

MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Soy meal Markets See Steady Trend
- Weather Improving in All Oilseed Producing Belts

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

Steady export although is not that voluminous as had been in recent past months has helped offsetting weather factor to some extent. Improved weather across all the major producing areas has helped replenishing desired moisture to the soil. Demand for the soy meal is weak from the feed industry in domestic markets. Traders see another threat from higher import of soy oil, pace for which more or less is similar to that of last year. Increased availability of soy oil will likely to depress its prices and eventually burden to bring crushing in parity will pass on to soy meal. Traders however are optimistic for the perspective of soy meal to remain good in coming year ahead. Soy meal markets has become highly volatile in the international markets due to increasing incidence of bird flu. So, Indian exporters will have edge over other exporters due to proximity factor.

Current vessel positions in different ports

'Thash Son' has berthed at Kandla Port and continues to load 5,500 MT of SBM. Shantilal agents is handling the vessel. Loading of 9,000 MT of SBM is expected at Kandla Port on the vessel 'Asian Rose' to Japan. The vessel will be handled by Taurus agents.

Mumbai Port is expecting 'Badulu Valley' to load 3,500 MT of SBM. Sai Freight agents will be handling the vessel.

Current Vessel Position

Ports	Vessels	Vol. (MT)	Status	Destl-Nation
Kandla	Asian Rose	9000	Expected	Japan
	Thash Son	5500	Berthed	Unknown
Mumbai	Badulu Valley	19000	Expected	China

DOC rates at different centers

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	27.07.06	26.07.06	Parity To
Indore (MP)	8400-8600	8400-8600	Guj, MP
Datia (MP)	8800	8800	Up, Bihar, Bengal, Nepal
Shivpuri (MP)	8500	8500	Up, Bihar, Bengal, Nepal

Nanded/Latur	8800	8800	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	8900	8900	Mumbai Maharashtra
Nagpur (42/46)	8500-8800	8500-8800	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	9300	9300	Local and South
Solapur	9200	9200	Local and South
Kota	8600	8600	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana

DOC Port rate at different centers

Centers	FOR Price	
	27.07.06	26.07.06
Kandla	9000-9050	9000-9050
Mumbai	9200	9200

Rape/ Mustard Meal

Rape DOC prices held steady levels due to decreasing demand both on domestic and export front. According to trade sources, exporters have turned silent for now. Majority seems have covered against their forthcoming consignments. Sources informed that no big consignment id due before August. The DOC prices at Kandla and Mundra remained at Rs. 4850 and 4900 (in PP bags) respectively. Prices for the same at Jamnagar were quoted at Rs 4800 per ton. Prices for the same in Jaipur were quoted at Rs 4200 per ton. The prices are expected to remain on the higher levels in coming weeks.

Sunflower Meal Rates at Different Centres

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)	
	27.07.06	26.07.06
Chalisingaon	5000	5000
Khamgaon	4725	4725
Rudrapur	4050-4100	4050-4100
Parli/Latur/Nanded	4750-4800	4800

Groundnut meal

There was no oomph in groundnut meal markets. Demand for the same remained subdued on the export front. Friendly weather situation kept weighing on its values. The prices of groundnut meal (40%) were quoted at Rs. 6700 while 45% was offered at 7200 per MT in Saurashtra.

CBOT

Soy futures at Chicago Board of Trade ended down on Wednesday. November soybean settled off 4.25 cents at \$6.0275 and August off 3.5 cents at \$5.8175 per bushel. December soy meal ended down 0.7 at \$173.1 per short ton and December soy oil off 28 points at 26.82 cents per pound. Improving weather situation in major producing areas was major bearish item. Scattered showers were reported in Iowa and northern Illinois. Weather, however, is expected to turn dry in most areas including Texas, Dakotas, and Illinois etc ahead.

Also, news of Taiwan deferring purchase of 30,000-60,000 MT of soybean from United State or Brazil had negative impact on its prices. Overnight weak closing of palm oil also weighed on values. Mild support came from firm tone in energy markets. Traders also are not expecting magic number from weekly export report. Traders are expecting soybean sale to come in the range of 2-4 lakh ton against 286,100 ton last week. Expectation for soymeal export ranges 75,000-150,000 MT and Soy oil between 0-6000 MT.

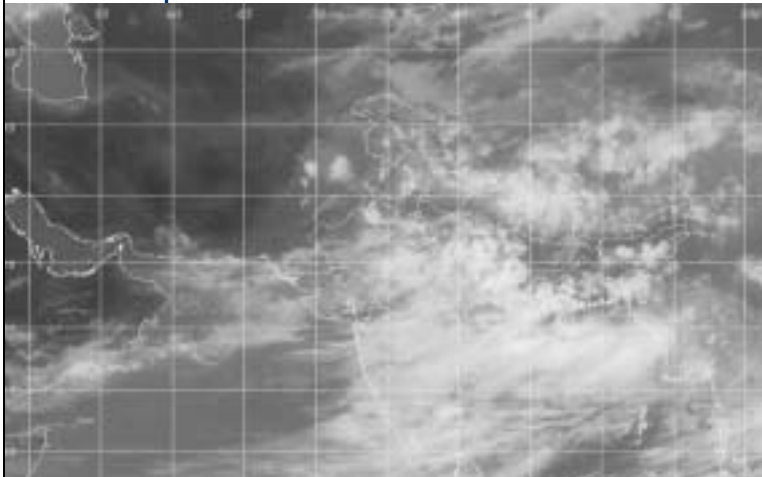
WEATHER WATCH

Chief Features

The axis of monsoon trough at sea level passes through Bikaner, Jhansi, Jharkhand, center of low pressure of area and thence southeastwards to east central Bay of Bengal. A low pressure area has formed over northwest Bay of Bengal off north Orissa- West Bengal coast. This system is likely to concentrate into a depression. Under its influence widespread rainfall activity with heavy to very heavy falls is likely at a few places over Orissa, Chhattisgarh, north Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Konkan & Goa during next 2-3 days. With the likely west-northwestwards movement of the system, rainfall activity is likely to increase subsequently over Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra including Goa and Gujarat. Ongoing fairly widespread rainfall activity with isolated heavy falls over western Himalayan region and plains of northwest India is likely to continue during next 24 hours and decrease gradually thereafter.

Source- IMD

Weather Map



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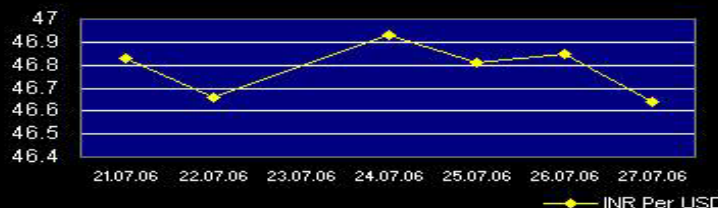
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Forex

Forex rate as on 27.07.06

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value In Rupees
USA	Dollar	46.640
European Union	Euro	59.330
Japan	100 Yen	40.150
United Kingdom	GBP	86.560

INR versus USD



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