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USDA: Weekly Export Sales Highlights

Weekly Export Sales Highlights of US Department of Agriculture is released on Thursday i.e. March 30, 2006. This summary is based on reports from exporters (for the period of March 17-23, 2006).

Soybeans: Net sales of 220,700 MT were 5 percent below the previous week and 41 percent under the prior 4-week average. Major increases for Mexico (133,300 MT) and China (112,700 MT, including 113,000 MT switched from unknown destinations) were partially offset by decreases for unknown destinations (120,000 MT). Sales of 74,600 MT for delivery in 2006/07 were mainly for unknown destinations (60,000 MT). Exports of 690,900 MT were 28 percent above the week earlier and 4 percent over the prior 4-week average. The primary destination was China (452,700 MT), followed by Indonesia (48,600 MT), Japan (38,400 MT), Mexico (34,400 MT), Taiwan (32,800 MT), Malaysia (18,700 MT), and Colombia (18,400 MT).

Coming Sooner: Early Soybean Planting Growing Trend

A survey of Indiana soybean producers by Purdue University found that growers are planting much earlier than they did a decade ago. Producers said they've moved up their planting operations in order to increase the odds of harvesting bigger crops and avoid planting delays caused by late spring rain, says Shawn Conley, Purdue Extension soybean specialist and survey coordinator. More than 1,300 farmers across the state participated in the Purdue survey, conducted this past fall. Complete survey results will be released in a report due out this spring. "In recent years we've seen a movement among growers to plant earlier," Conley says. "In our survey we found that 67 percent of growers across the state of Indiana are planting their soybeans earlier today than they did 10 years ago. They are planting anywhere from one to three weeks earlier." The early planting trend also falls along regional lines, Conley says. "The interesting thing is that it's not the growers in the southern part of Indiana planting earlier. They are planting at about the same time they've planted in the past, because they have a little bit longer planting

Soybean Cake and Meal: Net sales of 179,000 MT were 55 percent above the week earlier and 90 percent over the prior 4-week average. Major increases were reported for Canada (80,200 MT), Mexico (61,700 MT), Chile (23,100 MT), and Colombia (9,800 MT). Exports of 117,700 MT were 17 percent above the previous week, but 11 percent under the prior 4-week average. The primary destinations were Mexico (34,500 MT), Canada (30,600 MT), Chile (23,100 MT), and Japan (16,700 MT).

Soybean Oil: Net sales of 9,400 MT were primarily for Mexico (6,100 MT) and Nicaragua (3,000 MT). Exports of 15,000 MT were mainly to South Korea (13,900 MT), Canada (500 MT), and Mexico (400 MT).

Source: USDA

window," he says. "Instead, it's those growers in the central and northern parts of the state that are pushing that date earlier and earlier every year." Thirty-three percent of the Indiana soybean acres in 2005 were planted by May 8, slightly ahead of the 32 percent average for the same period between 2000 and 2004, according to the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service. By comparison, the 1991-95 planting average for the period ending May 12 was 18 percent. "When we asked growers the main reasons for planting earlier, the No. 1 reason they gave was yield," Conley says. "Growers strongly believe that they're getting significantly higher yields by planting their soybeans earlier. The No. 2 reason for earlier planting is weather. "Growers feel if they don't get their beans planted by the end of April or first part of May and we get into a rainy stretch, planting will be pushed back to the end of May or the first part of June. When that happens they get out of the optimum window for planting soybeans." As a rule of thumb, the ideal planting period for soybeans is between April 20 and May 26, Conley says. Producers who plant soybeans earlier

than April 26 run the risk of frost damage. Those who plant later than May 26 aren't likely to achieve the highest possible yields. Frost damage is not the only possible threat from planting early. Crops also are susceptible to disease and insect infestations, Conley says. "Early planting not only increases risk of poor stand establishment because of seedling blight, it also increases risk of Sudden Death Syndrome, or SDS," he says. "There's a relationship between early planting and an increased incidence of SDS." Although foliar symptoms of SDS don't appear until after pods have begun to set, infection occurs much earlier, Conley says. Wet fields and plant stress early in the crop season set the stage for the disease. "While planting at the

optimum time does not eliminate the risk of SDS, risk seems to be greater with earlier planting," Conley says. "We would encourage growers who plant their beans early to make sure the varieties they're planting earlier have some tolerance to SDS. "Another pitfall with earlier planting is insects such as bean leaf beetle, which can transmit viruses. We're not talking about a lot of acres but, typically, it's the early planted beans where the bean leaf beetle shows up first." Bean leaf beetles can carry the bean pod mottle virus, among others. The virus damages soybean leaves and limits the plant's ability to produce seeds.

