

Maize-Weekly Fundamental Report

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WEEKLY DIGEST AND OUTLOOK

The arrival of maize at several spot markets across the nation has been consistent with the seasonal trend. Additionally, there was an increase in total arrivals at benchmark market Gulabghat, Bihar, from the previous week's 1600 tonnes to 2000 tonnes during the week under review.

Maize prices throughout the week displayed almost a steady sentiment on the account of slight decline in the demand of Maize from poultry sector due to the beginning of Navrathri season. At benchmark market Davangere, the new arrivals are sold at Rs. 2350 to Rs.2400 to Namakkal and at Rs. 2250 to Bangalore. The arrivals were at 70 tons (700 bags) and for new arrivals with moisture content above 25%, bought at around Rs.1652 to around Rs. 1775. The demand is mostly arriving from the poultry sector for chickens that are to be fed as the demand for it will increase post Dussehra.

Corn on CBOT up by 0.30 USD to 266.72 USD per MT for Sep'22 contract, as compared to previous week, on the account of fair supply from U.S.

Outlook:

AgriWatch expects, steady to Range-bound price movement of Maize during the coming week in domestic market since domestic demand remains sluggish along with negligible market supply due to high moisture content in new arrivals. Also, international demand will gradually increase as the Indian Maize has started to decrease upon increase in production as compared to its competitors

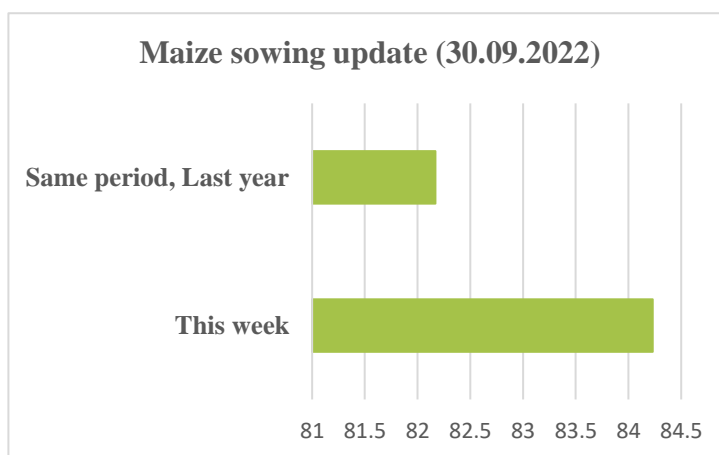
WEATHER SCENARIO

As per reports, in North and South Karnataka, MP, and East Rajasthan, the prediction calls for isolated to scattered showers, while Marathwada and Telangana see more widespread rain. It is likely that a cyclonic circulation will develop in the northeast and adjacent east central Bay of Bengal. As rains consistently shift south of India, October to December is considered "North East Monsoon" season. By obtaining 106% of LPA, the season came to a successful conclusion. This was the fourth consecutive strong monsoon for all of India.

DOMESTIC SCENARIO

Maize Sowing Update

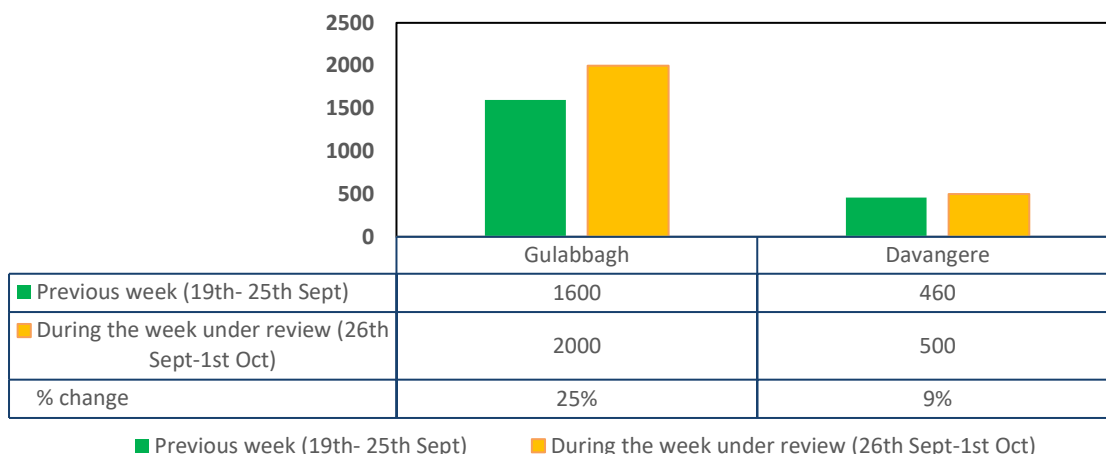
As per the latest update of Agriculture department, GOI, India marked a slight rise in Maize area coverage till 30th September 22 as compared to same period last year. Till last week Maize has been sown in 84.32 lakh Ha. compared to 82.17 lakh Ha. same period last year, which is approximately 3%



more compared to last year for same time period. As per the report, largest area coverage under Maize was in M.P at around 16.14 Lakh hectares as compared to 15.13 Lakh hectares during same period last year.

