

Oilmeal Weekly Research Report

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Executive Summary

Soybean Most active Nov contract at NCDEX took a bearish trend in the last week as the truce between US and China is being witnessed as a setback to potential exports of India's soymeal to China. Interestingly Spot Market though has remained at and above the crucial level of 3400 indicating firm crush demand as crushers continued to crush heavily to meet their exports commitments. Thus the last week was under the influence of bears and which has led to the unexpected fall and has breached most of the key support levels. The arrivals are still not very high as compared to last year and thus we are still sticking to our estimate of nearly 104 lakh tons. Dec remains crucial both for arrivals and exports and thus is pivotal in the assessment of production and as well as how soon we are going to exhaust the exportable surplus. of then The production estimates has been in the range of 102 to 115 lakh tons with one lobby saying production in the range of 102 to 104 lakh tons whereas the other lobby keeping production between 111 to 118 lakh tons. SOPA has given it first estimated of production at 114.87 lakh tons. Many traders has been opined that the SOPA production figures are overestimated and production should be in the range of 105-110 lakh tons.

Daily and weekly arrivals has achieved its maximum. The daily arrivals are recording in between 12 to 15 lakh bags. The daily arrivals should range in between 9 to 10 lakh bags on an average continuously till Nov and which is going to confirm the production of above 110 lakh tons. The arrivals is expected to be higher in the OND quarter due to the BBY and NAFED procurement program. Thus with estimates of higher production and higher probability of arrivals the OND quarter arrivals should record all-time high. Govt has reported record 19 lakh tons of arrivals whereas SOPA has reported 15 lakh bags. Market is in wait and watch position thus a prolonged consolidation is expected in coming weeks.

Soymeal exports to Bangladesh have been nil but other origins exports has been better as compared to last year over competitive parity of Indian soymeal. Iran too imported 55 thd tons in Nov and another 1.45 lakh tons is expected to be shipped. Bangladesh sooner or later is going to start taking Indian soymeal which they haven't due to limited rake availability and Bangladesh Imported heavily US soybean at bargain price.

Rapeseed stocks offloading are still not fast enough to offload its stocks entirely at the end of this year. However falling edible oil prices has restricted the demand of mustard oil as spreads widened between Mustard and soft oils. The sowing is leading against last year sowing pace and thus has kept the trading sentiments on bearish side. NAFED still holds nearly lakh tons of Mustard with three months for the season to end. Sowing as at last year pace and has thus diminished the hopes of record acreages over higher MSP and good profit realization over Chana this season.

Overall soybean and Mustard is expected to trade in range bound manner.

Reports releasing this week

1. USDA Weekly Export Sales Report: 13th Dec
2. USDA Weekly Export Inspection Report: 10th Dec
3. USDA WASDE Dec: 11th Dec
4. NOPA Crush Report: Dec 17th
5. India Rabi Sowing Progress: 14th Dec

