

## MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Soymeal Remain Range Bound
- Soymeal Futures Witness No Trading

## DOMESTIC MARKET

### Soy meal

Most of the centers witnessed improved sentiments. Rising prices of soybean due to poor stocks with farmers would lead to drop in crushing next month, further reducing meal availability. Sentiments at the major centers observed improved sentiments as the prices of the seeds are improving day by day with somewhat reduced arrivals. The stocks are in the higher hands as they are releasing it for fetching premiums. Plants are working for limited period of time and even working for limited hours. Unavailability of crushing seeds by the miller results into spurt in the prices in the physical market. High demand from the export end is also supporting the market up and providing underlying support.

Oilmeal exports from India have increased to a record level of 4.42 million tonnes valued at nearly US \$ 1 billion in 2005-06, which is an all time record. Soyabean oilmeal exports account for close to 75%-80% of India's total oilmeal exports. These have peaked at 3.4 million tonnes in 2005-06 nearly 90% higher than last year. Another important feature is the significant headway made in India's oilmeal exports to East Asia, with total oilmeal exports to the region showing a record increase of 90% in 2005-06. The extent of the increase to different countries in the region- the major destination for Indian oilmeals - including to China and Japan.

The prices at Indore spot market remain steady at Rs 8200-8700/ton as per quality. Where Nanded and Latur is traded in between Rs. 9000-9200. Dhulia/Jalna and Datia witnessed Rs. 8700/8800 and 8700 respectively. In Nagpur the meal witnessed Rs. 8500/8800. Futures market witnessed no trading today. The prices at the port witnessed strong improvement on ports due to acute shortage. The prices are expected to improve in coming days as the stocks are getting short and short.

### Current vessel positions in different ports

`Bao Heng Men' has berthed at Kandla Port and continues to load 12,300 MT of SBM to Japan. Shantilal agents is handling the vessel. The port is expecting `Luna Blue' to load 11,250 MT of SBM. JM Baxi agents will be handling the vessel. Jamnagar Port is loading 6,700 MT of SBM to Indonesia on the vessel `Jasmine Ace'. GAC agents is handling the vessel. Mumbai Port is loading 4,800 MT of SBM on the vessel `Seven Star'.

### Current Vessel Position

Ports	Vessels	Vol. (MT)	Status	Desti-nation
Kandla	Delfinaki	16000	Expected	New Zealand

	Bright Dream	5000	Expected	Far East
	Multi Trader	15500	Arrived	Japan
	Luna Blue	11250	Expected	
	Bao Heng	12300	Arrived	Japan
Jamnagar	Iran Mahallati	12600	Loading	China
	Sunrise Ocean	19000	Expected	China
	New Yega	12000	Arrived	Singapore
	Sin Chon	14000	Loading	Vietnam
	Jasmine Ace	6700	Loading	Indonesia
	Lever Star	6400	Expected	Indonesia
	Kibishio Maru	13000	Loading	Vietnam
Mumbai	Indruva Valley	2600	Expected	
	Seven Star	4800	Loading	

### NCDEX Soy meal Futures at Indore (2 May 06)

Contract	Prev Close	High	Low	Close	Change
May 06	8350.0	-	-	-	-
June 06	7950.0	-	-	-	-

### DOC rates at different centers

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	1.05.06	2.05.06	Parity To
Indore (MP)	8200-8400	8200-8700	Guj, MP
Datia (MP)	8600	8700	Up, Bihar, Bengal, Nepal
Shivpuri (MP)	8400	8500	Up, Bihar, Bengal, Nepal
Nanded/Latur	8900-9000	9000-9200	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	8600/8800	8700-8800	Mumbai Maharashtra
Nagpur (42/46)	8400/8900	8500/8800	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	9100	9300	Local and South

Solapur	9000	9100	Local and South
Kota	8600	8700	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana

#### DOC Port rate at different centers

Centers	FOR Price	
	1.05.06	2.05.06
Kandla (Old jute bags)	-	9000 (Buyers)- 9200 (Sellers)
Mumbai (PP bags)	-	9000 (Buyers)- 9200 (Sellers)
Vizag (Old jute bags)	-	-

