

Oilmeal Weekly Research Report

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Executive Summary

Steady to slightly firm tone witnessed in the soybean and meal on uncertainty in domestic supplies after farmer's agitation in the key soy growing states in previous weeks.

However, farmers in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have called-off the protest and the bean supplies have much improved during the week.

The gains in soy were limited due to the weakness in the international soy complex on rise in seasonal supplies from Brazil and Argentina.

The soybean cultivators are preparing their land in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh for sowing the seed but weakening of monsoon in recent days has slowed down the land preparation pace.

The domestic soybean planting intention for 2017 has fallen due to the lower remuneration in the crop to the farmers. Forecast of normal monsoon this season could boost the soybean production.

In yet another major event in domestic oilseeds, the government of India has considerably raised the MSP of all the *kharif* oilseeds.

Strong South American soy supplies, higher US soybean stocks rise in US soybean planting intention for 2017 limited the gains remained bearish for the domestic cash markets too.

Appreciation of INR against USD is yet another limiting factor for soy meal which is pressuring its exports as the strength in the currency has made exports noncompetitive from India.

The rapeseed-mustard prices, at benchmark Jaipur, have once again gone below the MSP (Rs. 3700/Qtl) after good harvest by India this year. Again the seed supplies are still higher than the corresponding period last year.

The rapeseed-mustard prices are under supply pressure and will continue to remain under the pressure, in near to medium-term.

Outlook – Cash Market

Outlook - Soybean (Spot, Indore): The soybean continued the upward trend on weak supplies in the domestic cash markets. However, bearish global supply scenario, strength in INR against US dollar and higher soy production continued to limit the gains. Further, record South American soybean supply outlook will continue to be pressurizing factor for the domestic soybean. The prices are expected to feature range bound movement between the price band of 2800 – 3000 level (Indore, Plant basis).

Outlook – Soy meal: Soy meal prices featured gains in tandem with soybean. However, concern over appreciation in INR against USD will render India's meal exports non-competitive in the international market and limit the gains. Indian meal exporters are advised to explore new markets and aggressively try to regain the lost markets of peak exports season especially traditional South and Far-East Asian destinations including Japan in the upcoming season. The domestic meal prices are likely to remain under supply pressure and feature range bound movement in near-term. Soy meal, Indore is expected to be in the range of 23,000 – 24,000/MT levels during the week.

Outlook - Rapeseed-Mustard (Spot, Jaipur basis): The rapeseed-mustard remained under supply pressure on higher seed production this season and continued to limit any gain. The seed prices are likely to feature weakness and witness the levels between 3650 – 3710/Qtl; levels during the week.

International Highlights

- ❖ Informa Economics has raised its US 2017 Soybean planting projection to 89.662 million acres; it is above USDA's figure of 89.5 million acres.
- ❖ The figure is higher than the Informa March forecast of 88.7 million acres.
- ❖ Informa has projected US 2017 soybean production at 4.27 billion bushels considering an average yield of 48.0 bushels per acre and harvested area of 89.017 million acres.
- ❖ China's demand is strong and also the soy supplies are high this season. Brazil's 2017 soy exports are expected to be higher but will be below expectation, said the agency.
- ❖ Buenos Aires Grains Exchange has raised Argentina's 2016/17 soybean to 57.5 million tonnes from 56.5 million tonnes estimated earlier by the agency.
- ❖ Rosario Grain Exchange has also raised Argentina's 2016/17 soybean production projected to 57 million tonnes, which is up from 56 million estimated last month.
- ❖ FCStone has once again raised Brazil's 2016/17 soybean crop production estimate to 111.8 million tonnes from 111.55 million tonnes projected in April.
- ❖ The agency has projected Brazil's 2016/17 soybean end stocks at 7.58 million tonnes against 1.48 million tonnes in 2015/16.
- ❖ Argentina's next season's soybean planting is expected to decline for the second consecutive year and shift to corn.
- ❖ Oil World has raised their forecast of South American soybean production for 2016/17 to a record 182.4 million tonnes which is up 16.9 million tonnes from the previous season.
- ❖ The agency – Oil World has projected China's Oct/Sept 2016/17 soybean imports to 89.0 million tonnes, the figure is higher compared to the China's official figures which estimated the imports at 86.5 million tonnes during the same period.
- ❖ China's 2016/17 soybean imports are projected up at 86.5 million tonnes compared to the previous forecast of 85.31 million tonnes, China's Ministry of Agriculture.
- ❖ China's 2016/17 soybean utilization is estimated at 100.81 million tonnes compared to 99.87 estimated previously.