Outlook – Cash Market

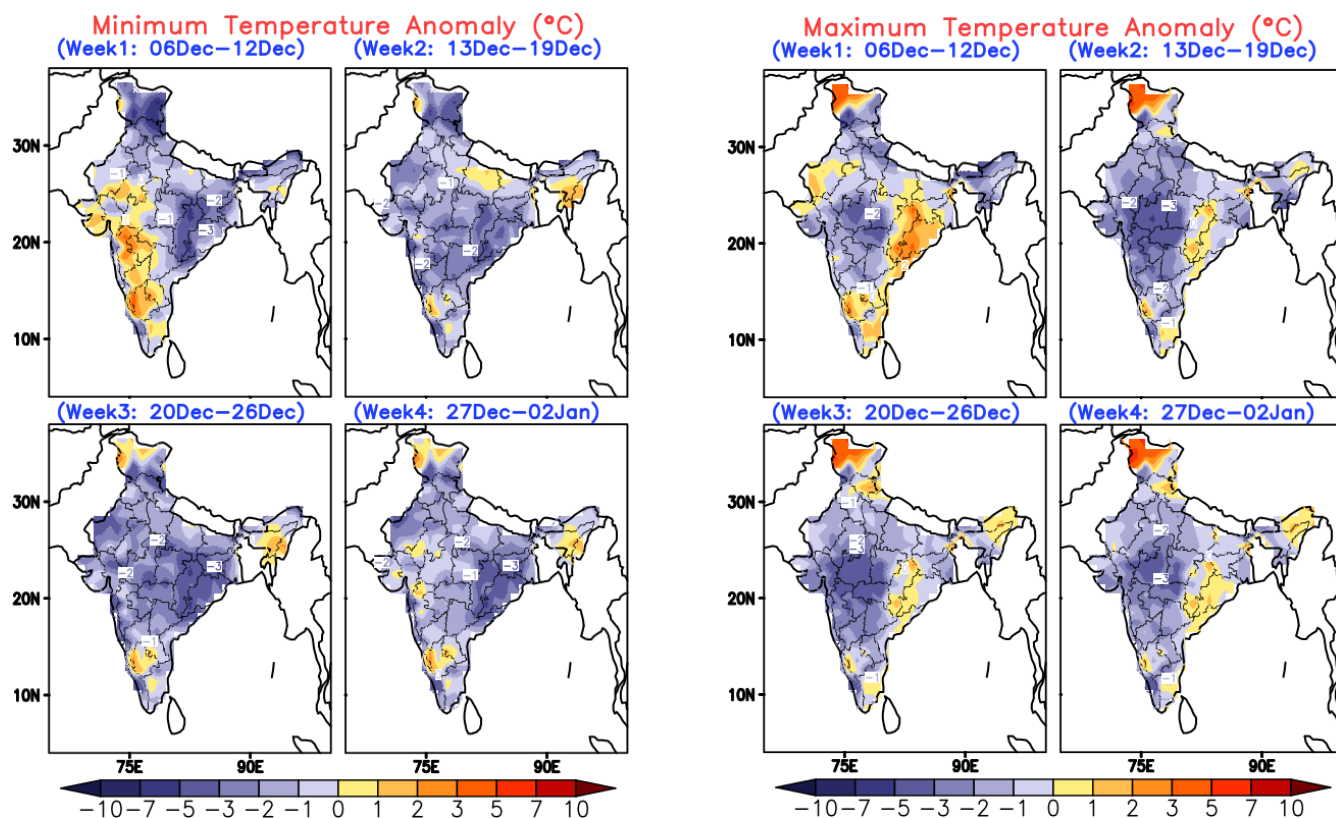
Outlook - Soybean (Spot, Indore): Soybean Indore is expected to trade above 3400 levels. As we move to Dec months NCDEX soybean is going to find good co-relationship with CBOT prices. In OND quarter Indian soybean remain decoupled with the CBOT. The bottom has been placed out and as we have moved to Dec month NCDEX is expected to reach new highs.

Outlook – Soy meal (Spot, Indore): Meal prices are expected to find support at current levels as the exports booking is reportedly strong. However short term correction can happen on cues from soybean price action. Indian meal is finding interest from non-regular buyers such as Iran due to Political Scenario and also from China. Thus forward bookings for OND delivery can exceed to 6 to 7 lakh tons. Much will depend on export pace and the quantum of exports disposed as compared to exportable surplus at the end of OND quarter.