New Rabi Arrivals/Supply in Bihar Markets

Weekly Maize Arrivals

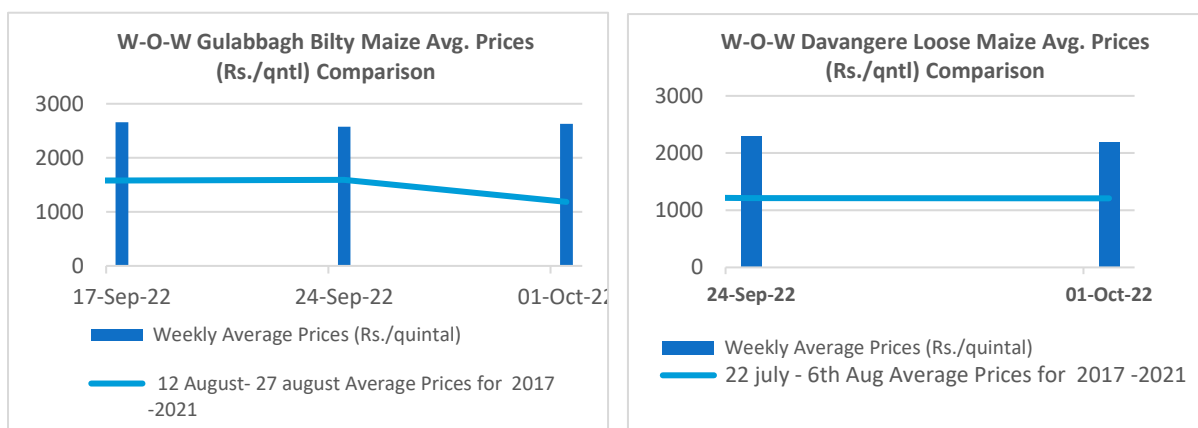


The arrival of maize at several spot markets across the nation has been consistent with the seasonal trend. When compared to the previous week's arrivals at Davangere, which were at 460 MT, the arrivals increased to 500 MT for the week under review. Additionally, there was an increase in total arrivals at benchmark market Gulababbagh, Bihar, from the previous week's 1600 tonnes to 2000 tonnes during the week under review.

Spot Price

An overall slightly firm movement witnessed in Maize prices across the major spot markets of the country, on the account of slight increase in supply to markets.

Maize (Corn)Weekly Prices:						
Market	Grade	01-Oct-22	24-Sep-22	31-Aug-22	30-Sep-21	30-Sep-20
Naugachia	Bilty	2350	2400	2500	1825	1350
Delhi	Hybrid Maize (U.P.)	2475	2500	2400	1800	1330
Davangere	Loose	2200	Closed	Closed	1925	NA
Shimoga	Bilty	NR	NA	NR	NR	NA
Ranebennur	Bilty	NR	NA	NR	NR	NA
Bagalkot	Hybrid/Local	2040	NR	NA	NA	1270
Gadag	Local	1739	2161	NA	NA	1200
Nizamabad	Bilty	Closed	Closed	Closed	1925	1375
Khanna	Bilty	2100	2050	2200	1710	1160
Sangli	Feed	2216	2433	2796	2044	1508
Ahmedabad	Feed	2400	2600	2550	2000	1330
	Starch	2300	2550	2550	2000	1350



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Domestic Demand and Trade

As per trade sources, the overall arrivals for the day at Guna were at around 200 Quintals. The armyworm infestation reported at some parts of Madhya Pradesh was below ETL and has not affected the surrounding crops. The pest attack was overcome with the rainfall ahead. The arrival prices at Baran, Rajasthan was ranging at Rs.1400 to Rs.2100 due to the moisture content of the new arrivals at 26 to 30%. However, the overall production is expected to be more in Karnataka as compared to last year.

