

Oilmeal Weekly Research Report

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Executive Summary

Soybean noticed mixed tone with the benchmark Indore market registering gains during the week. Lower availability in the domestic market supported prices. However, upside was limited following weakness in soybean at CBOT. Soybean at CBOT witnessed easy tone amid worries of likely decline in demand from China following ongoing trade rift between U.S. and China. The weekly export sales of soybean and monthly soybean crush report released by the USDA, were within the expectation of the market. In Brazil, soybean exports have surpassed record levels amid good demand from China. Soybean crush margin has declined into negative territory for the first time in China since February.

Arrivals were reported to be lower in the mandis compared to previous week. Increase in soybean acreage expected this season will weigh on the market in the coming days.

There has been no demand for U.S. soybean from China since 11th April. U.S. is hopeful of trade negotiation with China in the near –term. The USDA has estimated soybean crush for the month of April at 182 million bushels and soybean weekly exports were reported at 886,200 metric tonnes. The figures were within the expectation of the market. Brazil has benefitted from the ongoing trade tension between U.S. and China and exports have surpassed 10 MMT in the month of April as Chinese buyers have turned to Brazil. Soybean crushing margin in China, has turned negative for the first time since February in China following increase in prices of soybean.

Soy meal prices noticed steady to weak tone amid lack –luster demand in the domestic market. Weakness in soy meal at CBOT weighed on prices to certain extent. During summer season, poultry demand usually declines in the domestic market.

Rapeseed prices noticed mixed tone during the week following lower arrivals in the domestic market and weakness in palm oil at BMD. Good demand from the stockists lend some support to the market. All India average arrival of rapeseed was around 3.00 lakh bags per day during the week.

Overall bearish supply scenario in the global market, will weigh on the market in the coming days.

Outlook – Cash Market

Outlook - Soybean (Spot, Indore): The soybean witnessed recovery during the week following lower availability in the domestic market. However, upside was limited amid weakness in soybean at CBOT. Soybean at CBOT witnessed easy tone following worries of likely decline in demand from China in the coming days. The weekly soybean export sales and monthly crush figure released by the USDA were within the expectation of the market. In Brazil, exports have surpassed record level amid good demand from China. Soybean crush margin in China, has turned negative for the first time since February in China following increase in prices of soybean. The prices are expected to feature range bound movement with firm bias between the price band of 3600 – 3900 level (Indore, Plant basis).

Outlook – Soy meal (Spot, Indore): Soy meal noticed steady tone amid lack –luster demand in the domestic market and spillover weakness from soybean at CBOT. Poultry demand usually declines during summer season, which will weigh on the market in the coming days. Soy meal, Indore is expected to be in the range of 29,000 – 32,000/MT levels during the week.

Outlook - Rapeseed-Mustard (Spot, Jaipur basis): The rapeseed-mustard noticed slightly weak tone amid weak tone of palm oil at BMD. However, downside was limited amid lower arrivals in the mandis and good demand from the stockists. All India average arrival of rapeseed was around 3.00 lakh bags per day during the week. The seed prices are likely to feature range-bound movement with weak bias and witness the levels between 3800 – 4000/Qtl; levels during the week.

International Highlights

- ❖ In the weekly USDA crop progress report released on 30 April; Soybeans planting are reported at 5% which is down from 9% from the corresponding period last year and same as the 5 year average of 5%.
- ❖ According to the planting intentions report released by Statistics Canada, the total area under canola will decline by 7 per cent to 21.4 million acres in 2018 compared to previous year. Soybean acreage in Canada is expected to decline 11.4 percent from the record planted in 2017, to a total 6.5 million acres.
- ❖ The USDA has estimated soybean crush figure at 182 million bushels for the month of March. This is in line with market expectation of around 183.2 million bushels and higher compared to February month's crush figure of 164.95 million bushels. NOPA has estimated soybean crush figure for the month of March at 171.9 million bushels.
- ❖ According to latest estimates released by the Global Agricultural Network (GAIN) report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, soybean production in Uruguay is forecast to decline to 1.7 MMT in 2017-18 following drought in the growing regions. As on March 23, 2018 only 3% of the crop had been harvested.
- ❖ Brazil's soybean exports have surpassed 10 MMT in April 2018 and is recorded at 10.26 MMT compared to 8.81 MMT in March 2018. It exported 10.43 MMT in April 2017. Exports have increased following ongoing trade rift between U.S. and China, with Chinese buyers purchasing their requirement from Brazil currently. Lower soybean production in Argentina and weaker domestic currency are also supporting Brazil's soybean exports. According to consultancy, INTL FC Stone, the country is likely to export 70 MMT soybeans this year.
- ❖ In China, soybean crushing margin has turned negative for the first time since February following increase in prices of soybean. The Chinese buyers are currently purchasing soybean from Brazil following trade rift between U.S. and China. Good demand for Brazilian soybean has increased prices.
- ❖ Net sales of 416,300 MT of soybean for 2017/2018 were up 12 percent from the previous week, but down 58 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were reported for Mexico (126,200 MT, including 47,500 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 4,000 MT), Vietnam (74,200 MT, including 66,000 MT switched from China), Taiwan (68,600 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), Argentina (60,000 MT), and Indonesia (56,700 MT, including 25,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 300 MT)