Source: Purdue University

International Conference on Soybean

International conference on soyabean will be scheduled to be held in New Delhi from April 7 and 8 to discuss challenges and opportunities of food usage of soybean in the country. The conference is scheduled to discuss wide-ranging issues covering production, processing and uses of soyabean, a protein-rich legume.

Technical sessions:

1. Nutrition and health benefits, nutraceutical products, handling and marketing, as also expert speakers would

cover Soya food products in the Indian context in the technical sessions.

2. Processing industries, entrepreneurs, policymakers, scientists, technologists, trading houses and service providers are likely to come together on a common platform to examine issues in-depth and evolve strategies for market expansion.

3. The conference is organised jointly by Soy Food Association and American Soybean Association.

Malaysia: March Palm Oil Exports Up 1.21 %

A cargo surveyor SGS (Malaysia) Bhd. released his export sales estimates on Monday i.e. March 27, 2006. SGS revealed in his export sales estimates that the Malaysian palm oil exports during March 1-25, 2006 totaled 853838 metric tonnes, up 1.21% from 843660 metric tonnes in February 1-25, 2006.

Details of major items, which is estimated by SGS are as follows: Table 1 shows that RBD Palm Oil and RBD Palm

Olein export sales are declined by 31.45 and 13.77 per cent respectively during March 1-25, 2006 as compared to February 1-25, 2006. However, Table 1 shows that export sales of RBD Palm Stearin and Crude Palm Oil increased by 13.26 and 58.55 per cent during the same period.

Table1: Shows the details of the major items in SGS estimate

(Unit: MT)

Items	March 1-25, 2006	February 1-25, 2006	Change %
RBD Palm Olein	316351	362654	-12.77
RBD Palm Oil	68556	100015	-31.45
RBD Palm Stearin	78027	68893	+13.26
Crude Palm Oil	175659	110790	+58.55

Source: SGS (Malaysia) Bhd.

Major Importers of Malaysian Palm Oil

Estimates of export data released by Cargo Surveyor SGS on Monday i.e. March 27, for the period of March 1-25,

1. European Union 2. China 3. USA 4. India and 5. Pakistan

Country wise brief highlights of imports are as follows: Table 2 shows that import of Malaysia's palm oil from USA and China declined by 22.93 and 14.12 percent respectively in March1-25, 2006 as compared to Feb 1-25,

2006. The major importers of Malaysian palm oil were as follows:

2006. However, Import of Malaysian palm oil from European Union, India and Pakistan increased by 28.58, 153.35 and 47.51 per cent during the same period.

Table 2: Shows the major import destination of Malaysian palm oil:

(Unit: MT)

Countries/Continents	March 1-25, 2006	February 1-25, 2006	Change %
European Union	250003	194441	+28.58
China	147861	172164	-14.12
United States	55757	72344	-22.93
India	41625	16430	+153.35
Pakistan	59300	40200	+47.51

Source: SGS (Malaysia) Bhd.

Malaysia: February Palm Oil Export Down 2.40 %

A cargo surveyor "Intertek Agri Services" released his export estimates on Monday i.e. March 27, 2006. He revealed in his export estimates that the Malaysia's palm oil

exports in March 1-25 totaled 848005 metric tons, down 2.40% from 868825 metric tons in February 1-25, 2006.

