

OILMEAL

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MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Steady sentiments for soymeal at ports.
- Rapeseed meal reflects marginal improvement in rates.

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

Rates for soymeal at ports remained range bound amidst weak soymeal futures at CBOT. New vessels are berthing at Bedi and Kandla port to load SBM in bulk. However, rates for soymeal in domestic market firmed up at the back of good demand from livestock and poultry industry. New vessels are waiting for berth to load SBM in bulk. As per official release from Solvent Extractors Association of India, exports of soybean extract for month of January registered at 5.05 lakh tonnes was almost steady against the sales of 5.06 lakh tonnes for Dec 2006. Maximum export for the meal was reported from Kandla, which handled around 1.24 million tonnes of soybean extract for the month of January 2007. Together Vietnam and South Korea imported a maximum of 2.73 lakh tonnes. Other importing countries were namely China, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Japan, Indonesia, Mauritius and Middle East Countries.

Soybean DOC: - rates at different centers

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	28.02.07	27.02.07	Parity To
Indore (MP)	10,350-10,400	10,300-10,400	Guj, MP
Shivpuri (MP)	10,000	10,000	UP, Bihar, WB, Nepal
Kota	9700-9800	9900	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Nanded/Latur	10,000-10,100	9900-10,000	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	10,400	10,400	Mumbai Maharashtra
Nagpur (41/45)	9800	9800-9900	CG, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	-	-	Local and South
Solapur	-	-	Local and South
Dharwar	-	-	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

DOC Port rate at different centers

Centers	FOR Price (Buy price)	
	28.02. 07	27.02. 07
Kandla	10,900-10,950	11,100

Jamnagar	11,000	11,000
Mumbai	10,800	10,900

Current vessel positions in different ports: -

Kandla port: -

M.V IGWT is waiting for berth to load 19,000 MT of SBM. Shantilal agent would handle the vessel. The ship was expected to be ready by 23.02.07.

Taurus agent is handling the vessel; to load 16,000 MT of SBM from unnamed vessel expected to berth on 26.02.07.

Vessel M.V.Dauntless is expected to arrive on .01.03.2007. It would load 15,000 MT of SBM. Pearl SHG would handle the vessel.

Bedi port: -

M.V. Royal Success is loading 2,40,000 MT of SBM.

M.V.Musashi is expected to load 10,500 MT of SBM. It is expected to arrive on 01.03.07.

M.V.Asian Rosalie is expected to load 7,700 MT of SBM. It was expected to arrive on 28.02.07.

Mumbai port: -

Badulu Valley VI is expected to arrive on 05.03.07. It would load 3,500 MT of SBM. Sai Freight Services is handling the vessel.

Al Mansoor-1-VI was expected to arrive on 16.02.07. It would load 6000 MT of bagged SBM. Aditya Marine Ltd would handle the vessel. Current status unavailable.

Afamia-VI had arrived on 27.01.07. It would load 8000 MT SBM. Shaan Marine Services is supposed to handle this vessel. Current status unavailable.

Vizag port: -

Arella is expected to arrive on 27.02.07 to load 21,500 MT SBM. Duraflex services are handling the vessel.

Current Vessel Position

Ports	Vessels	Vol. (MT)	Status	Desti-Nation
Kandla	M.V.IGWT	19,000	Waiting	
Kandla	M.V. Dauntless	15,000	Expected	
Bedi	Royal Success	2,40,000	Working	
Bedi	M.V.Asian Rosalie	7.700	Expected	
Bedi	M.V.Musashi	10,500	Expected	
Mumbai	M.V. Afamia	8,000	Berthed	

Mumbai	Al Mansoor-1-VI	6,000	Expected	
Mumbai	Badulu Valley-VI	3,500	Expected	
Vizag	Areilla	21,500	Expected	

Rape/ Mustard Meal: -

Rates for RAP DOC improved at few places in line with firmness observed in Soy DOC. Amidst good availability of rapeseed meal, rates for meal firmed up marginally at few places on account of good demand from livestock and poultry feed industry. **The DOC prices at Kandla were quoted at Rs 5200 in [Jute bags) Rs 5400-5500 [PP Bags] and in Mundra it is offered in a range of Rs.5650.** At Jaipur market the rate quoted stood at Rs.4600 per ton. The rates offered at Kota stood at Rs 4200 4300per ton. As per official

release from Solvent Extractors Association of India, exports of rapeseed extract for month of January registered at 7.48 lakh tonnes was over and above the sales for Dec 2006 by 44.33%. Maximum export for the meal was reported from Kandla, which handled around 6.25 lakh tonnes of rapeseed extract for the month of January 2007. China imported a maximum of 47,400 MT; other importing countries were Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea, Indonesia and Italy.

