

Executive Summary

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Renewed edible oil demand, falling soybean supplies due to lean season and steady demand in meal from feed industry is likely to push up the oilseeds in near-term. Further, month-on-month fall in Malaysian palm oil inventories will prove positive factor for domestic oils and fats market in near-term.

International Highlights

- ❖ The U.S. soybean crush declined to 120.1 million bushels in April, which was below trade expectations and the second-lowest monthly total in 19 months, National Oilseed Processors Association data showed last week.
- ❖ Chinese soybean imports were preliminarily reported at 3.98 Mn T in April, which were reportedly lower than the usual. The imports were hit due to bird-flu concern and slow down in hog farming, this somewhat limited the gain in international beans.
- ❖ As per Oil world, Brazilian soybean shipments were larger than expected between May 1-12 and will probably reach or exceed a record 8.3 Mn T in the month of May. This is resulted after facilitation by new regulations at Brazilian ports, extending the daily working time. Three major Brazilian port workers were on strike recently, only workers in a port resumed work, but the other two ports are still not in operation due to the strike.
- ❖ Expected dry weather in the US Midwest during the week will provide an opportunity for farmers to step up soybean plantings. The planting pace this season is much slow than the 5 year average.
- ❖ Soybean harvesting in Argentina was hampered by heavy rainfall of up to 200 mm in parts of Santa Fe and Cordoba during first week of May, affecting the supplies.
- ❖ Brazilian soybean exports were comparatively low at 709 Thd T in the first five days of May. It's production of biodiesel rose up to 210 Thd T in March – Oil World.

Oil Meal Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Soy DOC Rates at Different Centers

Centers	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	17.05.2013	10.05.2013	Parity To
Indore (MP)	34000	33700-34100	Gujarat, MP
Kota	34000	34000-34500	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Akola	34500	34700	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand, WB
Hingoli	35000	35500	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand, WB
Nanded/Latur	36000	36200	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	34500	34500	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Nagpur (42/46)	34800	35300	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	36000	37000	Local and South
Solapur	-	36800	Local and South
Bundi	34200	34000	-

Soy DOC at Port

Centers	Port Price	
	17.05.2013	10.05.2013
Kandla (FOR) (INR/MT)	36000	35500
Kandla (FAS) (USD/MT)	656	651

International Soy DOC

Argentina FOB \$/MT	17.05.2013	10.05.2013	Change
Soybean Pellets	489	475	+14
Soybean Cake Meal	489	475	+14
Soybean Meal	497	483	+14
Soy Expellers	497	483	+14

Sunflower Meal Rates

Centers	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	17.05.2013	10.05.2013	Change
Adoni	19200	19200	Unch
Khamgaon	18800	18800	Unch
Parli	19200	19200	Unch
Latur	19000	19000	Unch

Groundnut Meal

Groundnut Meal	17.05.2013	10.05.2013	Change
Basis 45% O&A, Saurashtra	28500	28500	Unch
Basis 40% O&A, Saurashtra	26500	26500	Unch
GN Cake, Gondal	29000	29000	Unch

Mustard DOC/Meal

Mustard DOC/Meal	17.05.2013	10.05.2013	Change
Jaipur (Plant Delivery)	14000	13600	+400
Kandla (FOR)	15000	14700	+300
Sri Ganganagar	640	623	+17

Oilseed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Centre	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Soybean		17.05.2013	10.05.2013	
	Indore –Plant	3975-4090	4000-4065	+25
	Indore –Mandi	3875-3975	3850-4000	-25
	Nagpur-Plant	3850-3900	3875-3900	Unch
	Nagpur – Mandi	3550-3900	3700-3900	Unch
	Kota-Plant	4000	4000	Unch
	Kota – Mandi	3900-3950	3900	+50
	Bundi-Plant	4000	3975	+25
	Bundi-Mandi	3950	3900	+50
	Baran-Plant	3950	3975	-25
	Baran-Mandi	3850-3900	3850-3900	Unch
	Bhawani MandiJhalawar– Kota Plant Delivery	3975	3950	+25
	Jhalawar-Mandi	3900	3900	Unch
Rapeseed/Mustard	Jaipur – C	3545-3550	3425-3430	+120
	Alwar – C	3400	3300	+100
	SriGanganagar(NC)	3070	2950	+120
	Delhi– C	3425	3330	+95
	Kota	3100-3200	3100-3150	+50
	Agra - C	3640	3600	+40

