

Executive Summary

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Soybean crop damage in South America, bullish reports on palm oil inventories in Malaysia and dry weather in Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand will continue to remain positive for the oil and fats markets.

However, likely rise in the overall global soybean production followed by record outturn despite crop losses will cap the gain in oilseeds.

The oilseeds and meal prices are expected to featured range-bound movement with weak-bias in near-term.

International Highlights

- ❖ Chinese soybean buying is estimated at 16.2 Mn T in Jan/March 2014, 41% more than last year – Oil World.
- ❖ Soybean shipments of the 4 major countries remained unusually large at 8.8 Mn T in February.
- ❖ World sunseed inventories exceeded the year-earlier level by about 4- 5 Mn T as of March 1, as reported by the Oil World.
- ❖ Reportedly weather conditions improved in several parts of Argentina, which will lower the stress to soybean crop. However, weather situations are still partly detrimental in Brazil.
- ❖ Malaysian February palm oil exports pegged at 1.24 million tons, down 2.1% on m-o-m basis –SGS. According to an Indonesian ministry, Indonesia keeps its export tax for crude palm oil unchanged at 10.5% for March.
- ❖ The sizable downward correction of the South American soybean crops and crushings will have a major impact on the production and export availability of 8 oilmeals. For soybeans Oil World has reduced world production projection by 7.8 Mn T.
- ❖ The recent soybean production estimates by various renowned analysts reveals that despite the partly significant soybean crop damage, total production in South America will still reach a new record high.
- ❖ As per Buenos Aires Grain Exchange, Argentina's 2014 soybean production seen at 53 million tons, unchanged from the previous forecast. CONAB lower its soybean production forecast to 90 million tons, down 0.3 million tons from the previous estimates for 2014. While, last year Brazil's soybean Production was 81.5 million tons.

Oil Meal Prices at Key Spot Markets:
Soy DOC Rates at Different Centers

Centers	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	14-March-14	7-March-14	Parity To
Indore (MP)	36500	37000-37500	Gujarat, MP
Kota	36200	37000-37500	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Akola	37000	37500	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand, WB
Hingoli	38500	39000	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand, WB
Nanded/Latur	37000	38000	Andhra, AP, Kar, TN
Dhulia/Jalna	37500	38300	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Nagpur (42/46)	37200	38200	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Sangli	38200	39300	Local and South
Sholapur	38000	38000	Local and South
Bundi	36300	37500	-

Soy DOC at Port

Centers	Port Price	
	14-March-14	7-March-14
Kandla (FOR) (INR/MT)	618	631
Kandla (FAS) (USD/MT)	38000	38500

International Soy DOC

Argentina FOB \$/MT	14-March-14	7-March-14	Change
Soybean Pellets	523	534	-11
Soybean Cake Meal	523	534	-11
Soybean Meal	531	542	-11
Soy Expellers	531	542	-11

Sunflower (DOC) Rates

Centers	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	14-March-14	7-March-14	Change
Adoni	22200	22200	Unch
Khamgaon	21800	21800	Unch
Parli	22000	22000	Unch
Latur	22000	22000	Unch

Groundnut Meal

Groundnut Meal	14-March-14	7-March-14	Change
Basis 45% O&A, Saurashtra	26000	27000	-1000
Basis 40% O&A, Saurashtra	24000	25000	-1000
GN Cake, Gondal	25000	25000	Unch

Mustard DOC/Meal

Mustard DOC/Meal	14-March-14	7-March-14	Change
Jaipur (Plant Delivery)	14500	14500	Unch
Kandla (FOR)	15300	15500	-200

Progress of Sown Area – Rabi Oilseeds, India

As per the official *Rabi* oilseeds planting (week ending 13 Mar 2014), the area coverage under Rabi oilseeds is reported at 93.01 lakh hectares, up 2.4% from 90.8 lakh ha previous year. Of the major oilseeds, rapeseed/mustard seed sowing is reported up by 6.0% compared to last year.

Crop	Mar 2014	13 Mar 2013	% Change
Rapeseed/Mustard	71.36	67.46	5.8
Groundnut	8.92	10.11	-11.8
Safflower	1.79	1.5	19.3
Sunflower	4.4	5.3	-17.0
Sesamum	2.46	2.4	2.5
Linseed	3.59	3.36	6.8
Others	0.49	0.67	-26.9
Total Oilseeds	93.01	90.8	2.4

(Area in lakh hectares) Source: GOI

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India's oilmeal shipments fell 53% in Feb 2014 compared to the same period last year while soy meal exports declined by 68% in Feb 2014 compared to the corresponding period last year. Japan which stood at second position after Iran in buying soy meal of Indian origin slipped to 19th position in Feb.

India's shipment of soy meal during February, 2014 was 1.83 lac tons as compared to 5.77 lac tons in February, 2013 showing a decrease by 68.28% over the same period of last year.

This decline in the export is primarily due to lower arrival of soybean resulting the lower crushing.

On a financial year basis, the export during April'2013 to February'2014 is 26.09 lac tons as compared to 31.13 lac tons in the same period of previous year showing a decrease by 16.19%.

During current Oil year, (October - September), total exports during October'2013 to February'2014 are 17.32 lac tones as against 22.77 lac tones last year, showing a decrease by 23.94%.

