

Executive Summary

The oilseeds and oilmeals plunged in domestic market pressured by global and domestic fundamentals during the month in review.

Soybean and meal prices fell due to weak export sales in soy meal cheaper availability of palm oil in the market. Expected higher soybean production in South America and overall forecast of favourable weather for soybean crop in the region restricted the gains in the international soybean market and subsequently pressured the domestic soy market.

Besides, commencement of early mustard crop harvest in key growing regions of Uttar Pradesh and weak export sales in soy meal remained bearish for the bean, RM seed and soy meal during the period.

Weak overseas demand in soy meal of Indian origin, this season, continued to remain a negative factor for domestic soy meal and bean. The South American soy meal prices are getting competitive against the Indian meal with the commencement of Brazilian crop harvest and better output prospects this season. The international meal prices fell in recent weeks leading to price pressure on Indian soy meal.

The RM seed is reeling under pressure, mainly due to weakness in palm oil in international market the commencement of new and early crop arrivals in some key growing belts of Uttar Pradesh, though the supplies are quite small which is likely to gradually pick-up in coming days. Besides, higher palm oil inventories with the key palm oil producing countries and lower export duty made the availability of palm oil cheaper in the international market.

Besides, the RM is planting is up by 3 per cent compared to the same period last year. Further, the standing crop is in good condition and there are no reports of crop damage or loss due to any adverse weather conditions. Mild losses were reported due to cold waves in some parts of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

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The Indian government has imposed an import duty of 2.5 per cent on crude edible oils. However, the import duty on refined edible oils has been kept unchanged at 7.5 per cent. The decision was taken to protect the farmer's interests as Malaysia, world's no.2 palm oil producer removed export duty on its crude palm oil from 1st Jan, 2013.

India announced during the week that it would set a base price of \$802/ton for CPO imports in a bid to prevent a flood of cheap palm oil from top producers Indonesia and Malaysia.

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Overall, favourable weather condition for South American soybean crop, higher palm oil inventory with major palm oil producing countries and higher area coverage in RM seed and commencement of early crop supplies in the few cash markets will pressure the domestic oilseeds and meal market during the month.

International

- Private analytics firm Informa Economics has estimated the Brazilian soybean harvest for 2012-13 season at 84 million tons, up 1.1 million tons from its previous forecast. It has reduced the soybean crop production estimate for Argentina to 54.5 million tons from its earlier estimate of 58.4 million tons on lower yield potential due to dry weather conditions.
- ❖ Soybean shipments from Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay plunged by as much as 8.8 Mn T in Sept/Jan 2012/13, reported Oil World. The exports remained bearish for the South American soybean. South American soy meal prices fell in previous weeks.
- Argentine's soybean crushings were reported at 1.96 Mn T for December, near Oil World's estimate and confirming a steep decline by 0.9 Mn T from a year earlier.
- As per reports of Safras & Mercado, Brazil's 2012/13 soy harvest, which is under way, should turn out around 84.7 million tonnes of the oilseed, raising their forecast from a December estimate of 84.3 million tonnes. The forecast is for 2 million tonnes more than the official government estimate of 82.7 million tonnes, but achieving either figure would mark a record and propel Brazil to rank as the top world soy grower, outpacing the United States.
- Weather outlook for Argentina continues to look dry over a couple of week weeks with the exception of a rain event at the end of this week which will be closely monitored. Brazil conditions continue to be mostly favorable but delays to the harvest in Mato Grosso is causing vessel lineups in the ports which could shift spot demand back to the US. This could be supportive short term to the market.
- ❖ According to the Oil World, the combined imports of soybeans and soya meal of China, Japan, South Korea and Thailand fell by 4.7% to 14.1 Mn T in Oct/Dec 2012.
- Argentine farmers have sold only an estimated 10% of their expected crop so far. The sales will pick up considering better Chinese buying this season.





