

OILMEAL

19th March, 2006

MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

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

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

Advancing harvest of soybean in South America is seen as a bearish factor for the days to come, however, private forecast in US that planted area of soybean would fall short considerably in comparison to previous years planting area of 75.5 million acres. The very observation supported slight firmness in soymeal. Besides this buying support in domestic market too helped soymeal rates stay firm. The spill over affect was evident in India. 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 Bahrain were other countries in Middle East.

Soybean DOC: - rates at different centers

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	17.03.07	16.03.07	Parity To
Indore (MP)	10,600-10,700	10,600	Guj, MP
Shivpuri (MP)		-	UP, Bihar, WB, Nepal
Kota	10,600-10,650	10,600	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Nanded/Latur	10,600	10,500	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	-	-	Mumbai Maharashtra
Nagpur (41/45)	10,400-10,450	10,300-10,400	CG, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	10,900	10,900	Local and South
Solapur		-	Local and South
Dharwar		-	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

DOC Port rate at different centers

Centers	FOR Price (Buy price)	
	17.03.07	16.03.07
Kandla	11,400-11,500	11,300
Jamnagar	-	-
Mumbai	11,200	10,900-11,000

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	Destination
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 oil cake local was quoted at Rs 6500 per MT. RAP DOC local was quoted at 5300 per MT. The DOC prices at Kandla were quoted at Rs 5400 in [Jute bags] Rs5600 [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 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%. 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 7800-7900 and Rs 8500-8600 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 16

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
Mar 07	216.5	219.5	215.5	218.0	+0.6
May 07	221.0	224.4	220.8	223.1	+0.6

Monsoon Outlook (17.03.07)

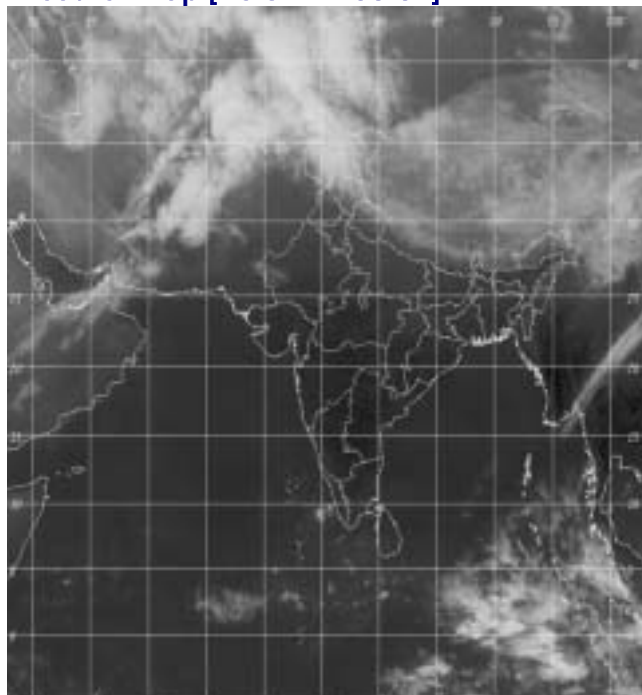
Chief Features:

- Under the influence a western disturbance scattered light to moderate precipitation is likely over Western Himalayan region for the next 4-5 days. Isolated rain/thundershowers is also likely over Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan on 20th & 21st.
- Cold wave conditions prevailed over isolated pockets of Gangetic West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Orissa. They are likely to abate during next 48 hrs.
- The increasing trend in both night and day temperatures is likely to continue over Indo-Gangetic plains during next 2-3 days.

Outlook for subsequent two days from 0830 hours IST of 20th March, 2007 (Based on numerical weather products):

- Scattered to fairly widespread precipitation likely

Weather Map [As on 17.03.07]



Source-IMD

over Western Himalayan region. Isolated rain/thundershowers are also likely over the adjoining plains of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.

Source: GOI (IMD)

FOREX RATE AS ON 17.03.07

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	44.17
European Union	Euro	58.67
Japan	100 Yen	37.71
United Kingdom	GBP	85.58

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