

Executive Summary

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Weak soybean crushing followed by poor soy meal export sales, cheap availability of imported edible oils are likely to pressure the domestic oilseeds market near-term. However, expected fall in Malaysian palm oil inventories will limit the fall.

International Highlights

- ❖ Weak palm oil products exports witnessed from Malaysia during May. Cargo surveyor Societe Generale de Surveillance reported a 3.4 percent drop in the exports of Malaysian palm oil products for May to 12.48 lakh tons compared to the last month.
- ❖ As per the latest USDA crop progress report, the soybean crop has been planted in 44 per cent of the soybean growing areas as of 28 May 2013, advancing from 24 per cent last week, but much lower than 87 per cent completion witnessed in the same period last year. The planting pace is slower as compared to the 5 year average of 61 per cent. The emergence is reported at 14 per cent, well behind 5 year average of 30 per cent and 57 per cent last year.
- ❖ World outturn of shelled groundnuts is now estimated to improve only marginally to 27.5 Mn T in 2012/13, as reported by Oil World.
- ❖ A notable decline in soybean meal is witnessed; EU imports of five major oilmeals fell to only 5.82 Mn T in Jan/Mar 2013, a multi-year low for this quarter. However, export bookings of US soy meal improved to a four-week high of 257 Thd T during May 10-16 – Oil World.
- ❖ Rainfall in Brazil since May 22 temporarily stopped loading at major ports, resulting in a long line of trucks. Brazil and Argentina are already facing shipment hurdles due to port workers' strike.
- ❖ West Malaysia has received below-normal rainfall in March and April 2013, which is likely to hit the palm output in the region.
- ❖ As per Oil World, the total export volume of 17 oils and fats is estimated to improve by 3.6 Mn T to at a record 75.7 Mn T in 2012/13. Further, the total world consumption estimate, by Oil World for 17 oils and fats of 187.7 Mn T in 2012/13 implies an average per-capita consumption of 26.3 kilos.

Oilseed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Centre	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Soybean		31.05.2013	24.05.2013	
	Indore –Plant	3825-3880	3925-3975	-95
	Indore –Mandi	3700-3800	3800-3925	-125
	Nagpur-Plant	3650-3750	3800	-50
	Nagpur – Mandi	3600-3700	3600-3750	-50
	Kota-Plant	3850	3950	-100
	Kota – Mandi	3650-3800	3900-3925	-125
	Bundi-Plant	3870	3950	-80
	Bundi-Mandi	3800-3825	3900	-75
	Baran-Plant	3850	3900-3980	-130
	Baran-Mandi	3675-3750	3850-3890	-140
	Bhawani MandiJhalawar– Kota Plant Delivery	3850	3950	-100
	Jhalawar-Mandi	3750	3900	-150
Rapeseed/Mustard	Jaipur – C	3490-3495	3535-3540	-45
	Alwar – C	3350	3425	-75
	SriGanganagar(NC)	2930	3000	-70
	Delhi– C	3380	3390	-10
	Kota	3050-3125	3150	-25
	Agra - C	3650	3700	-50
	Neewai	3375	3450	-75
	Hapur (UP)	3375	3400	-25
Groundnut Seed	Rajkot	880	910	-30
Sunflower Seed	Gulbarga	-	-	-
	Latur	3400-4000	3600-4000	Unch
	Solapur	3550-3700	3550-3750	-50
Sesame Seed	Mumbai (White98/2/1 FM)	10500	10400	+100

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
		Week End (31/05/2013)	Week End (24/05/2013)	
Soybean				
	Madhya Pradesh	255000	280000	-25000
	Maharashtra	45000	100000	-55000
	Rajasthan	71000	72000	-1000
	Bundi (Raj)	900	1150	-250
	Baran (Raj)	3900	4100	-200
	Jhalawar (Raj)	3000	2100	+900
Rapeseed/Mustard	Rajasthan	785000	755000	+30000

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
Lineed	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.

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Soy meal - FAS Kandla Vs FOB Argentina (Spread)

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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 34,500-35,250/MT compared to 28,500-29,475/MT during the same period last year.

Week	FAS, Soy meal Kandla	FOB, Soy meal Argentina	Avg.*Spread
26 – 31 May	632	516	116
18 – 25 May	645	524	121

*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 \$116/MT compared to US \$121/MT a week ago, indicating a slight narrowing 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.*

