

Oilseeds Weekly Research Report

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Executive Summary

The domestic soybean and soymeal continued uptrend primarily on firm global cues and strong soymeal exports from India.

The current market price of soybean - plant delivery at Indore is quoted up by 55% at Rs. 5,500-5,700/qtl compared to Rs. 3,500-3,700/qtl same period last year.

Further, the rapeseed-mustard and rapeseed DOC rebound despite increase in the arrivals, the gains is attributed to the fresh demad from oilseeds' crushers.

The new crop supplies are increasing week-on-week across key cash market yards and volume is much higher compared to the same period last year.

Besides, the groundnut seed continued upward movement on persistent overseas demand in the groundnut seed and groundnut oil, mainly from China.

The rapeseed-mustard prices improved by +4% also rapeseed meal increased by +5%, soybean improved by +6% and soymeal posted gains by +4% while groundnut seed rose by +1%, all compared to the previous week's level.

We feel the soy complex to remain bullish on improved overseas soymeal demand and strong international soy complex.

Rapeseed-mustard complex will gradually improve in coming days on expected good buying support.

Bullish global soybean supply outlook will continue to support the soy prices at higher level in medium-term. Besides, groundnut prices will also feature range-bound movement with firm bias on bullish outlook following good overseas demand for Indian seed.

Outlook – Cash Market

Outlook - Soybean (Spot, Indore): The soybean prices will feature range-bound movement with firm bias on improved soymeal export sales in recent months, and spillover support from the international soybean market. The prices (Indore, Plant basis) are expected to feature range bound movement in the price band of 5,500 – 5,700 level.

Outlook – Soy meal: Soymeal prices are likely to feature gains in sync with soybean and strong CBOT soy complex. The soymeal exports continued to be strong during the recent months. Soy meal, Indore is expected to be in the range of 41,000 – 42,000/MT levels during the week.

Outlook - Rapeseed-Mustard (Spot, Jaipur basis): Rapeseed-mustard is expected to feature range-bound movement on rising new crop arrival pressure followed by harvesting and expected bigger crop. The seed prices are likely to witness the price levels between 5,600– 5,700/Qtl; levels during the week.

International Highlights

- ❖ CBOT May soybeans rose 24 cents to \$14.16-1/4 a bushel. For the week, May soybeans gained 0.2%, the fifth weekly rise in last six weeks. New-crop November futures were 13-3/4 cents higher at \$ 12.20 a bushel.
- ❖ According to the data released by NOPA, US crushed 155.158 million bushels of soybeans in February'21, lowest for a single month since September 2019. The soybean processing was down from 184.654 million bushels in January and 166.288 million bushels in February 2020.
- ❖ In the March'21 report, the USDA has kept US 2020/21 soybean estimates unchanged at 112.5 million tonnes compared to previous month. It has raised the Brazil's soybean production to 134 million tonnes from 133.0 million tonnes last month.
- ❖ Besides, India production estimates is increased to 10.7 million tonnes from 10.5 million tonnes while Argentina's soybean estimate is lowered to 47.5 million tonnes from 48.0 million tonnes previous month.
- ❖ The global 2020/21 soybean production estimate too increased to 361.8 million tonnes vs 361.0 million tonnes in the previous month report by USDA. World 2020/21 soymeal production is estimated slightly up at 254.1 million tonnes vs 252.9 million tonnes in its previous estimate.
- ❖ CONAB has raised Brazil's 2020/21 soybean crop estimate to 135.131 million tonnes vs 133.817 million tonnes in February forecast and 124.845 million tonnes in 2019/20. The country's soybean yields are seen at 3,513 kg/ha vs 3,497 kg/ha in the previous season.
- ❖ Buenos Aires Gain Exchange has lowered the Argentine 2020/21 soybean crop harvest estimate to 44 million tonnes vs 46 million tonnes in its previous estimate.
- ❖ The Rosario exchange has slashed its Argentina's 2020/21 soy harvest forecast to 45 million tonnes from a previous 49 million tonnes, citing persistent high temperatures and scant rainfall.