during the week April 20 -26, 2018. Reductions were primarily reported for China (133,700 MT). For 2018/2019, net sales of 469,900 MT were primarily for Argentina (190,000 MT), unknown destinations (129,000 MT), and China (66,000 MT). Exports of 691,200 MT were up 55 percent from the previous week and 54 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to China (193,100 MT), Mexico (133,300 MT), Indonesia (57,600 MT), Egypt (56,300 MT), and Bangladesh (53,500 MT). The current week's net sales are higher compared to net sales of 371,300 MT during the previous week.

Soybean

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Arrivals were reported to be lower in the domestic market compared to previous week. Expected increase in soybean acreage expected this kharif season, will weigh on the market in the coming days.

Kharif acreage under soybean this season, is likely to increase by 15 per cent in the domestic market according to industry sources, following increase in soybean price amid highest level of hike in import duty on edible oils, to the highest level by the government recently. Farmers are likely to shift from cotton and pulses towards soybean. Soybean prices have increased and are ruling above the MSP in the market. Higher soybean production will translate into higher soy meal production. This is likely to increase soy meal exports in the coming season. In 2017, soybean acreage was reported at 105.92 lakh hectares according to the Ministry Of Agriculture.

The total weekly soybean arrivals in the cash markets of Madhya Pradesh, are reported at 1,40,000 bags compared to 2,41,000 bags reported in the previous week.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), monsoon in 2018 monsoon is expected to be 97% of the long –term average. There is very less probability of a deficient monsoon this season. The next assessment on monsoon will be done in June.

According to SOPA, the total supply of soybean has been estimated at 96.50 lakh metric tonnes for the oil year 2017 -18 in its latest estimates released in April. For the period, October -March of the current oil year, the production is estimated at 83.50 lakh metric tonnes, while the carryover from the previous year is put at 13.00 lakh metric tonnes.

The demand for crushing is likely to be around 77.50 lakh metric tonnes, while exports are projected at 2 lakh metric tonnes.

With 12 lakh metric tonnes retained for sowing and 1.5 lakh metric tonnes for direct consumption, the carryover for the coming year is estimated at 3.50 lakh metric tonnes.

SOPA SOYEAN REVISED PRODUCTION ESTIMATES KHARIF 2017 As on 07.02.2018

Area in Lakh Ha, Yield in Kg. Per Hectare, Production In Lakh MT

S.No.	Division/District	Kharif 2016 Production	Kharif 2017 Production
1	Madhya Pradesh	54.01	42.00
2	Maharashtra	35.81	29.00

3	Rajasthan	9.81	7.50
4	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	2.99	1.06
5	Karnataka	3.24	1.73
6	Chattisgarh	1.34	0.86
7	Gujarat	1.38	0.89
8	Rest Of India	1.13	0.46
	Grand Total	109.71	83.50

As per Agriwatch estimates, soybean production in the current kharif season has been revised to 94 lakh metric tonnes compared to previous estimates of 98 lakh metric tonnes. India produced 115 lakh metric tonnes in 2016-17. Lower soybean production will lend some support to the market. However, comfortable carry-in stocks and record soybean crop in U.S. Midwest will continue to be the limiting factor.

The total sown area under rabi oilseeds, as on 9th February 2018, is lower compared to the previous year's level which is down by 5.27% at 80.87 lakh hectares compared to 84.85 lakh hectares during the corresponding period last year.

The major buyers in Madhya Pradesh are as follows: Amrit Mandsaur, Ambika Kalapipal, Agrawal Neemuch, Adani Shujalpur, Agro Sol. Datia, Avi Agro, Bansal, Bajrang, Betul Oil, Dhanuka, DivyaJyoti, G. Ambuja, Itarsi, Indian Soya (3-2-10 specification), Khandwa, Khyati, Kriti, K.P. Newari, Mahakali, M.S. Neemuch, Prakash, Oyster Exim, Prestige, Ruchi, Rama, RH Solvex, SSA Mandideep, Shanti Overseas, Sawariya, Itarsi, Sitashri, Vippy for Dewas and Mandsaur delivery during the week.

Previous Update

We expect India's soy meal exports to pick up 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.

Huge South American soy supplies continue to influence the market as the Indian soy meal price has been out-priced in the international market in recent weeks.

Lower soybean supplies this season, mean decline in crushing and eventually, availability of less soy meal, eventually leading to lower exports.

India's domestic soy meal consumption is around 5 million tonnes and the production is expected to be 7-7.5 million tonnes, the surplus 2.5 million needs to must be exported for the good crush market, during the season.

The soybean supplies were lower in the key markets of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan during the week.

