

OILMEAL

1st August 2005

MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Domestic Soymeal Market Opened Weak; Later Recovered
- Oilmeal market Showed a Range Bound Trading

COMMENTARY

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

The domestic spot market of soymeal did show some recovery today but the rains are affecting the arrivals. However, at NCDEX the August soymeal future contract at the NCDEX opened on the lower side but later on did show some gains but is still showing some weak trading. The rains affected the markets in the western parts of India. The soymeal futures are expected to remain weak but might show some improvement later on during the week.

Plant delivery quotes of Soy seeds remained in the range of Rs 1275 per qtl in Indore while soymeal in physical market has been offered at Rs 8800 - 9200 per MT, as per quality. FOR quotes remained at Rs 9650-9750 per MT in Kandla in jute bags, FAS has been put at \$ 226 - 230 per MT.

India's soymeal exports totaled **115,750** tons in June 2005 compared with 94,500 tons in June 2004.

DOC rates at different centers

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)
Indore	8800-9200
Satna/Morena	9400
Vizag	9900
Nanded	8800-8900
Nagpur (42-43%)	8900
Latur	9000
Sangli	-
Kandla	9650
Mumbai	9800
Dhulia/Jalna	----/9100
Kota	9000-9050

Soy meal vessel report (01.08.05)

Loading of 6,000 MT of SBM is continuing at Mumbai Port on the vessel 'Lisa L' to Sharja. SDS agents is handling the vessel. The port is loading 3,000 MT of SBM on the vessel 'Zale'. The vessel is being handled by Seagull agents.

NCDEX Soy meal Futures price (1st August)

	Prev Close Price	High Price	Low Price	Close Price	Change
Aug	8949.00	8997.00	8860.00	8997.00	+48.00
Sep	9370.00	9200.00	9200.00	9200.00	-170.00

Rape/ Mustard meal

The rape meal prices today remained within the same range that is continuing for last several days. The demand in the market is lean during the last few days. The floods and rains hit the trading and the rapemeal market is following the weakness of other oilmeals.

In Shivpuri/ Morena, rates remained at Rs 4500 per MT; Kota & Barah at Rs. 4450 per MT.

Central Organisation For Oil Industry And Trade (COOIT), 1st Advance estimates for the year 2004-2005 has put the Rapeseed/Mustard crop production along with Kharif Toria (1.8 lakh tonnes) to 72.0 lakh tonnes in 2005.

India exported **53,975** tons of rapemeal in June 2005 as compared to 45,575 in June 2004.

Groundnut meal

The groundnut meal market remained range bound and trading was badly hit by the rains in the western province of India. The market is going through a thread line weakness mainly because of low arrivals and uncertainty regarding the yield results. In the coming days the prices may remain within the range and later on will be betteroff.

GN extraction in Junagarh, Rajkot has been quoted at Rs 6500 for 40% protein and at Dhulia market there was no trading for today.

Central Organisation for Oil Industry and Trade (COOIT), 1st Advance Rabi Estimates for the 2004-2005 has put the Rabi GN crop at 17 lakh tonnes, same as last year.

India exported around **8,900 MT** groundnutmeal in June 2005 as compared to 30,475 MT in June 2004.

INTERNATIONAL MARKET

The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) remained closed on Saturday and Sunday.

(One million metric tons of soybeans or wheat equals 36.74 million bushels.)

CBOT Soymeal Futures as on 29th July 2005 (Cents/pound)

Months	Previous Settle	Open	High	Low	Change	Close
Aug'05	215.8	216.5	216.5	-	-3.4	212.4
Oct'05	215.1	216.1	216.5	210.2	-4.5	210.6

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Latest Kharif Oilseeds Sowing Progress; Picking Up

The shortfall in kharif acreage due to a delay in the onset and advancement of southwest monsoon seems to be picking up now. According to the latest agriculture ministry data, Kharif oilseed sowing is down merely 3.6 per cent (as on July 25) at 119.54 lakh hectares compared with 123.98 73 lakh hectares last year. This on-year shortfall is largely due to delayed monsoon and intermittent rains in regions like Indore division.

Following improvement in rains situation in central India, especially Malwa-Nimar belt, soybean sowing is now up 7 per cent at 62.84 lakh hectares compared with 58.73 lakh hectares last year. The situation has improved drastically since last week.

