

OILMEAL

December 30, 2006

MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Steady tone for soymeal.
- Rapeseed meal reflects bearish sentiments.

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

Rates at ports improved considerably amidst firm soy meal futures at CBOT. Soymeal rates across domestic markets remained range bound amidst lack of fresh demand. With demand firming up for soybean, the solvent extraction plants and crushing mills are looking for ways and means to improve crushing margins at their end. The Solvent Extractors' Association of India has just compiled the data for export of oilmeals for the month of November 2006 and reported at 583,250 tons compared to 321,692 tons in November last year i.e. up by 81%. The total export of oil meals during April to November 2006 is reported at 2,549,350 tons compared to 1,822,425 tons of last year i.e. up by 40%. The Soybean meal export jumped from 1,148,825 tons to 1,652,925 tons. Export of oilmeals to China during April to November 2006 sharply increased to 342,725 tons from 210,725 tons during the same period of last year. China mainly imported soybean meal to the tune of 85,850 tons. Vietnam has become largest importers of Soybean meal and imported over 462,000 tons.

DOC of Soybean rates at different centers

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	29.12.06	28.12.06	Parity To
Indore (MP)	9000-9100	9000	Guj, MP
Datia (MP)	8800-8900	8850	UP, Bihar, WB, Nepal
Shivpuri (MP)	8600	8600	UP, Bihar, WB, Nepal
Kota	8850-8950	8900	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Nanded/Latur	8900-9000	9000	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	9000-9100	9000-9100	Mumbai Maharashtra
Nagpur (41/45)	8600-8700	8300-8600	CG, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	9550-9650	9600	Local and South
Solapur	9400-9500	9400	Local and South
Dharwar		-	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

DOC Port rate at different centers (rates valid till 15th of Dec)

Centers	FOR Price (Buy price)	
	29.12.06	28.12.06
Kandla	9750-9800	9700
Jamnagar	9600-9650	9600
Mumbai	9700-9800	9700

Current vessel positions in different ports: -

Mumbai port: -

Vessel Zaid is expected to arrive on 01.01.07, it would load 8000 MT of SBM. Shaan Marine Services would be handling the vessel.

Badulu Valley is expected to arrive on 27.12.06 to load 3500 MT of SBM. Sai freight agent is handling the vessel.

Vessel **Qui Lin Men** is expected at Mumbai port on 27.12.06. Chowgule brothers would handle the vessel. It would load 6200 MT of SBM.

Kandla port: -

Vessel M.V. **El Tango** is expected to arrive on 04.01.07. TSAS is the agent that would handle the vessel.

Vessel **M.V.Anyuan** is working at port to load 24,500 MT of SBM. Pearl SHG is handling the vessel. Expected time for sail is 30.12.06.

Vessel **M.V.Notto III** is waiting for berth and is handled by Taurus agents. It would load 10,000 MT of SBM.

M.V.Leonis was expected to arrive on 23.12.06. It would load 9000 MT of SBM from Kandla port. Taurus agent is handling the vessel.

Vessel **AN Yue Jiang** is waiting for berth to load 12,600 MT of SBM. Interocean agent is handling the vessel.

Vizag port: -

Vessel **Ambassador** would load 4900 MT of SBM from Vizag port. Inter-ocean shipping agent is handling the vessel.

Vessel **Vietfracht** would load 7000 MT of SBM. Lotus Marine Service is handling the vessel.

Current Vessel Position

Ports	Vessels	Vol. (MT)	Status	Desti-Nation
Mumbai	Badulu Valley -VI	3500	Expected	-

Mumbai	Zaid	8000	Expected	
Mumbai	Qui Lin Men	6200	Expected	-
Kandla	EL Tango	-	Expected	
Kandla	M.V.Anyuan	24,500	Berthed	
Kandla	AN Yue Jiang	12,600	Waiting for berth	
Kandla	M.V.Notto III	10,000	Berthed	
Kandla	M.V.Leonis	9000	Waiting for berth	
Vizag	Ambassador	4900	Berthed	
Vizag	Vietfracht	7000	Berthed	

