

Executive Summary

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The meal prices are expected to remain firm on weak soybean crushing and good domestic and steady international demand.

The RM seed rebound after seasonal supply pressure in previous weeks. Good buying support by the millers and the stockists and fall in arrivals due to general elections during the week pushed up the seed prices.

Besides, higher Malaysian palm oil due to weakening ringgit is pushing up the international benchmark BMD CPO and expectations of pre-Ramadan demand and improved palm oil exports from Malaysia recently remained supportive for the domestic mustard seed too. India's rape/mustard seed closely follows BMD CPO.

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

International Highlights

- ❖ Strike risk in Argentina, the first strike probably already tomorrow at crush plants (unless a solution is found in today's consultations) and a strike of port workers on May 1.
- ❖ Oil World has estimated that a total of around 300 Thd T of Brazilian soybeans will be exported to the USA in April.
- ❖ G-4 soya meal shipments stood at 3.3 Mn T in March about unchanged from the reduced level of previous year – Oil World.
- ❖ US soybean plantings have commenced and it is gradually picking up the pace, US mid-west weather need to be closely watched in coming weeks.
- ❖ There is soybean supply tightness in domestic soybeans due to growth in US soybean export commitments in the week ended Apr 3.
- ❖ India's vegetable oil imports fell six per cent in March to 8,35,424 tonnes against 8,89,415 tonnes in the corresponding last year as the rupee appreciated and demand slipped.
- ❖ Imports included 8,32,925 tonnes of edible oil and 2,499 tonnes on non-edible oil, according to the data released by the Solvent Extractors' Association.
- ❖ Overall, imports of vegetable oils between November and March were down six per cent at 43,32,231 tonnes (46,24,678 tonnes).
- ❖ Import of refined oil rose 32 per cent to 8,17,615 tonnes against 6,20,698 tonnes in the first five months of the season that began in November.
- ❖ Palm oil imports in last five months decreased 17 per cent to 31,42,418 tonnes.
- ❖ Inventory of edible oil at various ports as on April 1 was estimated at 4,90,000 tonnes. Crude palm oil stock was at 2,70,000 tonnes, refined palmolein was at 90,000 tonnes, degummed soyabean oil at 50,000 tonnes and crude sunflower oil at 80,000 tonnes. Consignments of about 710,000 tonnes were in the pipeline, said SEA.
- ❖ Indian vegetable oil buyers have severely reduced imports of palm oil so far this year in response to stronger prices on the world market.

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

Centres	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	2-May-14	25-Apr-14	Parity To
Indore (MP)	43000-44000	39500-42000	Gujarat, MP
Kota	43000	42000	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Dhulia/Jalna	45300	43200	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Nagpur (42/46)	44800	43400	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Nanded	44800-45200	43500	Andhra, AP, Kar ,TN
Latur	45200	44000	-
Sangli	45500	44000	Local and South
Sholapur	45500	43000	Local and South
Akola	44500	42500	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Hingoli	45000	44000	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Bundi	43000	42000	-

Soy DOC at Port

Centers	Port Price	
	2-May-14	25-Apr-14
Kandla (FOR) (INR/MT)	45000	43000
Kandla (FAS) (USD/MT)	747	704

International Soy DOC			
Argentina FOB USD/MT	30-Apr-14	24-Apr-14	Change
Soybean Pellets	536	514	22
Soybean Cake Flour	536	514	22
Soya Meal	544	522	22
Soy Expellers	544	522	22

Sunflower (DOC) Rates	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
Centers	2-May-14	25-Apr-14	Change
Adoni	24000	23000	1000
Khamgaon	NA	22400	-

Parli	24000	23000	1000
Latur	23600	22800	800

Groundnut Meal (Rs/MT)	2-May-14	25-Apr-14	Change
Basis 45%, Saurashtra	33000	31000	2000
Basis 40%, Saurashtra	31000	29000	2000
GN Cake, Gondal	31500	30000	1500

Mustard DOC/Meal	2-May-14	25-Apr-14	Change
Jaipur (Plant delivery)	15200	14700	500
Kandla (FOR Rs/MT)	16200	15900	300

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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India's Oilmeal shipments declined 9.8% to 4.33 million tonnes in 2013-14 in finance year ended March 31 2013.

India's Oilmeal shipments in March stood at 3.97 lakh tonnes compared to 4.30 lakh tonne during the same period last year, said SEA.

India's Soy meal exports, which constitute the bulk of oil meal exports, decreased by 27.50% to 2.32 Lac tonnes in March'14 from 3.20 Lac tonnes a year earlier.

The annual Soy meal exports in the financial year 2013-2014 (April-March) in terms of Quantity were 28,40,874.837 tonnes, decreased by 17.27 percent from 34,33,916.546 tonnes a year ago. In terms of value the total earning is Rs. 9,976.40 crores compared to Rs.10,192.91 crores in 2012-13 marginally down by 2.12%.