Soybean

Soybean continued upward movement on firm global cues and persistent overseas soymeal demand.

After Buenos Aires Grain Exchange which had lowered the Argentine 2020/21 soybean crop harvest estimate to 44 million tonnes vs 46 million tonnes in its previous estimate. The Rosario exchange too slashed its Argentina's 2020/21 soy harvest forecast to 45 million tonnes from a previous 49 million tonnes, citing persistent high temperatures and scant rainfall.

Further, In the USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service post in Beijing China's soybean imports are forecast to reach a record 100 million tonnes in the marketing year 2021/22 and estimated 99 million tonnes in 2020/21 to meet the feed demand from the livestock and poultry sectors.

The USDA attache has projected country's MY 2021/22 soybean production forecast at 18.6 million tonnes down from 19.6 million tonnes projected in USDA's March WASDE report.

The average weekly soybean plant delivery prices at Indore cash market improved by +6% to Rs. 5,589 a quintal compared to Rs. 5,280 a quintal a week ago.

The domestic soybean crushing is heading at a steady pace on good overseas soymeal export demand. currently, the daily arrivals in Madhya Pradesh is reported around 45,000 - 50,000 bags, Maharashtra 75,000-80,000 bags and in Rajasthan 10,000-12,000.

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AgResource raised Brazil's 2020/21 soybean harvest to 129.98 million tonnes from 128 million tonnes previously projected.

The soymeal shipments improved by +92% to 11,71,369 metric tonnes in aggregate, during the last nine months (Apr.-Jan.) of financial year 2020-21 compared to 61,1075 metric tonnes during the corresponding period last year.

Agriwatch has revised its India's 2020/21 soybean output estimate to 10.7 million tonnes, up 22% from 8.74 million tonnes in 2019/20. USDA has pegged it at 11.2 million tonnes,

SOPA has pegged India's 2020/21 soybean estimate at 10.45 million tonnes against 9.31 million tonnes estimated for 2019. The yield is estimated at 883 kg/ha vs 865 kg/ha for the same period.

We expect India's soymeal exports to improve by 70-80% year-on-year for coming months, after fall in the soybean crushing in Argentina and Brazil as their stocks dried up.

India had imported 34,86,125 metric tonnes of edible oils in January 2021 to meet the supply gap, up 4%, compared to 33,64,927 metric tonnes in January 2020.

Further, during January 2021, India's degummed soyoil imports sharply fell by -66% to 88,667 metric tonnes compared to 2,60,650 metric tonnes same period last year. But the Nov.-Jan. imports in the same is up by 12% at 6,62,260 metric tonnes.

The decline in soyoil imports will support the domestic soybean crushing, but this seems short lived as import parity for soyoil may lose the opportunity after peak soybean crushing window.

The average weekly soybean plant delivery prices at Indore cash market improved by +6% to Rs. 5,589 a quintal (Rs 5,500 – 57,00/Qtl) from Rs. 5,280 a quintal (Rs. 5,100 – 5,425/Qtl) a week ago.

The arrivals of bean fell to 2,55,000 bags in the cash market yards of Madhya Pradesh, during the week against 3,25,000 bags a week ago.

The major buyers are as follows: Agrawal, Neemuch, Shanti Overseas, Living Food, Goyal Protein, Bansal-Bhopal, Vippy-Dewas, ABIS, Sneha, Ruchi Soya, Shalimar Katol, Vippy Dewas, Dhanuka Neemuch, Avi Agri Ujjain, M.S. Neemuch, RH Seoni, Prakash, Kriti Dewas, Mahakali, Prestige Dewas, Itarsi Oil, Sanwaria Itarsi, MS Solvex Neemuch, MS Soya Pachore, during the week.

The domestic soybean prices are likely to feature range-bound movement with firm bias on improved soymeal export sales from India and firm global cues.