The domestic soybean prices are likely to notice range –bound to firm tone amid lower availability in the domestic market.

International:

The international benchmark, CBOT soybean closed lower amid worries of likely decline in demand from China in the coming days.

At CBOT, the soybean, in the most active July contract, ended lower at US \$ 10.36/bushel compared to US \$ 10.56/bushel last week.

Net sales of 416,300 MT of soybean for 2017/2018 were up 12 percent from the previous week, but down 58 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were reported for Mexico (126,200 MT, including 47,500 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 4,000 MT), Vietnam (74,200 MT, including 66,000 MT switched from China), Taiwan (68,600 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), Argentina (60,000 MT), and Indonesia (56,700 MT, including 25,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 300 MT) during the week April 20 -26, 2018. Reductions were primarily reported for China (133,700 MT). For 2018/2019, net sales of 469,900 MT were primarily for Argentina (190,000 MT), unknown destinations (129,000 MT), and China (66,000 MT). Exports of 691,200 MT were up 55 percent from the previous week and 54 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to China (193,100 MT), Mexico (133,300 MT), Indonesia (57,600 MT), Egypt (56,300 MT), and Bangladesh (53,500 MT). The current week's net sales are higher compared to net sales of 371,300 MT during the previous week.

Previous updates

In the latest USDA quarterly stock report, it has been reported that the US soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2018 totaled 2.11 billion bushels, up 21 percent from March 1, 2017. It is higher than average trade estimate of 2.030 billion bushels.

On -farm stocks are estimated at 855 million bushels, up 28 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.25 billion bushels, are up 17 percent from last March.

Indicated disappearance for the December 2017 - February 2018 quarter, totalled 1.05 billion bushels, down 9 percent from the same corresponding period a year earlier.

According to the data released by the General Administration of Customs, China's import of soybean declined by 10.51% to 5.66 MMT in the month of March 2018 compared to same corresponding period previous year. In the first three months of the year 2018, total imports of soybean increased by 0.23% to 19.57 MMT compared to same corresponding period previous year.

According to the data released by the General Administration of Customs, China's import of rapeseed declined by 15.48% to 250,034 metric tonnes in March 2018 compared to same corresponding period previous year. In the first three months of the year 2018, imports of rapeseed declined by 21.18% to 984,947 metric tonnes compared to same corresponding period previous year. Imports of rapeseed meal increased by 87.51% to 109,795 metric tonnes in March 2018 compared to same corresponding period previous year. In the first three months of the current year, imports of rapeseed meal increased by 46.26% to 297,848 metric tonnes compared to same corresponding period previous year.

According to the latest report released by the IGC, soybean production in Argentina has been reduced to 38 MMT following hot and dry weather conditions in the growing regions compared to previous month's estimates of 43 MMT. This is in line with Argentina's Agriculture ministry forecast of 37.8 MMT released previous week.

According to the latest weekly report released by the Buenos Aires Exchange, soybean farmers in Argentina are harvesting an average yield of 2.4 tonnes per hectare compared to normal average of 2.9 tonnes per hectare over the recent years. Drought in the soybean growing regions has affected yield levels. Overall around 54 per cent of soybean harvesting has been completed till date. Yields could decline further to a final 2.0 tonnes per hectare as harvesting gets completed.

According to National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA), U.S. March soybean crush rose to a record level of 171.858 million bushels from 153.060 million bushels in March 2017 amid strong processing margins. Crush of soybean in February 2018 was 153.719 million bushels. This month's soybean crush is at 21-month high. Soy meal exports in March declined to 878,582 metric tonnes, from 755,103 metric tonnes the previous month and lower than 1.057 MMT in March 2017. Soy oil stocks as of 31st March, increased to 1.946 billion pounds, up from 1.856 billion pounds at the end of February 2018. This is the highest stock on record since June 2016.

According to the latest report released by the Agriculture Ministry of Argentina, soybean output is estimated at 37.6 MMT in 2017 -18 compared to 55 MMT during previous year. Prolonged drought condition has affected current year's production.

According to a report released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China soybean output in 2018 is expected to increase by 1.9 per cent to 15.18 MMT compared to previous year. Soybean acreage is expected to rise 1.1 percent to 8.2813 million hectares. Farmers are likely to follow government's direction of increasing area under oilseeds.

According to the latest report by consultancy AgRural, Brazil's soybean output in 2017/18 has been estimated at 119 MMT compared to previous month's estimate of 117.9 MMT. According to AgRural excellent yield in the agricultural frontier Matopiba is boosting output.