Oil Meal Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Soy DOC Rates at Different Centers

	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)				
Centers	31-01-2013	31-12-2012	Parity To		
Indore (MP)	26400-26600	27700	Gujarat, MP		
Kota	26200-26400	27500	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana		
Akola	26300	28100	AP, Chattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand, WB		
Hingoli	27200	28800	AP, Chattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand, WB		
Nanded/Latur	27500	28200	AP, Kar ,TN		
Dhulia/Jalna	28300-28400	29000	Mumbai, Maharashtra		
Nagpur (42/46)	27100	27700	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN		
Sangli	28500	29000	Local and South		
Solapur	27800	28700	Local and South		
Bundi	26200	27200	-		

Soy DOC at Port

Comtons	Port Price		
Centers	31-01-2013	31-12-2012	
Kandla (FOR) (INR/MT)	28500	29675	
Kandla (FAS) (USD/MT)	535	542	

International Soy DOC

Argentina FOB \$/MT	31-01-2013	31-12-2012	Change
Soybean Pellets	515	536	-21
Soybean Cake Meal	512	536	-24
Soybean Meal	523	544	-21
Soy Expellers	523	544	-21

Sunflower Meal Rates

Centers	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)				
Centers	31-01-2013	31-12-2012	Change		
Adoni	18200	20000	-1800		
Khamgaon	18000	19800	-1800		
Parli	17800	19800	-2000		
Latur	17800	19600	-1800		



Groundnut Meal

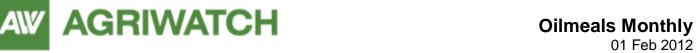
Groundnut Meal	31-01-2013	31-12-2012	Change
Basis 45% O&A, Saurashtra	25800	26300	-500
Basis 40% O&A, Saurashtra	22900	23800	-900
GN Cake, Gondal	26500	28500	-2000

Mustard DOC/Meal

Mustard DOC/Meal	31-01-2013	31-12-2012	Change
Jaipur (Plant Delivery)	13700	16000	-2300
Kandla (FOR)	14700	17000	-2300
Sri Ganganagar	765	775	-10

Oilseed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Centre	Prices (Change	
		31-01-2013	31-12-2012	
	Indore -Plant	3310-3335	3320-3390	-55
	Indore –Mandi	3180-3260	3225-3325	-65
	Nagpur-Plant	3250	3300	-50
	Nagpur – Mandi	3100-3150	3150-3250	-100
	Kota-Plant	3300	3300	Unch
Soybean	Kota – Mandi	3150-3220	3240	-20
-	Bundi-Plant	3300	3350	-50
	Bundi-Mandi	3200	3250-3275	-75
	Baran-Plant	3350	-	-
	Baran-Mandi	3200	3250	-50
	BhawaniMandiJhalawar – Kota Plant Delivery	3300	3350	-50
	Jhalwar-Mandi	3175-3200	3225-3250	-50
Rapeseed/Mustard	Jaipur – C	3915-3920	4280-4285	-365



	Alwar – C	3750	4125	-375
	SriGanganagar	3480	3810	-330
	Delhi– C	3850	4150	-300
	Kota (Non-Condition)	3550-3600	3950	-350
	Neewai	3800	4200	-400
	Hapur (UP)	3950	4190	-240
Groundnut Seed	Rajkot	1030	1050	-20
Groundhut Seed	Junagarh	-	-	-
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	Gulbarga	3200-3400	3200-3300	+100
Sunflower Seed	Latur	3500-3625	3550-3700	-75
	Solapur	3500-3625	3550-3650	-25

Soybean Prices are in INR per Qtl ,Arrivals(1 bag=90 kg). Mandi prices – Loose, Mustard Seed Prices are in INR per Qtl, Arrival (1 bag=85 kg) C – Condition (42%), *Groundnut seed inRs/20 kg, Sunflower Seed in Rs/qtl.

Oilseed Arrivals in Key Centers

Commodity	Centre	Arrivals in Bags	Change		
		31-01-2013	31-12-2012		
	Madhya Pradesh	3100000	4380000	-1280000	
	Maharashtra	1115000	1830000	-715000	
Soybean	Rajasthan	475000	930000	-455000	
	Bundi (Raj)	15300	24900	-9600	
	Baran (Raj)	95000	117500	-22500	
	Jhalawar (Raj)	25100	56800	-31700	
Rapeseed/Mustard	Rajasthan	1020000	1083000	-63000	
*Soybean: 1 bag = 90 kg; RM Seed: 1 bag = 85 kg					



Crop Progress, India

The *rabi* oilseeds planting is underway and it is progressing ahead previous year's pace. Overall, the oilseeds planting are up by 2 per cent.

Of the major rabi oilseeds crop rapeseed/mustard seed planting is up by around 3 per cent at 67.17 lha compared to 65.35 lakh hectares during the same period last year. Groundnut planting is reported up by 11.2 per cent at 8.11 lakh hectares compared to 7.29 lha, sunflower planting is up by 13 per cent at 4.89 lha compared to 4.32 lha during the same period last year.