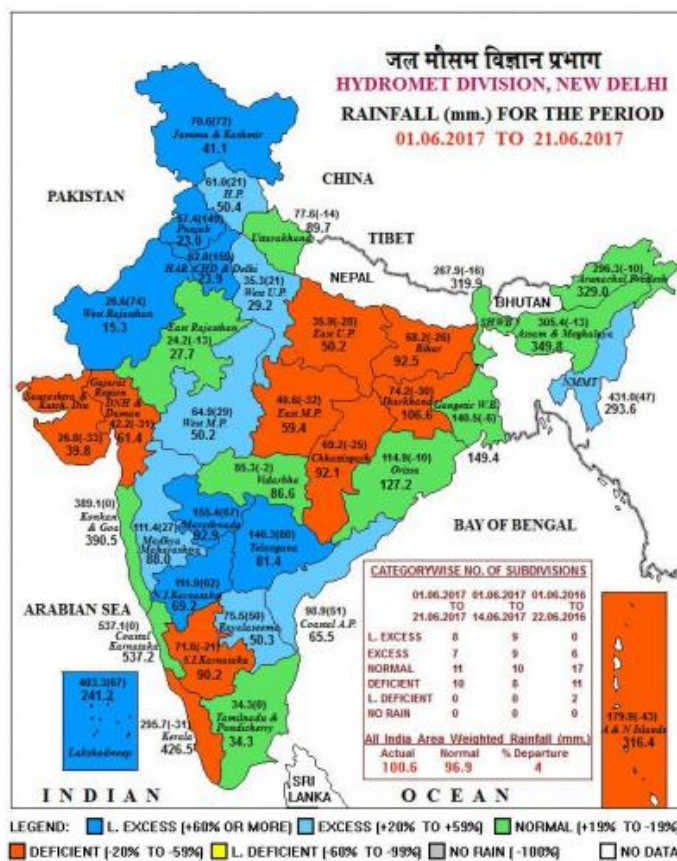
- ❖ The country's soybean inventory deficit is estimated at 1.89 million tonnes down from deficit of 2.19 million estimated previously, said China's Ministry of Agriculture.
- ❖ USDA has forecast that U.S. farmers would plant a record-high 89.5 million acres of soybeans in 2017 against 83.433 million planted in 2016.
- ❖ If realized, this would be biggest to date, the average trade estimates stood at 88.2 million acres.
- ❖ AgRural has raised Brazil's 2016/17 soybean production estimate to 111.6 million tons from 107 million tons in March, citing favourable weather conditions which boosted the productivity.
- ❖ USDA has projected US 2017 soybean plantings at record 89.5 million acres against 83.433 million planted in 2016.
- ❖ If realized, this would be biggest to date, the average trade estimates stood at 88.2 million acres.
- ❖ Brazil's 2016/17 soybean production is raised by Agroconsult and projected at record 113.3 million tonnes compared to 111 million tonnes estimated in early March.
- ❖ The agency projected Brazil's 2017 soybean exports at 2017 at 61.4 million tonnes compared to 61 million tonnes estimated early March.
- ❖ Brazil's 2017 soybean exports are projected at 61.4 million tonnes which is up 9.8 million tonnes from 2016 by Oil World.
- ❖ The exports figure by the agency is above 59.8 million tonnes projected by Abiove – Brazilian vegetable oil industry association.
- ❖ Oil World has projected Brazil's 2016/17 soybean production at 108.5 million tonnes compared to 95.43 million tonnes estimated for last year.

IMD Monsoon Forecast and Current Rainfall Status

In the IMD's Operational 2nd stage Long Range forecast for the 2016:

- Rainfall over the country as a whole for the 2017 southwest monsoon season (June to September) is most likely to be NORMAL (96% to 104% of long period average (LPA).
- Quantitatively, monsoon season rainfall for the country as a whole is likely to be 98% of the LPA with a model error of $\pm 4\%$.
- Region wise, the season rainfall is likely to be 96% of LPA over North-West India, 100% of LPA over Central India, 99% of LPA over South Peninsula and 96% of LPA over North-East India all with a model error of $\pm 8\%$.
- The monthly rainfall over the country as whole is likely to be 96% of its LPA during July and 99% of LPA during August both with a model error of $\pm 9\%$.

The event should prove beneficial for the *khari* oilseeds as they are rain-fed.



Soybean

The domestic soybean extended gains on likely lower area coverage under soybean this season, due to fall in planting intention lead by lower remuneration to the farmers for their produce during 2016/17 marketing season.

Besides, higher soy oil imports at competitive prices remained bearish for domestic soybean.

Further, as expected the soybean supplies have improved in Madhya Pradesh after the farmers have called-off their protest with the assurance by the government to protect their interest in future.

The average daily bean supplies in Madhya Pradesh have fallen to 5,000-65,000 from 5,000-8,000 bags a day previous day.

The surge of monsoon has weakened in last one week in the key soybean growing belt, but forecast of improved rainfall in the last week of June could push the planting pace in soybean.

The overall rainfall over Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan is reportedly normal to higher rains.

IMD in its weekly (01.06.2017 to 21.06.2017) Southwest monsoon progress report has reported India's actual rainfall at 100.6 mm against the normal 96.9 mm and departure stands at 4% till 21 June 2017.

