

Executive Summary

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However, there is active participation of both the seller and the buyers across the key physical markets. The millers and the stockists are buying at the current price levels to cover their stocks for future. Dry weather in Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia and talks of possible El Nino this year are the bullish factors for Malaysian palm oil which will subsequently push up not only the palm oil prices but also the domestic RM seed.

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We feel the RM seed prices have bottomed out and they will recover on better miller and stockist's buying in near to medium term.

Overall, underlying current in oils and fats market is bullish, though few bearish factors will limit the upside in short-term.

International Highlights

- ❖ Chinese importers have defaulted on at least 500,000 tonnes of U.S. and Brazilian soybean cargoes worth around \$300 million, the biggest in a decade, as buyers struggle to get credit amid losses in processing beans.
- ❖ The USDA cut its forecast for the 2013-14 soybean carry over to 135 million bushels, down 10 million from last month. The figure was below an average of trade estimates of 139 million bushels and would be a 10-year low, if realised by the end of the marketing year on Aug. 31
- ❖ A first vessel carrying 75 Thd T of Brazilian soybeans has reportedly arrived at the US Gulf – Oil World.
- ❖ As per Safras & Mercado, Brazilian farmers have harvested 80% of the total soybean acreage as of April 4, 2014. While, at the same period of the last year was 76%. Harvesting in Mato Grosso stood at 99 89%, Parana at 93%, Minas Gerais at 94 %, Goias at 99% and in Rio Grande do Sul at 35%.
- ❖ Brazil exports 6.23 million tons of soybeans in March 2014, up 75.9 percent compared to same period of the last year. While, on the harvesting side, Brazilian farmers had harvested around 70 percent of the total soybean acreage estimates.
- ❖ Malaysian palm oil inventories for March estimated at 1,687,709 tons against a revised 1,656,908 tons last month. Inventories surged by rose 2 percent compared to last month. However, Malaysian palm oil inventories hovering at 22.2 percent lower on y-o-y basis. Higher palm oil production and weak exports helped lift stocks. On the production front, palm oil output for March is estimated at 1.49 million tons, up 17.3 percent on m-o-m basis - Malaysian Palm Oil Board.

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

Centres	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	11-Apr-14	4-Apr-14	Parity To
Indore (MP)	38500	38000-38300	Gujarat, MP
Kota	38500	38500	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Dhulia/Jalna	39500	39500	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Nagpur (42/46)	39300	39000	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Nanded	39500	39500	Andhra, AP, Kar ,TN
Latur	39500	39800	-
Sangli	40200	40500	Local and South
Sholapur	39500	39500	Local and South
Akola	38000	39500	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Hingoli	39000	39000	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Bundi	38400	38000	-

Soy DOC at Port

Centers	Port Price	
	11-Apr-14	4-Apr-14
Kandla (FOR) (INR/MT)	656	655
Kandla (FAS) (USD/MT)	39550	39500

International Soy DOC

Argentina FOB USD/MT	9-Apr-14	4-Apr-14	Change
Soybean Pellets	510	515	-5
Soybean Cake Flour	510	515	-5
Soya Meal	518	523	-5
Soy Expellers	518	523	-5

Sunflower (DOC) Rates	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
Centers	11-Apr-14	4-Apr-14	Change
Adoni	23000	23000	Unch
Khamgaon	22500	22500	Unch
Parli	22900	22900	Unch

Latur	22800	22800	Unch
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Groundnut Meal (Rs/MT)	11-Apr-14	4-Apr-14	Change
Basis 45%, Saurashtra	26500	27000	-500
Basis 40%, Saurashtra	24500	25000	-500
GN Cake, Gondal	25500	26000	-500

Mustard DOC/Meal	11-Apr-14	4-Apr-14	Change
Jaipur (Plant delivery)	14200	14500	-300
Kandla (FOR Rs/MT)	15200	15600	-400

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	Apr 2014	Apr 2013	% Change
Rapeseed/Mustard	71.38	67.48	5.8
Groundnut	10.8	11.01	-1.9
Safflower	1.79	1.5	19.3
Sunflower	4.45	5.33	-16.5
Sesamum	4.54	2.94	54.4
Linseed	3.61	3.38	6.8
Others	0.49	0.69	-29.0
Total Oilseeds	97.06	92.33	5.1

(Area in lakh hectares) Source: GOI

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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.

Preference of the soy meal of Indian origin mainly by the South-East countries due to logistic and freight advance and demand for non-GMO meal will continue to 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.

India's Y-o-Y soy meal prices have witnessed gains during the past week. Soy meal, FOR Kandla exports price (Apr-May delivery) was quoted higher between Rs 39,200-39,550/MT compared to Rs 36,000-38,550/MT during the same period last year.

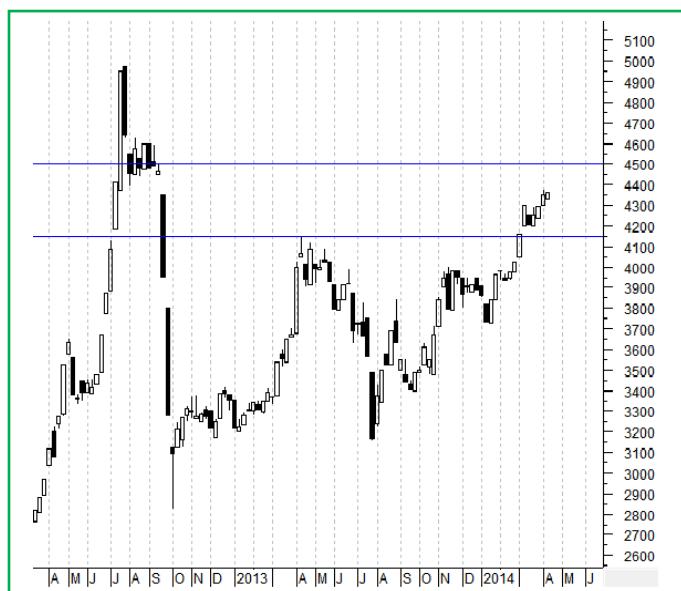
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Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean Futures-Weekly Chart