	Neewai	-	3400	-
	Hapur (UP)	3425	3340	+85
Groundnut Seed	Rajkot	970	970	Unch
Sunflower Seed	Gulbarga	-	-	-
	Latur	3500-4000	3500-3600	+400
	Solapur	3600-3700	3550-3675	+25
Sesame Seed	Mumbai (White98/2/1 FM)	10500	10000	+500

Soybean Prices are in INR/Qtl. Mandi prices – Loose, Mustard Seed Prices are in INR/Qtl.C –Condition (42%),

*Groundnut seed inRs/20 kg, Sunflower Seed in Rs/Qtl

Oilseed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Centre	Arrivals in Bags/Qtl		Chg
Soybean		Week End (17/05/2013)	Week End (10/05/2013)	
	Madhya Pradesh	200000	210000	-10000
	Maharashtra	105000	130000	-25000
	Rajasthan	60000	82000	-22000
	Bundi (Raj)	1100	2600	-1500
	Baran (Raj)	4100	5000	-900
	Jhalawar (Raj)	2850	2900	-50
Rapeseed/Mustard	Rajasthan	915000	1230000	-315000
*Sum Arrivals during the week.				

Rabi Sown Area - Oilseeds, India

In the last official planting report, the *rabi* oilseeds planting was reported ahead previous year's pace, as on 28 Mar 2013. Overall, the oilseeds planting were reported up by just 0.2 per cent.

Of the major rabi oilseeds crop rapeseed/mustard seed planting stood up by around 2.5 per cent at 67.53 lha compared to 65.9 lakh hectares during the same period last year. Groundnut planting was reported down by 2.2 per cent at 10.88 lakh hectares compared to 11.12 lha, sunflower planting was up by 13.6 per cent at 5.34 lha compared to 4.7 lha during the same period last year.

Area in lakh hectares

Crop	As on 28 Mar 2013	As on 28 Mar 2012	% Change
Rapeseed/Mustard Seed	67.53	65.9	2.5
Groundnut	10.88	11.12	-2.2
Safflower	1.53	1.95	-21.5
Sunflower	5.34	4.7	13.6
Sesamum	2.64	2.71	-2.6
Linseed	3.38	4.3	-21.4
Other Oilseeds	0.69	1.13	-38.9
Total Oilseeds	92.0	91.8	0.2

Source: GOI

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

Soybean

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Soy meal - FAS Kandla Vs FOB Argentina (Spread)

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Indian soybean Meal prices are not competitive in comparison to International rates. Hence, decline in exports.

During current Oil year, (October - September), exports during October 2012 to April, 2013 were 26.97 Lac tones as against 31.21 Lac tones last year, showing a decrease by 13.60%. (Source: SOPA).

The y-o-y fall in the India's soy meal export sales in the month of April is due to the demand shift towards South America owing to their competitive meal prices. This is due to the peak season in South America.

However, India's Y-o-Y soy meal prices have witnessed gains. Soy meal (May-Jun) exports price, FOR Kandla exports was quoted between Rs 35,500-36,000/MT compared to 29,000-30,200/MT during the same period last year.

