

OILMEAL

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MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Firm sentiments for soymeal in domestic market.
- Rapeseed meal reflects marginal improvement in rates.

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

The FAS rates for soymeal at ports stood at \$ 255 to 260 per MT. Port delivery rates for soymeal stood steady, however domestic rates for soymeal firmed up at the back of good demand for meal by feed industry. Rates for meal are expected to stay firm as exports of meals are estimated to taper March onwards despite good crushing of beans. As per official release from Solvent Extractors Association of India, 3.51 lakh tonnes and 1.13 lakh tonnes of oilmeals were exported from Kandla and Mumbai port respectively during February 2007. Soymeal exported during Feb 2007 and Feb 2006 stood at 4.49 lakh tonnes and 5.87 lakh tonnes respectively. South Korea, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Japan were the importing countries in Asian continent whereas UAE, Jordan, Kuwait and Baharain were other countries in Middle East.

Soybean DOC: - rates at different centers

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	20.03.07	19..03.07	Parity To
Indore (MP)	10,600-10,700	10,500-10,600	Guj, MP
Shivpuri (MP)		-	UP, Bihar, WB, Nepal
Kota	10,800-10,900	10,600	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Nanded/Latur	10,700	10,600	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	-	-	Mumbai Maharashtra
Nagpur (41/45)	10,600-10,800	10,600	CG, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	11,000	10,900	Local and South
Solapur			Local and South
Dharwar			Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

DOC Port rate at different centers

Centers	FOR Price (Buy price)	
	20.03. 07	19.03. 07

Kandla	11,350-11,400	11,400
Jamnagar	-	-
Mumbai	11,300	11,100-11,200

Current vessel positions in different ports: -

Kandla port: -

Hazel Ace is expected to load 9000 MT of SBM on 18.03.07. Taurus agent is handling the vessel.

Bedi port: -

M.V. Golden Win is loading 17,200 of SBM.

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 Rose is loading 8000 MT of SBM.

Mumbai port: -

Patton-1-VI was expected to arrive on 15.03.07. It would load 1800 MT of bagged SBM. Preetika agent is handling the vessel.

Badulu Valley VI is expected to arrive on 19.03.07. It would load 3,500 MT of SBM. Sai Freight Services is handling the vessel.

Vizag port: -

Areilla 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	Hazel Ace	9000	Expected	
Bedi	Royal Success	2,40,000	Working	
Bedi	M.V. Asian Rosalie	7,700	Loading	
Bedi	M.V. Musashi	10,500	Loading	
Bedi	M.V. Golden Win	17,200	Loading	
Mumbai	Badulu Valley-VI	3,500	Expected	
Mumbai	Patton-1-VI	1800	Expected	
Vizag	Areilla	21,500	Expected	

Rape/ Mustard Meal: -

RAP DOC FAS Kandla stood at \$121 to 122 per MT. RAP oil cake local was quoted at Rs 6500 per MT. RAP DOC local was quoted at 5200 per MT. The DOC prices at Kandla were quoted at Rs 5200 in [Jute bags] Rs5500 [PP Bags] and in Mundra it is offered in a range of Rs.5650. At Jaipur market the rate quoted stood at Rs.4600-4700 per ton. The rates offered at Kota stood at Rs 4200 per 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%. Out of total meal exported during February, 3.51 lakh tonnes and 1.13 lakh tonnes of oilmeals were exported from Kandla and Mumbai port respectively. Export of rapeseed meal during Feb 2007 and Feb 2006 stood at 97,650 and 28,750 MT respectively. Rapeseed meal was exported to China, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Japan.

Groundnut DOC: -

No significant change was observed on Thursday, prices stood at initial levels. 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 7900 and Rs 8600 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 March 19

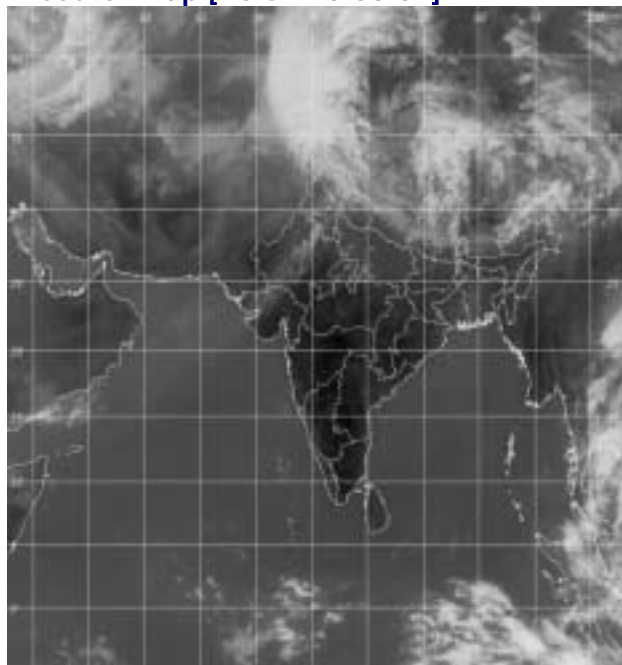
Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
Mar 07	219.2	219.9	216.3	219.5	+1.5
May 07	224.0	224.9	221.5	224.6	+1.5

Monsoon Outlook (20.03.07)

Chief Features:

- Under the influence of western disturbance, moderate to rather heavy rain/snowfall has occurred at most places over Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh during past 24 hours. Light rain/thundershowers has also occurred at a few places over Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.
- The current meteorological analysis suggests fairly widespread rain/snowfall over Western Himalayan Region during next 48 hrs. Isolated to scattered rain/thundershowers accompanied with squall is also likely over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan during next 1-2 days.
- The night temperatures are above normal by 4-6°C over the plains of northwest India, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. However, with the eastward movement of western disturbance, night temperatures are likely to register a falling trend from tomorrow onwards.

Weather Map [As on 20.03.07]



Source-IMD

Warning: -

- Isolated heavy precipitation is likely over Jammu & Kashmir during next 24 hours.
- Isolated squall is likely over Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi and Uttar Pradesh during the same period.

Outlook for subsequent two days from 0830 hours IST of 23rd March, 2007 (Based on numerical weather products):

- Mainly dry weather is likely over most parts of the country..
- Scattered light to moderate precipitation likely to continue over North Eastern States.

FOREX RATE AS ON 20.03.07

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	43.98
European Union	Euro	58.49
Japan	100 Yen	37.37
United Kingdom	GBP	85.59

Source: GOI (IMD)

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