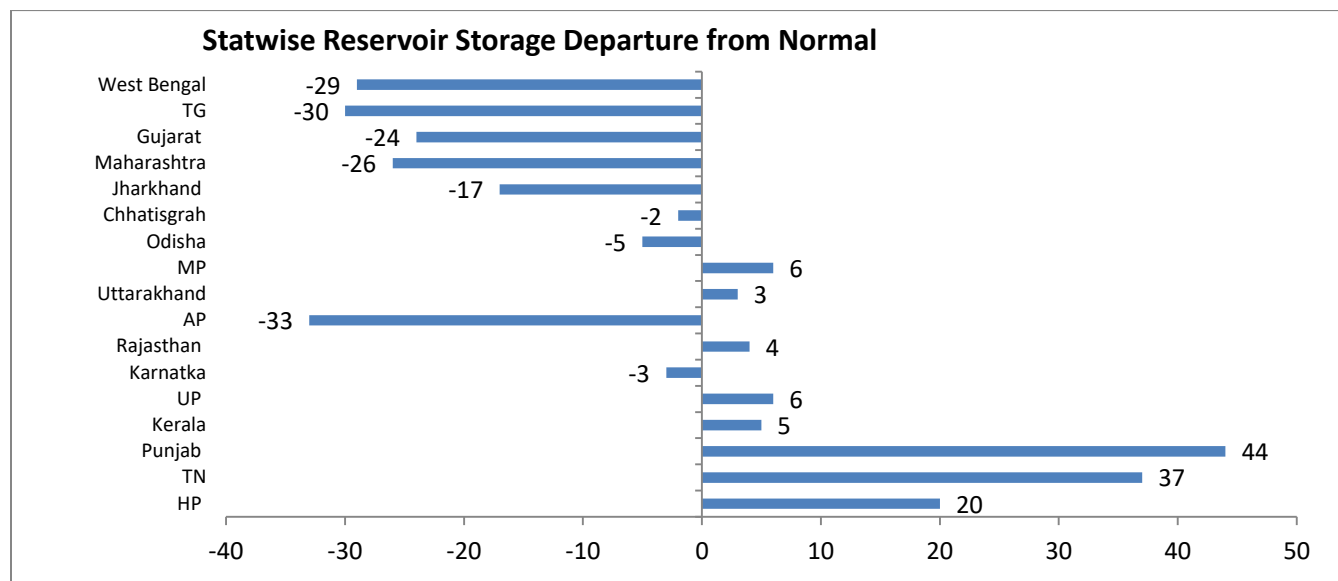
Outlook - Rapeseed-Mustard (Spot, Jaipur basis): Decent arrivals and slowing crush with brighter sowing prospects has brought bearishness in Mustard prices. Crush demand is expected to rise in late this month. Overall mustard is expected to find support at current levels after factoring good sowing progress and falling veg oil prices.

Weather Forecast (For Rabi Oilseeds)

Temperature



Reservoir Status in States 06.12.2018



Rabi Oilseed Sowing Progress

Rabi Oilseeds Sowing as on 07.12.2018						
	Normal Area	Normal Sowing as on Date	2017-18	2018-19	% Change (Y-o-Y)	% Sown of Normal
Rapeseed & Mustard	61.25	61.94	59.36	59.56	0%	97.2%
Groundnut	7.85	2.96	3.02	2.14	-29%	27.3%
Safflower	1.62	0.9	0.6	0.29	-52%	17.9%
Sunflower	3.78	2.01	1.22	0.85	-30%	22.5%
Sesamum	3.04	0.31	0.18	0.27	50%	8.9%
Linseed	2.93	2.42	2.54	2.15	-15%	73.4%
Other Oilseeds	0.15	0.35	0.16	0.19	19%	126.7%
Total	80.62	70.89	67.08	65.45	-2%	81.2%

Soybean-

Domestic Market

Indian soybean crush demand remained high as the crushers continued to ship their meal in international market in the peak exports quarter. Further the crushing by integrated poultry farmers are high as they have pulled up their socks to feed the poultry chicks which is going to make available for the peak demand during New Year celebrations.

The spot market thus has found support at 3400 whereas as the US and China has shown signs of truce in the G20 meet the future market took bearish trend. However the pace of soymeal is so far so good as compared to the India's exportable surplus.

The arrivals are not too high to indicate any production over 110 lakh tons despite of the BBY and NAFED procurement of Soybean. This is indicating that in the period when the govt interventions is still in course the arrivals are not too high which can be assessed for the soybean production to be less than what SOPA has estimated.

In Jan SOPA can lower their production estimates whereas SEA can remain unchanged. The market is now looking for Dec arrivals and Dec soymeal exports.