Groundnut DOC: -

No significant change was observed today and rates for DOC stood at previous week's level. Amidst scarcity of ready availability of groundnuts and decline in crushing of nuts rates for DOC has firmed up. **Groundnut meal at 40% and 45% [Excluding VAT] were quoted at Rs 7600 - 7700 and Rs 8300 - 8400 per MT respectively in Rajkot.** As per advance estimate released by COOIT, acreage and production of groundnut for 2006-07 would decline marginally. It further states that acreage for nuts would register an increase in Tamil Nadu and Orissa whereas

production of nuts is estimated to hike in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat. As per traders, the very observation is unlikely to affect routine trading for groundnut DOC in near term. As per official release from Solvent Extractors Association of India, exports of groundnut extract for month of January registered at 5000 MT declined sharply against the sales of 14, 250 MT during Dec 2006. Maximum export for the meal was reported from Bedi port, which handled around 65,650 MT of groundnut extract for the month of January 2007. Thailand stood as a sole importer for the very extract.

CBOT Soy Meal Futures as on February 27

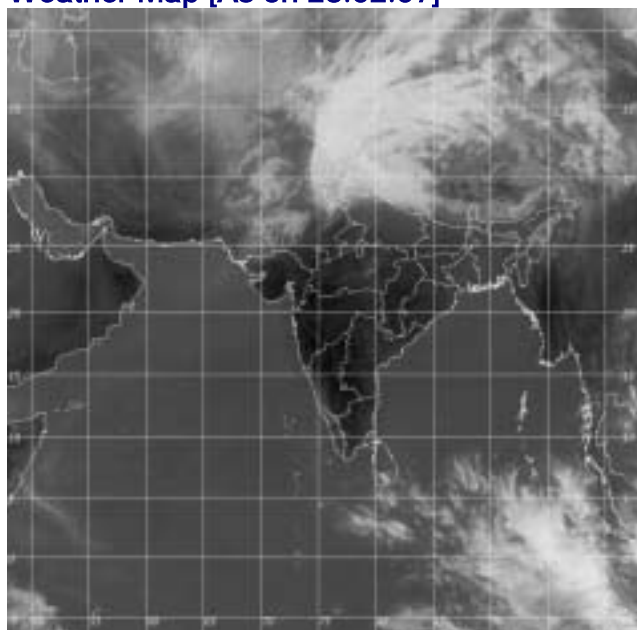
Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
Mar 07	225.2	227.0	221.2	223.5	-4.1
May 07	231.7	233.2	227.2	229.7	-4.2

Monsoon Outlook (28.02.07)

Chief Features:

- Under the influence of Western disturbance, widespread rain/snowfall with isolated heavy falls has occurred over Western Himalayan Region during past 24 hours. Scattered to fairly widespread rainfall/thundershowers has also occurred over the plains of northwest India and north Rajasthan.
- Western disturbance and its induced upper air cyclonic circulation is still affecting northwest India. The current Meteorological Analysis suggests that ongoing widespread rainfall/snowfall with isolated heavy falls is likely to continue over western Himalayan region during next 24 hours and decrease thereafter. Fairly widespread rain also likely over the plains of northwest India and north Rajasthan till tomorrow forenoon and cease thereafter. Isolated rain/squall is also likely over the above region during next 24 hours.
- Subsequently the rainfall belt is likely to shift eastwards causing scattered rain/thundershowers over East Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal on 1st and over northeastern states on 1st and 2nd March.
- Night temperatures are likely to fall by 4-6 °C over the plains of northwest India from 2nd onwards

Weather Map [As on 28.02.07]



Source-IMD

Heavy rainfall / hail warning (valid for next 48

hours): -

- Isolated hailstorm/squall is likely over northwest India and Rajasthan

Outlook for subsequent two days from 0830 hours IST of 3rd March, 2007 (Based on numerical weather products):

- A feeble western disturbance is likely to affect western Himalayan region

Source: GOI (IMD)

FOREX RATE AS ON 28.02.07

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.31
European Union	Euro	58.58
Japan	100 Yen	37.45
United Kingdom	GBP	86.96

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