Area in lakh hectares

Crop	As on 31 Jan 2013	As on 31 Jan 2012	% Change
Rapeseed/Mustard Seed	67.17	65.35	2.8
Groundnut	8.11	7.29	11.2
Safflower	1.51	1.93	-21.8
Sunflower	4.89	4.32	13.2
Sesamum	0.6	0.72	-16.7
Lineed	3.32	4.18	-20.6
Other Oilseeds	0.64	0.83	-22.9
Total Oilseeds	86.2	84.6	1.9

Source: GOI

However, linseed, sesamum and safflower planting continued to lag behind compared to the previous year.

Soybean

Soybean prices declined during the month in review. Availability of cheaper palm oil in the international market and higher inventory in the same with the major exporting countries remained bearish for the beans.

But, harvesting delay in Brazilian soybean due to intermittent rains and demand shift to US along with improved edible oil buying in domestic market restricted the losses.

Further, concerns about dry weather in major soy exporter Argentina and talk that shipping issues in Brazil will likely limit the country's ability to ship soy supplies in the near term helped fuel gains in palm oil towards the end of January. The ongoing congestion on Brazilian ports will has already lead to the shift in soy demand towards US.

The USDA reported that US exporters sold a total of 395,000 tonnes of US soybeans to China, during the week, for the 2013/14 marketing year.

Net US weekly soybean export sales came in at 386,000 tonnes for the current marketing year and 867,000 for the next marketing year for a total of 1,253,000. The old crop sale pace is showing signs of slowing but the 2013/14 sales pace remains explosive which is helping the new crop soybean contracts gain on old crop. As of January 24th, cumulative soybean sales stand at 91% of the USDA forecast for the current marketing year vs. a 5 year average of 77%. Sales of 102,000 tonnes are needed each week to reach the USDA forecast.





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No aggressive buying, in the cash market, reported in soybean by the solvent extractors and crushings remained steady in the absence of any fresh overseas meal demand.

However, improved wedding demand in edible oil will push up the purchases in beans from solvent extractors. Government's levy of import duty on crude edible (2.5 per cent) oils and delay in Brazilian soybean shipments will prove to be positive factors for short-term. However, bearish International palm oil outlook will limit the gains in domestic soybeans.

Balance Sheet - Soybean, India

Fig. in MnT

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Oil Year (Oct-Sep)	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Carry In	0.49	0.45	1.12	0.37	0.40
Production	9.60	9.67	10.10	12.00	12.50
Imports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Availability	10.09	10.12	11.22	12.37	12.90
Crush	9.64	9.00	10.85	11.97	12.58
Exports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Usage	9.64	9.00	10.85	11.97	12.58
Carry Out	0.45	1.12	0.37	0.40	0.32
Monthly Use	0.80	0.75	0.90	1.00	1.05
Stock/Consumption Ratio	0.05	0.12	0.03	0.03	0.03
Stock to Month Use Ratio	0.56	1.49	0.41	0.40	0.31

Source: Agriwatch

- ➤ Higher crushing due to good meal demand lead to lower carry-in in 2012/13
- India's 2012/13 soybean output is lowered from 13 Mn T to 12.5 Mn T due to crop loss in Madhya Pradesh.
- We expect 2012/13 soybean crush at 12.58 Mn T owing to higher production compared to previous years. India's soy meal prices have to compete with the meal prices of South America, which will eventually make the crushing more viable depending on its exports.



Soy meal- FAS Kandla Vs FOB Argentina (Spread)

Soy meal prices edged-lower followed by lower than expected meal exports. Besides, the South American prices are getting competitive with the commencement of Brazilian soybean harvest and expected higher production in Latin America this season remained bearish for domestic soy meal.

India's exports of Soy meal during January, 2013 was 6,20,133 tones as compared to 4,84,195 tones in January, 2012 showing a increase by 28.07% over the last year.

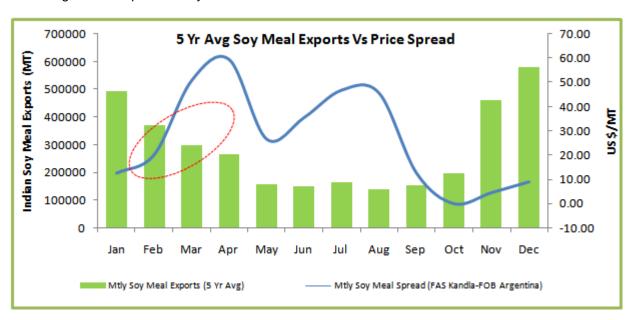
On a financial year basis, the export during April 2012 to January 2013 is 25,36,062 MT as compared to 30,82,267 MT in the same period of previous year showing a decrease of 17.72%.