Week	FAS, Soy meal Kandla	FOB, Soy meal Argentina	Avg.*Spread
11 – 17 May	644	487	157
04 -10 May	632	470	162

*FAS Kandla less FOB Argentina (Quotes in US \$)

The average weekly soy meal price spread between FAS Kandla and FOB Argentina stood at US at \$157/MT compared to US \$162/MT a week ago, indicating a widening gap in prices between Indian and Argentine 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.*

Recommendation: *The domestic soy meal is under pressure followed by competitive South American soy meal prices with harvesting picking up in the region. However, continued soy meal exports will lend support to some extent. The Indian meal exporters are advised to aggressively market their meal to the countries in vicinity including traditional South and Far-East Asian destinations to materialize the freight and logistics advantage. The prices are expected to feature range-bound movement on mixed sentiments.*

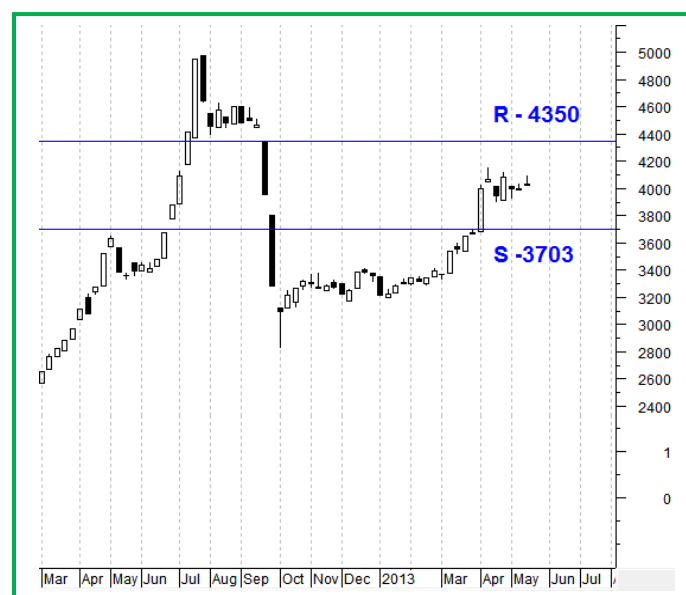
FOR, Kandla is likely feature range-bound movement between the price band of Rs.35,800-36,300/MT.

Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean Futures-Weekly Chart



Soybean Spot, Indore



Supports & Resistances NCDEX Jun Soybean

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3561	3670	3903	4045	4145

- Doji candle points out indecision in the market. The market featured dull activity consecutive second day.
- The prices closed above 9-day and 18-day EMA, indicating firm tone in near-term.
- RSI and stochastic are slightly rising in neutral zone, supporting the uptrend.
- Besides, MACD is heading upwards in positive territory.
- Prices are expected to feature range-bound movement during the week.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean – Jun) – 1 Week:** BUY between 3890—3900 levels. T1 – 3960; T2 – 4040; SL -3862.

Trade Recommendation Soybean Spot: We feel the soybean prices to feature range-bound movement with firm bias in near-term - WEEK. The prices are likely to gain and witness the 4000-4150 levels (Indore, Plant basis).