China's spot soybean processing margins have increased to their highest since December 2016, hitting a seasonal record following higher prices of meal and soybeans after Beijing announced plans to impose import tariffs on soybeans.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's monthly supply and demand report for the month of April, forecasts U.S. soybean stocks at 550 million bushels, down 5 million bushels from last month. U.S. soybean exports are forecast to remain unchanged. Soybean production is estimated at 4,392 million bushels, unchanged from previous month's estimates. Soybean production for Brazil has been increased by 2.0 MMT to 115 MMT and for Argentina, it has been reduced by 7.0 MMT to 40 MMT compared to previous month's estimates. Other oilseed production changes include reduced sunflower and peanut production for Argentina, higher sunflower seed production for the European Union, and increased rapeseed production for Belarus. Global oilseed trade for 2017/18 is projected at 174.1 million tons, down 0.6 million on lower soybean, peanut, and rapeseed shipments.

According to the latest report released by the Rosario Exchange, Argentina's soybean output in 2017 -18 is estimated at 37 MMT compared to previous estimates of 40 MMT. Prolonged drought in the soybean growing regions has affected yields.

According to Abiove, Brazil is expected to export record soybean of 70.4 MMT in 2018 compared to 68.1 MMT soybean exported in the previous year. Soy crush volume this year is estimated at 43.2 MMT and soy meal exports will go up by 600,000 tonnes, to 16.8 MMT this season.

According to data released by the Trade Ministry, Brazil's exports of soybean increased to 8.81 MMT in March 2018 compared to 2.86 MMT previous month. It exported 8.98 MMT soybean in March 2017. Soy meal exports stood at 1.32 MMT in March 2018 compared to 1.35 MMT previous month.

China has announced 25 per cent import tariff on soybean. However, effective date has not been announced. This is likely to reduce demand for U.S. soybean from China. China purchases around 61 per cent of total U.S. soybean and more than 30 per cent of overall U.S. soybean production. Brazil is likely to benefit from the ongoing trade rift between U.S. and China and soybean exports from Brazil are likely to reach record level this season.

According to consultancy, Agroconsult, Brazil's soybean crop has been revised up to 118.9 MMT in 2017-18 following favourable weather in the growing regions. According to Agroconsult, Mato Grosso's yields are estimated to reach an average of 56.7 60-kg bags per hectare compared with 55.5 bags in the previous season.

According to the planting intention report released by the USDA, soybean planted area for 2018 is estimated at 89.0 million acres, lower by 1 per cent compared to previous year. It is below average trade estimates of 91.056 million acres.

According to Safras & Mercado, Brazil is expected to export a record 70 MMT of soybean in 2018-19. This is 12 per cent higher compared to previous year. Record harvest of soybean in Brazil this season and lower output in Argentina are cited as the reasons for record exports of soybean.

According to the latest attaché report released by the USDA, China's soybean imports in 2018/19 are estimated to be around 100 MMT compared to imports of 97 MMT in 2017/18. Rising incomes, urbanization and the modernization of the domestic feed and livestock sectors, will continue fostering Chinese consumption of oilseed products. US soybean exports to China are likely to face competition from South American countries in 2017/18 and beyond. Moreover, the stringent import norms introduced by China coupled with recent tariffs imposed by US on steel and aluminum imports from China will also weigh on soybean exports.

Soy meal exports in Brazil are expected to increase to 16.2 MMT in 2018 compared to 15 MMT in 2017 following B10 blending mandate and lower availability from Argentina. Around 40% of the domestic soy crush goes towards biodiesel production and this will increase by a quarter this year as the blending mandate has been made 10% in March compared to 8% previously.

The IGC has reduced the global soybean output in 2017/18 by 2 MMT to 347 MMT from its previous estimates following lower production in Argentina. Global soybean production in 2017/18, is still below the 2016/17 record crop of 351 MMT. The global harvested area for soybean in 2018-19 is expected to increase by 2 per cent. Soybean consumption is likely to increase to 353 MMT compared to 338 MMT in 2016/17.

The international soybean prices are likely to witness range –bound to weak tone on likely decline in demand from China in the coming days.

Soy meal

Soy meal noticed steady to weak tone during the week amid lack –luster demand in the domestic market. Weakness in soy meal at CBOT weighed on prices to certain extent. Poultry demand usually declines during the summer season in the domestic market.

Soy meal ready for May delivery in PP bags was quoted at Rs. 32200+GST at Latur by ADM. It was quoted at 32700+GST for June delivery and at 33200+GST for July delivery. However, it was quoted at 32000+GST at Latur by Octagon for delivery in the next 10 days. This is with 46% protein content and it was quoted at 32700+GST for 47% protein content.

Kharif acreage under soybean this season, is likely to increase by 15 per cent in the domestic market, according to industry sources, following increase in soybean price amid highest level of hike in import duty, to the highest level by the government. Prices have increased and are ruling above the MSP in the market. Higher soybean production will translate into higher soy meal production. This is likely to increase soy meal exports in the coming season.

On a financial year basis, India's export of oil meals during April 2017 to March 2018 stands at 2,839,623 metric tonnes as compared to 1,885,480 metric tonnes in the same corresponding period of previous year showing an increase of 51% according to data released by the Solvent Extractor's Association of India.

