

Executive Summary

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Oilseeds and oilmeals are expected to witness mild gains in upcoming weeks.

International Highlights

- ❖ China National Grain and Oils Information Center forecasted that China would import 5.35 million tonnes of soybeans in January, higher than the Ministry of Commerce's earlier estimate of 4.61 million tonnes. The country's soybean imports have maintained high levels since November of last year and this will weigh on DCE soy products in the following period.
- ❖ U.S. sellers have reportedly shipped nearly 18.8 million tonnes of U.S. soybeans to China, and about 8 million tonnes more has been sold but is yet to ship to the world's top importer, according to USDA. About 3.5 million tonnes is unshipped sales to undisclosed destinations believed to be earmarked for China.
- ❖ Soybean harvesting in Brazil has commenced in the major producing states of Mato Grosso and Parana. Though it is slow paced.
- ❖ Oil World has estimated Canadian rapeseed meal shipments at an all-time high of around 3.6 Mn T during the current season.

Oilseed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity	Centre	Prices (Rs/Qtl)		Change
Soybean		24.1.2014	17.1.2014	
	Indore –Plant	3900-3950	3800-3850	100
	Indore –Mandi	3600-3825	3600-3825	Unch
	Nagpur-Plant	3750	3625	125
	Nagpur – Mandi	3400-3750	3400-3700	50
	Kota-Plant	3800	-	-
	Kota – Mandi	3700	-	-
	Bundi-Plant	3800-3825	3520	305
	Bundi-Mandi	3700-3800	3550-3650	150
	Baran-Plant	3650	3700	-50
	Baran-Mandi	3550	3500-3600	-50
	Bhawani Mandi Jhalawar– Kota Plant Delivery	3850-3900	3860	40
	Jhalawar-Mandi	3600-3900	3800	100
Rapeseed/Mustard	Jaipur – C	3595-3600	3580-3585	15
	Alwar – C	3400	3475	-75
	Sri Ganganagar(Non- Condition-Unpaid)	3200	3200	Unch
	Delhi–(Condition)	3590	3580	10
	Kota	3000-3100	3000-3100	Unch
	Agra-(Condition)	3775	3760	15
	Neewai	-	-	-
	Hapur-(UP)	3550	3550	Unch
Groundnut Seed	Rajkot	NR	660	-
Sunflower Seed	Gulbarga	NR	NR	-
	Latur	3300-3475	3250-3450	25
	Sholapur	3300-3475	3250-3450	25
Sesame Seed	Mumbai (White98/2/1 FM)	12650	13500	-850

Soybean Prices are in INR/Qtl. Mandi prices – Loose, Mustard Seed Prices are in INR/Qtl.C –Condition (42%),
*Groundnut seed in Rs/20 kg, Sunflower Seed in Rs/Qtl

Oilseed Arrivals in Key Centers:

Commodity	Centre	Arrivals in Bags/Qtl		Chg
		Week End (24/1/2014)	Week End (17/1/2014)	
Soybean				
	Madhya Pradesh	145000	360000	-215000
	Maharashtra	395000	275000	120000
	Rajasthan	30000	44000	-14000
	Bundi (Raj)	1300	1300	Unch
	Baran (Raj)	4700	9500	-4800
	Jhalawar (Raj)	3400	4000	-600
Rapeseed/Mustard	Rajasthan	230000	222000	8000

Progress of Sown Area – Rabi Oilseeds, India

There was no update on the planting progress last week. However, as per the official *Rabi* oilseeds planting (week ending 23 January 2014), the area coverage under Rabi oilseeds is reported at 88.40 lakh hectares, up 3.2% from 85.65 lakh ha previous year. Of the major oilseeds, rapeseed/mustard seed sowing is reported up by 6.2 percent compared to last year.

Crop	Jan 2014	Jan 2013	% Change
Rapeseed/Mustard	70.35	66.22	6.2
Groundnut	5.99	6.55	-8.5
Safflower	1.73	1.4	23.6
Sunflower	3.8	4.5	-15.6
Sesamum	0.58	0.53	9.4
Linseed	3.37	3.14	7.3
Others	0.4	0.41	-2.4
Total Oilseeds	86.22	82.75	4.2

(Area in lakh hectares) Source: GOI

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Iran (132452.96 MT), Thailand (81254.28 MT), Vietnam (50262.43 MT) and Japan (40900 MT) remained the top buyers of Indian origin meal in the month of December 2013. However, India registered higher soy meal export sales during finance year and during current oil year (Oct-Sep).

The chances of improving India's meal exports in coming months are bleak as a result of demand diversion. The previous trend reveals that India's soy meal exports fall in upcoming months.

India's exports of soybean meal during December, 2013 was 4.71 lac tons as compared to 5.11 lac tons in December, 2012.