Rapeseed - Mustard Seed

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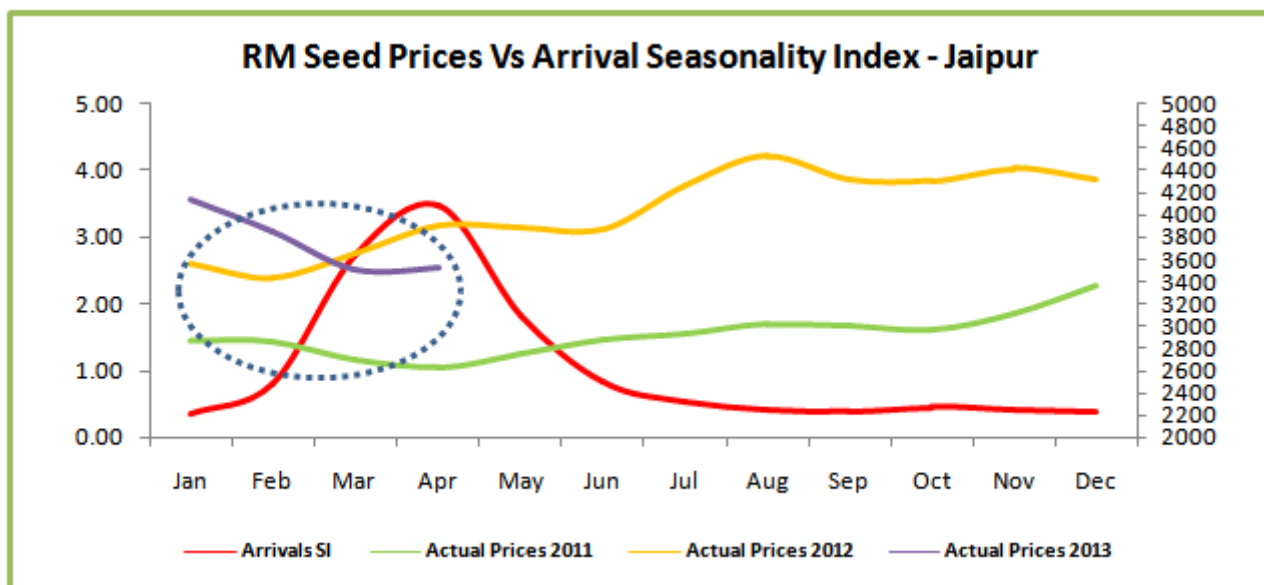
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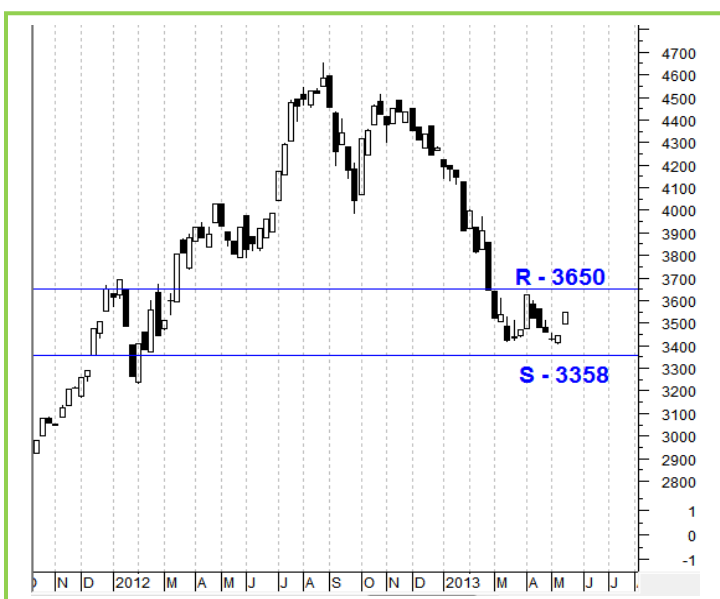


RM Seed Supply, Rajasthan

RM Seed Arrivals in Rajasthan in Bags (85 kg each).		
Weekly Arrivals	Week Ago	Corresponding Week Last Year
9,15,000	12,30,000	4,57,000

The domestic mustard/rapeseed prices are likely to gain on active buying support across the cash markets in the key producing regions in near-term.

Technical Analysis:
NCDEX RM Seed Futures

RM Seed Spot, Jaipur

Supports & Resistances NCDEX Jun RM Seed

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3412	3450	3514	3591	3646

- Candlestick chart pattern reveals indecision in the market.
- Prices closed below 9-day and 18-day EMA, indicating weak tone in near and near-term.
- MACD is rising in negative territory.
- RSI and stochastic are rising in neutral region, pointing firm tone in the market.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX RM SEED - Jun) – 1 Week:** BUY between 3500-3510 levels. T1 – 3560; T2 –3620; SL -3477.

Trade Recommendation RM Seed Spot (Jaipur basis): In spot the RM seed prices are expected to feature range bound movement with firm bias, in near term, on fresh buying. The prices are likely improve and are expected to witness 3550–3650 level in near term.

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