In the month of March 2018, export of oil meals declined by 56% to 75,393 metric tonnes compared to the same corresponding period previous year. Soy meal exports during the period April 2017 to March 2018 was reported up at 1,156,549 metric tonnes compared to 916,306 metric tonnes during the same corresponding period previous year.

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

Soy meal declined in international market, during the week.

CBOT soy meal July contract settled at US \$ 393.10 per short ton compared to US \$ 395.30 per short ton last week.

Net sales of 246,000 MT of soybean cake and meal for 2017/2018 were up 10 percent from the previous week, but down 12 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases were reported for Vietnam (130,400 MT, including 26,900 MT switched from unknown destinations), Italy (40,000 MT), Indonesia (35,100 MT, including 23,100 MT switched from unknown destinations), Colombia (25,900 MT, including 9,000 MT switched from unknown destinations and decreases of 1,000 MT), and Morocco (20,800 MT, including 6,000 MT switched from unknown destinations) during the week April 20 -26, 2018. Reductions were primarily reported for unknown destinations (45,000 MT), Ireland (15,000 MT), Guatemala (6,800 MT), and the French West Indies (4,700 MT). For 2018/2019, net sales of 61,200 MT were reported for Spain (40,000 MT), unknown destinations (20,000 MT), and Mexico (1,200 MT). Exports of 306,500 MT were up 14 percent from the previous week and 19 percent from the prior 4-week average. The primary destinations were Vietnam (77,100 MT), Mexico (39,300 MT), the Dominican Republic (34,400 MT), Morocco (29,100 MT), and Indonesia (23,300 MT). The current week's net sales for 2017/18 are higher compared to net sales of 223,700 MT during the previous week.

According to the data released by the General Administration of Customs, China's imports of rapeseed meal increased by 87.51% to 109,795 metric tonnes in March 2018 compared to same corresponding period previous year. In the first three months of the current year, imports of rapeseed meal increased by 46.26% to 297,848 metric tonnes compared to same corresponding period previous year.

The domestic soy meal prices at Indore were quoted at Rs 30,000 – 30,200/MT compared to Rs. 30,000/MT - 31,000/MT in previous week. At Latur and Nanded, Maharashtra, soy meal witnessed steady tone and were quoted at Rs 32,200/MT and 32,300/MT respectively compared to Rs 30,000/MT in Indore and Rs 31,000/MT in Kota.

Previous Updates

India has registered gains in the soy meal exports in the current season. Recovery in INR against dollar will eventually make India's soy meal export prices unattractive and help South American soy meal to gain market share.

India is expected to produce 7-7.5 million metric tonnes of soy meal this season,. Out of which 5 million metric tonnes will be consumed domestically but another 2 -2.5 million metric tonnes must be shipped overseas, failing which, the disparity on crushing soybean will increase.

We expect India's soy meal exports to decline slightly in the new season with lower 2017/18 soybean production leading to lower crushing eventually decreasing the meal supplies.

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

India's Y-o-Y soy meal prices, Indore, are currently higher compared to previous year. Soy meal Indore was quoted higher between Rs 30,000 – 30,200/MT during the week compared to Rs 24,800 – 25,200/MT during the corresponding period last year.

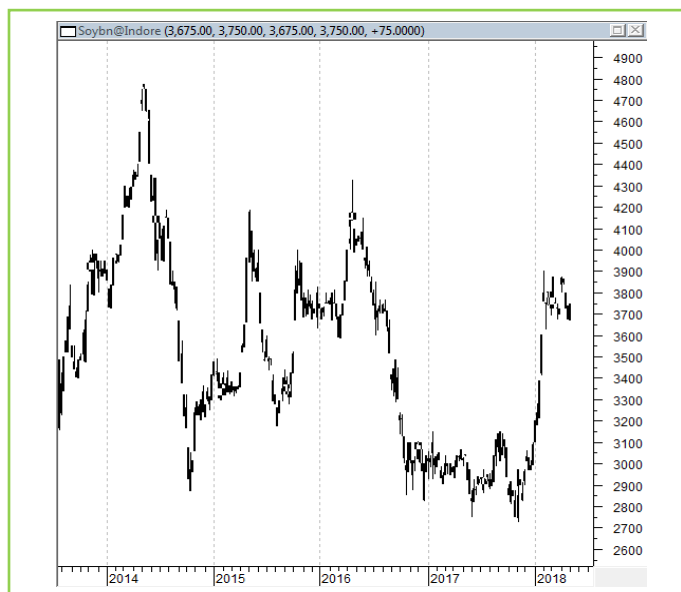
The soy meal prices are likely to notice range –bound to weak tone amid lack of demand in the domestic market.

Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean Futures



Soybean Spot, Indore



*Note: Daily Chart

Support & Resistance NCDEX Soybean – June. contract

S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
3500	3450	3720	3800	3850

- Soybean noticed range –bound to weak tone, during the week.
- Prices closed below 18-day EMA.
- RSI and stochastic are increasing in the neutral zone.
- MACD is declining in the negative territory.
- The prices are expected to feature gain in the coming week.
- Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean – June.): **BUY** Above 3675. Levels: T1 – 3775; T2- 3825, SL -3615.