During current Oil year, (October - September), exports during October 2012 to January 2013 is 16,98,984 MT as against 19,53,415 MT last year, showing a decrease by 13%, said SOPA.

Delay in Brazilian soybean harvesting due to rains over key growing states during the week has disrupted the soy shipments out of Brazil and demand shift towards US was evident during the period lending support to CBOT soybeans.

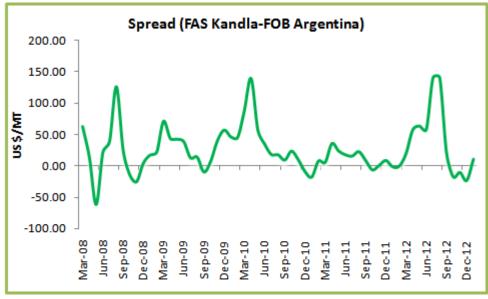
However, India's Y-o-Y soy meal prices have witnessed gains. Soy meal (Feb-Mar) exports price, FOR Kandla exports, towards the end of Jan, was quoted between Rs 28,350- 28,500/MT compared to 18,300-18,600/MT during the same period last year.

C&F Indonesia, towards the end of Jan, was between US \$ 545-550/MT which was quoted between US \$395-400/MT during the same period last year.



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*FAS, Kandla less FOB Argentina

The average monthly soy meal price spread between FAS Kandla and FOB Argentina fell and recorded at US \$ 12/MT in Jan compared to US \$-22/MT Dec which translates that the Indian soy meal prices are getting competitive against Argentina's meal prices. *India's soy meal exports is at the optimum levels during the period, October thru January, at the considered spread between Indian vs Argentine meal price between US \$8/MT and US \$15/MT.* (* Spread - FAS Kandla less FOB Argentina).

Recommendation: FOR Kandla was quoted between Rs 28,350- 28,500/MT towards the end of the month. The Indian meal exporters are advised to aggressively market their meal to the countries in vicinity including traditional South and Far-East Asian destinations. Indian soy meal have started facing stiff price competition from South American soy meal followed by commencement of Brazil's soybean harvest and likely harvest of Argentina in coming weeks. The Domestic meal prices are likely to feature range-bound movement with weak bias during the month. FOR, Kandla is expected to face downward pressure and witness **26800-27200 during Feb and early Mar**.

Soybean Crush Margin

Avg Crush Margin –	Avg Crush Margin	Avg Crush Margin –	Avg Crush Margin –
Jan 2013	Dec 2012	Jan 2012	Jan 2011
-536	-799	-701	-547



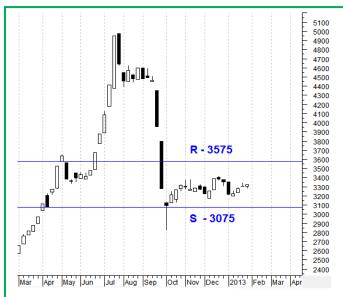




Technical Analysis: NCDEX Soybean Futures



Soybean Spot, Indore



*In Rs/MT

Supports & Resistances NCDEX Mar Soybean					
S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2	
3045	3144	3307	3450	3522	

- The monthly Jan candle points weakness in the soybeans, but the prices have recovered in early Feb.
- Prices closed above 9-day and 18-day EMA, supporting the gains.
- > RSI is flattering in neutral region while stochastic are easing in oversold zone. Indicating bearish momentum.
- MACD is easing in positive region.
- The soybean prices are expected to ease during the month.
- Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean Mar) 1 Month: SELL between 3330-3350 levels.T1 -3250; T2 - 3200; SL - 3385.

Trade Recommendation Soybean Spot: Prices are expected to slightly ease and witness 3200-3250 levels (Indore, Plant basis) during the month. Soybean harvesting in Brazil and expected early crop harvest in Argentina in Feb in sync with domestic mustard seed harvesting will pressure the soybean market during the month.



Rapeseed - Mustard Seed

The RM seed plunged on weak millers buying during the month in review. Higher area coverage under RM seed and better production prospects this season remained bearish for the seed this week. Besides, sluggish demand in mustard oil has weighed on the seed prices during the month.

The RM seed planting is ahead previous year's pace. The planting is up about 3 per cent compared to the corresponding period last year. Area coverage under rapeseed/mustard seed (as on 31 Jan 2013) stood at 67.17 lha compared to 65.35 lakh hectares during the same period last year.