In West Madhya Pradesh, the departure of Southwest monsoon has improved to normal by +29%, actual rains is reported at 64.9 mm vs 50.2 mm normal till 21 June 2017 by IMD. Vidarbha reported the departure of -2%, actual rains 85.3 mm vs 86.6 mm normal. Marathwada reported the departure of +67% with actual rains of 155.4 mm vs 92.9 mm, East Rajasthan reported a departure of -13% with actual rains 24.2 mm vs 27.7 mm normal.

Forecast of better seasonal/monsoon rains this season is expected to boost the soybean production.

The area coverage under soybean, as on 23rd June, is reported up 88.4% at 5.67 lakh hectares compared to 3.01 lakh hectares at the same period last year.

Crop	As on 23 Jun. 2017	As on 23 Jun. 2016	% Chg.
Groundnut	4.70	3.15	49.2
Soybean	5.67	3.01	88.4
Sunflower	0.16	0.38	-57.9
Sesamum	0.63	0.59	6.8
Niger	0.00	0.01	-100.0
Castor	0.08	0.08	0.0
Total Oilseeds	11.24	7.22	55.7

The total sown area under *kharif* oilseeds, as on 23rd June, is higher compared to the previous year's level which is up by 55.7% at 11.24 lakh hectares compared to 7.22 lakh hectares during the corresponding period last year.

India's total area under soybean in 2016 was 114.78 lakh hectares which was lower by 1.4% from 2015.

We expect India's area under soybean in 2017 to be lower than 2016 with the fall in planting intention due to the lower remuneration for the crop to the farmers. The farmers are cautious in planting early this season and some are likely to shift to cotton or pulses which will eventually reduce the planted area under soybean this year.

Higher domestic soybean production which subsequently improved soy meal production outlook will continue to pressure the bean. Slack in domestic soy meal offtake due to weak poultry demand and cheap soy oil imports continued to remain limiting factor.

The major buyers in Madhya Pradesh are as follows: Amrit Mandsaur, Ambika Joara, Agrawal Soy Dewas, Agrawal Neemuch, Adani, Agro Sol. Datia, Avi Agro, Bansal, Bajrang, Betul Oil, Dhanuka, DivyaJyoti, G. Ambuja, Itarsi, Indian Soya, Khandwa, Khyati, Kriti, K.P. Newari, Mahakali, M.S. Neemuch, Prakash, Oyster Exim, Prestige, Ruchi, Rama, RH Solvex, SSA Mandideep, Shanti Overseas, Sawariyaltarsi, Sitashri, Vippy (10-2-2 specification) for Dewas and Mandsaur delivery during the week.

Previous Update

The domestic oilseeds processors are consistently urging the government to increase the import duty on edible oils which has paved the way for cheap import of edible oils mainly from Argentina, Malaysia, Indonesia and Ukraine.

This in turn has hurt the oilseeds processing industry leading to lower crush margin and strengthening of INR against USD has led to the decline in revenues from the byproducts.

We expect India's soy meal exports to ease in coming months. Seasonally India's soy meal exports are at high volume, during October thru February due to higher pace in crushing the bean.

Stronger INR against US dollar, huge South American soy supplies continued to remain weak factor as the Indian soy meal price has been out-priced in the international market in recent weeks.

Higher soybean supplies, mean increase in crushing and eventually availability of more soy meal, which if not exported in time will lead to huge disparity in crushing.

India's domestic soy meal consumption is around 5 million tonnes and the production is expected to be 8 million tonnes, the surplus 3 million needs to be exported for the good crush market during the season.

The lower soy meal prices have increased the exports prospects which is expected to recover this season, after 3-years of weak soy meal exports of Indian origin. The oilseeds processors want the meal prices to be lower so that the soy meal exports window remains open for some more time, especially when India has produced higher soybean this season.

The soybean supplies continued to be higher not only in Madhya Pradesh but also in the key cash markets of Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

The domestic soybean prices are likely to feature range-bound movement with weak bias on strength in INR vs USD, weakness in international soybean, in near-to-medium-term.

International:

The international benchmark, CBOT soybean extended losses on and it is near 17-month low after biggest weekly fall in six months.

Forecast of favourable crop weather including beneficial rains in US Midwest and technical selling remained the major factors for the decline in recent days.

At CBOT, the soybean, in the most active July contract, ended at US \$ 9.04/bushel compared to US \$ 9.39/bushel last week.

The soybean planting in US Midwest is in full swing, it is nearing completion and it is above 5 year average.

US soybean planting is 96% complete as on 18 June 2017 which is up from 95% in the corresponding period last year and also up from 5 year average of 93%.

Soybean emergence is reported at 89% which is slightly up from 88% in the corresponding period last year and also up from 5 year average of 84%.

About 67% of the soybean planted crop is under good to excellent condition which is down from 73% during the corresponding period last year.

