

MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Soymeal Remain Steady
- Soymeal Futures Witness No Trading

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

Soy meal prices stuck to the current level due to lack of any fresh news in the market. The prices hovered around the same level as there were meager demands of soy meal in the domestic market. Stale activities could be noticed in the port, as there are virtually no fresh orders from the exporting countries. The prices of meal from India is bit costlier compared to Argentina meal and cost Rs. 10-15 more, thereby loosing the competition. But low freight charges to Far East countries compared to Western counterpart, India has geopolitical advantage. Therefore some demand in trickle is expected from the Far Eastern countries that are likely to boost the prices up in coming days. 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. Heavy arrivals of seeds into the market also results into eased situation for the meal. 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 (25 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)		
	24.05.06	25.05.06	Parity To
Indore (MP)	8600-8700	8600-8700	Guj, MP
Datia (MP)	8600	8600	Up, Bihar, Bengal, Nepal
Shivpuri (MP)	8900	8900	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	8950	9025	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana

DOC Port rate at different centers

Centers	FOR Price	
	24.05.06	25.05.06
Kandla (Old jute bags)	9250 (Buyers)- 9300 (Sellers)	9250 (Buyers)- 9300 (Sellers)
Mumbai (PP bags)	9250 (Buyers)- 9300 (Sellers)	9250 (Buyers)- 9300 (Sellers)

Rape/ Mustard Meal

Mustard meal remains range bound at different centers in absence of any fresh news. Improvement in the meal prices was quite obvious at this stage as soy meal and groundnut

meal remain at their higher levels thereby pulling up the mustard meal prices. The prices hovered around Rs. 4100 in Morina, while prices at Indore and Kota varied between Rs. 4400 and 4100 respectively. Ex-factory rate at Jaipur observed at Rs. 4250. Prices remain firm in Kandla, Mundra and Jamnagar port at Rs. 4800, 4850 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)	
	24.05.06	25.05.06
Chalisgaon	4600	4600
Khamgaon	4450	4450
Rudrapur	4300	4250
Parli/Latur/Nanded	4200-4300	4200-4300

Groundnut meal

Stand still condition persists in groundnut meal and expected to remain on the same level. 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 COMMENTARY

CBOT Soy Futures Stumble Down on Good Weather

July Soybeans settled down 4.25 cent at \$5.825/bushel, 6.50 cent off the high and 2.50 cent up from the low. November Soybeans settled down 3.50 cent at \$6.0725/bushel, which was 3.25 cent up from the low and 5.50 cent off the high. July Soybean meal settled up \$0.5 at \$172.3/ton, which was \$1.8 up from the low and \$0.7 off the high. July Soybean Oil closed down 0.35 cent at 25.08 cent/pound, 0.19 cent off the high and 0.16 cent up from the low. Soybean stumble in the back of good weather and influenced by the outside market such as steep

fall in gold and other commodity market. Concern over bird flu further added to its bearish tone. Active fund selling during the session amid weakness in international stock market further added to its bearish tone. July soymeal gain some strength on account of shifting of some funds from other commodities to meal. Informa Economics projected US soybean planted acreage at 75.3 million acres, down 1.6 million from the March intentions report from the USDA. Census Crush report released before the opening reveals that traders are expecting April crush near 137.8 million bushels, oil stocks near 2.63 billion pounds and meal stocks near 270,700 tonnes. Weekly export sales report released before the opening reveals traders expectation for soybean sales near 100,000-300,000 tonnes from 332,000 last week. Meal sales are expected near 50,000-100,000 tonnes and oil sales near 0-6,000 tonnes.

WEATHER WATCH

Rain/thundershowers with isolated squall are likely at a few places over Himachal and Uttaranchal and isolated over the rest region. Isolated dust-storm/thunder-storm may occur over Rajasthan and isolated rain/thundershowers likely over South Konkan & Goa and south Madhya Maharashtra and Marathwada. Mainly dry weather over the rest region. Rain/thundershowers are likely at a few places over Vidarbha & Chhattisgarh and isolated over the rest region.

Favourable conditions for onset of Southwest Monsoon over Kerala:

Southwest monsoon has further advanced into the remaining parts of southeast Bay, some more parts of southwest and east central Bay and into some parts of west-central Bay of Bengal and south Arabian Sea. The Northern Limit of Monsoon passes through 6.0°N/ 60.0°E, 6.0 °N/ 75.0°E, 13.0°N/ 85.0°E, 17.0°N/ 90.0°E and 20.0°N/ 93.0°E. The present meteorological conditions suggest that the cross-equatorial monsoon flow over south Arabian Sea is likely to strengthen further leading to increase in rainfall activity and onset of southwest monsoon over Kerala within next 2-3 days.

Forex Rate on 25.05.06

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value In Rupees
USA	Dollar	45.85
European Union	Euro	58.59
Japan	100 Yen	40.69
United Kingdom	GBP	85.68

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