The OND exports pace is going to determine the potential rally in Indian soybean market. However there will be little support from international market and thus the Jan prices can shot up but later as the south American crop hits market the NCDEX prices is expected to start falling again. South American crop is faring well.

The domestic soybean prices are likely to be in tight range in the domestic market.

International Market

In the G20 Summit held in Buenos Aires, Argentina a lot of positives is coming out of it from US and China over easing tensions between Beijing and Washington. Trump has agreed upon leaving tariffs on \$200 billion worth of product at the 10% rate, and not raise it to 25% at this time from Jan 1. On the other hand China will agree to purchase a not yet agreed upon, but very substantial, amount of agricultural, energy, industrial, and other product from the United States to reduce the trade imbalance between our two countries. Further China agreed to start purchasing agricultural product from our farmers immediately. No additional tariffs will be imposed after January 1 and negotiations between the two sides will continue.

Both parties agree that they will endeavor to have this transaction completed within the next 90 days. If at the end of this period of time, the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the 10% tariffs will be raised to 25%.

The fundamentals are still bearish and still the shipments has to undergo on a large scale to restrict ballooning US stocks. Nevertheless there is good chances that in Dec WASDE report US is going to be a bearish one with US Stocks to be upward revised further as the Two major months has gone with limited US Soybean shipments

to US and filling that gap will be difficult with port infra remaining constrain. Further clarity over new tariff and net premium discounts of other origins also remaining factor to judge the potential exports to China. The promises have yet to materialize and the US stock projections have to tighten for any reversal in trend.

Soy meal

According sources, the Chinese government this week asked the Indian government for a draft of protocol for Indian soybean meal, to be discussed during the GACC visit to India starting December 10. A Chinese trade delegation is coming to India on Dec. 10 to inspect soymeal plants. Earlier China has cleared few soybean plants.

According to the Ministry of Commerce/Export Inspection Council of India stated that China will resume import of Rapeseed Meal from India. Five units have already approved by General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, GACC (formerly AQSIQ) and will able to resume the export of Rapeseed Meal to China once their registration with Chinese Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) is done which is cumbersome process and takes a long time.

The daily soybean arrivals at this point of time is nearly 1 to 1.5 lakh bags less than the usual pace with the production of 100 lakh tons. However the sudden surge in arrivals before Diwali and then the fall in arrivals has overall compensated the cumulative arrivals figures and thus ND arrivals is y-o-y high.

Cumulative arrivals according to govt sources is 30 lakh tons which is higher by 6 lakh tons y-o-y till Nov (MY starting in Oct).

SEA has revised the Oct soymeal exports to 1.5 lakh tons as against .38 lakh tons in its provisional estimates which seemed unrealistic. In Nov SEA has given provisional estimate of 2.17 lakh tons of soymeal exports which is slightly higher y-o-y. In the ND months the exports has been higher y-o-y but still not enough to eat away the surpluses soon. India needs to at least exports 8-10 lakh tons of meal by Dec end or Mid Jan to tighten the Indian situation.

India was able to export 55 thd tons of rapemeal in Nov improving m-o-m but lesser as compared to last year exports considered in the same month. Overall India's rapemeal exports has improved significantly as the prices offered remained very stable and remained well cheap as compared to Soymeal. India this year has able to gain the lost market thus rapeseed crushing season.

Bangladesh a key buyer of soymeal from India has not taken any quantity of soymeal on Nov which is may be due to unavailability of railway rakes and /or aggressive buying of US soybean and crushing at overcapacity domestically, given the discounts US soybean enjoyed after the US-China fiasco.

Bangladesh used to import 2-2.5 lakh tons of soymeal annually in the Oct –Sep period. Iran however took just 55 thd tons of soymeal out of 2 lakh tons the country booked for immediate delivery. Hopefully the remaining will be get exported in Dec month which may result in Dec exports clocking 3.5 lakh tons or even more. Thus in

such situation we might be able to dispose nearly 50% of the surpluses if the production of bean is at 104-105 lakh tons.

Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean FUTURE*



Soybean Spot, Indore



*Note: Daily Chart

Support & Resistance NCDEX Soybean – Jan Contract

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3300	3310	3329	3390	3414

- Soybean Jan contract found strong support at 100% fibo retracement of previous impulsive rally. Soybean also formed a doji candlestick on Friday indicating a potential reversal.
- On the upside, INR 3390 shall act as immediate resistance followed by INR 3414
- On the downside, INR 3320 shall act as immediate support followed by 3330
- Trade Recommendation (NCDEX-Soybean – Jan) Buy

Weekly trade call: **Buy** 3320-30 Target – T1-3390; T2- 3412, SL – 3300

Rapeseed - Mustard Seed

The all India weekly seed supplies were reported 6.7 lakh bags as compared to 7.6 lakh bags in the previous week.

The spot price weaken w-o-w to flat as the market discounted the planting pace which currently is at the same level as last year. NAFED inability to offload the stocks at brisk pace has kept the supplies in market tight as nearly 5.0 lakh tons of Mustard is locked as on 03rd Dec. With this pace of release there will be still huge stocks locked till Dec as NAFED is able to release nearly 1 lakh tons of Mustard per month. NAFED is instrumental in altering Mustard Supply and Demand as It wants to sell Mustard at least at MSP. Seeking limited response from the crushers in auction the agency is offering Mustard at lower rate as compared to prevailing market prices. At the end of week mustard closed at 4205 per quintal as against INR 4235 per quintal during the corresponding period last year at the benchmark, Jaipur.

The area coverage under mustard, as on 06th December 2018, is at the same level as of last last year. The sowing has slowed down this week and the chances of sowing to record higher than last year is slowly diminishing. Under current pace the sown area can fall between 65.5 to 66.5 lakh hectares and the last moment increase in sowing pace only can help in increasing the acreages to 68 lakh hectares or above.

NAFED auctioned 5540 tons of Mustard seed on 30th Nov in the price range of INR 3811 to INR 3939 per quintal. Stocks available as on date are at 5.08 Lakh tons.

Mustard daily arrivals is ranging in between 1.25 lakh bags to 1.35 lakh bags and is remaining steady in the past weeks. Soybean arrivals on the other hand have been impacted by the Karthik Poornima and is picking pace.

Technical Analysis:



NCDEX RM Seed Futures
RM Seed Spot, Jaipur

Support & Resistance NCDEX RM Seed – Jan contract				
S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
3950	3930	4001	4050	4100

- Mustard Jan Contract has made contract lows and formed doji candlestick in downtrend indicating of a potential reversal.
- Mustard is taking strong support at 4000.
- Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Rapeseed-Mustard – Jan)

Weekly trade call: **Buy** 3990-4000: Target – T1-4050 T2- 4100, SL – 3975.

Soy DOC Rates at Different Centers			
Centres	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
	06-Dec-18	26-Nov-18	Parity To
Indore - 45%, Jute Bag	27000	28000	Gujarat, MP
Kota - 45%, PP Bag	27600	28400	Rajasthan, Del, Punjab, Haryana
Dhulia/Jalna - 45%, PP Bag	28700	29500	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Nagpur - 45%, PP Bag	28300	29500	Chattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, Bangladesh, AP, Kar, TN
Nanded	29000	30000	Andhra, AP, Kar ,TN
Latur	29000	30500	-
Sangli	#N/A	30200	Local and South
Solapur	29600	29800	Local and South
Akola – 45%, PP Bag	27300	28200	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Hingoli	29200	30000	Andhra, Chattisgarh, Orrisa,Jharkhand, WB
Bundi	27400	28200	-

Soy DOC at Ports			
Centers	Port Price		
	06-Dec-18	29-Nov-18	Change
Kandla (FOR) (INR/MT)	28500	29200	-700
Kandla (FAS) (USD/MT)	401	418	-16

CNF Indonesia – Yellow SBM (USD/MT)	395	400	-5
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Rapeseed Meal	06-Dec-18	29-Nov-18	Change
FAS Kandla (USD/MT)	215	225	-10
FOR Kandla (Rs/MT)	15200	15900	-700
FOR Mundra (Rs/MT)	15600	16200	-600
CNF Indonesia (USD/MT)	235	244	-9