Source: Intertek Agri Services, Malaysia

GOI: Cuts Base Import Prices on Edible Oils

Government of India cuts base import prices on edible oil on Friday, i.e. March 31, 2006. Govt. of India reduced base import prices on Crude Soybean Oil at \$ 524/ton (-13) from \$ 527/ton, Crude Palm Oil at \$ 430 /ton (-\$4/ton) from \$ 434/ton, RDB Palm Oil at \$ 445/ton (-4) from \$ 449/ton, Crude Palm olein at \$ 452/ton (-4) from \$ 456/ton, Other

Palm Oil 438 (-4) from \$442/ton, RBD Palmolein 455 (-4) from \$459/MT, Other Palmolein 454 (-4) from \$458/ton. Base import prices are used by the government of India to calculate import duties regardless of the actual market prices of the commodities. Revised tariff values of various edible oils as shown in the table below.

Table: Ministry of Finance, GOI has revised base import prices

Unit (US \$/Ton)

Commodities	Current Tariff Rate	Previous Tariff Rate	Change (US \$)
Crude Soybean Oils	524	537	-13
CPO	430	434	-4
RBD Palm Oil	445	449	-4
Crude Palm Olein	452	456	-4
RBD Palm Olein	455	459	-4
Other Palm Oil	438	442	-4
Other Palmolein	454	458	-4

Source: Ministry of Finance, GOI.

DOMESTIC MARKET ANALYSIS

Palm oil

Palm oil prices on spot market were range bound amid weak sentiments in most markets during the week. Palm oil futures prices were during the week due to higher stock and lower demands. Peoples are disappointed with figure of record high production and lower export demands of PMO.

RBD palmolein prices were quoted on spot markets in range of Rs 370/372 in Kandla, Rs 375-378 in Mumbai, Rs 385-387 in Chennai and Rs 373-377 per 10 kg in Kakinada. However, Prices for CPO on domestic spot markets were steady during the week.

Weekly prices for CPO

(Rs/ 10 kg)

Center	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
Kandla	354.00	354.00	354.00	354.00	354.00	354.00

Weekly prices for RBD Palmolein

(Rs/ 10 kg)

Center	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
Kandla	372.00	370.00	370.00	370.00	370.00	370.00
Mumbai	378.00	377.00	377.00	377.00	375.00	375.00
Chennai	387.00	387.00	387.00	387.00	387.00	385.00
Kakinada	377.00	376.00	375.00	375.00	373.00	373.00
Hyderabad	398.00	397.00	397.00	397.00	395.00	395.00

Weekly prices for FOB (Kandla)

(US \$ / MT)

Center	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
CPO	377.50	377.50	377.50	377.50	377.50	Closed
RBD Palmolein	402.50	402.50	405.00	405.00	407.50	Closed

Soy oil

Soy oil prices on physical markets were range bound with weak sentiments in most markets during the week due to world huge stock of soyoil. US sowing acreage increased as compared to last year. Most of the markets on the weaker side as there was globally bearish sentiments. However, the news that VAT being imposed in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh from 1st April, is expected to support the prices on the next week. Daily arrivals of soybeans were in range of 50,000-55,000 bags in Major

markets (bags=85 kg). Refined soy oil prices on domestic spot markets declined significantly to Rs 367 from Rs 372 per 10 kg in Mumbai and Kota Mandi and Rs 370 in Jaipur from 375 per 10 kg. CIF (Cost, Insurance and Freight) charges for soy oil (March Shipment) at Kandla port were in a narrow range of \$497/ton to \$505/ton during this week. Soy oil prices are expected to move range bound with positive sentiments due to dearth stock and VAT.

Prices for Soy (Ref) during the week

Prices for Soy (Ref) during the week					(Rs/ 10 kg)	
Center	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
Mumbai	372.00	371.00	371.00	367.00	366.00	367.00
Indore	365.00	365.00	365.00	364.00	364.00	369.00
Kota	372.00	368.00	Closed	367.00	367.00	Closed
Jaipur	375.00	371.00	Closed	370.00	370.00	Closed
Hyderabad	380.00	380.00	380.00	380.00	380.00	380.00
Chennai	380.00	380.00	380.00	380.00	378.00	377.00
Rajkot	366.00	366.00	367.00	367.00	370.00	370.00

Prices for Soy Degum (High Sea) during the week

Prices for Soy Degum (High Sea) during the week					(Rs/ 10 kg)	
Center	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
Mumbai	352.00	351.00	352.00	351.00	352.00	352.00

Prices for CIF Soya during the week

Prices for CIF Soya during the week					(US \$/ MT)	
Center	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
Kandla & Mumbai	499.00	497.00	501.00	501.00	505.00	496.00

Rape/Mustard Oil

Mustard oil prices on spot market moved down slightly during this week. Harvesting is in progress in major producing states. Daily arrivals of mustard seeds were in range of 2,50,000-2,75,000 bags in Rajasthan and 60,000-

80,000 bags in Madhya Pradesh. Mustard oil prices declined slightly in Mumbai, Kota, Jaipur and Delhi market during this week. Mustard oil prices are expected to decline marginally in next week due to harvesting pressure.

