

Executive Summary

Soybean, rapeseed-mustard and soy meal witnessed gain on better buying in the cash market during the week under review. However, lower crude and bearish global oilseeds supply scenario restricted the gains. The current fundamentals factors continue to remain weak for the soy complex.

Soybean:

- ❖ The soybean featured modest gains with weak demand by the crushers during the period under review. The fundamental for soy continues to remain weak and looking at the expected to be weak further too.
- ❖ Bearish global soybean supply scenario, weakness in crude and higher edible oil imports with cheaper availability in the international market and higher global soy supply scenario remained bearish for the domestic soybean market.
- ❖ Malaysia and Indonesia has already exempted export duty from palm oil making it much cheaper for India. However, Malaysia will impose 4.5% export tax on crude palm oil in April, ending the period of duty-free exports starting in Sept 2014.
- ❖ Further, lower crude continued to be another key factor pressurizing soy market both globally as well as domestically.
- ❖ Though a couple of analysts have trimmed the Argentina's soybean output, in view of recent flooding, but Argentina's Rosario grains exchange maintained its forecast for the 2014/15 soy harvest at 58 million tonnes, citing higher yield potential would compensate for flood damage in parts of country's grains belt.
- ❖ *The domestic soybean prices will continue to remain under global supply pressure, lower crude and India's weak soy meal export sales with disparity on crushing the bean, though mild gains in cash market can't be ruled out with some bullish news.*

Soy meal:

- ❖ Soy meal posted gains in tandem with the soybean; improved buying remained supportive for the meal during the period under review.
- ❖ Some local buying by the poultry units remained supportive for the meal market. The poultry units have shown interest in purchasing rapeseed-mustard oilcake during the week, lending spillover support to the soy meal also.
- ❖ However, the overall near and medium-term fundamentals remain bearish for domestic soy meal mainly due to weak international prices with higher global soy supply scenario and lower crude. The competitive S. American soy meal price compared to India's remained negative factor for domestic meal.
- ❖ India's soy meal exports once again fell in February by 65% Y-o-Y and 71% in the current oil year.
- ❖ *The soy meal prices are likely to feature range-bound movement in near-term.*

RM Seed:

- ❖ RM seed rebound after consecutive 4 weeks of fall due to new crop supply pressure. The gains are witnessed primarily due to buying interest in the cash market by the solvent extractors.
- ❖ The oilseed crushers are already discouraged by the soybean crushing due to lower returns followed by wider disparity on crushing the beans. Hence, they are currently switching to mustard seed crushing more than the soy.
- ❖ Besides, Malaysia and Indonesia has already exempted export duty from palm oil making it much cheaper for India. However, Malaysia will impose 4.5% export tax on crude palm oil in April, ending the period of duty-free exports starting in Sept 2014.
- ❖ As per Oil World, the Indian rabi (winter) rapeseed crop, which is under harvesting phase is expected to decline by 12%, due to unfavorable weather just before harvesting, this will increase the country's dependence on vegetable oil imports in coming months. This is one other reason for the surge in the seed prices.
- ❖ *Increasing seasonal arrivals of the rapeseed-mustard with harvesting gaining momentum and exemption of export duty by Malaysia and Indonesia on palm oil will pressure the seed price in near-term. However, renewed demand by the solvent extractors may push up the price further.*

