

MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Soymeal Remain Steady
- Soymeal Futures Witness No Trading

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

The prices remain stale at this juncture amid weak demand from the export end as well as from the domestic yard. The prices remain stagnant and will depend much on the upcoming demand from the Far East countries. Soy meal is not delivered on credit as the case with groundnut meal, therefore the domestic poultry industry finding difficulty to fetch soy meal on credit. Poor financial condition of the poultry industry reduces its demand further. Stagnancy in demand is mainly due to no fresh agreement on the export front and likely to continue the situation for some more time. Sluggish activities could be noticed in various ports and waiting for some new vessels to arrive. The prices at this stage stuck in absence of any fresh news. Stocks are still in the stronger hand and releasing stocks slowly to fetch the premiums.

Current vessel positions in different ports

Loading of 3,500 MT of SBM is continuing at Mumbai Port on the vessel 'Badulu Valley'. Sai Freight agents is handling the vessel. Loading of 5,000 MT of SBM is expected at Jamnagar Port on the vessel 'Timberland' to Black Sea Port. Ambika agents will be handling the vessel. 'Ruaha' has berthed at Kandla Port and continues to load 13,000 MT of SBM to Belawan. Loading of 13,500 MT of SBM is continuing at Kandla Port on the vessel 'Tinai' to Indonesia. Interocean agents is handling these vessels. Shantilal agents is handling the vessel. Loading of 13,650 MT of SBM is continuing at Kandla Port on the vessel 'IKI' to Japan. Sea Trade agents is handling the vessel.

Current Vessel Position

| Ports | Vessels | Vol. (MT) | Status | Desti-nation |
|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Kandla | Delfinaki | 16000 | Expected | New Zealand |
| | IKI | 13650 | Loading | Japan |
| | Bright Dream | 5000 | Expected | Far East |
| | Luna Blue | 11250 | Expected | |
| | Ruaha | 13000 | Loading | Belawan |
| | Tinai | 13500 | Loading | Indonesia |
| Jamnagar | Sunrise Ocean | 19000 | Expected | China |
| | New Yega | 12000 | Arrived | Singapore |
| | Lever Star | 6400 | Expected | Indonesia |
| | Timberland | 5000 | Expected | Black Sea Port |
| Mumbai | Badulu Valley | 3500 | Loading | |

NCDEX Soy meal Futures at Indore (27 May 06)

| Contract | Prev Close | High | Low | Close | Change |
|----------|------------|------|-----|-------|--------|
| June 06 | 7950.0 | - | - | - | - |
| July 06 | 8770.0 | - | - | - | - |

DOC rates at different centers

| Places | Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton) | | |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------|---|
| | 26.05.06 | 27.05.06 | Parity To |
| Indore (MP) | 8600-8700 | 8600-8700 | Guj, MP |
| Datia (MP) | 8700 | 8700 | Up, Bihar, Bengal, Nepal |
| Shivpuri (MP) | 8650 | 8650 | Up, Bihar, Bengal, Nepal |
| Nanded/Latur | 9000 | 9000 | Andhra, AP, Kar, TN |
| Dhulia/Jalna | 8900 | 8900 | Mumbai Maharashtra |
| Nagpur (42/46) | 8400/8700 | 8400/8700 | Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN |
| Sangli | 9600 | 9600 | Local and South |
| Solapur | 9500 | 9500 | Local and South |
| Kota | 9125 | 9125 | Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana |

DOC Port rate at different centers

| Centers | FOR Price | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| | 26.05.06 | 27.05.06 |
| Kandla (Old jute bags) | 9200 | 9200 (Buyers)- 9250 (Sellers) |
| Mumbai (PP bags) | 9200 | 9300 (Buyers)- 9350 (Sellers) |

Rape/ Mustard Meal

Mustard meal remains steady at different centers in absence of any fresh news. The prices hovered around Rs. 4200 in Morina, while prices at Indore and Kota varied between Rs. 4400 and 4100 respectively. Ex-factory rate at Jaipur observed at Rs. 4200. Prices remain firm in Kandla, Mundra and Jamnagar port at Rs. 4775, 4825 and 4600 respectively. The prices however expected to remain range bound with slight decrease in coming week amid expectation of reduced activity in the ports.