Soybean Spot, Indore



*Note: Daily Chart

Support & Resistance NCDEX Soybean – May contract

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
4268	4307	4393	4471	4514

- Weekly soybean candlestick chart pattern reveals indecision in the market.
- Prices closed above 9-day and 18-day EMA.
- RSI is easing in overbought region while stochastic is rising in overbought zone.
- MACD is heading upwards in positive territory.
- The prices are expected to feature gain in coming week.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean – May) Week: Buy Above 4390. Levels: Target – 4450; T2- 4480, SL -4354.**

Trade Recommendation soybean spot: Soybean prices are expected to feature firm tone. The USDA cut its forecast for the 2013-14 soybean carry over to 135 million bushels, down 10 million from last month. South American crop damage and dry weather in major palm growing region of South East Asia will act as bullish factors. The prices are likely to edge-up and will be in the band of 4350-4550 levels (Indore, Plant basis) during the week.

Rapeseed - Mustard Seed

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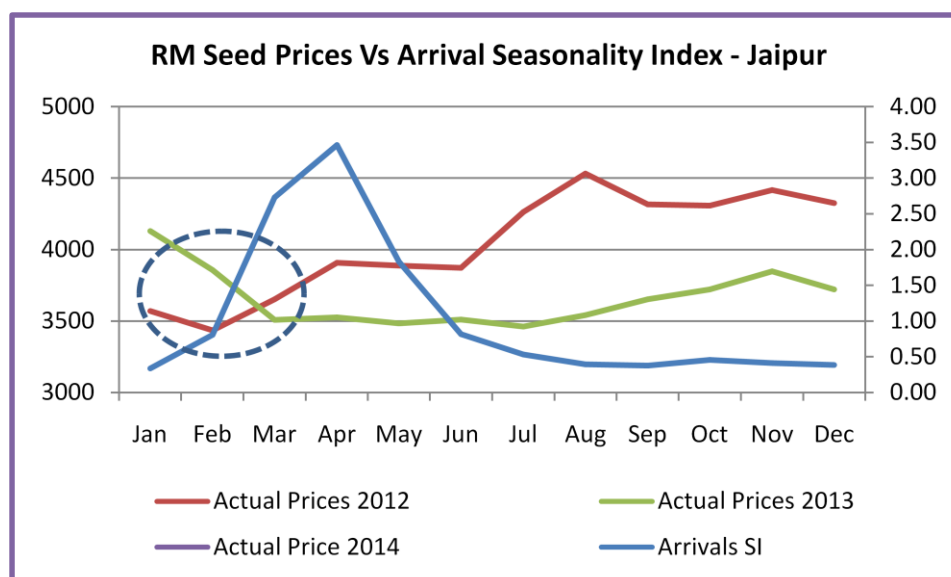
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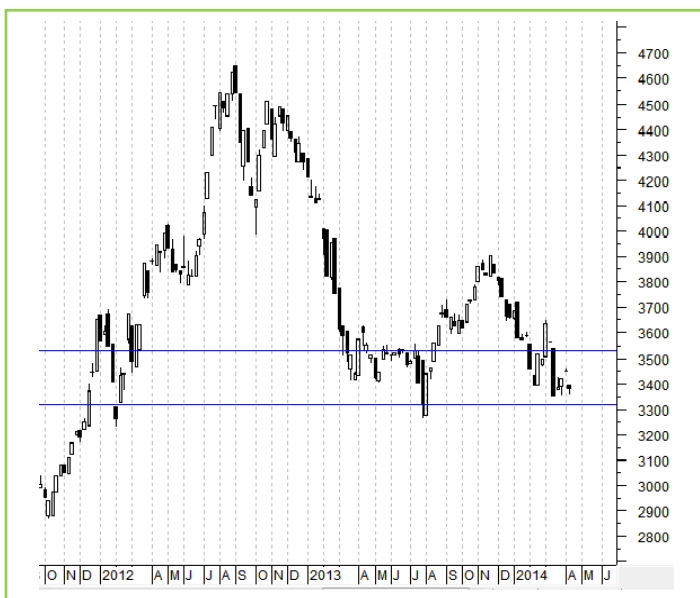
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NCDEX RM Seed Futures



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RM Seed Spot, Jaipur



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3321	3364	3440	3573	3630

- The weekly RM seed candle denotes indecision in the market.
- The prices closed above 9-day and 18-day EMA.
- RSI and stochastic are rising in the neutral territory.
- MACD is heading upwards in the negative territory.
- Prices are expected to feature gains in the near-term.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX RM SEED - May) Week: BUY** Above 3505 for a Target –3550; T2-3600; SL -3478.

Trade Recommendation RM Seed Spot (Jaipur basis): There is a good support at 3355 level. Prices tested low at 3358 during the week. In spot, the RM seed prices are expected to feature gains on strong buying interest at the current levels. 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 limit the losses, if any, during the week. Prices of new crop seed are expected to be in the range between 3350–3450 levels during the week.

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