Prices for Rape Expeller Oil

Prices for Rape Expeller Oil					(Rs/ 10 kg)	
Center	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
Mumbai	370.00	369.00	369.00	367.00	369.00	369.00
Kota	344.00	343.00	Closed	342.00	342.00	Closed
Jaipur	348.00	346.00	Closed	345.00	346.00	Closed
Delhi	371.00	371.00	366.00	365.00	368.00	368.00

Groundnut oil

Groundnut oil prices on domestic spot markets showed mixed sentiments in different market during this week. Groundnut oil prices declined slightly to Rs 343 from Rs 340 per 10 kg in Mumbai markets only due to lower prices of other edible oil in Mumbai. However, groundnut oil prices improved at the end of this week in Rajkot Mandi only because Gujarat government imposed VAT from April 1, 2006. Groundnut oil prices were went up slightly at the end

of this week due to lower supply. GN oil prices were quoted in a range of 433-445 in Chennai market and Rs 433-449 in Rajkot markets per 10 kg during this week. Groundnut oil prices are expected to improve slightly in most markets in coming week due to depleting stock and increasing demands at retail ends.

Prices for groundnut oil during the week**(Rs/10 kg)**

Center	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
Mumbai+VAT	443.00	442.00	441.00	441.00	440.00	440.00
Rajkot+VAT	433.00	433.00	438.00	438.00	448.00	449.00
Andhra Region	465.00	460.00	462.00	465.00	460.00	460.00
Chennai+VAT	433.00	433.00	433.00	445.00	445.00	450.00

Sunflower Oil

Domestic spot market prices of sunflower oil were range bound amid week sentiments in most of the markets. Refined SFO prices moved in range of Rs. 430 to 432 in Chennai, Rs 413-415 in Mumbai and Rs 424-425 in Hyderabad market per 10 kg during this week. Crude SFO

prices were quoted in a range of Rs 383-385 per 10 kg in Kandla and Mumbai during this week. CIF on sunflowers were in range of \$ 567/metric ton to \$ 586/ metric ton during this week. Sunflower oil prices are expected to move range bound with weak sentiments in coming week.

Prices for Refined Sunflower Oil during this week**(Rs/10Kg)**

Center	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
Chennai	432.00	430.00	428.00	430.00	430.00	432.00
Mumbai	415.00	413.00	413.00	413.00	413.00	413.00
Hyderabad	425.00	425.00	425.00	425.00	424.00	424.00

Prices for Crude Sunflower Oil during the week**(US \$/ MT)**

Center	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
Kandla & Mumbai	385.00	383.00	383.00	383.00	383.00	383.00

Prices for CIF Sunflower during the week**(US \$/ MT)**

Center	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
Kandla & Mumbai	567.00	568.00	570.00	570.00	582.00	586.00

Cotton Refine Oil

Cotton oil prices on physical market range bound with positive sentiments during this week in most markets. Supply of cottonseeds declined slightly during this week. Cotton oil prices moved in range Rs 376-379 in Mumbai, Rs

385-388 in Hyderabad and Rs 363-370 in Rajkot per 10 kg during this week. Cotton oil prices are expected to move range bound with positive sentiments in next week due to lower supply in major markets.