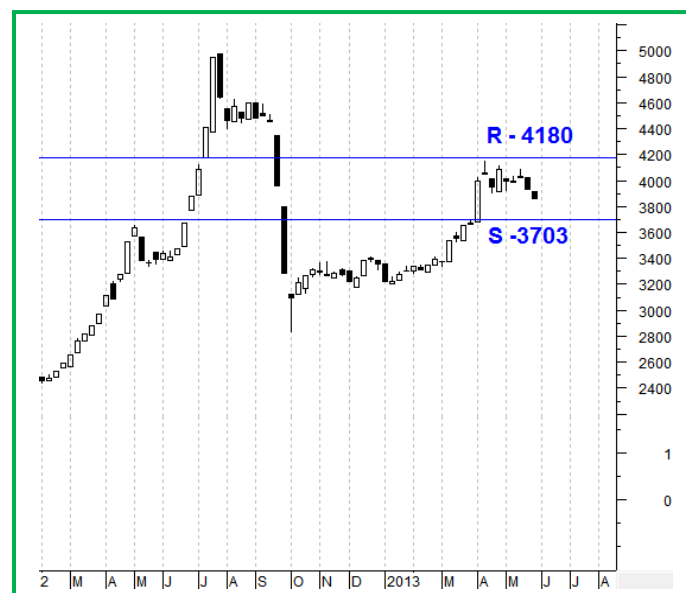
FOR, Kandla is likely feature range-bound movement between the price band of Rs.32,700-32,800/MT.

Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean Futures-Weekly Chart



Soybean Spot, Indore



Supports & Resistances NCDEX Jul Soybean

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3378	3502	3655.5	3870	3974

- Candlestick chart pattern reveal continued selling pressure in the market.
- The prices closed below 9-day and 18-day EMA, indicating weak tone in near-term.
- RSI and stochastic are easing in neutral zone, supporting the losses.
- Besides, MACD is falling in positive territory.
- Prices are expected to slightly ease during the week.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean – Jul) – 1 Week:** SELL between 3660—3670 levels. T1 – 3550; T2 – 3510; SL -3723.

Trade Recommendation Soybean Spot: We feel the soybean prices to feature range-bound movement with weak -bias in near-term - WEEK. The prices are likely to feature mild losses and witness the 3750-3800 levels (Indore, Plant basis).

Rapeseed - Mustard Seed

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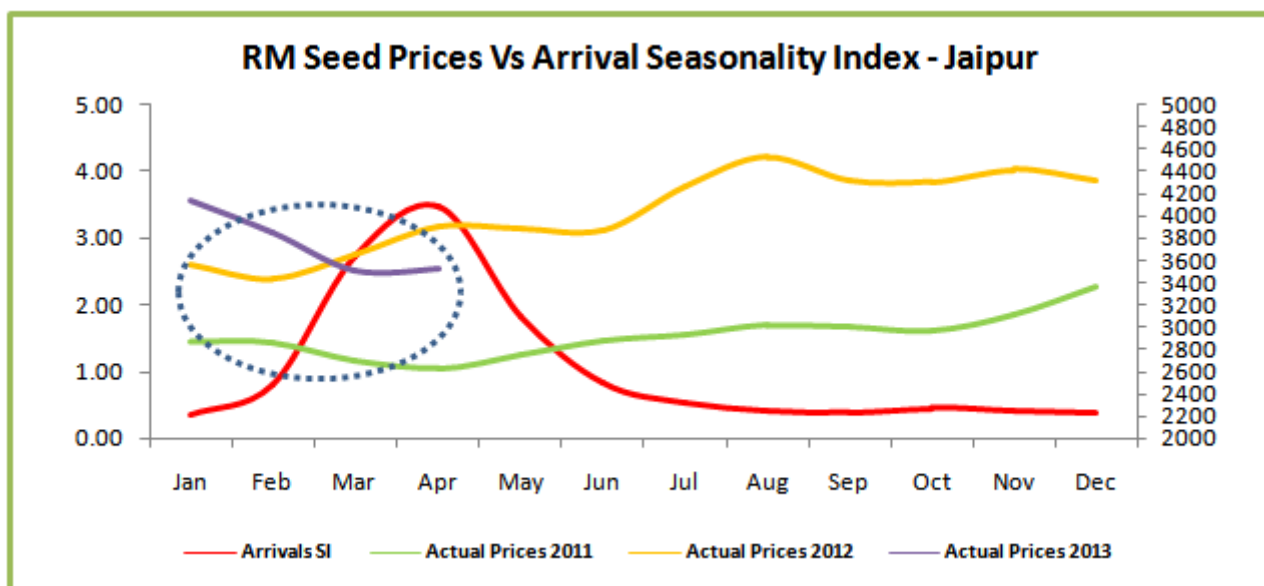
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RM Seed Supply, Rajasthan

RM Seed Arrivals in Rajasthan in Bags (85 kg each).		
Weekly Arrivals	Week Ago	Corresponding Week Last Year
7,85,000	7,55,000	3,47,000

The domestic mustard/rapeseed prices are likely to get stronger on improved 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 Jul RM Seed

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3439	3478	3517	3579	3618

- Candlestick chart pattern reveals downtrend in the prices.
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- MACD is easing in negative territory.
- RSI and stochastic are easing in neutral region, pointing weak tone in the market.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX RM SEED - Jul) – 1 Week:** SELL between 3520-3525 levels. T1 – 3550; T2 –3580; SL -3537.

Trade Recommendation RM Seed Spot (Jaipur basis): In spot the RM seed prices are expected to feature range bound movement with weak bias, in near term, on poor crusher's demand. The prices are likely to improve and are expected to witness 3400–3450 level in near term.

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