

Executive Summary

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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

- ❖ US soybean planting is reported at 78% by 1 Jun which is above 5 year average of 70% and also ahead from 55% during the same period last year. Soybean emergence is reported at 50% slightly higher than 5 year average of 45% and above 29% during the same period last year. The factor is bearish for the international soybean for short-term.
- ❖ Crushings of 10 oilseeds are currently forecast to continue to rise sharply in Oct/Sept 2014/15, reaching 420.5 Mn T, as reported by Oil World.
- ❖ The global soybean inventories are expected to be record large at around 90 Mn T at the end of next season, equivalent to 31.6% of annual consumption – Oil World.
- ❖ Ukrainian sunflower oil shipments surged to an all-time high of 0.48 Mn T in April, out of which about 50% was shipped to India.
- ❖ The Argentine soybean harvesting is slow paced which made very little progress for the third consecutive week with only 4% of the area collected in the week to May 29 – Oil World.
- ❖ Brazil's soybean shipments slowed to 7.61 Mn T in May from above 8 Mn T earlier.
- ❖ The official import figure for April showed the first US imports of Brazilian soybeans of this season at 0.13 Mn T – Oil World.
- ❖ As per the USDA latest report, soybean production on global front is likely to be around 300 million tonnes, higher than 284 million tonnes in 2013/14, which is adding weight to the global soybean stocks and ultimately hurting the prices.
- ❖ Soybean imports in China during April 2014 is estimated around 6.5 million tons, nearly 40.6% higher than the imports in March 2014, which stood around 4.62 million tons.
- ❖ Soybean crop in Brazil, which is in the end phase of harvesting will produce 86.57 million tonnes of oilseed, which was earlier expected to be around 86.08 million tonnes, as forecasted in April, said Conab, the Agriculture Ministry's crop supply agency.
- ❖ As per Brazilian trade ministry, Brazil exported 8.25 million tons of soybean in April compared with 6.23 million tons in March. While, on the other hand, Brazil exported 115,900 tons of soybean oil in April, down 1800 tons from last month.
- ❖ As per Oil World, global palm oil imports during April-to-June 2014 seen at 10.5 million tons down 0.9 million tons from previous quarter (Jan.-March) in expectation of good buying from major importers ahead of Muslim festivities in late June.
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- ❖ Argentina soy crop production is likely to touch the level of 55.5 million tonnes this season. Earlier it was estimated to be around 54.5 million tonnes. Reason for the same is the yield, which stood higher what was expected earlier.
- ❖ A Philippines based syndicate of animal feed makers has bought 83,475 metric tons of soy meal from US and Argentina in a tender closed 27 May 2014. Reportedly, one consignment of 39,475 MT of soy meal was bought at US \$91.5/MT over CBOT October soy meal contract for Oct. 5-25 shipment from Argentina. The

other consignment of 44,000 MT was purchased at a premium of US \$96/MT over CBOT Dec. soy meal contract for Nov. 10-30 shipment from the US Pacific Northwest coast.

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

Centres	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	06-Jun-14	30-May-14	Parity To
Indore (MP)	38500-39500	40500	Gujarat, MP
Kota	39000	41000	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Dhulia/Jalna	40700	42800	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Nagpur (42/46)	40000	42300	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Nanded	40500	42000	Andhra, AP, Kar ,TN
Latur	40000	42700	-
Sangli	40800	42900	Local and South
Sholapur	-	-	Local and South
Akola	40500	42000	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Hingoli	-	-	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Bundi	39700	42500	-

Soy DOC at Port

Centers	Port Price	
	06-Jun-14	30-May-14
Kandla (FOR) (INR/MT)	40000	41000
Kandla (FAS) (USD/MT)	676	695

International Soy DOC			
Argentina FOB USD/MT	5-Jun-14	29-May-14	Change
Soybean Pellets	534	535	-1
Soybean Cake Flour	534	535	-1
Soya Meal	542	543	-1
Soy Expellers	542	543	-1

Sunflower (DOC) Rates	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
Centers	6-Jun-14	30-May-14	Change
Adoni	22400	23000	-600
Khamgaon	NA	NA	-
Parli	22200	22800	-600
Latur	22000	22600	-600