International Highlights

- ❖ Argentina's Rosario grains exchange maintained its forecast for the 2014/15 soy harvest at 58 million tonnes, citing higher yield potential would compensate for flood damage in parts of country's grains belt.
- ❖ Brazil's 2014/15 soybean harvesting is in full swing and the production is forecast to total a record 94.4 million tonnes, compared with a previous forecast of 95 million tonnes by Safras & Mercado.
- ❖ Allendale has estimated U.S. farmers to increase 2015/16 soybean plantings to a record 86.052 million acres with likely reduced sowing of corn, if realized, it would exceed last year's record plantings of 83.701 million acres.
- ❖ Flooding in some of the soy-growing areas of Argentina including Cordoba, Entre Rios and Santa Fe provinces has become the matter of concern to the government as farmers get ready to start harvesting the 2014/15 crop, the agriculture ministry said this week.
- ❖ The Argentina's government expects a 2014/15 soy crop record-high at 58 million tonnes, just above the 57 million tonnes forecast by the Buenos Aires Grains Exchange. The figures are the revised estimates of Rosario Grain Exchange raising its previous production estimate for 54.5 million tonnes. Recent rains are cited as the reason for boost in yield and eventually the production.
- ❖ Brazilian truck strike has ended and key highway in top soy state Mato Grosso opened after two weeks of protests. 500 trucks had arrived at Brazil's port of Paranagua where recent roadblocks depleted soy stocks.
- ❖ As per Oil World, Indonesia palm oil production seen at 32.4 million tons for 2014-15 v/s 30.5 million tons last year and Malsyain palm oil production seen at 19.4 million tons for 2014-15, down one million tons from last year. Moreover, CPO (at Rotterdam) and RBD palmolein (FOB Malaysia) prices for 2015 seen at USD 770 /T and USD 750/T respectively.
- ❖ Reports by Oil World reveals EU-28 imports of soya meal increased to 5.3 Mn T in Oct/Dec 2014.
- ❖ Oil World has estimated, Argentina's shipments of vegetable oils are expected to improve by approximately 0.6 Mn T this season.
- ❖ EU-28 crushings of rapeseed rose above expectations and touched a record 13.5 Mn T in July/Dec 2014, as reported by Oil World.
- ❖ On the production front, combined crude palm oil output from Malaysia and Indonesia is expected to rise to 51.1 million tons in 2015 v/s 49.2 million tons last year.
- ❖ Brazil's 2014/15 soybean production is estimated at 92.3 million tonnes by Abiove in the new forecast in Feb., which is up 1.6 million tonnes from its previous estimate of 91.9 million tonnes.
- ❖ The shipments and the volume of Argentine soybeans in 2015 are expected to be similar to December's estimate at 48 million tonnes, said Abiove.
- ❖ The consolidated soya oil shipments of the US, Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay increased by 2% to 2.1 Mn T in Oct/Jan 2014/15, as reported by Oil World.
- ❖ The surge in G-4 soybean shipment by 2.4 Mn T in Sept/Jan 2014/15 indicates record global demand (Source: Oil World).
- ❖ Brazil based analyst Safras & Mercado forecast a 2014/15 Brazilian soybean output at 95.0 million tonnes, down from 95.9 million tonnes estimated in December.

- ❖ Brazil's Agriculture Ministry's crop supply agency Conab has estimated its 2014/15 soybean production at record 95.8 million tonnes, higher than the USDA. It also said Brazil is expected to export a record 49.6 million tonnes of the soybean, which is sharply higher from the 45.6 million tonnes estimated to be exported during the current season.
- ❖ The global production of soybeans has been raised by 1.3 Mn T to 309.1 Mn T, 24.3 Mn T, by Oil World, above last season – Oil World.
- ❖ India's 2013/14 soyoil imports stood at 1.95 Mn T against 1.09 Mn T in 2012/14 season. Palm oil purchases were slightly lower at 7.29 Mn T against 8.29 Mn T last season. Sunflower oil imports were recorded at 1.51 Mn T against 0.97 Mn T in 2012/13.
- ❖ As per Oil World, the global supplies of palm oil is expected to rise by only 2.2 Mn T in Oct/Sept 2014/15, which is down from an average annual growth of 3.9 Mn T in the past 3 seasons.
- ❖ China's soybean import is estimated to 73.5 Mn T in Oct/Sept 2014/15 by the Oil World.
- ❖ As per Abiove, Brazil's soybean crop for 2014/15 is estimated at 91 million tons and exports forecast at 48 million tons. As per Oil World, oilseed production may rise to 519.7 million tons, up 4.31 percent from 2013-1. The total oilseeds production includes 310.80 million tons of soybean, 68 million tons of rapeseed, 41.4 million tons of sunflower seed and rests others.
- ❖ The total oilmeals consumption of five N. African countries in 2014/15 is estimated at 6.2-6.3 Mn, which has more than doubled within 10 years.
- ❖ India's import requirements of vegetable oils are set to increase to a new high of 12.2 Mn T in 2014/15, as reported by Oil World.
- ❖ Oil World has estimated a combined soya meal imports of 8 key countries in Southeast Asia at a record 16.6 Mn T next season, which is up 1.4 Mn T on the year.
- ❖ As per Agroconsult, Brazil is likely to produce 95.1 million tons of soybeans in 2014-15, up 1 million tons from previous estimates. Moreover, Argentina soybean crop output for 2014-15 seen at 56.6 millions tons.
- ❖ The palm oil production in Malaysia is estimated to reach a record 19.7 million tons to 19.9 million tons. Further, Indonesia's output is likely an all-time high of 30.5 million tons or more this year. Production is estimated by Dorab Mistry, Director at Godrej International Ltd. Both the countries account for 86% of world total supplies.
- ❖ Germany's winter rapeseed output is estimated at 5.8 million tonnes in 2014, up from 5.7 million tonnes in 2013, German farmer's association, DBV said.
- ❖ Oil World has estimated the Canadian canola crop at 14.7 Mn T in 2014 which is considerably below the record 17.96 Mn T last year.
- ❖ EU-28 rapeseed outturn has turned out higher than expected there is an upward revision to 23.5 Mn T. EU rapeseed exports are also improving.