Rapeseed - Mustard Seed

The domestic rapeseed-mustard noticed mixed tone during the week following lower arrivals in the domestic market and weakness in palm oil at BMD. Demand from stockists lend some support to the market. All India average arrival of rapeseed was around 3.00 lakh bags per day during the week.

Madhya Pradesh government has decided to procure Rabi crop of mustard at MSP instead of using Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana (BBY). This will reduce the flow of mustard in open market, thereby providing some support to domestic prices. The government is likely to procure 4 lakh tonnes of mustard and has announced a bonus of Rs.100/Qtl over MSP, which has started this month.

The all India seed supplies were reported between 2.45 – 3.50 lakh bags in a day compared to around 3.00 – 4.00 bags a day, previous week. The supplies were 2.25 -2.70 lakh bags a day during the corresponding period last year.

The seed prices are higher at spot market and are quoted at around Rs 3,860 – 3,903 a quintal compared to Rs 3,750 – 3,820 a quintal during the corresponding period last year at the benchmark, Jaipur.

At NCDEX futures, the seed prices at June contract ended higher at 3879/Qtl compared to 3783/Qtl previous week.

The area coverage under rapeseed, this season is reported down 5.27% at 66.88 lakh hectares compared to 70.56 lakh hectares at the same period last year.

The total sown area under *rabi* oilseeds is lower compared to the previous year's level which is down by 5.27% at 80.87 lakh hectares compared to 84.85 lakh hectares during the corresponding period last year.

India's total area under rapeseed in 2017 was 70.56 lakh hectares which was higher by 9.3% from 2016.

The rapeseed-mustard prices are driven by India's edible oil imports, Chinese veg. oil demand and Malaysian palm oil. India's edible oil imports increased in November.

According to the data released by the General Administration of Customs, China's import of rapeseed declined by 15.48% to 250,034 metric tonnes in March 2018 compared to same corresponding period previous year. In the first three months of the year 2018, imports of rapeseed declined by 21.18% to 984,947 metric tonnes compared to same corresponding period previous year. Imports of rapeseed meal increased by 87.51% to 109,795 metric tonnes in March 2018 compared to same corresponding period previous year. In the first three months of the current year, imports of rapeseed meal increased by 46.26% to 297,848 metric tonnes compared to same corresponding period previous year.

Previous Updates

Agriwatch had 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 tonnes in 2015/16 while Solvent Extractors of India had estimated India's seed production at 7.2 million tonnes.

According to Solvent Extractors Association (SEA), India's March edible oil imports rose 2.26 percent y-o-y to 11.23 lakh tons from 10.98 lakh tons in March 2017. Palm oil imports in March rose 11.9 percent y-o-y to 7.61 lakh tons from 6.8 lakh tons in March 2017. CPO Imports rose 19.8 percent y-o-y to 5.92 lakh tons from 4.54 lakh tons in March 2017. RBD palmolein imports fell 25.57 percent y-o-y to 1.63 lakh tons from 2.19 lakh tons in March 2017. Soy oil imports fell 50.0 percent in March y-o-y to 1.15 lakh tons from 2.30 lakh tons in March 2017. Sunflower oil imports rose 15.4 percent in March percent y-o-y to 2.10 lakh tons from 1.82 lakh tons in March 2017. Rapeseed (canola) oil import was at 0.37 lakh tons compared zero imports in March 2017.

According to Solvent Extractors Association (SEA), India's March edible oil stocks at ports and pipelines fell 3.87 percent m-o-m to 21.12 lakh tons from 21.97 lakh tons in February 2018. Stocks of edible oil at ports fell to 770,000 tons (CPO 350,000 tons, RBD Palmolein 160,000 tons, Degummed Soybean Oil 80,000 tons, Crude Sunflower Oil 160,000 tons and 20,000 tons of Rapeseed (Canola) Oil) and about 1,342,000 tons in pipelines (stocks at ports were 757,000 tons in February 2018). India is presently holding 33 days of edible oil requirement on 1st April, 2018 at 21.12 lakh tons compared to 36 days of requirements last month at 21.97 lakh tons. India's monthly edible oil requirement is 18.25 lakh tons.

According to USDA April estimate, India's soy oil imports estimate is reduced to at 33.45 lakh tons from previous estimate of 35.45 lakh tons. Soy oil production estimate is reduced to 14.94 lakh tons from previous estimate of 15.75 lakh tons. Consumption estimate of soy oil is reduced to 51 lakh tons from previous estimate of 52 lakh tons. End stocks estimate of soy oil is reduced to 1.67 lakh tons from 2.18 lakh tons in its previous estimate.

According to China General Administration of Customs (CNGOIC), China's March edible vegetable oil imports rose 14.0 percent to 399,000 tons from 350,000 tons in February. Exports fell 11.3 percent from March 2017 reported at 450,000 tons. Year to date imports fell 5.5 percent to 1,325,000 tons compared to corresponding period in 2017.

