

MAJOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Soy & rapeseed meal reflect steady to slightly firm market sentiments.

DOMESTIC MARKET

Soy meal

After a brief consolidation in prices of soymeal, prices managed to stay slightly firm on Saturday on tracking firm cues from CBOT. Domestic buying support is imminent as millers are continuing offtake of beans in bulk to meet prior export commitments for Indian soymeal to South Asian countries. At CBOT, Rally in energy markets, recovery in financial markets, commercial buying and lack of fund liquidation selling provided support to prices of soy futures. The forecast of rains by weekend over Midwest is seen as supportive factor for pod setting and pod filling of soybean crop. However, uncertainty in weather still continues to haunt market sentiments. As per the Solvent Extractors' Association of India the export of oil meals for the month of July 2007 was reported at 140,175 tons compared to 179,950 tons in July last year i.e. down by 22% . The overall export of oil meals for the period April 2007 to July 2007 is reported at 956,775 tons compared to 1,055,150 tons i.e. down by 9% due to in decreased in export of soybean meal from 685,425 tons to 491,600 tons and groundnut meal from 43,100 ton to 4,775 tons in first four months of current year due to failure of groundnut crop.

Soybean DOC: - rates at different centers

Places	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	18.08.07	17.08.07	Parity To
Indore (MP)	10,400-10,600	10,300-10,450	Gujarat, MP
Shivpuri (MP)	10,400-10,500	10,400-10,500	UP, Bihar, WB, Nepal
Kota	10,450-10,500	10,400	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Nanded/Latur	10,750-10,800	10,700	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	11,000-11,100	11,000	Mumbai Maharashtra
Nagpur (41/45)	10,550-10,650	10,400-10,600	CG, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	NA	NA	Local and South

Solapur			Local and South
Dharwar			Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

DOC Port rate at different centers

Centers	FOR Price (Buy price)	
	18.08.07	17.08.07
Kandla	11,000-11,100	10,800-11,000
Mumbai	NA	11,000

Current vessel positions in different ports: -

No vessel carrying SBM reported at Kandla and Vizag port

Mumbai: - Vessel Splendor-VI was expected to load 5000 MT of SBM. Chowgule agent would handle the vessel. It would load 5,000 MT of SBM.

Kandla: - Vessel M.V Noshiro III is expected to arrive on 19.08.07. It would load 10,500 MT of RSM. Interocean agent is handling the vessel.

Current Vessel Position: -

Ports	Vessels	Vol. (MT)	Status	Desti- Nation
Mumbai	Splendor-VI	5,000	Expected	
Kandla	Noshiro-III	10,500	Expected	

Rape/ Mustard Meal: -

During the week, the FAS prices of RAP DOC at Kandla port softened marginally to \$ 135-139 /MT. RAP DOC local was quoted at Rs 5350/MT. The RAPE OIL CAKE at Mehsana was quoted at Rs 7000-7100-/MT. Prices of MUSTARD OIL CAKE at Jaipur stood at Rs 6750-6800/MT. As per Solvent Extractors Association of India's press release, during the period of April-July 2007, Vietnam imported **24,975 tons of rapeseed meal**. South Korea imported **134,825 tons of rapeseed meal**. Japan imported 2,500 tons of rapeseed meal. China reduced the import from India due to better local crushing and imported only 65,175 tons of rapeseed meal during April to July 2007.

Groundnut DOC: -

Spot prices of groundnut oil continued to hold steady at Rs 782/10kg in Rajkot on steady to weak sentiments for edible oils across domestic markets. Prices of groundnut DOC were unavailable. The Solvent Extractors' Association of India has just compiled the data for export of oil meals for the month of July 2007 and reported at 140,175 tons compared to 179,950 tons in July last year i.e. down by 22% .

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CBOT Soy Meal Futures as on August 17.

Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
Sep 07	218.8	221.0	216.6	218.8	Unchanged
Oct 07	223.7	223.7	219.2	222.0	+1.2

Monsoon Outlook (18.08.07)

Chief Features:

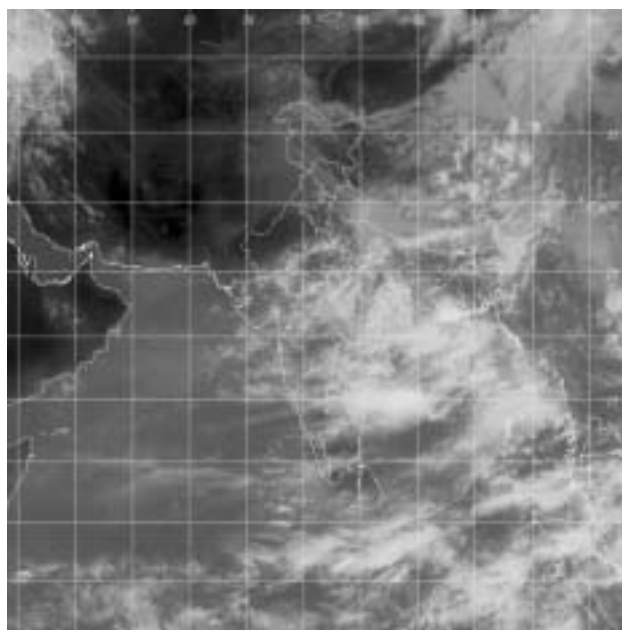
- A low pressure area has formed over North Bay of Bengal and adjoining west Bengal and Bangladesh. The system is likely to become more marked during next 24 hours.
- Under its influence enhanced rainfall with scattered heavy to very heavy fall is likely over Gangetic West Bengal, Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh during next 2-3 days. Subsequently rainfall belt is likely to shift to central India and adjoining Maharashtra.
- Rainfall activity is likely to remain subdued over northwest India and interior peninsula during next 48 hours.
- The western end of the monsoon trough continued to lie close to the foot hills of the Himalayas. However, its eastern end passes through Gorakhpur, Patna, Asansol and thence centre of low pressure area.

Outlook for subsequent two days from 0830 hours IST of 21st of August, 2007 (Based on numerical weather products):

- Increase in rainfall activity is likely over West Madhya Pradesh, East Rajasthan, Gujarat, north Madhya Maharashtra and Konkan & Goa.
- Scattered rainfall is likely over northwest India.

Source: GOI (IMD)

Weather Map [As on 18.08.07]



Source-IMD

FOREX RATE AS ON 18.08.07

Country/Continent	Currency	Value in Rupees
USA	Dollar	41.57
European Union	Euro	55.74
Japan	100 Yen	36.92
United Kingdom	GBP	82.14

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