

MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

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

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

FAS rate for soymeal stood in a range of \$ 262 to 264 per MT. Port delivery rates for soymeal were steady to slightly weak at the back of weak soymeal futures at CBOT. However, rates for soymeal in domestic market managed to stay almost steady amidst firm prices of feeds in domestic market. Higher cost of maize would not allow soymeal prices to soften for days to come. Domestic consumption of soymeal has increased and is likely to curtail export of soymeal. 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)		
	28.03.07	27.03.07	Parity To
Indore (MP)	10,900-11,000	10,900	Guj, MP
Shivpuri (MP)	10,800	10,800-10,900	UP, Bihar, WB, Nepal
Kota	10,800	10,850	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Nanded/Latur	10,800	10,800	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	10,900	11,100	Mumbai Maharashtra
Nagpur (41/45)	10,950-11,000	11,000	CG, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	10,900	11,000	Local and South
Solapur			Local and South
Dharwar			Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

DOC Port rate at different centers

Centers	FOR Price (Buy price)	
	28.03. 07	27.03. 07
Kandla	11,400-11,500	11,500
Jamnagar	-	-
Mumbai	11,500	11,500

Current vessel positions in different ports: -

Kandla port: -

M.V.Masan is waiting for berth. It would load 11,500 MT of SBM. Shantilal agent is handling the vessel.

Hazel Ace was expected to load 9000 MT of SBM on 24.03.07. Taurus agent is handling the vessel.

M.V Sea Express was expected to arrive on 28.03.07. It would load 9,400 MT of SBM. Hind SHG is handling the vessel.

Bedi port: -

M.V. Nato -III is loading 10,500 MT of SBM.

M.V.Asian Forest is expected to arrive on 29.03.07. It would load 10,500 MT of SBM.

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

Mumbai port: -

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

Current Vessel Position

Ports	Vessels	Vol. (MT)	Status	Desti-Natio n
Kandla	Hazel Ace	9000	Expected	
Kandla	M.V Sea Express	9400	Expected	
Kandla	M.V.Masan	11,500	Waiting for berth	
Bedi	Royal Success	2,40,000	Working	
Bedi	M.V.Nato-III	10,500	Expected	
Bedi	.M.V.Asian Forest	10,500	Expected	
Mumbai	Badulu Valley-VI	3,500	Expected	

Rape/ Mustard Meal: -

Rates for rape meal firmed up marginally on account of strength in market sentiments for mustard seeds and mustard expeller oil. RAP oil cake local was quoted at Rs 6600-6650 per MT. RAP DOC local was quoted at 5400 per MT. The DOC prices at Kandla were quoted at Rs 5300 in [Jute bags) Rs5600 [PP Bags] and in Mundra it is offered in a range of Rs.5600. At Jaipur market the rate quoted stood at Rs 4800 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: -

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 8000 and Rs 8700 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 27

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
Mar 07	215.5	215.7	213.5	214.2	-1.1
May 07	220.2	220.8	218.8	219.3	-1.1

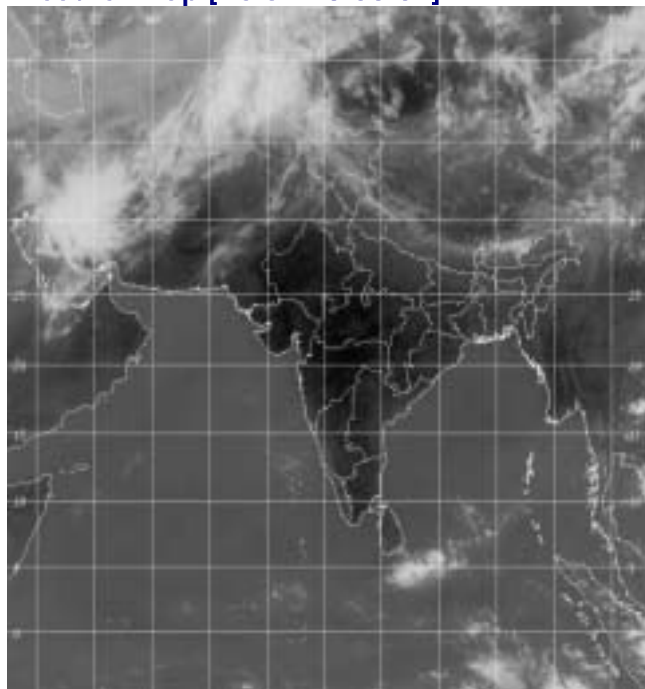
Monsoon Outlook (28.03.07)

Chief Features:

- According to Numerical Weather Prediction models, a fresh western disturbance is likely to affect western Himalayan region and adjoining plains of Punjab and north Haryana on 31st March & 1st April.
- The prevailing day temperatures are near normal over Indo-Gangetic plains & east India and 2-3°C above normal over the remaining parts of the country.
- With the likely approach of western disturbance and weakening of the northwesterly winds, both day and night temperatures are likely to increase by 2-4°C over northwest India during next 2-3 days.

Outlook for subsequent two days from 0830 hours IST of 30^h March, 2007 (Based on numerical weather products):

Weather Map [As on 28.03.07]



Source-IMD

- Scattered precipitation likely over Jammu & Kashmir and isolated over Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Punjab and north Haryana.
- Fall in day temperatures over northwest India.

FOREX RATE AS ON 28.03.07

Country/ Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	43.14
European Union	Euro	57.58
Japan	100 Yen	36.75
United Kingdom	GBP	84.71

Source: GOI (IMD)

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