Prices for Refined Cotton Oil during this week

Markets	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
Mumbai	377.00	376.00	376.00	379.00	379.00	378.00
Hyderabad	388.00	385.00	385.00	385.00	385.00	385.00
Rajkot	363.00	363.00	366.00	366.00	368.00	370.00

INTERNATIONAL MARKET WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**Palm oil Market Malaysia**

Palm oil prices on spot market were range bound amid weak sentiments in most markets during the week. Most of the days during this week crude palm oil futures prices settled down on Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Exchange on higher stock fear. People are expecting more production and slow export demands would be major cause for higher stock at the end of March. BMD CPO futures settled down Thursday on continued concern over rising stock. June CPO futures contract on BMD moved in a wide range of MYR1,434-MYR1,452/ton in the week. There was nothing supportive fundamentals in markets to boost its prices. SGS (Malaysia) Bhd, a cargo surveyor, in its export

estimates on march 27 said Malaysia's palm oil exports during March 1-25 totaled 853838 metric tonnes, up 1.21% from 843660 metric tonnes in February 1-25. It said RBD Palm Oil and RBD Palm Olein export sales are declined by 31.45 and 12.77 per cent respectively during March 1-25, 2006 as compared to February 1-25, 2006. However, export sales of RBD Palm Stearin and Crude Palm Oil increased by 13.26 and 58.55 per cent during the same period. Malaysian palm oil imported by India totaled 41625 in March 1-25, up 153.35 % from 16430 tones in the Feb 1-25.

Soybean Market United States

May soybean oil futures prices on Chicago Board of Trade improved moderately during the week amid speculative buying. It is expected to decline sowing acreage of South America. Most of the days CBOT settlement prices were positive in this week due to speculative buying and technical correction and low acreage in South America. May CBOT soy oil contract prices moved in range of 22.64 - 23.85 cents per pounds during this week. May Soybean Oil closed up 0.2 cent on Thursday at 23.17 cent/pound, 0.08 cent off the high and 0.18 cent up from the low. Favourable

US export sales data added positive tone in shooting market up. Weekly US export sales for soybeans came well in the range at 295,300 metric tonnes as compared to trade expectations between 200,000-400,000. Solid gain in the meal export could be the reason for boosting the market up. Meal sales came high at 179,100 metric tonnes as compared to trade expectations between 70,000-125,000. Oil sales also remain high at 9,400 tonnes from 2,000-7,000 expected.

South American Soybean Market:

May South American soybeans settled 1 cent higher as compared to previous closing at \$6.055/bushel. Steep slide in the Brazilian currency expected to surge soybean exports and trigger a weaker tone for world cash markets, but Brazilian soybeans are already priced well below US soybeans. Favourable weather condition expected to continue this week due to dry weather forecast. Asia rust was reported in Argentina's and hunt the 4th largest

producing province. The sharp drop in the Brazil currency this week may stimulate increased selling from Brazil, which lift the market up. Increase in US soybean area followed by probable reduction in South American acreage had a bullish impact on the market sentiments. Tendering by South Korea of 55,000 tonnes either from Brazil or US spark the light into the market.

VAYDA BAZAAR

Weekly settlement prices for soy oil at NBOT

Contracts	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
April, 2006	377.40	377.30	375.50	374.70	375.10	373.00
May, 2006	385.40	385.20	383.40	381.60	381.70	379.40

NCDEX Soy Futures Markets

NCDEX April soy oil contract prices settled lower on Saturday. Indian government cuts base import prices on crude soy oil by \$ 13/ton. Another bearish news that the USDA projected higher soybean plantings at 76.89 million acres from 74.21 million acres), while previous year planting remain at 72.1 million acres. March 1st stock was

projected at 1.669 billion bushels as compared to 1.381 billion last year. Soy oil futures prices settled down Rs 1.40 trading at Rs 374.15/10 Kg, the prices moved in a range of Rs 373.00 to Rs 374.80 on Saturday. Soy oil prices are expected to move range bound near term.

Weekly settlement prices for soy oil at NCDEX

Contracts	27.03.06	28.03.06	29.03.06	30.03.06	31.03.06	01.04.06
April, 2006	378.10	378.15	376.20	375.10	375.55	374.15
May, 2006	385.40	385.05	383.95	381.95	382.50	380.40
June, 2006	391.15	392.30	389.70	388.05	388.65	385.50

WEEKLY WEATHER WATCH

Weather During the Week Ending On 29th March ,2006

Meteorological Analysis

A feeble western disturbance as an upper air system moved across western Himalayan region during 23rd and 24th. Its induced upper air cyclonic circulation extending upto 1.5 km a.s.l. was seen over central Rajasthan on 23rd and 24th. It lay over West Uttar Pradesh on 25th & 26th and subsequently moved away eastwards.