After Brazil, Argentina's soybean cultivators have started holding back soybean from the market due to the lower remuneration for their produce.

Argentina's soybean sales to exporters as on June 07 are reported down by 22.6% compared to the corresponding period last year at 6.9 million tonnes.

About 95% of the Argentine soybean crop has been harvested by now. Argentine government has slashed its 2016/17 soybean forecast to 57 million tonnes from 58 million previously, citing decline in the harvested area.

Brazilian farmers had already slowed their soybean selling due to the similar situation a couple of months back. Brazil has sold 58% of this year's soybean crop, down from 76% at the same time last season.

Rosario grains exchange has raised its Argentina's 2016/17 soybean production estimate to 57.3 million tonnes from 57 million estimated in previous forecast. The soybean harvesting in Argentina is underway and it is in full swing.

Conab has raised Brazil's 2016/17 soybean production estimate for the sixth time this year to 113.92 million tonnes, which is up from 113 million tonnes projected in May.

Agroconsult has projected Brazil's 2016/17 soybean production at 115 million tonnes and exports of 61 million tonnes during the season.

Brazil's 2016/17 soybean crop production is projected at 113.3 million tonnes by the Safras.

EU soybean imports fell 6% by 6 June 2017 and registered imports of 12.95 million tonnes from 13.6 million tonnes during the corresponding period last season. EU soy meal imports during Jul. – Jun. 2016/17 were 16.6 million tonnes, down 12% from 18.8 million tonnes during the corresponding period last year.

Previous updates

U.S. May NOPA member soybean crush rose 7.27 percent to 149.246 million bushels from 139.134 million bushels in April 2017. Crush of soybean in May 2016 was 152.280 million bushels.

Production of soy oil in U.S. in May rose to 1.752 billion lbs from 1.627 billion lbs in April 2017. Production in May 2016 was 1.786 billion lbs. Soy oil stocks in U.S. at the end of May rose 1.37 percent to 1.749 billion lbs compared to 1.725 billion lbs in April 2017.

Stocks of soy oil in May were lower by 12.26 percent compared to May 2016, which was reported at 1.994 million lbs. Yield was higher at 11.74 lbs/bushel in May compared to April figure of 11.69 lbs/bushel. Yield in May 2016 was reported at 11.73 lbs/bushel, reported National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA)

Informa Economics has once again raised Brazil's 2016/17 soybean production estimate to 114.5 million tonnes from 113 million forecast previous month.

The agency has also raised its soybean production forecast for Argentina's 206/17 to 58 million tonnes from 56.8 million projected in May.

Abiove has kept Brazil's 2016/17 soybean production projection unchanged at 112.5 million tonnes, from its May'17 outlook.

Abiove has also kept Brazil's 2016/17 soybean export projection stable at 61.7 million tonnes.

Brazil's soybean shipment has hit a record 10.9 million tonnes in May'17 and they are on the track to hit all-time high in 2017.

Anec has reported that Brazil's soy shipment volumes have risen by 15% to 37.1 million tonnes since the beginning of marketing season through May 31.

However, Brazil's soybean shipments for the 2016/17 season are below market expectation. Anec has projected Brazil's 2016/17 soybean exports between 61-62 million tonnes, which is close to Abiove's estimate.

Further, Brazil's Agriculture Ministry expects the country's 2018 planting to increase between 2 – 3%.

Soybean planting in Brazil covered an area of 33.8 million hectares in 2017 which was up 1.8% from the previous season, said food supply and statistics agency Conab.

Argentina's port inspection workers had called on a 3 day strike which had hampered the soy shipment during the period.

China's soybean importers are cancelling or postponing their soybean cargoes mainly ordered from suppliers in Brazil as they have made huge losses processing soybean into cooking oil and animal feed ingredients.

China, took advantage of huge crushing profits at the beginning of the year and lower prices following record harvests in Brazil to aggressively buy the oilseed.

However, the profits have been washed away with biggest losses in nearly three years after China's edible oil markets were flooded with rapeseed oil, auctioned from national reserves and by growing imports of other alternative vegetable oils.

Argentina's agriculture ministry has forecast the country's 2016/17 soybean production at 58 million tonnes. This was first monthly estimate by the government in 2016/17.

Safras & Mercado have forecast Brazil's soybean export at 61 million tonnes in 2017/18 (Feb/Jan) which is 17% higher compared to 2016/17. The forecast is in line with Abiove estimates.

Safras has raised Brazil's 2016/17 soybean production estimate by 1.68% against previous month to 113.384 million tonnes which is 16.7% higher than the previous season.

The soybean production is expected at 116.156 MMT in 2017/18. Total soybean demand will be higher by 10% to 105.1 million tonnes, said the agency.

Buenos Aires Grains Exchange has raised Argentina's 2016/17 soybean crop estimate to 57.5 million tonnes from 56.5 million tonnes estimated earlier. Higher soybean crop is due to high yields brought by wet weather

The international soybean prices are expected to feature range bound movement with weak-bias on record global supply scenario.