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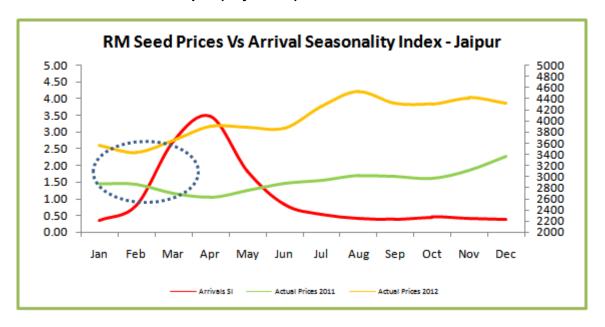
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In Rajasthan the mustard crop is in seed development stage and low intensity of aphids in mustard crop was noticed. The crop is in flowering and pod formation stage in western Uttar Pradesh, aphids in the crop noticed. The crop is in pod development stage in Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Gujarat. In West Bengal the crop is in pod maturity to development stage. No major pests/diseases were noticed or crop loss/damage reported due to adverse weather.

Higher coverage area under RM seed and expected bumper mustard crop this season is likely to pressure the seed market in near-term. Any bullish news in Malaysian palm oil especially on exports will lend support to the BMD CPO and eventually spillover support to the domestic RM seed, which closely tracks BMD CPO. We feel the Malaysian palm oil exports to improve in the month of February and lend some support to the domestic RM seed.



RM Seed Prices Vs Arrivals -Jaipur (Rajasthan)



The seed prices are expected to ease with the commencement of crop harvest in some of the key growing regions of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. In addition, the soybean harvesting in South America will further pressure the international oils and fats market.

RM Seed Supply, Rajasthan

RM Seed Arrivals in Rajasthan in Bags (85 kg each).					
Monthly Arrivals-Jan	1 Month Ago	Corresponding Period Last Year			
10,20,000	10,83,000	9,25,000			

The RM seed supplies fell in Jan compared Dec as the marketing season is getting over in March.





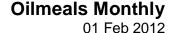
Balance Sheet - Rapeseed-Mustard Seed, India

Fig in MnT

Marketing Year (Mar-Feb)	2009-2010	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Carry In	0.45	0.75	0.75	1.25	0.70
Production	6.2	6	7	6.5	7.95
Imports	0	0	0	0	0
Total Availability	6.65	6.75	7.75	7.75	8.65
Crush	5.9	6	6.5	7.05	7.75
Exports	0	0	0	0	0
Total Usage	5.9	6	6.5	7.05	7.75
Carry Out/Ending Stock	0.75	0.75	1.25	0.70	0.90
Monthly Use	0.49	0.50	0.54	0.59	0.65
Stock/Consumption Ratio	0.13	0.13	0.19	0.10	0.12
Stock to Month Use Ratio	1.53	1.50	2.31	1.19	1.39

Source: Agriwatch

- Our preliminary Projection for India's 2013/14 RM seed Outturn stands at 7.95 Mn T. The production has surpassed the previous season's production followed by higher yield potential with favouarble weather for the crop.
- ➤ The carry-in stands at 0.7 Mn T which is lower than previous year figure, as crushings fell in 2011/12. Besides, 2012/13 RM seed production declined as compared to 2011/12.
- ➤ We have revised the 2012/13 RM seed output upwards to 6.5 Mn T compared to 6.0 Mn T estimated in April 2012. However the 2012/13 production stood lower compared to 2011/12. Lower coverage in RM seed area by 7% in 2011/12, missing winter rains and frost damage hampered the productivity.





Technical Analysis: NCDEX RM Seed Futures

RM Seed Spot, Jaipur





Supports & Resistances NCDEX Apr RM Seed

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3315	3385	3471	3552	3649

- The RM seed prices featured substantial losses during the month.
- Prices closed below 9-day and 18-day EMA.
- MACD is easing in negative territory.
- > RSI and stochastic are rising in neutral region, supporting the losses.
- ➤ Trade Recommendation (NCDEX RM SEED Apr) 1 Month: SELL between 3500–3520 levels.T1 3360; T2 3300; SL 3585.

Trade Recommendation RM Seed Spot (Jaipur basis): In spot the RM seed prices are expected ease on higher area coverage under RM seed and likely higher output this season. The seed prices are expected to ease and witness 3800 – 3850 levels during the month.

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