International Soy DOC			
Argentina FOB USD/MT	06-Dec-18	29-Nov-18	Change
Soybean Pellets	332	329	3
Soybean Cake Flour	332	329	3
Soya Meal	331	328	3
Soy Expellers	331	328	3

Sunflower (DOC) Rates	Ex-factory rates (Rs/ton)		
Centers	06-Dec-18	26-Nov-18	Change
Adoni	19800	20000	-200
Khamgaon	0	0	Unch
Parli	0	0	Unch
Latur	0	0	Unch

Groundnut Meal (Rs/MT)	06-Dec-18	26-Nov-18	Change
Basis 45%, Saurashtra	25000	25500	-500
Basis 40%, Saurashtra	22500	23000	-500
GN Cake, Gondal	27000	26000	1000

Mustard DOC	06-Dec-18	26-Nov-18	Change
Jaipur (Plant delivery)	14600	15500	-900
Kandla (FOR Rs/MT)	15200	16000	-800

Mumbai Oil Meal Quotes:			
Rs/M.T.	06-Dec-18	26-Nov-18	Change
G.N. Extr (45%)	0	0	Unch
Kardi Extr	0	0	Unch
Undec Cottonseed Exp	20800	22300	-1500

Rice Bran Extr.	0	0	Unch
Sunflower Extr.	22500	23000	-500
Rapeseed Extr.	0	0	Unch
Soymeal 48%	28696	29217	-521
Castor Extr.	5150	6150	-1000

Annexure

India's Kharif Oilseeds Production Seen at 313.1 Lakh Tons in 4th Adv Est. - GOI

The 4th Advance Estimates of production of major crops for 2017-18 have been released on 28th August, 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 oilseeds production in the current year compared to previous year.

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

Oilseeds – 313.1 Lakh tonnes

- Soyabean – 109.34 Lakh Tons
- Groundnut – 91.8 Lakh Tons
- Rapeseed – 83.2 Lakh Tons
- Castorseed – 14.9 Lakh Tons
- Sesame/Sesamum/Gingelly/Til – 7.44 Lakh Tons
- Nigerseed – .75 Lakh Tons
- Sunflower – 1.9 Lakh tons
- Linseed - 1.73 Lakh Tons

MSP for 2018/19 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 2018-19 season, the MSPs of all the Kharif oilseeds are raised for this season.

The MSP of Yellow Soybean is increased by 9.0% to Rs 3325/Qtl for 2018-19 season from Rs. 3050/Qtl (including Rs 100 bonus) in 2017-18, Groundnut -in- shell by 5.2% to Rs 4,680/Qtl from Rs 4,450Qtl (including Rs 100 bonus), Sunflower seed by 3.7% to Rs 4,250/Qtl from Rs 4,100/Qtl (including Rs 200 bonus), Nigerseed

by 5.5% to 4,275/Qtl from Rs 4,050/Qtl (including Rs 100 bonus) and Sesamum by 5.7% to Rs 5,600/Qtl from Rs 5,300/Qtl (including Rs 200 bonus).

Source: GOI

North East Monsoon forecast for 2018

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Seasonal Rainfall over South Peninsula IMD's operational forecast for the 2018

Northeast monsoon season (October-December) rainfall over south Peninsula (Tamil Nadu, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Kerala and South Interior Karnataka) is most likely to be normal (89% -111% of long period average (LPA)) with a tendency to be in the positive side of the normal. The LPA of the North-east monsoon seasonal rainfall over the south Peninsula for the base period, 1951-2000 is 332.1 mm. The 2018 Northeast monsoon seasonal rainfall over Tamil Nadu is most likely to be above normal ($\geq 112\%$ of LPA). The long period average (LPA) of the Northeast monsoon seasonal rainfall over Tamil Nadu for the base period, 1951-2000 is 438.2 mm.

The normal timeline for the arrival of the North-East monsoon is between October 15 and 20, but the IMD does not announce a date in advance for the season.

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