On a financial year basis, the shipment during April'2013 to December'2013 is 20.61 lac tons as compared to 19.16 lac tons in the same period of previous year showing an increase of 7.56%.

During current Oil year, (October - September), total exports during October 2013 to December, 2013 are 11.84 Lac tones as against 10.79 Lac tones last year, showing an increase by 9.73%.

Although, preference of the meal of Indian origin mainly by the South-East countries due to logistic and freight advance and demand for non-GMO meal will lend support to the domestic soy meal. During the current Oil year Iran, Japan, Europe, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and South Korea are the major destinations for Indian soy meal exports.

However, India's Y-o-Y soy meal prices have witnessed a steady trend during the past week. Soy meal (Jan-Feb) export price, FOR Kandla exports was quoted between Rs 33,200-34,400/MT compared to 28,300-28,500/MT during the same period last year.

Recommendation: *Indian soy meal is facing stiff price competition from South American meal. India's exports are likely to ease seasonally and South American supplies are to pick up in coming days. The Indian meal exporters are advised to aggressively market their meal to the countries in vicinity including traditional South and Far-East Asian destinations to materialize the freight and logistics advantage. The prices are expected to feature steady to weak movement. FOR, Kandla is likely to be in the price band of Rs 35300-35500/MT.*

Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean Futures-Weekly Chart



Soybean Spot, Indore



Support & Resistance NCDEX Soybean – Feb contract

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3380	3578	3862.5	4029	4218

- Soybean prices featured gains during the week.
- RSI and stochastic are rising in neutral zone supporting the gains.
- MACD is rising in positive territory.
- The prices are expected to feature gains in coming week.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean – Feb) Week: Buy** between 3850-3860. Levels: Target – 3960; T2- 4010, SL -3792.

Trade Recommendation Soybean Spot: We feel the soybean prices to feature range bound movement with firm-bias in near-term - WEEK. The prices are likely to witness 4000-4200 levels (Indore, Plant basis).

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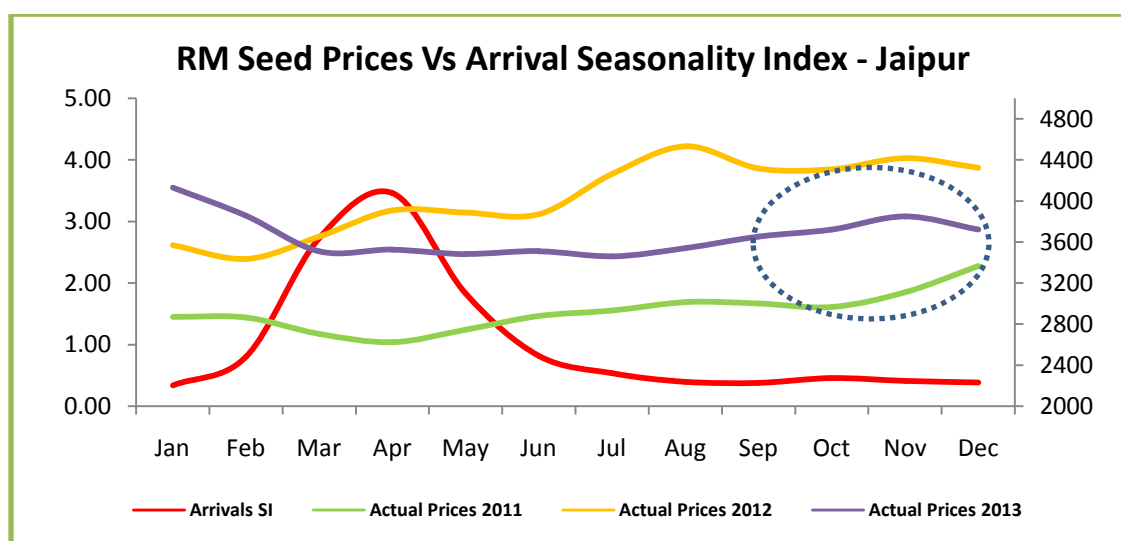
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Technical Analysis:

NCDEX RM Seed Futures



RM Seed Spot, Jaipur



Support & Resistance NCDEX RM Seed - Apr contract

S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
3132	3252	3411	3745	3832

- Candlestick chart pattern reveals fall in the prices.
- The prices closed below 9-day and 18-day EMA.
- RSI and stochastic are easing in the neutral zone.
- MACD is declining in positive territory.
- Prices seems to have bottomed out and are expected to feature gains in near-term.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX RM SEED - Apr) Week: Buy** Between 3400-3410 for a Target – 3460; T2- 3500; SL -3372.

Trade Recommendation RM Seed Spot (Jaipur basis): In spot, the RM seed prices are expected to feature a range bound movement with a weak bias in the coming days on rabi sowing progress and higher acreage estimates. The prices are likely to witness 3600-3700 Rs/ql level in near term.

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