Soy meal

The domestic soy meal witnessed mild losses after soybean supplies resumed for crushing and other demand during the week in review.

The domestic meal demand is weak due to the seasonal fall in the off-take by the poultry and feed manufacturing industry.

The poultry demand reduces during summer and the feed intake volume by birds decline as well during the hot weather. However, the overseas meal demand continued to be better than previous year.

Slowdown in the pace of monsoon will slightly delay in the likely fresh demand in poultry. The monsoon is yet to grip country.

Strength in INR against USD and improved seasonal South American soy supplies still continues to be concern for meal exports from India.

The forward booking for soy meal has fallen with competitive price offers by South America.

Currently, the domestic meal prices are lower compared to the corresponding period last year.

Soy meal fell in international market, during the week, the July CBOT soy meal settled at US \$ 293.6 per short ton compared to US \$ 300.9 per short ton last week.

The domestic soy meal prices at Indore, were quoted at Rs 23,200 – 23,700/MT compared to Rs 23,200 – 23,800/MT compared to previous week.

At Latur and Nanded, Maharashtra, soy meal witnessed firm tone and were quoted at Rs 24,200/MT and 24,700/MT respectively compared to Rs 23,200/MT in Indore and Rs 23,300/MT in Kota.

The soy meal exports from Brazil and Argentina is at full swing after the good harvest of beans.

Brazil's May'17 soy meal exports fell to 15.5% and stood at 1.63 million tonnes compared to 1.93 million during the corresponding period last year but it is up by 22.5% from 1.33 million tonnes in April'17.

Further, soybean exports are expected to rebound on record Brazil's 2016/17.

Previous Updates

India's oilseeds industry body, Solvent Extractors Association has slashed India's 2016/17 soy meal exports forecast by 25% to 1.5 million tonnes from its previous outlook. The situation will either leave higher meal inventories or the exporters have to cut down the exports prices further during the season ending September.

Despite strength in INR against US dollar, India has registered gains in the soy meal exports in the current season. It will eventually make India's soy meal exports prices unattractive.

India is expected to produce 8 million tonnes of soy meal this season. Out of which 5 million tonnes will be consumed domestically but another 3 million must be shipped overseas, failing which, the disparity on crushing soybean will increase.

India's forward booking for soy meal are better than the corresponding period last year, further sharp fall in the export prices in recent months in soy meal have made the imports from India, lucrative.

Higher domestic soybean production in 2016/17 will eventually increase the soybean crushing which will further increase the availability in soy meal this season.

We expect India's soy meal exports to recover slightly in the new season with higher 2016/17 soybean production leading to higher crushing eventually increasing the meal supplies.

The Solvent Extractors' Association of India has compiled the export data for export of oilmeals for the month of May 2017.

The export during May 2017 is reported at 97,871 tons compared to 57,954 tons in May 2016 i.e. up by 69%.

The overall export of oilmeals during April - May 2017 provisionally reported at 301,569 tons compared to 171,932 tons during the same period of last year i.e. up by 75%.

Recovery in exports is primarily due to drastic fall in the Indian soy meal prices making it price competitive to South America.

Indian meal prices need to be highly competitive against the South American and China's meal prices to regain the markets it lost in previous seasons.

Preference of the soy meal of Indian origin mainly by the South-East countries due to logistic and freight advantage and demand for non-GMO meal has once again recovered the lost ground but with stiff price competition against the South American meal. Iran, Japan, Europe, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and South Korea were the major destinations for Indian soy meal exports, who have once again started buying from India whenever the offer is attractive compared to South America.

India's Y-o-Y soy meal prices, Indore, are currently lower. Soy meal Indore was quoted lower between Rs 23,200 – 23,700/MT during the week compared to Rs 34,000 – 34,500/MT during the corresponding period last year.

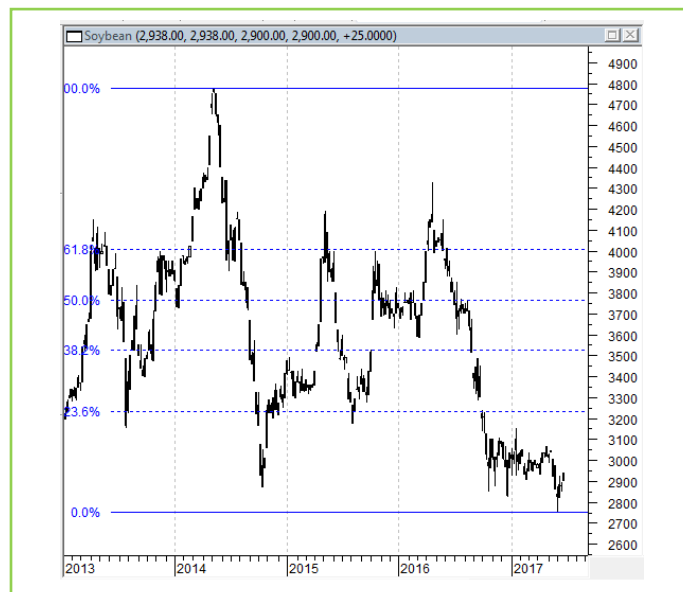
The soy meal prices are likely to feature range-bound movement with weak-bias on strength in INR against US dollar and higher domestic and international soybean production will limit the gains market, in near-term.

Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean Futures



Soybean Spot, Indore



*Note: Daily Chart

Support & Resistance NCDEX Soybean – Jul. contract

S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
2713	2650	2830	2922	3038

- Soybean edged-up on buying support in the market, during the week.
- Prices closed below 18-day EMA.
- RSI and stochastic are rising in the neutral zone.
- MACD is falling in the negative territory.
- The prices are expected to feature losses in the coming week.
- Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean – Jul.): **BUY** Above 2700. Levels: T1 – 2800; T2- 2850, SL - 2640.

Rapeseed - Mustard Seed

The domestic rapeseed-mustard extended losses on higher edible oil imports by India in recent months and strong supplies in the seed compared to the previous year.

Further, the soybean supplies in the key market centers have also resumed, after they were hit due to farmer's protest in MP and Maharashtra, which have once again pressured the oilseeds market.

There is a continued demand in the seed but higher domestic production and eventually increase in supplies continued to weighed on the seed prices.

The all India seed supplies were reported between 1.70 – 2.0 lakh bags in a day compared to around 1.55 – 1.90 bags a day, previous week. The supplies were 1.40 – 1.60 lakh bags a day during the corresponding period last year.

The seed prices are still lower at spot and were quoted at around Rs 3,700 – 3,725 a quintal compared to Rs 4,725 – 4,830 a quintal during the corresponding period last year at the benchmark, Jaipur.

At NCDEX futures, the seed prices at June contract ended lower at 3503/Qtl compared to 3555/Qtl previous week.

The rapeseed-mustard prices are driven by India's edible oil imports and Malaysian palm oil. India's edible oil imports increased in May.

India's May edible oil imports rose 31.7 percent y-o-y to 13.24 lakh tons from 11.05 lakh tons in May 2016. Palm oil imports in May rose 21.5 percent y-o-y to 7.98 lakh tons from 6.57 lakh tons in May 2016. CPO Imports rose 25.5 percent y-o-y to 4.92 lakh tons from 3.92 lakh tons in May 2016.

RBD palmolein imports rose 12.6 percent y-o-y to 2.94 lakh tons from 2.61 lakh tons in May 2016. Soy oil imports fell 91 percent y-o-y to 3.40 lakh tons from 1.78 lakh tons in May 2016. Sunflower oil imports rose 3.3 percent y-o-y to 1.55 lakh tons from 1.50 lakh ton in May 2016. Rapeseed (Canola) oil rose to 0.29 lakh tons in May compared to from 0.18 lakh tons in May 2016, according to Solvent Extractors Association (SEA).

India's May edible oil stocks at ports and pipelines rose 1.87 Percent m-o-m to 21.60 lakh tons from 21.20 lakh tons in April 2017. Stocks of edible oil at ports fell to 770,000 tons (CPO 230,000 tons, RBD Palmolein 160,000 tons, Degummed Soybean Oil 190,000 tons, Crude Sunflower Oil 170,000 tons and 20,000 tons of Rapeseed (Canola) Oil) and about 1,390,000 tons in pipelines (stocks at ports were 785,000 and in pipelines were at 2,120,000 tons in April 2017).

India is presently holding 37 days of edible oil requirement on 1st June, 2017 at 21.60 lakh tons compared to 39 days of requirements last month. India's monthly edible oil requirement is 17.5 lakh tons, according to Solvent Extractors Association (SEA).

Malaysia's May palm oil end stocks fell 2.64 percent to 15.58 lakh tons compared to 16 lakh tons in April. Production of palm oil in May rose 6.88 percent to 16.54 lakh tons compared to 15.48 lakh tons in April. Exports

rose 17.33 percent to 15.06 lakh tons compared to 12.83 lakh tons in April. Imports of palm oil in May fell 12.9 percent to 0.47 lakh tons compared to 0.54 lakh tons in April. This was the weakest May since last eight years, according to Malaysia Palm Oil Board (MPOB).

Malaysia's June 1-20 palm oil exports fell 16.7 percent to 710,322 tons compared to 852,628 tons in corresponding period last month. Top buyers were European Union at 160,005 tons (182,095 tons), India at 126,250 tons (110,200 tons), China at 61,900 tons (78,130 tons), Pakistan at 58,830 tons (41,000 tons) and United States at 41,162 tons (32,020 tons). Values in brackets are figures of corresponding period last month, Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS).