#### Rape/ Mustard Meal

Rapeseed oilmeal exports were of the order of 0.53 million tonnes. These account for about 12% of India's total exports. Exports of rapeseed oilmeals have been stagnant. (This is largely because the MSP for rapeseed renders oil extraction is unremunerative and as a result, there are large carryover stocks of rapeseed / mustard seed with NAFED). Prices of mustard DOC remain range bound in the domestic market on account of high crushing and huge arrivals. The Mustard oilcake prices remains range bound at Rs 4100, whereas prices at Kota market remained at Rs. 4050. Prices at Jaipur spot market increase slightly at Rs.4200. Mundra and Kandla port witnessed trading at Rs. 4650 and 4700 for 1-15 May delivery.

#### Sunflower Meal Rates at Different Centres

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)	
	1.05.06	2.05.06
Jalna	-	-
Chalisgaon	-	4400
Khamgaon	-	-
Latur	4300-4400	-
Rudrapur	4400	4400
Parli	4300	4300-4400

#### Groundnut meal

Groundnut in the increased slightly and waiting for the government's action to remove the VAT from groundnut. If the VAT is removed from the state the prices would decline about Rs. 100-200 in the physical. The prices are expected to remain on the higher levels due to reduced supply and unavailability of seeds in the market. VAT remains the chief concern in Gujarat as traders are eagerly awaits for lifting VAT from groundnut and its derivatives. Though, state government assured to remove the VAT but no action till now be taken to resolve the issue. This lead to slow crushing in the mills and low availability of meals in the open market. Some export demand also help to boost the prices up in the market. The price is expected to improve in coming days, as there are very low

stocks left and stocks in stronger hand. Exporters are not getting the enough meal to export. GN meals (40%) by cash were at Rs 6500 and (45%) at Rs 7050 per MT on cash in Saurashtra.

#### INTERNATIONAL MARKET

##### CBOT Soy Futures Maintain Rally

July Soybeans settled up 5.75 cents at \$6.0675/bushel, 5.75 cents off the high and 10.50 cents up from the low. November Soybeans settled up 5.25 cent at \$6.26/bushel, which was 9.50 cent up from the low and 6 cent off the high. July Soymeal settled up \$5.3 at \$179.0/ton that was \$3.5 up from the low and \$1.0 off the high. July Soybean Oil closed up 0.16 cent at 25.88 cent/pound, 0.29 cent off the high and 0.06 cent up from the low. Strength in gold and silver helped to support the grain market which in turn boost the soy futures up amid short covering buying support. Weakness in dollar also provided underlying support. Fund buyers dominate the session and recorded near 8000 contracts into the mid session. July meal accomplished well among other contracts. For the weekly export inspections report, soybean exports remain at 9.077 million bushels as compared to 8-12 million expected. Talk in the market that nearly 2,000 contracts of the oil was stopped by a major commercial trading firm in their house account provide some underlying support.

##### CBOT Soymeal Futures as on 28.04.06

Months	PCP	Open	High	Low	Change	Close
May 06	172.9	175.5	178.7	175.3	+5.2	178.1
July 06	173.7	175.5	180.0	175.5	+5.3	179.0

#### WEATHER WATCH:

Mainly dry weather prevailed over the country except scattered rainfall over northeastern states and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and isolated over Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Tamil Nadu. Isolated duststorm/thunderstorm have also occurred over Rajasthan. Day temperatures are above 40 deg Celsius over the entire plains of northwest India, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha, Marathwada, interior Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. This scenario is likely continued except over Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh where they are likely to fall. Heat wave conditions continue to prevail over Tamil Nadu. They are likely to abate during next 1-2 days, as isolated rainfall is likely over the area.

Source: IMD, GOI

#### Forex Rate on 2.05.06

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.90
European Union	Euro	56.47
Japan	100 Yen	39.46
United Kingdom	GBP	81.88

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