International:

According to China's custom data, China's total soybean imports in 2020 stood around 101-105 million tonnes, compared to last year's 88.6 million tonnes.

USDA attache has projected China's 2020/21 soybean imports at 95 million tonnes which is lower than 98.5 million tonnes imported in 2019/20 by the country. The reason cited is the higher beginning stocks in the new marketing season following a buying spree in 2019/20.

Brazil eliminated import tariffs for soybean and corn on 16th October 2020, seeking to maintain the supply balance amid record domestic prices for both commodities. For soybean, tariff-free imports were valid until 15 January 2021, while for corn the license goes until 31 March 2021.

According to Safras & Mercado the tariffs suspension in Brazil is likely to push soy imports to a maximum of 1 million tonnes this year, as compared with a current projection of 850,000

Argentina has temporarily slashed soybean export duty by 3% points to 30% to help stimulate trade, as the country struggles with recession and declining foreign reserves.

Revised March'21: Brazil's 2020/21 soybean output is forecast up by around 5-6% between 127.3 million tonnes to 133.5 million tonnes by various agribusiness consultancies like Agroconsult (132.4 Mn T), Rabobank (127.3 Mn T), Abiove (131.5 Mn T), Datagro (131.69 Mn T), Celeres (131.4 Mn T), AgRural (131.3 Mn T), and Conab (135.131 Mn T) and USDA has pegged it at 134 Mn T currently.

These agencies have pegged the Brazil's 2020/21 planted area to 37.9 - 38.2 million hectares which is up 1.3 – 2.5 million hectares estimated by these agencies for 2019/20.

Industry estimates suggest this year's Brazilian soybean export may reach 80 million tonnes or more, which means another 12 million tonnes could be exported over the next few months.

China's domestic soybean production is seen at 19.6 million tonnes in 2020/21, up 8% from the previous year (18.1 million tonnes), according to forecasts of the USDA. The country's soybean crushing volumes were pegged at 98 million tonnes this year.

The strong Chinese demand will continue to lend support to the international soy prices during the season.

Tight global soybean supply scenario and strong Chinese soybean demand and lower than expected global soybean production and inventories to keep the soybean prices strong in the medium-term.

Soymeal

The domestic soymeal posted gains in tandem with soybean mainly on improved soymeal export sales and good export enquiries, pointing out bullishness in the market in near to medium term.

The domestic soymeal prices improved by +4% in sync with soybean mainly on strong soymeal exports.

May soymeal jumped \$ 9.70 to \$ 407.90 per short ton and May soyoil climbed 0.35 cent to 53.87 cents a pound.

The strength in the international soymeal is mainly due to the concern over Argentina's soybean output on dry weather conditions, Argentina is the world's largest soymeal exporter.

World 2020/21 soymeal production is estimated slightly up at 254.1 million tonnes vs 252.9 million tonnes in its previous estimate by USDA.

Overall, the global soymeal outlook is bullish on likely persistent and strong demand from China with rising China's pig herd which fell last year due to swine flu.

Robust Chinese soy demand, lower than expected soybean production estimates in US and Argentina will remain bullish for soymeal.

The gains in local soymeal will be backed by the strong and continued overseas soymeal demand of Indian origin.

India's January 2021 soymeal exports improved by +579% to 28,3167 metric tonnes compared to 41,726 metric tonnes in the same period last year. Further, the soymeal shipments improved by +92% to 11,71,369 metric tonnes in aggregate, during the last nine months (Apr.-Jan.) of financial year 2020-21 compared to 61,1075 metric tonnes during the corresponding period last year.

India's export of oilmeals for the month of January 2021 is reported at 4,98,060 metric tonnes compared to 1,69,397 metric tonnes in January 2020 i.e. up by +194%.

The overall export of oilmeals during April to January 2021 is also reported up by +39% at 29,62,680 metric tonnes compared to 21,27,635 metric tonnes during the same period last year.