Partially, export of Soybean Meal suffered during first and fourth quarter due to poor availability of soybean and corresponding lower crushing.

During the first half of current Oil year (October - September), exports during October'13 to March'14 in terms of quantity were 19.65 Lac tonnes as against 25.97 Lac tonnes last year or a drop of 24.35%. In terms of value the total earning is Rs. 6,987.97 crores compared to Rs.7,602.67 crores in 2012-13 down by 8.08%.

The soy meal prices are expected to feature range-bound movement with firm bias and short-term.

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 Argentina

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 41,000-43,000/MT compared to Rs 35,500-35,750/MT during the same period last year.

Recommendation: *FOR Kandla exports price (Apr-May delivery) was quoted higher between Rs 41,000-43,000/MT compared to Rs 35,500-35,750/MT during the same period last year. Prices surged on bullish global soybean reports with downward revision in US soybean stocks and subsequent gains in CBOT soybeans during the week. 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 43,100-43,500 levels in the upcoming week.*

Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean Futures-Weekly Chart



Soybean Spot, Indore



*Note: Daily Chart

Support & Resistance NCDEX Soybean – Jun contract

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
4536	4639	4743	4853	4962

- Weekly soybean candlestick chart pattern reveals gains during the week in the market.
- Prices closed above 9-day and 18-day EMA.
- RSI and stochastic are rising in neutral zone.
- MACD is heading upwards in positive territory.
- The prices are expected to feature gain in coming week.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean – Jun) Week: Buy Above 4740. Levels: Target – 4790; T2- 4820, SL -4710.**

Trade Recommendation soybean spot: Soybean prices are expected to feature firm tone. Expected labour strike at Argentine ports and forecast for the 2013-14 soybeans 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 4660-4850 levels (Indore, Plant basis) during the week.

Rapeseed - Mustard Seed

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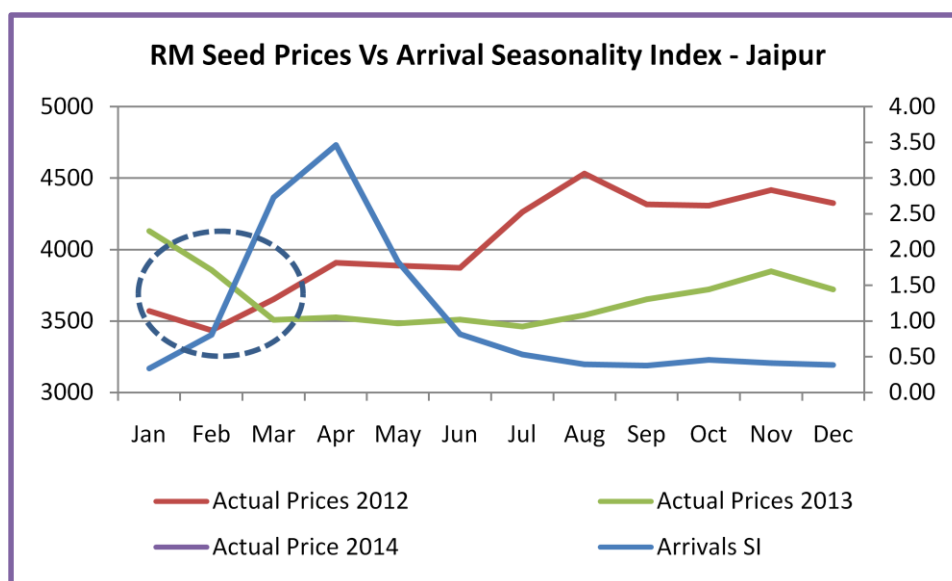
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Indonesia increased its export tax for crude palm oil to 13.5 percent in April from 10.5 percent in March. Besides, Malaysia has raised its crude palm oil export tax for April to 5.5 percent, last month 5% in March. The upward revision will increase the landed cost of palm oil at Indian ports which is another bullish factor for domestic RM seed.

But the bearish side is that 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.

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Technical Analysis:

NCDEX RM Seed Futures



*Note: Daily Chart

RM Seed Spot, Jaipur



Support & Resistance NCDEX RM Seed - Jun contract

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3350	3412	3549	3681	3720

- The weekly RM seed candle denotes fall in the RM seed prices.
- The prices closed below 9-day and 18-day EMA.
- RSI and stochastic are easing in the neutral territory.
- MACD is falling in the positive territory.
- Prices are expected to feature gains in the near-term.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX RM SEED - Jun) Week: SELL** Below 3550 for a Target –3500; T2-3450; SL -3580.

Trade Recommendation RM Seed Spot (Jaipur basis): There is a good support at 3355 level. Prices tested low at 3358 previous 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 seed are expected to be in the range between 3450–3520 levels during the week.

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