Another western disturbance as an upper air system lay over Jammu & Kashmir on 25th. It persisted on 26th & 27th and moved away eastwards on 28th.

An upper air cyclonic circulation extending upto 4.5 km a.s.l. lay over south Andaman sea and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal on 23rd. It persisted on 24th and weakened thereafter.

Another upper air cyclonic circulation extending upto 1.5 km a.s.l. lay over Tamil Nadu & neighbourhood on many days of the week.

A wind discontinuity/trough running from Vidarbha to Tamil Nadu was seen on many days of the week.

Another wind discontinuity/trough running from Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim to Vidarbha across Orissa was seen on 27th and from Gangetic West Bengal to Vidarbha on 28th & 29th.

An upper air cyclonic circulation extending in the lower tropospheric levels persisted over northeastern states on many days of the week.

Rainfall

Under the influence of above systems:

Light to moderate rainfall/snowfall occurred at many places over Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh and isolated over Uttaranchal during 25th to 28th.

Isolated rain/thundershowers also occurred over Punjab, north Rajasthan and Haryana during 1st half of the week.

Widespread rainfall with isolated heavy falls occurred over Nicobar islands during first half and isolated during the second half of the week.

Isolated light to moderate rainfall/thundershowers occurred over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh on some days of the week.

Isolated light rainfall also occurred over Chhattisgarh, Orissa, and Jharkhand during later half of the week.

Isolated light rainfall occurred over Kerala on one or two days of the week.

Weather was mainly dry over rest regions of the country.

Temperatures

Day temperatures were generally 1-3° C below normal over parts of northwest India on many days of the week and over central India on some days of the week. They were 4-6° C below normal over northeastern states on some days of the week. They remained 2-3° C above normal elsewhere throughout the week except parts of east India where they were 4-6° C above normal on 25th and 26th.

Night temperatures remained below normal over parts of Gangetic plains and adjoining central & east India during 1st half seen thereafter in the beginning of the week.

Subsequently, they rose and became 2-3° C above normal. However, night temperatures which were above normal by 2-3° C over northwest and west-central India during 1st half fell thereafter and became 2-3° C below normal. They remained generally 1-2° C above normal over south peninsula and northeastern states throughout the week.

Rainfall During The Week (Week ending on 29th March, 2006)

Rainfall was **excess/normal** in **5**, **deficient/scanty** in **14**, and no rain in **17** out of 36 meteorological sub-divisions (Actual:3.6 mm, Normal 7.6 mm and Departure: -53%).

Cumulative Seasonal Rainfall (1st MARCH to 29th March, 2006)

Rainfall was **excess/normal** in **25**, **deficient/scanty** in **11** out of 36 meteorological sub-divisions. (Actual: 34.7 mm, Normal:29.6 mm and Departure: +17%).

Outlook For The Week Ending On April 5th 2006)

Under the influence of an approaching western disturbance, isolated to scattered rain/snow is likely over western Himalayan region during the middle of the week.

Scattered rainfall activity accompanied with isolated hail/squall likely over northeastern states during 2nd half of the week.

Isolated rain/thundershowers also likely over Andaman & Nicobar islands and over extreme south peninsula during first half of the week. Temperatures over western & central India are likely to increase during the week.

Source: IMD, GOI.

PORT WATCH

Port updates of edible oils in India (March 27 to April 1, 2006)

(Unit: Metric Tonnes)

Particulars	Expected	Arrived	Total
SBO	-	57800	57800
Palm oil	-	5020	5020
CPO	13900	47600	61500
Total	13900	110420	124320

Source: ANAS

Forex Rates

(As on 01.04.2006)

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.59
European Union	Euro	54.04
Japan	100 Yen	37.86
United Kingdom	Pound Sterling	77.48
Malaysia	Ringgit	12.11
China	CNY	5.56
Argentina	ARS	14.49
Brazil	BRL	20.32
Indonesia	1000 IDR	4.93

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