According to China's General Administration of Customs (CNGOIC), China's March palm oil imports rose 27.13 percent to 4.80 lakh tons compared to March 2017. Year to date imports of palm oil rose 5.53 percent to 13.21 lakh tons. Imports from Indonesia in March rose 35.29 percent to 3.47 lakh tons compared to March 2017. Year to date imports of palm oil from Indonesia rose 9.84 percent to 9.25 lakh tons. Imports from Malaysia in March rose 9.7 percent to 1.32 lakh tons compared to March 2017. Year to date imports of palm oil from Malaysia fell 3.39 percent to 3.95 lakh tons.

According to cargo surveyor Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS), Malaysia's April palm oil exports fell 4.5 percent to 1,331,564 tons compared to 1,394,973 tons last month. Top buyers are European Union at 294,573 tons (261,868 tons), India at 253,155 tons (412,783 tons), China at 141,130 tons (122,364 tons), Pakistan at 100,100 tons (58,395 tons) and United States at 50,770 tons (53,175 tons). Values in brackets are figures of last month.

According to cargo surveyor AmSpec Agri, Malaysia's April palm oil exports fell 5.7 percent to 1,311,770 tons compared to 1,391,383 tons last month.

According to Malaysia Palm Oil Board (MPOB), Malaysia's March palm oil stocks fell 6.24 percent to 23.23 lakh tons compared to 24.78 lakh tons in February. Production of palm oil in March rose 17.21 percent to 15.74 lakh tons compared to 13.43 lakh tons in February. Exports of palm oil in March rose 19.20 percent to 15.65 lakh tons compared to 13.13 lakh tons in February. Imports of palm oil in March fell 41 percent to 0.40 lakh tons compared to 0.67 lakh tons in February. Fall in palm oil end stocks in March was above trade estimates.

According to Malaysia Palm Oil Board (MPOB), Malaysia's 2018 production is estimated to grow 3 percent to 20.5 MMT from 19.9 MMT in 2017. Malaysia's 2018 exports are estimated to rise 5.1 percent to 17.4 MMT. MPOB estimates palm oil stocks to fall 15.8 percent to 2.3 MMT.

According to Malaysia Palm Oil Board (MPOB), Malaysia imposed export duty on palm oil for April at 5 percent after three-month suspension of export duty. Export duty of palm oil is calculated at reference price of 2,409.66 ringgit (\$621.37) per ton. Tax is calculated above 2,250 ringgit, starting from 4.5 percent to a maximum of 8.5 percent. 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.

According to Indonesia Palm Oil Association (GAPKI), Indonesia's February palm and palm kernel oil exports fell 13.5 percent m-o-m to 2.37 MMT compared to 2.74 MMT in January. On y-o-y basis exports fell 6.3 percent. Exports were 2.53 MMT in February 2017.

End stocks of palm oil in Indonesia in October rose 16 percent to 3.38 MMT from 2.92 MMT in September 2017. Production of palm oil in Indonesia in October rose 3 percent to 4.16 MMT from 4.03 MMT in September 2017.

According to the latest monthly estimates from Strategie Grains, rapeseed production estimates have been increased to 22.60 MMT in European Union for 2017/18 compared to previous estimates of 21.86 MMT and 20.34 MMT in 2016/17.

Outlook: The rapeseed-mustard is likely to notice range –bound to firm tone amid lower arrivals and good demand from the stockists in the domestic market.

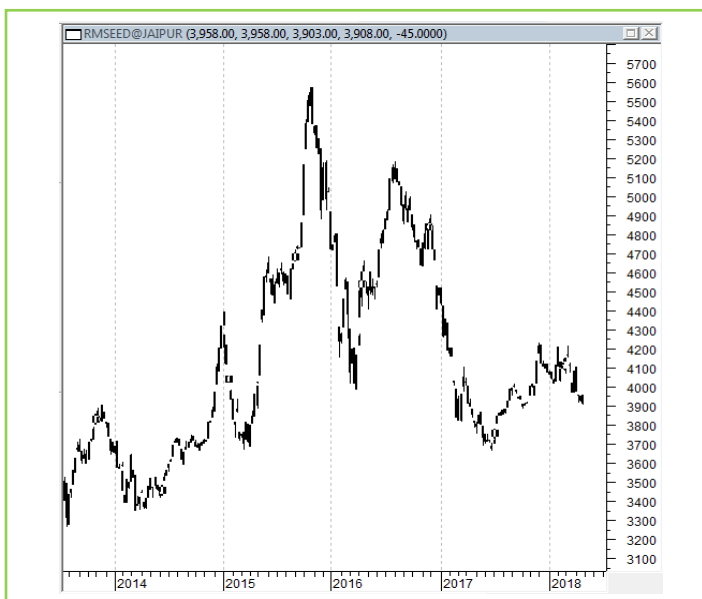
Technical Analysis:

NCDEX RM Seed Futures



*Note: Daily Chart

RM Seed Spot, Jaipur



Support & Resistance NCDEX RM Seed – June. contract

S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
3750	3650	3879	4000	4100

- Upward movement witnessed in RM seed.
- Prices closed below 18-day EMA.
- RSI and stochastic are declining in the neutral zone.
- MACD is declining in the negative territory.
- The prices are expected to feature range-bound movement with firm bias, during the week.
- Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Rapeseed-Mustard – June) Week: **BUY** Above 3825. Levels: Target – 3925; T2- 3975, SL –3765.