Groundnut sowing is down 15.4 per cent to 38.41lakh hectare compared to 45.40 lakh hectare. Late rains followed by heavy rains had delayed sowing of the crop in Gujarat. Currently, sowing is said to be in full swing in groundnut-regions in Gujarat.

Sunflower sowing is down 39 per cent at 3.42 lakh hectares, sesamum down 8 per cent at 9.98 lakh hectares and niger seed down 38 per cent at 37,000 hectares. On the other hand, castor seed acreage is up 63.5 per cent at 4.53 lakh hectares.

WEATHER WATCH: (01.08.05)

Forecast valid for next 72 hours

North: Rain/thundershowers likely at a few places in the region.

East: Rain/thundershowers likely at most places over East Madhya Pradesh; at many places over Orissa and Chhattisgarh and at isolated in the rest region. Increase in rainfall activity over Orissa after 3rd.

South: Rain/thundershowers likely at many places over Coastal Karnataka, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands; at a few places in the Telangana, interior Karnataka and at isolated in the rest region.

West: Rain/thundershowers likely at most places in Konkan & Goa, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathawada, Gujarat state and West Madhya Pradesh; at many places over Vidarbha and south Rajasthan and at a few places in the rest region.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Slight increase in rainfall activity over Northwest India. Subdued rainfall activity likely to continue over Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Increase in rainfall over northeastern states.

Warning

Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at a few places over Konkan & Goa, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathawada, Gujarat state and West Madhya Pradesh. Isolated heavy rainfall also likely over Coastal Karnataka, Vidarbha, South Rajasthan and East Madhya Pradesh.

Forex Rates (01.08.05)

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	43.45
European Union	Euro	52.87

Export of Oilmeal

COMMODITY WISE

India's oil meal exports of April - June '05 (compared to comparative period of previous year 2004-05)

Quantity in metric tonnes

Month	S.B. EXT	R.S. EXT	G.N. EXT	R.B. EXT	CST EXT	TOTAL
April 2005	99,250 (366,625)	90,900 (96,000)	12,950 (14,800)	---	17,800 (---)	220,900 (477,425)
May 2005	156,100 (278,300)	69,650 (100,875)	3,025 (44,750)	6,875 (---)	50,200 (---)	285,850 (423,925)
June 2005	115,750 (94,500)	53,975 (45,575)	8,900 (30,475)	12,675 (5,800)	20,225 (6,200)	211,525 (182,550)
TOTAL	371,100 (739,425)	214,525 (242,450)	24,875 (90,025)	19,550 (5,800)	88,225 (6,200)	718,275 (1,083,900)
2004-05	1,861,325	588,805	121,475	43,056	70,750	2,685,411
2003-04	2,683,675	447,050	126,750	---	65,550	3,323,025
2002-03	1,333,318	455,533	15,225	---	92,445	1,896,521
2001-02	2,509,207	313,012	101,001	---	97,557	3,020,777
2000-01	2,182,142	62,968	18,609	---	10,992	2,336,638
1999-00(F.Y)	2,249,505	79,874	1,808	---	93,365	2,428,470

S.B.- Soybean Extns., R.S.- Rapeseed Extns., G.N.- Groundnut Extns., CST - Castorseed Extns, R.B.- Ricebran Extns

Source: SEA Data Bank

PORTWISE

MONTH	BEDI	MUMBAI	BHAV-NAGAR	KANDLA	VIZAG	KAKI-NADA	MAGD-ALLA	MUNDRA	TOTAL
April 2005	35,175 (61,525)	43,250 (102,175)	---	126,625 (235,500)	15,850 (24,125)	---	---	---	220,900 (477,425)
May 2005	10,500 (115,600)	48,325 (61,250)	---	188,975 (155,950)	30,425 (56,400)	6,875 (9,000)	750 (---)	---	285,850 (423,925)
June 2005	8,600 (39,300)	45,625 (70,925)	---	120,650 (59,475)	29,900 (---)	6,750 (12,850)	---	---	211,525 (182,550)
TOTAL	45,675 (177,125)	91,575 (163,425)	---	315,600 (391,450)	46,275 (80,525)	6,875 (16,500)	750 (---)	---	506,750 (901,350)

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