Groundnut Meal (Rs/MT)	6-Jun-14	30-May-14	Change
Basis 45%, Saurashtra	27000	28500	-1500
Basis 40%, Saurashtra	25000	26500	-1500
GN Cake, Gondal	25000	27000	-2000

Mustard DOC/Meal	6-Jun-14	30-May-14	Change
Jaipur (Plant delivery)	14400	14500	-100
Kandla (FOR Rs/MT)	15600	15700	-100

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Higher vegoil imports by India in previous months and comfortable stock in the same has hit it's offtake in physical market. India in recent months has imported refined RBD palmolein (898715 vs 874187 MT), crude sunflower oil (688846 vs 510118 MT), and degummed crude soy oil (641286 vs 299727 MT) in huge volume during Nov – Apr, leading to the rise in inventories.

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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 (Jun-Jul delivery) was quoted higher between Rs 40,000-41,200/MT compared to Rs 34,500-35,200/MT during the same period last year.

Recommendation: FOR Kandla exports price (Jun-Jul delivery) was quoted higher between Rs 40,000-41,200/MT compared to Rs 34,500-35,200/MT during the same period last year. Prices are likely to recover on bullish global soybean supply scenario. 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 40,500-41,500 levels in the upcoming week.

Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean Futures-Weekly Chart



Soybean Spot, Indore



*Note: Daily Chart

Support & Resistance NCDEX Soybean – Jul contract

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3960	4090	4255	4510	4590

- Weekly soybean candlestick chart pattern reveals fall during the week in the market.
- Prices closed below 9-day and 18-day EMA.
- RSI and stochastic are easing in neutral region.
- MACD is falling in negative territory.
- The prices are expected to feature gain in coming week.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean – Jul) Week: Buy Above 4240.** Levels: Target – 4340; T2- 4390, SL -4180.

Trade Recommendation soybean spot: Soybean prices are expected to recover on likely gains in international market and firm domestic underlying current. 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 recover and will be in the band of 4300-4400 levels (Indore, Plant basis) during the week.

Rapeseed - Mustard Seed

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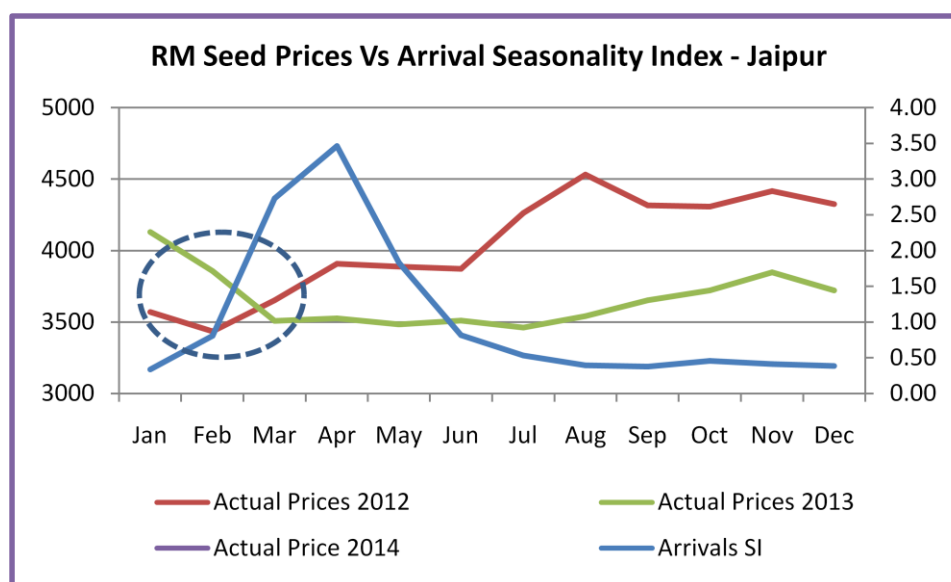
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3286	3337	3439	3533	3580

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- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX RM SEED - Jul) Week: Buy** Above 3435 for a Target -3500; T2-3530; SL -3396.

Trade Recommendation RM Seed Spot (Jaipur basis): The RM seed has good support at 3420 level. Prices tested low at 3428 in previous the week. In spot, the RM seed prices are expected to feature gains on renewed buying interest at the current levels. Prices of seed are expected to be in the range between 3465-3525 levels during the week.

Annexure

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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