Of the total soymeal exports of 28,3167 metric tonnes in January 2021, Germany, Indonesia and US remained to top buyers with imports figures touching 92,037 metric tonnes, 60,770 metric tonnes and 22,617 metric tonnes respectively.

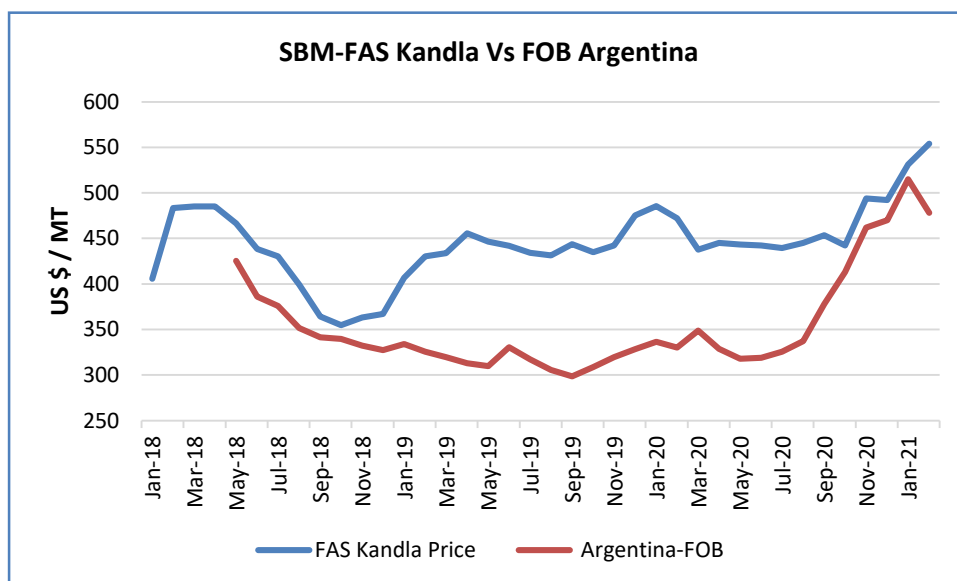
India's exports for rapeseed meal during April-January 2021 was down +18% at 9,90,955 metric tonnes compared to 8,39,197 metric tonnes during the same period previous marketing season.

The export of rapeseed meal in January'21 is reported at 74,240 metric tonnes against last year 97,998 metric tonnes during the same period i.e. down by-24%, and ricebran extraction exports is reported at 89,776 metric tonnes against last year 15,925 metric tonnes i.e. +464% higher compared to the same period last year.

However, the domestic demand continues to be dull on COVID. Poultry industry contributes more than 60% of the total domestic soymeal demand and thus soymeal prices are expected to be under pressure for short-term.

The international soymeal prices are once again getting competitive after rains in South America, improving the soybean crop prospect. The soymeal export price spread of India vs Argentina (FAS Kandla and FOB Argentina) have once again widened to US \$ 76/MT in February'21 vs US \$ 16/MT in January'21, creating incompetitiveness for Indian soymeal.

However, as expected, India's soymeal exports improved after lower soybean crushing in Argentina and Brazil providing fresh opportunities for India's exports.



In the February 2021, USDA report the world soymeal exports estimates are slightly higher at 62.87 million tonnes vs 62.81 million tonnes for 2020/21.

The domestic weekly average soymeal prices at Indore improved to Rs 41,083/MT and was quoted between Rs 40,500 – 42,000/MT compared to the weekly average of Rs 3,9320/MT and was traded between the price ranges of Rs 38,500 – 38,783/MT previous week.

At Latur the weekly average soymeal prices improved to Rs 44,750/MT compared to Rs. 42,917/MT a week ago and in Nanded too it was quoted higher at Rs. 43,133/MT compared to Rs. 42,060/MT a week ago. Besides, in Kota, the meal improved to Rs. 43,467/MT compared to Rs. 41,560/MT previous week.

