1500	Closed	2300		

Maize CBOT Weekly Futures Price Listing (USD/Ton)									
	Contract Month	01-Apr-21	26-Mar-21	Change					
	May-21	220.36	217.51	2.85					
	July-21	214.66	210.92	3.74					
Corn CBOT Prices	Sep-21	197.24	190.44	6.80					
	Dec-21	190.74	183.65	7.09					
	Mar-22	193.40	186.9	6.50					

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