Soy meal prices are expected feature firm tone on varied bullish factors hovering in the oils and fats market.

The demand shift to South America due to the competitive prices there ahead new crop supplies, this has already hit the India's meal exports. The soybean harvesting is at full swing in Brazil and peak Argentine harvesting is expected in late March. The major international meal buyers have begun to place the orders – forward booking to take the opportunity of price competitiveness.

The chances of improving India's meal exports in coming months are bleak as a result of demand diversion. The previous trend reveals that India's soy meal exports fall in upcoming months.

Although, preference of the meal of Indian origin mainly by the South-East countries due to logistic and freight advance and demand for non-GMO meal will lend support to the domestic soy meal. During the current Oil year Iran, Japan, Europe, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and South Korea are the major destinations for Indian soy meal exports.

However, India's Y-o-Y soy meal prices have witnessed gains during the past week. Soy meal, FOR Kandla exports price (Mar-Apr delivery) was quoted between Rs 38,000-38,663/MT compared to 31,800-33,500/MT during the same period last year.

Recommendation: Soy meal, FOR Kandla exports price (Mar-Apr delivery) was quoted between Rs 38,000-38,663/MT compared to 31,800-33,500/MT during the same period last year. Prices surged on bullish global soybean and palm oil reports during the month in review. Indian meal exporters are advised to market their meal to the countries in vicinity including traditional South and Far-East Asian destinations and Iran. Indian soy meal faces price competition from South American soy meal due to new crop soybean supplies. India is into the period of lower exports considering seasonality. The domestic meal prices are likely to feature steady to firm tone during in near-term. FOR, Kandla is expected to feature range bound movement with firm bias and the quotes will range between 38,500-40,000 levels in the upcoming week.

Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean Futures-Weekly Chart



Soybean Spot, Indore



Support & Resistance NCDEX Soybean – Apr contract

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3950	4053	4210.5	4416	4495

- Soybean prices fell on profit-booking during the week.
- RSI is easing in neutral region while stochastic is falling in overbought zone.
- MACD is easing in positive territory.
- The prices are expected to feature losses in coming week.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean – Apr) Week: Buy Below 4215. Levels: Target – 4100; T2- 4050, SL -4284.**

Trade Recommendation soybean spot: Soybean prices are expected to feature weak tone on correction. But, South American crop damage and dry weather in major palm growing region of South East Asia will limit the losses. The prices are likely to feature edge-up and will be in the band of 4250-4350 levels (Indore, Plant basis) during the week.

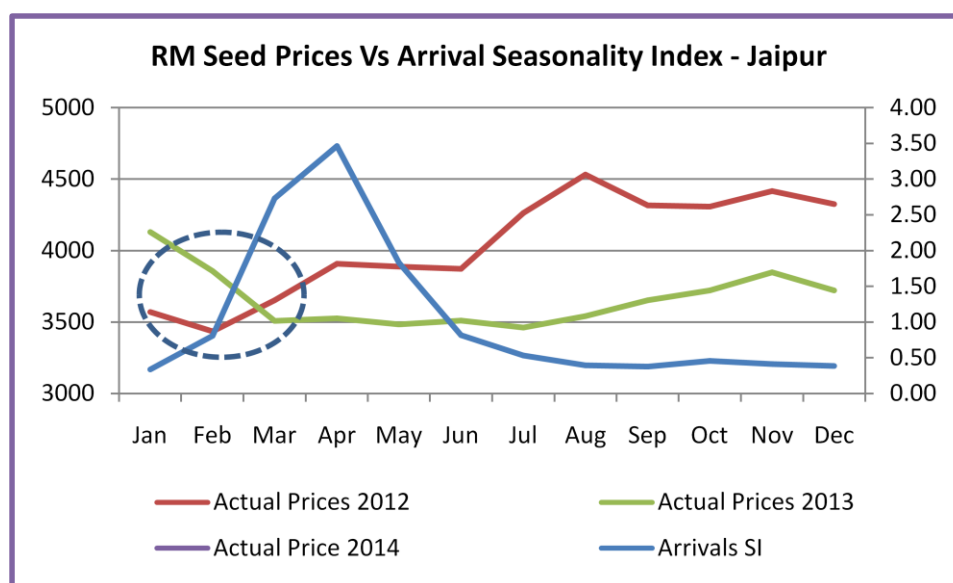
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Technical Analysis:

NCDEX RM Seed Futures



RM Seed Spot, Jaipur



Support & Resistance NCDEX RM Seed - Apr contract

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3205	3300	3433	3706	3837

- RM seed fell on profit booking during the week.
- The prices closed below 9-day and 18-day EMA.
- RSI is easing in neutral zone while stochastic is rising in the neutral territory.
- MACD is falling in the negative territory.
- Prices are expected to feature losses in the near-term.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX RM SEED - Apr) Week: SELL** Below 3440 for a Target –3330; T2-3280; SL -3506.

Trade Recommendation RM Seed Spot (Jaipur basis): In spot, the RM seed prices are expected to feature losses on fall in Malaysian palm oil. However, improved seed buying by the stockists and the solvent extractors domestically and severe dry weather in Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand which will eventually hit the palm oil production in the region will remain limit the losses during the week. Prices of new crop seed are expected to be in the range between 3400–3500 levels during the week.

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