India's Y-o-Y soy meal prices, Indore, are currently lower. Soy meal Indore was quoted higher between Rs 40,500 – 42,000/MT during the week compared to Rs 29,000 – 29,500/MT during the corresponding period last year.

The soy meal prices (Indore) are likely to feature range-bound movement between Rs. 42,000 – 43,000/MT on cases strong overseas soymeal demand.

Previous updates:

The international soy market is strong on bullish global supply scenario due forecast to lower than expected soybean production and likely fall in the US soy inventories in August 2021 followed by the Chinese buying spree.

In a major blow to the domestic soymeal market, which was already reeling under pressure, DGFT has blocked the online registration of Merchandise Export from India Scheme Claims (MEIS), this week, on its portal from exports undertaken 01.04.2020 onwards.

This will result in further decline in soymeal exports from India, as MEIS benefit of 5% is a significant incentive to compete in the world market. SOPA has made a representation to the government to revoke the suspension of the MEIS benefit immediately.

The revenue department have argued against continuing the MEIS, calling it wasteful and inefficient.

Instead of extending the Merchandise Exports of India Scheme, which cost Rs 43,500 crore in 2019-20, the NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Finance have called for putting financial resources into new Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes in select sectors with core competency and potential for global exports.

However, SOPA has sought a stimulus package from the Centre to support the soybean industry, which has been hit by the lockdown and the collapse of poultry sector. It has asked the Center to increase the import duty in edible oils.

Besides, the SOPA members have addressed to Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare have demanded exemption of GST on soybean and soymeal, the same time.

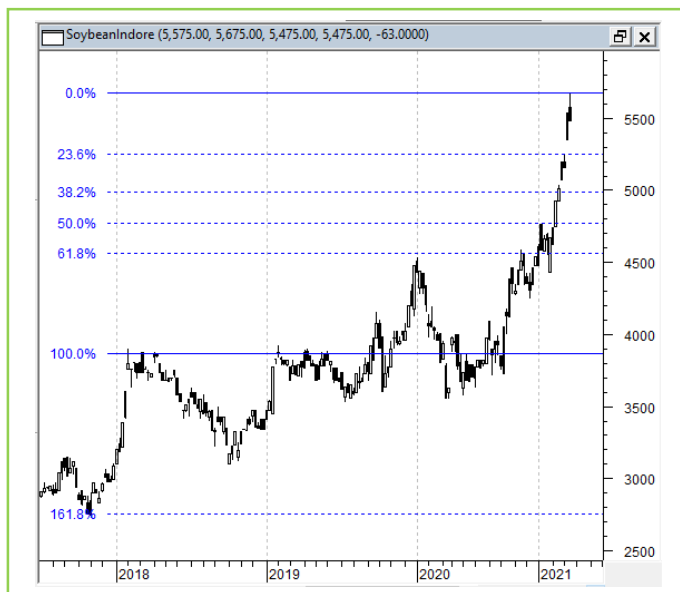
The poultry sector consumes 60% of the soymeal in India and there are no takers for it leading around half of the processing units being shut.

Technical Analysis:

NCDEX Soybean Futures



Soybean Spot, Indore



*Note: Daily Chart

Support & Resistance NCDEX Soybean – Apr. contract

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- Prices closed above 18-day EMA.
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- MACD is rising in the positive territory.
- The prices are expected to feature gains the coming week.
- Trade Recommendation (NCDEX Soybean – Apr.) Week: **BUY** Above 5390. Levels: T1 – 5490; T2- 5590, SL - 5330.

Rapeseed - Mustard Seed

Rapeseed-mustard extended gains despite surge in the new crop supplies with harvesting of the seed in full swing across the key growing states.

Bullish demand outlook in mustard oil and overseas demand for rapeseed-mustard DOC will continue to lend support to the rapeseed-mustard prices at higher level.

A short-term correction in the seed prices is likely but we rule out any sharp fall due to the likely increase in crusher's and stockist's demand to cover their stock.