Oilseed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

Commodity / Centre	Prices (Rs/Qtl)				Change
Soybean	20-Mar-15		13-Mar-15		
	Low	High	Low	High	
Indore –Plant	3300	3375	3320	3390	-15
Indore–Mandi	3175	3260	3160	3275	-15
Nagpur-Plant	3250	3300	3200	3250	50
Nagpur – Mandi	3100	3200	3100	3200	Unch
Latur – Mandi	Closed	Closed	3199	3345	-
Kota-Plant	3275	3300	3250	3300	Unch
Kota – Mandi	3150	3250	3200	3250	Unch
Bundi-Plant	3300	3325	3300	3325	Unch
Bundi-Mandi	3250	3275	3250	3275	Unch
Baran-Plant	3300	3325	3300	3325	Unch
Baran-Mandi	3200	3250	3100	3200	50
Bhawani Mandi Jhalawar–Kota-Plant Delivery	3300	3325	3250	3300	25
Jhalwar-Mandi	Closed	Closed	3200	3225	-
Rapeseed/Mustard					
Jaipur-(Condition)	3790	3795	3675	3680	115
Alwar-(Condition)	3600	3650	3480	3500	150
SriGanganagar-(Non-Condition-Unpaid)	3340	3350	3330	3335	15
New Delhi–(Condition)(New Crop)	3740	3750	3750	3800	-50
Kota-Non-(Condition)	3200	3500	3000	3300	200
Agra-(Condition)	4000	4025	3950	4050	-25
Neewai	3600	3650	3350	3400	250
Hapur (UP)(New Crop)	3725	3750	3700	3750	Unch
Groundnut Seed					
Rajkot	900	900	920	920	-20
Sunflower Seed					
Gulbarga	Closed	Closed	2850	3100	-
Latur	Closed	Closed	3291	3300	-
Sholapur(New Crop)	Closed	Closed	3300	3325	-
Sesame Seed					
Mumbai (White98/2/1	8600	8600	8650	8650	-50

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		Change
		Week End 14th to 20th March 2015	Week End 06th to 13th March 2015	
Soybean				
	Madhya Pradesh	252000	225000	27000
	Maharashtra	95000	110000	-15000
	Rajasthan	102000	90000	12000
	Bundi (Raj)	750	1050	-300
	Baran (Raj)	3900	1950	1950
	Jhalawar (Raj)	4900	3900	1000
Rapeseed/Mustard	Rajasthan	1135000	945000	190000

Progress of Sown Area – Rabi Oilseeds, India

In the official *rabi oilseeds* planting report (week ending 12 Mar. 2015), the area coverage under *Rabi* oilseeds is reported at 84.01 lakh hectares, down 8% from 91.45 lakh ha during the same period last year. Of the major oilseeds, rapeseed/mustard seed sowing is reported down by 8.6% at 65.17 lha compared to 71.32 lha during the same period last year. Groundnut at 8.43 lha vs 8.71 lha, safflower at 0.95 lha vs 1.78 lha, sunflower at 3.19 lha vs 4.40 lha, sesamum 2.26 lha vs 1.12 lha, linseed 3.21 lha vs 3.59 lha during the same period last year.