Exports

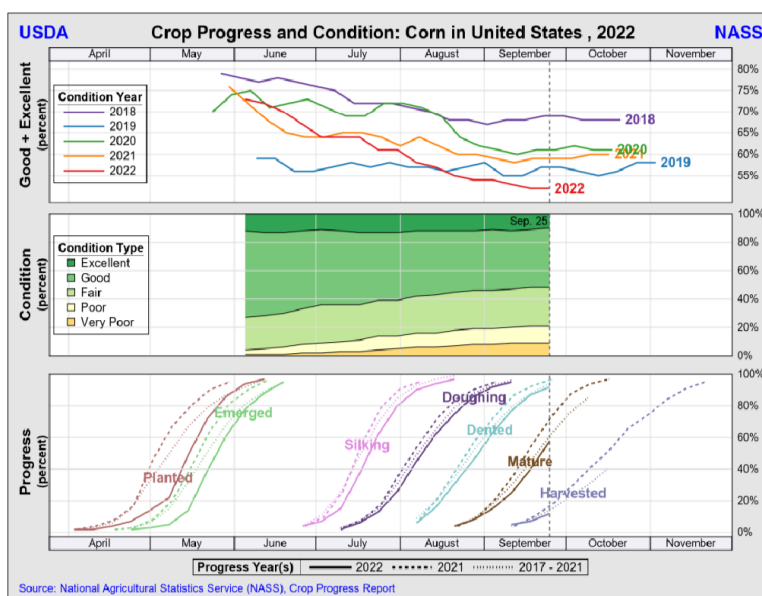
As per the Trade sources India exported around 1,97,506 MT of Maize during August 2022 with the average FOB of around 346.01 USD/MT. Also, out of this around 1,44,415 MT of Maize was exported to Bangladesh with an average FOB of around 318.07 USD/MT and 24,965 MT of Maize was exported to Nepal with an average FOB of around 325.80 USD/MT. The latest data is awaited.

Weekly Averages of FOB and C&F Rate to Thailand (\$1=Rs.81.89)				
	Argentina	Brazil	US	India
FOB	292.20	284.20	322.20	296.54
C&F	342.20	339.20	382.20	331.54

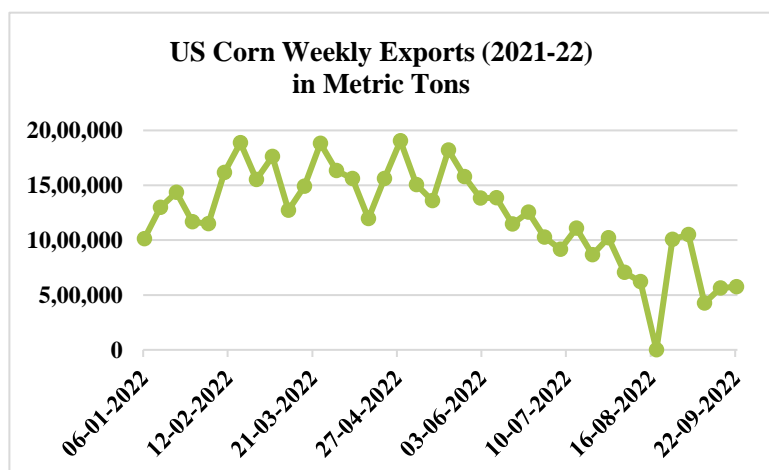
According to the latest updates, the current crop is in good size in India along with increase in harvesting activities and good weather conditions in major growing states. Also, exporters are trying to get as much as orders they could by decreasing FOB quotes as they are aware of the volume of incoming crop and its availability. The old stocks are also being released at a discounted price. Further, domestic demand is also currently very low due to the new arrivals having high moisture content. The prices may decline further with increase in the pace of arrivals.

INTERNATIONAL SCENARIO

As per U.S Corn planting report as of USDA as on date 26th September 2022, 42% of Corn was in good and 10% was in excellent condition which was almost in par for past week and was 45% good and 14% excellent for same time period during last year. Also, 92% corn at dented stage and 58% of Corn crop was in mature stage.



U.S. Maize exports have reached at 1.60 million metric tonne (MMT) for 2021-22 Marketing Year, with the exports of 0.57 MMT for the period of 15th September 2022 – 22nd September 2022. Exports were primarily to



Mexico (239,200 MT), China (141,200 MT), Japan (135,000 MT), El Salvador (19,400 MT), and Venezuela (15,300 MT).

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Maize CBOT Weekly Futures Price Listing (USD/Ton)				
	Contract Month	2-Oct-22	25-Sep-22	Change
Corn CBOT Prices	Sep-22	266.72	266.42	+0.30
	Dec-22	269.28	268.39	+0.89
	Mar-23	269.48	268.59	+0.89
	July-23	267.02	266.03	+0.99

DOMESTIC OUTLOOK

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