

OILMEAL

December 20, 2006

MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Soymeal reflected steady sentiments.
- Mustard meal reflects steady to weak sentiments.

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

Millers and stockists continued regular offtake of beans at prevailing market prices. Crushing margins for soymeal has improved at processors end, amidst eased down rates for soybean across the spot markets. Unless there exists any fresh demand for soymeal export, the sentiments are likely to trade range bound. 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)		
	19.12.06	18.12.06	Parity To
Indore (MP)	8800-8500	8800-8900	Guj, MP
Datia (MP)	8500-8550	8500	UP, Bihar, WB, Nepal
Shivpuri (MP)	-		UP, Bihar, WB, Nepal
Kota	8400-8500	8400-8500	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Nanded/Latur	8300-8450	8400	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	8700-8800	8600-8700	Mumbai Maharashtra
Nagpur (41/45)	8400-8500	8300-8350	CG, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	-	-	Local and South
Solapur	8700-8800	8750-8800	Local and South
Dharwar	9000-9100	9000-9100	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

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

Centers	FOR Price (Buy price)	
	19.12.06	18.12.06
Kandla	9350-9400	9350
Jamnagar	9250-9350	9250
Mumbai	9350-9400	9350

Current vessel positions in different ports: -

Mumbai port: -

Precious vessel is berthed at Mumbai port. The vessel would be handled by Sai freight Pvt. Ltd.

Badulu Valley-VI was expected to arrive on 12.12.06 and would load 3500 MT of SBM from Mumbai port; Sai Freight Pvt Ltd is handling the vessel. Current status not reported.

Thor Mariner VI was expected to arrive on 10.12.06 at Mumbai port. It would load 13,200 MT of SBM. Halar Maritime services would handle the vessel. Current status not reported

Vessel **Blue star-VI** is handled by Shaan Marine Services; it would load 6000 MT of SBM from Mumbai port.

Kandla port: -

Vessel **M.V.IBI** has arrived at Kandla port and waiting for berth. Sea World agent is handling the vessel. It would load 12,500 MT of SBM.

Vessel **M.V.Iran Kohladooz** would be loading 15000 MT of SBM from Kandla port. Taurus agent is handling the vessel.

Vessel **M.V.Anyuan 9** is expected to berth on 12.12.06 at Kandla port. It would load 24500 MT of SBM. Pearl SHG is the agent that would handle this vessel.

Vessel **M.V.Notto III**, handled by Taurus agents is expected on 16.12.06 at Kandla port. It would load 10,000 MT of SBM.

Vessel **M.V. An Yue Jiang** handled by Inter Ocean agents is expected on 17.12.06 at Kandla port. It would load 12,600 MT of SBM. Current status not reported

Vizag port: -

Dan Yang is expected to arrive at Vizag port on 09.12.06. It would load 12,200 MT of SBM. Duraflex services would handle the vessel. Current status not reported

B.S.S agents is be handling the vessel M.V Tan Binh-15, whereas PVRM Sons would be handling the vessel Antigoni that has arrived. Both the agents are handling the above vessels at Vizag port.

Vessel **Chong Gen** would load 7000 MT of SBM from Vizag port, Bothra Shipping agents is handling the vessel.

Current Vessel Position

Ports	Vessels	Vol. (MT)	Status	Desti-Nation
Mumbai	Blue Star-VI	6000	Arrived	-
Mumbai	Precious	-	Berthed	-
Mumbai	Badulu Valley -VI	3500	Expected	-
Mumbai	Thor Mariner	13,200	Expected	-
Kandla	M.V.IBI	12,500	Expected	
Kandla	M.V.Iran Kohladooz	15,000	Berthed	
Kandla	M.V.Anyuan 9	24,500	Berthed	
Kandla	M.V.Notto III	10,000	Expected	
Kandla	M.V. An Yue Jiang	12,600	Expected	
Vizag	Dan Yang	12,200	Expected	
Vizag	Chong Gen	7000	Berthed	

Rape/ Mustard Meal

Rates at major spot markets remained steady amidst normal to weak demand from domestic animal feed industry amidst weak oilmeal sentiments in domestic market. The rapeseed meal is an important constituent as additive in feeds for livestock industry. The DOC prices at Kandla were quoted at Rs.4975 in [PP bags] and in Mundra it is offered in a range of Rs. 5025 to Rs 5050. At Jamnagar it is offered at Rs 4950-5000. At Jaipur market the rate quoted stood at Rs. 4300 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)	
	19.12.06	18.12.06
Parli -Latur	5500	5500-5600
Dharwar	-	5400-5500
Jalna	5000	5000-5500
Solapur	5500-5600	5500-5600
khamgaon	5300-5400	5300-5400

Groundnut DOC

Fresh arrivals of groundnut have further eased down the rates of groundnut at major spot markets. However, rates for meal thus obtained is likely to follow suit if oilmeal sentiments in domestic market remains weak. Since oilmeal sentiments are ruling weak groundnut DOC followed the suit. Groundnut meal at 40% and 45% were quoted at Rs 7000 and Rs 7500 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 18.

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
Jan 07	185.2	185.2	183.0	184.9	-1.8
Mar 07	189.2	189.2	187.1	189.0	-1.7

Monsoon Outlook (19.12.06)

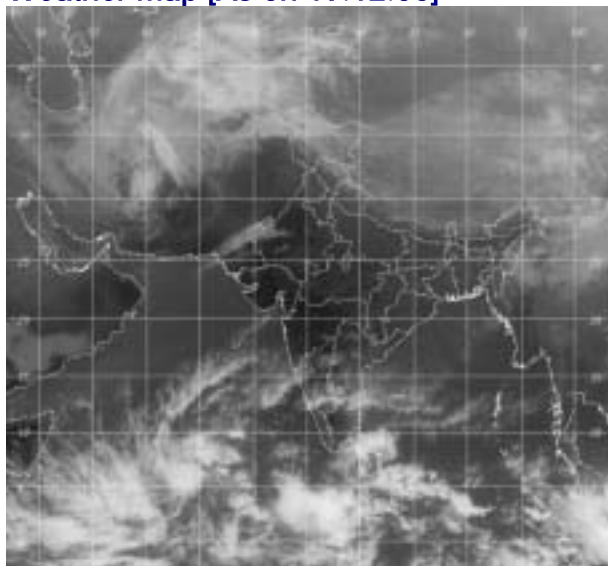
- Under the influence of approaching western disturbance, scattered snowfall activity is likely over western Himalayan region on 20th & 21st December. Isolated rain/thundershowers are also likely over Punjab during the same period.
- Night temperatures are likely to increase by 2-3 °C over plains of northwest India, Gangetic plains and adjoining central India during next two days and fall thereafter.
- In association with the easterly wave, scattered rain/thundershowers are likely over south peninsula during next 2-3 days.
- Lowest night temperature in the plains of the country was 2.6°C recorded at Ludhiana in Punjab.

Outlook for subsequent two days from 1430 hours IST of 22nd December 2006 (Based on numerical weather products):

- Mainly dry weather over western Himalayan region
- Fall in night temperatures over plains of northwest India and Gangetic plains. Fog conditions are also likely to develop over some parts of these regions.
- Isolated rainfall activity over extreme south peninsula and northeastern States.

Source: GOI (IMD)

Weather Map [As on 19.12.06]



Source-IMD

FOREX RATE AS ON 19.12.06

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.83
European Union	Euro	58.69
Japan	100 Yen	38.00
United Kingdom	GBP	87.39

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