Crop	As on 12 Mar. 2015	As on 12 Mar. 2014	% Change
Rapeseed/Mustard	65.17	71.32	-8.6
Groundnut	8.43	8.71	-3.2
Safflower	0.95	1.78	-46.6
Sunflower	3.19	4.40	-27.5
Sesamum	2.26	1.12	101.8
Linseed	3.21	3.59	-10.6
Others	0.80	0.53	50.9
Total Oilseeds	84.01	91.45	-8.1

(Area in lakh hectares) Source: GOI

Soybean

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Argentina is produced a record 53.4 million tonnes of soy in the 2013/14 season.

However, Conab – Brazil's government crop supply agency has trimmed its 2014/15 soybean production estimate to 93.3 million tonnes this week from 94.6 million tonnes in February slashing sown area and potential yield output.

Soy harvesting in Brazil is in full swing and besides Conab, Safras & Mercado has also slashed the production estimate to 94.4 million tonnes from previous 95 million tonnes in their previous forecast.

However, consistent Chinese buying remained supportive to the market to some extent. China imported 4.26 million tonnes of soybeans in February, down 38.1% from 6.88 million tonnes in January, as reported by the General Administration of Customs of China.

China bought 230,000 tonnes of vegetable oils in February, down 48.9% from the previous month.

The underlying fundamentals continued to be bearish for the beans.

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India's soy meal exports once again fell in February by 65% Y-o-Y and 71% in the current oil year.

The domestic soy meal demand has been already hit due to recent incidents of bird flu in some parts of Kerala, affecting poultry production in several other parts of South India where there are highest number of poultry units, and poultry is the largest consuming industry of soy meal in India.

The domestic solvent extractors continued to face the crisis followed by wide disparity on crushing the beans and sharp fall in the meal exports from the beginning of the season which is certainly restricting the gains in soy meal.

The overseas soy meal exports eased m-o-m as well as y-o-y this season primarily due to the competitive international meal prices, including the meal of US, Brazil and Argentine origin compared the meal of Indian origin. India's soy meal exports this season are sharply lower as compared to the previous years.

Exports of Soybean meal during February, 2015 was 64,515 tons as compared to 1,83,551 tons in February, 2014 showing a decrease by 64.85% over the same period of last year.

On a financial year basis, the export during April'2014 to February'2015 is 5,99,818 tons as compared to 26,08,698 tons in the same period of previous year showing a decrease of 77%.

During current Oil year, (October – September), total exports during October 2014 to February, 2015 are 5,02,958 tons as against 17,32,404 tons last year, showing a decrease by 70.96%.

Iran, Indonesia and Myanmar remained the top 3 buyers of Indian soy meal in February 2015.

The average monthly soy meal price spread between FAS Kandla and FOB Argentina has widened in Feb. and was recorded at US \$45/MT in Feb. 2015 compared to US \$30/MT in Jan. 15. Argentine soy meal export prices continued to be attractive as compared to the India's.

India's soy meal exports declined to 64,514 tonnes in February from 104,426 tonnes in Jan., the Solvent Extractors' Association of India. Of total oilmeal shipments in Feb., soy meal comprised of 64,514 tonnes, rapeseed meal (62,545 tonnes), ricebran extraction (3380 tonnes) and castorseed meal was (51,494 tonnes).

Considering the current scenario, we feel that India may not be able to regain the lost market this season which it lost last season due to prices competitive in US, and South American meal followed by record supply scenario.

The soy meal prices are likely to feature range-bound movement in near-term.

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 will continue to lend support to the domestic soy meal. Iran, Japan, Europe, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and South Korea could be seen as the major destinations for Indian soy meal exports.

India's Y-o-Y soy meal prices are lower. Soy meal export price, FOR Kandla (Mar – Apr delivery) was quoted between Rs 29,500 – 29,600/MT compared to Rs 37,950 – 38,650/MT during the same period last year.

