

MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Soymeal Export Up in Last Quarter (April-June 2006)
- Weather Improving in Northern and central India

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

Demand of Soymeal has been good on export front. According to Solvent Extractors' Association, export of soymeal in the last quarter (April to June 2006) was up at 565,975 MT against 371,100 MT during the corresponding period last year. Export, however remained slightly low in June on year basis. SEA has estimated soybean export in June at 108,975 MT down against 115,750 MT. Maximum 45,125 MT of soymeal was exported to Vietnam in June 2006, which is followed by 17425 MT of export to Thailand. Volatility in soymeal prices has increased in these countries due to bird flu factor. Importing big vessels from continent is very risky affair. Apart from this, proximity is another factor giving edge to Indian exporters. Demand for the same remained weak in domestic markets from the feed industry, for which traders blame to seasonality. Weather is an another important factor, as sowing of the same is in progress in major producing areas. Weather now is turning supportive in northern and central India.

Current vessel positions in different ports

'Dagat Blue' has berthed at Kandla Port and continues to load 11,000 MT of SBM to Indonesia. JM Baxi agents is handling the vessel. Kandla Port is loading 8,500 MT of SBM on the vessel 'Carolina' to Baharin. Atlantic agents is handling the vessel.

Loading of 3,500 MT of SBM is continuing at Mumbai Port on the vessel 'Badalu Valley'. Sai Freight agents is handling the vessel.

Current Vessel Position

Ports	Vessels	Vol. (MT)	Status	Desti-nation
Kandla	Delfinaki	16000	Expected	New Zealand
	Tay Sun II'	12,000	Expected	Vietnam
	Zara III	17000	Loading	Karachi
	Tay Sun II	12000	Expected	Vietnam
Jamnagar	Bright Dream	5000	Expected	Far East
	Sunrise Ocean	19000	Expected	China
	Lever Star	6400	Expected	Indonesia
	Timberland	5000	Expected	Black Sea Port
Mumbai	Badulu	3500	Loading	

Valley			
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DOC rates at different centers

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	8.07.06	10.07.06	Parity To
Indore (MP)	8400-8600	8400-8600	Guj, MP
Datia (MP)	8800	8800	Up, Bihar, Bengal, Nepal
Shivpuri (MP)	8600	8600	Up, Bihar, Bengal, Nepal
Nanded/Latur	8800	8800	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	8850-8900	8850-8900	Mumbai Maharashtra
Nagpur (42/46)	8500-8800	8500-8800	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	9500	9500	Local and South
Solapur	9400	9400	Local and South
Kota	8600-8700	8600-8700	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana

DOC Port rate at different centers

Centers	FOR Price	
	8.07.06	10.07.06
Kandla	9050 -9100	9350-9450
Indore	8400-8500	8600-8700

Rape/ Mustard Meal

Export of rapeseed meal has been slightly low in the last quarter on year basis. SEA estimated export of rapeseed meal in 210,725 MT, down against 214,525 MT during the corresponding period last year. Substantial rise in export was seen in last month. Export of rapeseed meal in June totalled at 79,900 MT, up against 53,975 MT a year ago. Biggest importer of Indian soymeal was South Korea (31,900 MT) followed by China (26,800 MT). According to traders, good export demand has led to increased crushing of rapeseed. Demand however, has not been good for the oil.

Sunflower Meal Rates at Different Centres

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)	
	08.07.06	10.07.06

Chalisingaon	4900-4950	4950
Khamgaon	-	4800
Rudrapur	4200	4200
Parli/Latur/Nanded	4750-4800	4800

Groundnut meal

In international market, demand for all kind of meal has been good from China. China was affected most by avian flu factor. Crushing has been scaled low in China due to disparity. For its feed requirement, china has been importing meal from Indian subcontinent. In June, China imported 12,175 MT of groundnut meal from India. Demand however, is weak in domestic Indian markets. Prices are high in local markets due to good export demand and low availability of seed due to off-season. Sowing of seed is nearing completion in Saurashtra. Recent spell of rains in Saurashtra helped replenishing soil enough moisture. Weather is perfect for the crop growth. According to government official, sowing of kharif crop has been done in more than 80% area in Saurashtra. So, groundnut meal will likely to hover high in coming weeks. The prices of groundnut meal (40%) were quoted at Rs. 6800 while 45% was offered at 7400 per MT in Saurashtra.

INTERNATIONAL MARKET

CBOT (Friday)

November Soybeans settled down 7.50 cent at \$6.2775, 9 cent off the high and 6.50 cent up from the low. August Soybeans settled down 7.25 cent at \$6.0625, which was 6 cent up from the low and 8.50 cent off the high. December Soybean meal settled down \$3.1 at \$178.4/ton that was \$1.1 up from the low and \$1.1 off the high. December Soybean Oil finished down 0.06 at 28.11, 0.31 off the high and 0.24 up from the low. The recent forecast of rains in the southern belt and western corn belt results into the slackness of market. Despite some gain the market close lower on the day. Weekly US export sales for soybeans remain at 276,500 metric tonnes as compared to trade expectations between 200,000-400,000. Weekly meal sales remain high at 157,400 metric tonnes as compared to trade expectations between 65,000-125,000. Weekly US export sales for oil remain at 3,300 metric tonnes as compared to trade expectations between 0-6,000.

WEATHER WATCH

Chief Features

A low pressure area has formed over Bangladesh and adjoining Gangetic West Bengal with associated upper air cyclonic circulation extending upto mid-tropospheric levels. The system is likely to move in west northwesterly direction. Heavy to very heavy falls are likely at a few

places over Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, West Bengal & Sikkim, Jharkhand and Bihar.

Northwest India Rain/thundershowers are likely at many places over the region outside Jammu & Kashmir where it may be at a few places.

East India Rain/thundershowers are likely at most places over Gangetic West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand and at many places over the rest region. Rainfall activity is likely to increase over Orissa during next 2-3 days.

Northeast India Rain/thundershowers are likely at a few places over the region.

South India Rain/thundershowers are likely at many places over Coastal Karnataka and at a few places over Kerala, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. It may be isolated over the rest region.

West India Rain/thundershowers are likely at many places over Konkan & Goa, East Rajasthan and Northwest Rajasthan and at a few places over the rest region.

Central India Rain/thundershowers are likely at a few places over the region.

Heavy Rainfall Warning

Heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely at a few places over Gangetic West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand. Isolated heavy rainfall also likely over Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and Orissa.

Source: IMD, Gol

Forex Rate on 10.07.06

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	46.06
European Union	Euro	58.97
Japan	100 Yen	40.53
United Kingdom	GBP	85.22

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