Rape/ Mustard Meal

Rates for the DOC declined marginally at ports due to overall weakness in demand for rapeseed DOC. Industry sources state that, animal feed industry has opted for rapeseed meal instead of DOC due to its easy availability and relative cheapness as compared to DOC. The DOC finds wide utility as poultry feed and as of now the demand for DOC has declined thus keeping the sentiments range bound. The DOC prices at Kandla were quoted at Rs.4950 in [PP bags) and in Mundra it is offered in a range of Rs. 5000. At Jamnagar it is offered at Rs 4900. At Jaipur market the rate quoted stood at Rs.4300 to 4400 per ton. The Solvent Extractors' Association of India has just compiled the data for export of oilmeals for the month of November 2006 and reported at 583,250 tons compared to 321,692 tons in November last year i.e. up by 81%. The total export of oil meals during April to November 2006 is reported at 2,549,350 tons compared to 1,822,425 tons of last year i.e. up by 40%. Rapeseed meal export increased from 394,100

tons to 593,325 tons. China mainly imported Rapeseed meal to a tune of 210,475 tons. South Korea a traditional importer of rapeseed meal bought nearly 236,000 tons.

Sunflower Meal Rates at Different Centres [Not Available - NA]

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)	
	29.12.06	28.12.06
Parli -Latur	5900-6000	6000
Dharwar	-	-
Jalna	5800	5800
Solapur	6000-6100	6000
khamgaon	5400-5450	5350

[Note: - Data not available for sunflower meal]

Groundnut DOC

Demand from feed industry remained at normal levels due to lack of any fresh demand, however rates for DOC hiked on account of limited availability of nuts amidst good demand for groundnut seeds from growers in AP and Karnataka. Groundnut meal at 40% and 45% were quoted at Rs 7200 -7300 and Rs 7700 -7800 per MT respectively in Rajkot. As per SOPA, export of oil meals for the month of October 2006 was reported at 332,625 tons compared to 209,425 tons in October last year i.e. up by 59%. The total export of oil meals during April to October 2006 is reported at 1,966,100 tons compared to 1,500,733 tons of last year i.e. up by 31%. China was the main importer of groundnut meal for this year; the imports were to a tune of 43,200 tonnes till October 2006.

CBOT Soy Meal Futures as on December 28.

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
Jan 07	191.5	191.5	187.8	188.7	+0.1
Mar 07	194.3	195.5	193.1	193.8	-0.3

Monsoon Outlook (29.12.06)

Chief Features:

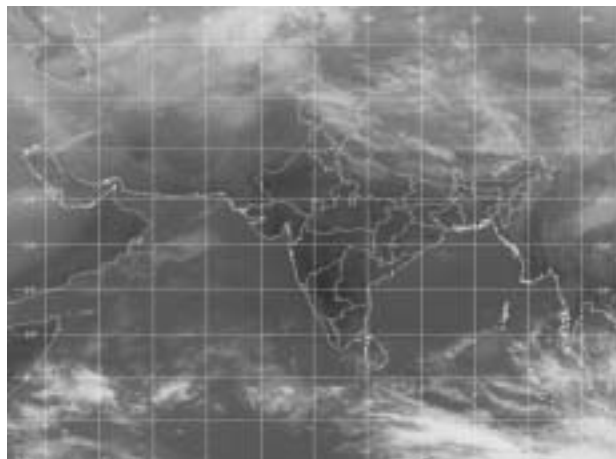
- A northern part of Jammu & Kashmir is likely to experience light snowfall activity from 31st December under the influence of an approaching western disturbance. The snowfall activity is likely increase in intensity and extends into remaining parts of western Himalayan region during 2nd & 3rd of January.
- Night temperatures are likely to exhibit an increasing trend over the plains of northwest India during next 2-3 days. The prevailing cold wave conditions over isolated pockets of Punjab, Haryana and north Rajasthan will abate during next 1-2 days.
- Lowest night temperature in the plains of the country was 1.6°C recorded at Jhalawar in Rajasthan.

Outlook for subsequent two days from 0830 hours IST of 1st January 2007 (Based on numerical weather products):

- Scattered snowfall activity over western Himalayan region.
- Night temperatures are likely to rise over the plains of northwest India.

Source: GOI (IMD)

Weather Map [As on 28.12.06]



Source-IMD

FOREX RATE AS ON 29.12.06

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.23
European Union	Euro	58.26
Japan	100 Yen	37.21
United Kingdom	GBP	86.91

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