

OILMEAL

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MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Slight improvement in rates of soymeal at ports
- Rapeseed meal reflects bearish sentiments.

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

Congestion at ports is easing down and new vessels are taking berth to load export consignments. Looking at the scenario, sentiments at ports seemed to have improved a little. As per traders, domestic demand for soymeal mostly relies on crushing margins at processors end, seasonal demand for soymeal and easy availability of other meals besides cost effectiveness rationing at consuming 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)		
	01.01.07	30.12.06	Parity To
Indore (MP)	8950-9000	9000-9100	Guj, MP
Datia (MP)	8800-8900	8800-8900	UP, Bihar, WB, Nepal
Shivpuri (MP)	8550-8600	8550-8650	UP, Bihar, WB, Nepal
Kota	9000-9100	8950-9150	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Nanded/Latur	9000-9100	8900-9050	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	9100-9200	9000-9100	Mumbai Maharashtra
Nagpur (41/45)	8800-8850	8700-8800	CG, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	9600-9700	9600-9700	Local and South
Solapur	-	-	Local and South
Dharwar		-	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

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

Centers	FOR Price (Buy price)	
	01.01.07	30.12.06
Kandla	9750-9800	9700-9750
Jamnagar	9650-9700	9600-9650
Mumbai	9650-9750	9700-9750

Current vessel positions in different ports: -

Mumbai port: -

Vessel AI -diyar- VI would load 2200 MT of SBM. It is expected on 03.01.07. Preetika Shipping agent is handling the vessel.

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 was 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. It would load 28,000 MT of SBM. 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.

Bedi:

Vessel **M.V. Luna Blue** is working at port to load 11,000 MT of SBM.

Vessel **Cresta Blue** is loading 11,000 MT of SBM.

Current Vessel Position

Ports	Vessels	Vol. (MT)	Status	Desti-Nation
Mumbai	Badulu Valley -VI	3500	Expected	-
Mumbai	Al-diyar-VI	2200	Expected	
Mumbai	Zaid	8000	Expected	
Mumbai	Qui Lin Men	6200	Expected	-
Kandla	EL Tango	28,000	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	
Bedi	M.V Cresta Blue	11,000	Loading	
Bedi	M.V Luna Blue	11,000	Loading	

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.5000 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.4300-4450 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)	
	01.01.07	30.12.06
Parli -Latur	5900-6100	5800-5900
Dharwar		-
Jalna	5750-5800	5700-5800
Solapur	6000	6000
khamgaon	5400-5500	5350-5400

[Note: - Data not available for sunflower meal]

Groundnut DOC

Demand from feed industry remained steady at higher levels due limited availability of nuts for crushing amidst normal to good demand from crushing units. Groundnut meal at 40% and 45% were quoted at Rs 7300 and Rs 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 29.

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
Jan 07	189.5	192.0	187.7	191.9	+3.2
Mar 07	195.0	197.5	193.5	196.9	+2.5

Monsoon Outlook (01.01.07)

Chief Features:

- Night temperatures over parts of northwest India still continue to be 2- 4 °C below normal with ground frost conditions prevailing over isolated pockets of Punjab, north Haryana and north Rajasthan. They are likely to fall further with cold wave conditions also likely over parts of north India. These conditions are likely to continue for next 2 days.
- Early morning fog is also likely over the parts of north India during the same period.
- In view of an approaching western disturbance scattered rain/snow activity is likely to commence over western Himalayan region around 4th.
- Lowest night temperature in the plains of the country was 2.0°C recorded at Amritsar in Punjab.

Low Temperature Warning:

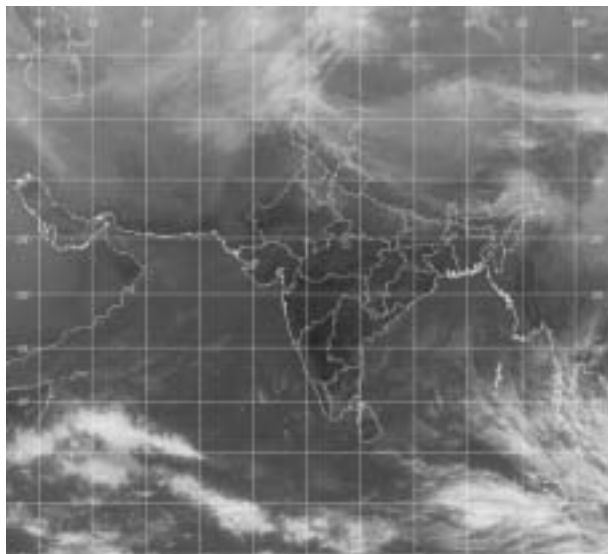
- Ground frost conditions are likely over isolated pockets of Punjab, north Haryana and north Rajasthan during next 1-2 days.

Outlook for subsequent two days from 0830 hours IST of 4th January 2007 (Based on numerical weather products):

- Scattered rain or snowfall activity is likely to continue over western Himalayan region. Isolated rain or thundershowers is also likely over plains of northwest India.
- Rise in night temperature over the plains of northwest India.

Source: GOI (IMD)

Weather Map [As on 01.01.07]



Source-IMD

FOREX RATE AS ON 01.01.07

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.22
European Union	Euro	58.25
Japan	100 Yen	37.16
United Kingdom	GBP	86.63

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