Recommendation: *India's soy meal prices are under global supply pressure. Indian meal exporters are advised to aggressively explore the lost markets last season especially traditional South and Far-East Asian destinations and Iran. India is into the period of higher exports considering seasonality. The domestic meal prices are likely to feature range bound movement with weak bias in near-term. FOR, Kandla (Mar. – Apr. delivery) is expected to feature range-bound movement and the quotes are expected to slightly improve and will in the range of Rs.29500 – 29,800/MT levels in the upcoming week.*

Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean Futures



Soybean Spot, Indore



*Note: Daily Chart

Support & Resistance NCDEX Soybean – Apr. contract

S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
3300	3235	3357	3464	3531

- Soybean prices edged-down on selling pressure.
- Prices closed below 9-day and 18-day EMA.
- RSI and stochastic are easing in neutral zone.
- MACD is easing in negative territory.
- The prices are expected to feature losses in the coming week.
- Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean – Apr.) Week: SELL Below 3360. Levels: Target – 3300; T2- 3270, SL -3396.

Trade Recommendation Soybean - Spot: Soybean prices will remain under pressure but may witness mild gain after it fell last week. The prices are likely to be in the band of 3320 – 3400 levels (Indore, Plant basis) during the week.

Rapeseed - Mustard Seed

RM seed rebound after consecutive 4 weeks of fall due to new crop supply pressure. The gains are witnessed primarily due to buying interest in the cash market by the solvent extractors.

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Besides, Malaysia and Indonesia has already exempted export duty from palm oil making it much cheaper for India. However, Malaysia will impose 4.5% export tax on crude palm oil in April, ending the period of duty-free exports starting in Sept 2014.

However, the fundamental for the palm oil remained bearish with price sharply lower as it is reeling under supply pressure.

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The all India seed arrivals were reported at 18,25,000 bags during the week under review compared to 17,40,000 bags previous week. In Rajasthan the supplies increased to 11,35,000 bags compared to 9,45,000 bags in the previous week. The weather in the producing states is clear and favorable for harvesting, where it is not complete yet.

The harvesting in Uttar Pradesh is over and it is getting over in some parts of Rajasthan, it has commence in Haryana and likely in Punjab.

Overall, India's edible oil imports remained higher in previous months, which have lead to severe crisis to domestic solvent extractors owing to disparity on crushing the seed and bean.

However, as per Solvent Extractors' Association of India, India's palm oil imports fell to 509,948 tonnes in February from 658,670 tonnes in the previous month. Lower crude palm oil imports witnessed during the month owing to slightly costlier crude variant compared to refined one.

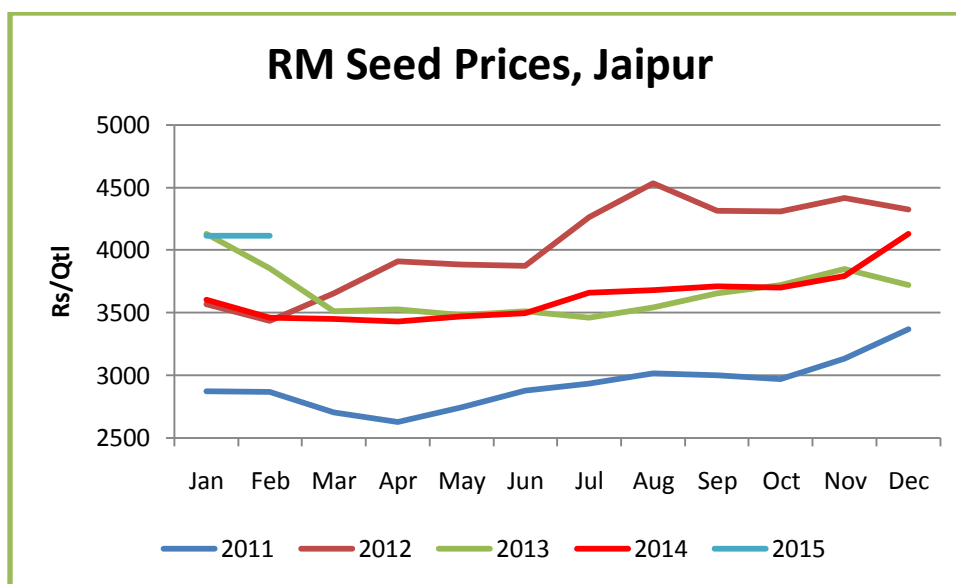
Exports of Malaysian palm oil products for Mar. 1-20 fell 7.1 percent to 652,837 tons from 702,707 tons shipped during Feb. 1-20 - cargo surveyor Societe Generale de Surveillance. India imported 127,900 tons of palm oil products from Malaysia during 1-20 March v/s 143,650 tons same period of last month.