Malaysia increased July crude palm oil export duty to 6.5 percent from 6 percent in June. Tax is calculated at reference price of 2890.04 ringgit (\$676.53) per ton. Tax is calculated above 2,250 ringgit starting from 4.5 percent to a maximum of 8.5 percent, said Malaysia Palm Oil Board (MPOB).

Indonesia maintains zero export duty on crude palm oil for July as it expects that it will miss certain thresholds, according to Indonesia trade ministry. Indonesia keeps export taxes at zero on or below USD 750 per ton.

Previous Updates

Agriwatch has projected India's 2016/17 rapeseed production at 7.0 million tonnes with an average yield of about 1000 kg/ha compared to 5.8 million in 2015/16 while Solvent Extractors of India has estimated India's seed production at 7.2 million tonnes.

According to Indonesia Palm Oil Association, Indonesia's 2017 crude palm oil production is estimated to rise 12.7 percent to 35.5 MMT compared to 31.1 MMT in 2016. Heavy rains in 2016 will support palm oil production and growth in plantation in 2013 will bear fruit in 2017.

Malaysia's palm oil production in 2017 is estimated to rise 12 percent to 19.4 MMT from 17.4 MMT in 2016. Exports of palm oil in 2017 from Malaysia will increase 11.2 percent to 17.85 MMT from 16.05 MMT in 2016. CPO prices are expected to remain firm in 2017, according to the board, said the Malaysia Palm Oil Board (MPOB).

Indonesia is expected to produce 32-33 MMT of palm oil in 2017 compared to estimated production of 28.5-30 MMT in 2016, higher by 16 percent y-o-y. Production in 2015 was 33 MMT. Wet condition in 2016 in Indonesia is primary reason for higher production in 2017. Exports are expected to grow to 23-25 MMT in 2017 compared to 23 MMT estimated in 2016. Palm oil prices rose in 2016 due to lower stocks of palm on El Nino, crude oil prices and biodiesel mandates in Indonesia and Malaysia, said Indonesia Palm Oil Association (GAPKI).

India's rapeseed-mustard is driven by Malaysian palm oil, India's edible oil imports and Chinese vegoil demand.

Outlook: The rapeseed-mustard is expected to remain under pressure in near to medium-term on higher production and strong supplies in the cash market.

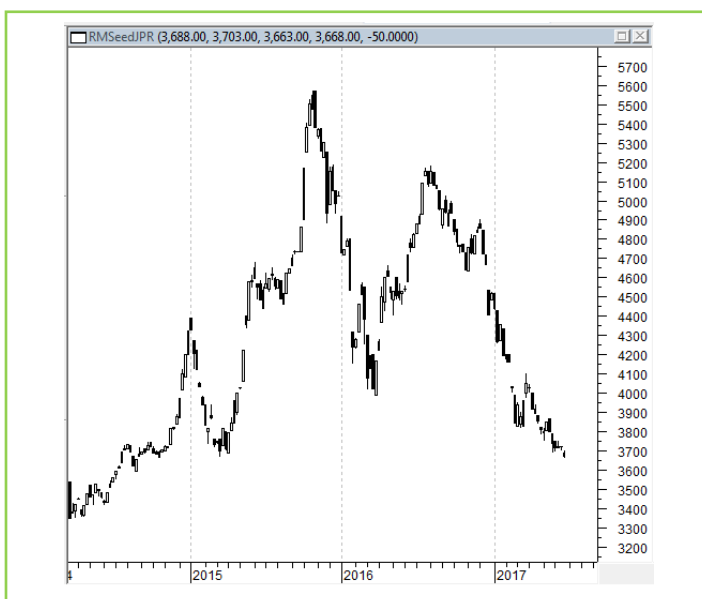
Technical Analysis:

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*Note: Daily Chart

RM Seed Spot, Jaipur



Support & Resistance NCDEX RM Seed – Jul. contract

S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
3350	3300	3503	3660	3767

- RM seed couldn't sustain the higher levels and it fell during the week.
- Prices closed below 18-day EMA.
- RSI and stochastic are easing in the neutral zone.
- MACD is falling in the negative territory.
- The prices are expected to feature gains during the week.
- Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Rapeseed-Mustard – Jun) Week: **SELL** Below 3600. Levels: Target – 3500; T2- 3450, SL –3660.