Annexure

Oil Meal Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Soy DOC Rates at Different Centers

Centres	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	4-May-18	27-Apr-18	Parity To
Indore (MP)	30000	30000	Gujarat, MP
Kota	31000	31200	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Dhulia/Jalna	31500	31900	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Nagpur (42/46)	31000	31500	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Nanded	32300	32300	Andhra, AP, Kar ,TN
Latur	32200	32200	-
Sangli	32600	32800	Local and South
Sholapur	31500	32500	Local and South
Akola	31000	30800	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Hingoli	31500	32400	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Bundi	30500	31500	-

Soy DOC at Port

Centers	Port Price	
	3-May-18	26-Apr-18
Kandla (FOR) (INR/MT)	31800	32500
Kandla (FAS) (USD/MT)	477	486

International Soy DOC			
Argentina FOB USD/MT	3-May-18	26-Apr-18	Change
Soybean Pellets	NR	NR	-
Soybean Cake Flour	NR	NR	-
Soya Meal	NR	NR	-
Soy Expellers	NR	NR	-

Sunflower (DOC) Rates	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
Centers	4-May-18	27-Apr-18	Change
Adoni	19000	19100	-100
Khamgaon	NA	NA	-
Parli	NA	NA	-
Latur	18900	19000	-100

Groundnut Meal (Rs/MT)	4-May-18	27-Apr-18	Change
Basis 45%, Saurashtra	21000	21500	-500
Basis 40%, Saurashtra	18500	19000	-500
GN Cake, Gondal	19500	20000	-500

Mustard DOC/Meal	4-May-18	27-Apr-18	Change
Jaipur (Plant delivery)	14700	14800	-100
Kandla (FOR Rs/MT)	15600	15500	100
Sri Ganganagar	1790	1805	-15

India's Kharif Oilseeds Production Seen at 20.36 Mn T vs 21.51 Mn in 2nd Adv Est. - GOI

The 2nd Advance Estimates of production of major crops for 2017-18 have been released on 27 February, 2018 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 floods and erratic rainfall during monsoon 2017, the country has witnessed lower food grain production in the current year compared to previous year.

The estimated production of major Kharif Oilseeds during 2017-18 is as under:

Oilseeds – 20.36 million tonnes

- Soybean – 11.39 million tonnes
- Groundnut – 6.61 million tonnes
- Castorseed – 1.49 million tonnes

With a decline of 1.15 million tonnes over the previous year, total kharif Oilseeds production in the country is estimated at a level of 20.36 million tonnes. It is lower by 2.25 million tonnes than the all time record production of 22.61 million tonnes achieved during 2013-14.

The production of Oilseeds during 2017-18 is higher by 0.204 million tonnes than the five year's average Oilseeds production. The current year's production is lower than the kharif production of 21.51 million tonnes during 2016-17.

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 2017/18 Rabi Oilseeds

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Rabi Oilseeds Crops of 2017-18 season are as follows: The MSP of Rapeseed/Mustard is raised (8.1%) by Rs. 300/Qtl to Rs. 4,000/Qtl from Rs. 3,700/Qtl earlier. For Safflower too it is increased (10.8%) by Rs. 400/Qtl to Rs. 4,100/Qtl from Rs. 3,700/Qtl in 2016-17.

Sown Area – *Rabi* Oilseeds, India

In the official Rabi oilseeds planting report, by the Government of India, the total coverage area under Rabi oilseeds is reported at 80.87 lakh hectares, down 5.27% from 84.85 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Of the major oilseeds, rapeseed-mustard sowing is reported down by 5.27% at 66.88 lha compared to 70.60 lha during the corresponding period of last year. Groundnut at 6.39 lha vs 6.36 lha, safflower at 0.81 lha vs 1.05 lha, sunflower at 1.74 lha vs 1.71 lha, sesamum 0.68 vs 0.70 and Linseed at 4.01 lha vs 3.84 lha during the corresponding period last year.

Area in Lakh Hectares			
Crop	2018	2017	% Change
Rapeseed/Mustard	66.88	70.60	-5.27
Groundnut	6.39	6.36	0.38
Safflower	0.81	1.05	-22.98
Sunflower	1.74	1.71	1.46
Sesamum	0.68	0.70	-3.43
Linseed	4.01	3.84	4.48
Others	0.36	0.58	-37.93
Total Oilseeds	80.87	84.85	-5.27

Source: GOI

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