On the production front, combined crude palm oil output from Malaysia and Indonesia is expected to rise to 51.1 million tons in 2015 v/s 49.2 million tons last year. This is again a bearish factor for India's rapeseed-mustard.

India's area under rapeseed-mustard this season is reported lower over 8.6% at 65.17 lha compared to 71.28 lha previous season. India's area under RM seed was 71.4 lakh hectares in 2013. Lower area is a bullish factor for the domestic RM seed.

The domestic RM seed closely tracks Malaysian palm oil (BMD CPO) which has featured a range-bound movement in recent days.

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Technical Analysis:

NCDEX RM Seed Futures



*Note: Daily Chart

RM Seed Spot, Jaipur



Support & Resistance NCDEX RM Seed – Apr. contract

S1	S2	PCP	R1	R2
3323	3282	3398	3475	3516

- The weekly candlestick chart pattern reveals side-ways movement.
- The prices closed above 9-day and 18-day EMA.
- RSI and stochastic are rising in the neutral territory.
- MACD is rising in the negative territory.
- Prices are expected to feature gain in the near-term.
- **Trade Recommendation (NCDEX RM SEED - Apr) Week: BUY** Above 3400 for a Target – 3450; T2- 3470; SL -3370.

Trade Recommendation RM Seed Spot (Jaipur basis): In spot, the RM seed continues to be under palm oil and domestic new RM seed supply pressure. Prices of seed are expected to be between 3800 – 3820 levels during the week. They were between 3695 – 3795 levels during the week under review.

Annexure

Progress of Sown Area – Kharif Oilseeds, India

In the official *kharif oilseeds* planting report (week ending 09 Oct 2014), the area coverage under *Kharif* oilseeds is reported at 178.47 lakh hectares, down 8.4% from 194.90 lakh ha previous year. Of the major oilseeds, soybean sowing is reported down by 10% at 110.22 lha compared to 122.20 lha during the same period last year. Groundnut at 37.25 lha vs 43.19, sunflower at 2.05 lha vs 2.43 lha, sesamum 16.31 vs 14.91, niger 2.28 lha vs 2.33 lha and castor at 10.35 lha vs 9.84 lha during the same period last year.

Crop	As on 09 Oct 2014	As on 09 Oct 2013	% Change
Groundnut	37.25	43.19	-13.8
Soybean	110.22	122.20	-9.8
Sunflower	2.05	2.43	-15.6
Sesamum	16.32	14.91	9.5
Niger	2.28	2.33	-2.1
Castor	10.35	9.84	5.2
Total Oilseeds	178.47	194.90	-8.4

(Area in lakh hectares) Source: GOI

Rabi MSP 2014-15

- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Rabi Oilseeds Crops of 2014-15 season to be marketed in 2015-16 as follows: The MSP of Rapeseed/Mustard is raised by Rs. 50/Qtl to Rs. 3100/Qtl from Rs. 3050/Qtl earlier. For Safflower too it is increased by Rs. 50/Qtl to Rs. 3050/Qtl from Rs. 3000/Qtl in 2013-14.

Kharif MSP

- ❖ Government has increased minimum support price (MSP) of sunflower seed by Rs 50 to 3750 a quintal, further a hike of Rs 100 on sesamum and nigerseed at Rs 46,00 and 36,00 a quintal respectively. However, the MSP of soybean and groundnut seeds remained unchanged at Rs 2500-60 and Rs 4000 a quintal respectively this season.

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