

## MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Soymeal Markets Improved from Early Weakness
- Groundnut DOC Improved on Some Demand

## DOMESTIC MARKET

### Soy meal

A somewhat improved sentiment is witnessed in majority of markets. The lower production in mills was reported. The domestic demand reportedly improved. The activity at port improved somewhat. The area under soybean cultivation has gone up from 76.10 LH to all time high of 79.53 LH. There is a report of some damage of soybean crop in Maharashtra as well as in Madhya Pradesh, but yet to assess the extent of damage. Higher soybean cultivation is reported in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. A lower soybean production is estimated in the global level. The global oilseeds production estimates are also likely to down at 383.2 million tons, which are about 6.5 million less from the last year. Traders perceived that the market sentiments likely to steady or improve somewhat in the coming days.

### Current vessel positions in different ports

'Naniwa' has been loaded 9,000 MT of SBM from Kandla Port to Japan. The vessel is being handled by Taurus agents. Loading of 13,500 MT of SBM is expected at the port on the vessel 'IBI' to Japan. GAC agents will be handling the vessel.

Mumbai Port is expecting 'Indruwa Valley' to load 2,70 MT of SBM. Sai Freight agents will be handling the vessel. 'Surplus' is expected at the port to load 6,000 MT of SBM. Chowgule agents will be handling the vessel. Loading of 6,500 MT of SBM is expected at the port on the vessel 'Layer Sentosa'. The vessel will be handled by JM Baxi agents.

### Current Vessel Position

Ports	Vessels	Vol. (MT)	Status	Desti-Nation
Kandla	'IBI'	13,500	Expected	Japan
Kandla	Naniwa'	9,000	Loaded	Vietnam

### DOC of Soybean rates at different centers

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	31.08.06	30.08.06	Parity To
Indore (MP)	8000-8200	8000-8200	Guj, MP
Datia (MP)	8500	8400	Up, Bihar, Bengal, Nepal
Shivpuri (MP)	8350	8300	Up, Bihar, Bengal, Nepal
Nanded/Latur	9100	9100	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	8600	8700	Mumbai Maharashtra

Nagpur (42/46)	8300-8600	8400-8700	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	9000	9100	Local and South
Solapur	8800	8800	Local and South
Kota	8400	8400	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana

### DOC Port rate at different centers

Centers	FOR Price	
	31.08.06	30.08.06
Kandla	8850	8850
Mumbai	9000	8950

### Rape/ Mustard Meal

Prices improved somewhat on good demand. Export demand has witnessed steady. Exporters are reportedly covered for their immediate demand and this led to decrease in export demand. Also, regular selling by Nafed has also regulating the market sentiments. Nafed is selling mustard in Rajasthan at Rs 1585 per qtl. Crushing is continuing as demand for Kachi ghani is good from eastern states. The DOC prices at Kandla and Mundra were quoted at Rs. 4900 and 5000 (in PP bags) respectively. Prices for the same at Jamnagar were quoted higher also at Rs 4900 per ton. Jaipur market was offered the same at slightly higher of Rs.3900 per ton. Indore offered lower at Rs.4200 per ton and Kota quoted the same at Rs. 3800 per ton. Steady to weak tone likely to prevailed in the market.

### Sunflower Meal Rates at Different Centres

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)	
	31.08.06	30.08.06
Chalisingaon		-
Khamgaon	5350	5400
Rudrapur	4200	4200
Parli/Latur/Nanded	5400-5500	5400-5500

### Groundnut DOC

The groundnut market improved somewhat on some demand. However stock position is good. The groundnut acreage has plunged down from 53.54 to 43.23 lakh hectares (LH) mainly on account of drought condition in Andhra Pradesh, particularly Rayalaseema belt experiencing dry spell virtually through out July. In Andhra Pradesh, the acreage under Groundnut is down from 14.58 LH to 8.49 LH, while Gujarat has seen fall in area

from 18.08 to 16.55 LH, as farmers shifted from groundnut to cotton. Rainy season also weaken the market tone. The export demand is also reportedly steady at some lower side. The prices of groundnut meal (40%) were quoted steady at **CBOT Soy Meal Futures as on Aug 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Rs. 6600 while 45% was offered also steady at 7150 per MT in Rajkot during Thursday.

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
Sep 06	158.3	158.7	157.6	158.0	-0.3
Oct 06	159.7	159.7	158.6	159.3	-

#### Monsoon Outlook (31.08.06)

Yesterday's depression over Chhattisgarh moved westnorthwards and lay centred at 0830 hours IST of today morning near Lat 23.5° N and Long 79.0° E, about 50 km south-southeast of Sagar. The system is likely to move in a northwesterly direction and weaken gradually.

Under its influence, widespread rainfall with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places and isolated extremely heavy falls (25 cm or more) are likely over southwest Madhya Pradesh during next 24 hours. Fairly widespread rainfall with isolated heavy to very heavy falls are also likely over rest Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat region East Rajasthan, north Madhya Maharashtra, Vidarbha during same period. Subsequently with the likely north westwards movement of the system and its interaction with Western disturbance enhanced rainfall belt is likely to shift into parts of northwest India.

#### Heavy Rainfall Warning:

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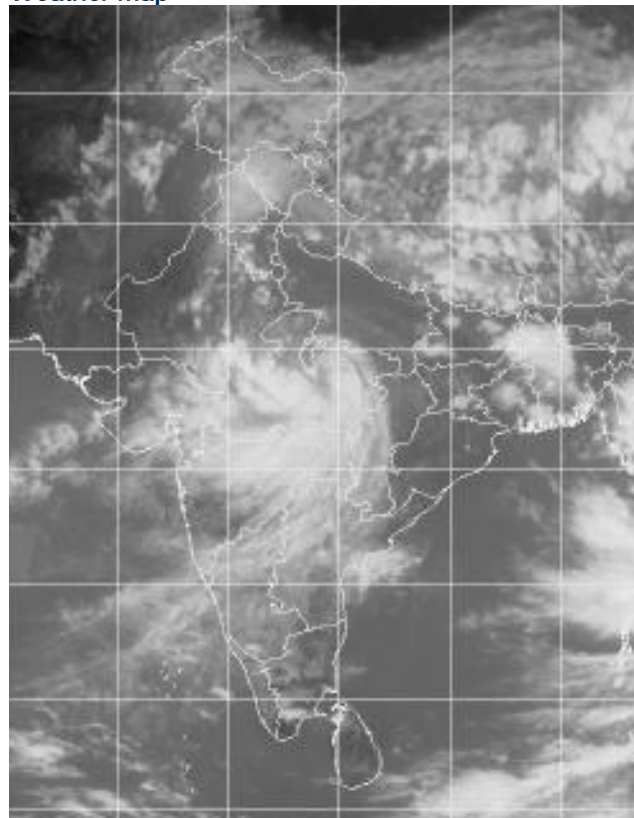
Isolated heavy to very heavy falls also likely over Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal.

#### Outlook for subsequent two days (Based on numerical weather products):

Fairly widespread rainfall activity likely to continue over northwest India.

Source: **GOI (IMD)**

#### Weather Map



Source-IMD

#### Forex

##### Forex rate as on 30.08.06

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	46.55
European Union	Euro	59.71
Japan	100 Yen	39.66
United Kingdom	GBP	88.72

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