Annexure

Oil Meal Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Soy DOC Rates at Different Centers

Centres	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	23-Jun-17	16-Jun-17	Parity To
Indore (MP)	23200	23500	Gujarat, MP
Kota	23300	23700	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Dhulia/Jalna	24400	24200	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Nagpur (42/46)	23600	23000	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Nanded	24700	24500	Andhra, AP, Kar ,TN
Latur	24200	24000	-
Sangli	24900	24800	Local and South
Sholapur	24400	24200	Local and South
Akola	23500	24500	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Hingoli	24400	24200	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Bundi	23300	23600	-

Soy DOC at Port

Centers	Port Price	
	22-Jun-17	15-Jun-17
Kandla (FOR) (INR/MT)	25200	25000
Kandla (FAS) (USD/MT)	391	389

International Soy DOC

Argentina FOB USD/MT	22-Jun-17	15-Jun-17	Change
Soybean Pellets	294	302	-8
Soybean Cake Flour	294	302	-8
Soya Meal	302	310	-8
Soy Expellers	302	310	-8

Sunflower (DOC) Rates	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
Centers	23-Jun-17	16-Jun-17	Change
Adoni	17500	17400	100
Khamgaon	NA	NA	-
Parli	17500	17400	100
Latur	17300	17200	100

Groundnut Meal (Rs/MT)	23-Jun-17	16-Jun-17	Change
Basis 45%, Saurashtra	18300	19300	-1000
Basis 40%, Saurashtra	15500	17000	-1500
GN Cake, Gondal	18500	21000	-2500

Mustard DOC/Meal	23-Jun-17	16-Jun-17	Change
Jaipur (Plant delivery)	13000	13500	-500
Kandla (FOR Rs/MT)	13500	14000	-500
Sri Ganganagar	1585	1630	-45

India's Oilseeds Production Seen Record at 32.52 Mn T vs 25.3 Mn in 3rd Adv Est. - GOI

The 3rd Advance Estimates of production of major crops for 2016-17 have been released today by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare. The assessment of production of different crops is based on the feedback received from States and validated with information available from other sources. As a result of very good rainfall during monsoon 2016 and various policy initiatives taken by the Government, the country has witnessed record foodgrain production in the current year.

The estimated production of major Oilseeds during 2016-17 is as under:

Oilseeds – 32.52 million tonnes

- Soyabean – 14.01 million tonnes
- Groundnut – 7.65 million tonnes
- Castorseed – 1.55 million tonnes

With an increase of 8.35 million tonnes over the previous year, total Oilseeds production in the country is estimated at record level of 33.60 million tonnes. It is higher by 0.85 million tonnes than the previous record production of 32.75 million tonnes achieved during 2013-14.

The production of Oilseeds during 2016-17 is also higher by 4.34 million tonnes than the five year's average Oilseeds production. The current year's production is significantly higher than the production of 25.25 million tonnes during 2015-16.

MSP for 2017/18 Kharif Oilseeds

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Kharif Crops of 2017-18 season, the MSPs of all the Kharif oilseeds are raised for this season.

The MSP of Yellow Soybean is increased by 9.9% to Rs 3050/Qtl (including Rs 100 bonus) for 2017-18 season from Rs 2,775/Qtl in 2016-17, Groundnut -in- shell by 5.5% to Rs 4,450/Qtl (including Rs 100 bonus) from Rs 4,220/Qtl, Sunflower seed by 3.8% to Rs 4,100/Qtl (including Rs 200 bonus) from Rs 3,950/Qtl, Nigerseed by 5.9% to 4,050/Qtl (including Rs 100 bonus) from Rs 3,825/Qtl and Sesamum by 6.0% to Rs 5,300/Qtl (including Rs 200 bonus) from Rs 5,000/Qtl.

MSP for 2016/17 Rabi Oilseeds

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Rabi Oilseeds Crops of 2016-17 season are as follows: The MSP of Rapeseed/Mustard is raised (10.4%) by Rs. 350/Qtl to Rs. 3,700/Qtl from Rs. 3,350/Qtl earlier. For Safflower too it is increased (12.1%) by Rs. 400/Qtl to Rs. 3,700/Qtl from Rs. 3,300/Qtl in 2014-15. Further, to incentivize cultivation of oilseeds, the Cabinet has decided to give a bonus of Rs 100/- per quintal each for Rabi oilseeds including Rapeseeds/Mustards and Safflower, over and above the recommendations of the CACP.

Sown Area – *Rabi* Oilseeds, India

In the official Rabi oilseeds planting report, by the Ministry of Agriculture, the total coverage area under Rabi oilseeds is reported at 84.35 lakh hectares, up 6.2% from 79.42 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Of the major oilseeds, rapeseed-mustard sowing is reported up by 9.3% at 70.56 lha compared to 64.53 lha during the corresponding period of last year. Groundnut at 6.16 lha vs 5.96 lha, safflower at 0.95 lha vs 1.17 lha, sunflower at 1.69 lha vs 3.21 lha, sesamum 0.57vs0.71 and Linseed at 3.84 lha vs 2.93 lha during the corresponding period last year.

Area in Lakh Hectares

Crop	2017	2016	% Change
Rapeseed/Mustard	70.56	64.53	9.3
Groundnut	6.16	5.96	3.4
Safflower	0.95	1.17	-18.8
Sunflower	1.69	3.21	-47.4
Sesamum	0.57	0.71	-19.7
Linseed	3.84	2.93	31.1
Others	0.58	0.91	-36.3
Total Oilseeds	84.35	79.42	6.2

Source: MoA, GOI

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