Sunflower Meal Rates at Different Centres

| Places | Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton) | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | 26.05.06 | 27.05.06 |
| Chalisingaon | 4400 | 4400 |
| Khamgaon | 4425 | 4425 |
| Rudrapur | 4250 | 4250 |
| Parli/Latur/Nanded | 4200-4300 | 4200-4300 |

Groundnut meal

The condition remain the same as that of previous day prices and remain steady. Fast depleting seeds into the market are expected to hold the current level of prices and there are meager chances the prices will slip further. Crushing is slowed down in the mills, as the plants are not getting enough seeds for crushing. The prices are expected to hover around the same level in absence of any fresh news. The prices of groundnut meal (40%) by cash basis varied between Rs. 6600-6700 while 45% ranged between 7200-7300 per MT in Saurashtra.

INTERNATIONAL MARKET

CBOT Soy Futures Remain Bearish on Weather

July Soybeans settled down 1.75 cent at \$5.825/bushel, 5.50 cent off the high and 0.50 cent up from the low. November Soybeans settled down 0.75 cent at \$6.08/bushel, which was 1.25 cents up from the low and 4.75 cent off the high. July Soymeal settled down \$0.2 at \$173.3/ton that was \$0.2 up from the low and \$1.2 off the high. July Soybean Oil closed up 0.02 cent at 25.11 cent/pound, 0.29 cent off the high and 0.06 cent up from the low. Lack of interest by the fund buyers in July soybean results into the weakness in the market sentiments despite firm opening. This week the weather remain favourable for the growing of soybean and likely to continue for the next week as well, which pressurized the market to settle down. Weakness in gold and energy market also helped to slide in the prices on later part. Brazil govt is trying to finish the unrest by increasing the governmental aid by 13% that will influence the soy futures in CBOT.

WEATHER WATCH

Rain/thundershowers with isolated squall are likely at a few places over Himachal and Uttaranchal and isolated over the rest region. Slight increase in day temperatures over Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh during next 2-3 days. Rain/thundershowers likely at most places over south

Konkan & Goa, at many places over south Madhya Maharashtra and Marathwada and isolated over north Madhya Maharashtra and North Konkan. Isolated dust-storm/thunder-storm may occur over Rajasthan. Mainly dry weather over Gujarat. Rain/thundershowers are likely at a few places over Vidarbha, East Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh and isolated over the rest region.

Southwest Monsoon has further advanced into parts of central Arabian Sea, rest parts of Kerala, most parts of Coastal & south Interior Karnataka, some parts of Rayalaseema, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, some more parts of west-central Bay, entire east-central Bay, some more parts northeast & some parts of northwest Bay, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur & Tripura, some parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam & Meghalaya. Conditions are favourable for advance of southwest monsoon in south Konkan & Goa, southern parts of Madhya Maharashtra, remaining parts of interior Karnataka some parts of Andhra Pradesh and remaining parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam & Meghalaya during next 2-3 days. The Northern Limit of Monsoon as on 27 May 2006, passes through 15.0°N/ 60.0°E, 15.0 °N/ 70.0°E, 15.0 °N/ 73.0°E, Karwar, Tumkur, Nellore, 17.0°N/ 87.0°E, 20.0°N/ 90.0°E, Agartala, Guwahati and Tezpur. **Chief Features:** During past 24 hours, rainfall has occurred at most places over Kerala, Lakshadweep, Nicobar Islands, Coastal Karnataka and Northeastern states, at many places over South Konkan & Goa; at a few places over Sub Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and rest Maharashtra and at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Orissa. **Chief amount of rainfall during past 24 hours (in cm) are:** Kasargode (Kerala)-17, Cherapuzhi-16, Mangalore-13, Agartala-11, Aurangabad & Nedumbaserry-9 each North Lakhimpur, Kozhikode & Kannur-8 each, Mangalore & Amini Divi-7 each Nandyal, Passighat-6, Dibrugarh, Jalpaigiri-5 each, Karwar, Kurnool, Minicoy -4 each.

Forex Rate on 27.05.06

| Country/ Continent | Currency | Value In Rupees |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------|
| USA | Dollar | 45.84 |
| European Union | Euro | 58.40 |
| Japan | 100 Yen | 40.66 |
| United Kingdom | GBP | 55.25 |

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