The all India rapeseed-mustard arrivals improved week-on-week and were reported at 55.10 lakh bags during the week compared to around 41.20 lakh bags, previous week. The supplies for the same were 19.70 lakh bags during the corresponding period last year.

We have projected India's 2021-22 rapeseed-mustard crop production up by 11% at 8.0 million tonnes vs 7.21 million tonnes in 2020-21, on higher planted acreage of 73.94 lakh hectares vs 69.08 lakh hectares last season.

With advancing harvest of the rapeseed-mustard and bigger crop this season, we expect NAFED's intervention in late April or May 2021.

India has not imported any rape oil (canola) in February too as in last several months. We expect, India will not import the rape oil in coming months too.

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NAFED and HAFED have been gradually disposing rapeseed-mustard. The Nafed has sold about 11.5 lakh tonnes of old and new stocks while Hafed has offloaded around 4.8 lakh tonnes of the seed of the total 5.30 lakh tonnes procured by the agency this year.

In Jaipur, RM seed prices posted gains by +4% to the weekly average price of Rs 5,845 a quintal from Rs 5,615 a quintal previous week and Rs 4,029 a quintal during the corresponding period last year.

The rapeseed-mustard meal too improved by +5% to the weekly average price of Rs. 2,404/qtl compared to the the weekly average price of Rs. 2,289/qtl previous week.

At NCDEX futures, the April contract of rapeseed-mustard fell and ended at 5,5380/Qtl compared to 5,810/Qtl previous week.

Previous Updates

The Solvent Extractors' Association (SEA) of India has urged the government to include rational provision in ASEAN agreement to restrict or regulate the imposition of export duty by the palm oil exporting countries. SEA feels that this will ensure a level-playing field for both the countries that export and import palm oil.

In a letter to its members, Atul Chaturvedi, President of SEA, said that there is always a bound rate for imposing highest export duty on palm oil and products imported by India under ASEAN agreement and Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement with Malaysia.

He said the palm oil exporting countries seem to be free to impose export duty and levy as agreements overlook this issue. Indonesia has imposed US \$33 as export duty plus \$180 as a biodiesel levy making crude palm oil (CPO) expensive. Following this, India is compelled to pay high price for the same.

To support their local industry, that country has kept export duty and levy low on finished goods such as RBD palmolein.

Higher palm oil imports by India has always hit the domestic mustard oil demand and the rapeseed-mustard crush margins.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has withdrawn the order prohibiting blending of mustard oil.

The food regulator had until now allowed 20% blending in mustard oil under the standards for blended edible oil under FSS (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations. The decision to withdraw the September'20 order was taken after stakeholders made a representation to the authority.

Director, Indian Council of Agricultural Research – Directorate of Rapeseed Mustard Research, expects productivity of the rapeseed-mustard to improve in 2020-21 from last year's level of 1.42-1.48 tonnes per ha, on adequate soil moisture and better package of practices.

The MSP for rapeseed-mustard has been increased in line with the recommendations of Swaminathan Commission to Rs. 4,650 per quintal for marketing season 2021-22 from Rs. 4,425 per quintal in 2020-21 an increase of Rs. 225 a quintal.

The total procurement of rapeseed-mustard by Nafed under PSS in 2020/21 from major seed producing states (Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh) stands at 8,03,853.33 metric tonnes with a total value of Rs. 3,55,705.10 Lakh and the total number of farmers benefiting from the scheme so far stands at 3,18,540.

Total procurement of the seed by Hafed in 2020/21 stands at 5,30,000 metric tonnes.

Agriwatch has projected India's MY 2021/22 rapeseed production at 8.0 million tonnes vs 7.2 million tonnes last season while Solvent Extractors of India has estimated the seed production at 8.02 million tonnes vs 7.7 million tonnes last season.

Favorable weather have raised 2020/21 Australia rapeseed outturn by above 2% to 3.4 from 3.0 million tons earlier.

Strategie Grains expects the planted area for the 2021 rapeseed crop in the European and Britain down compared with the current year harvest.

The farmers in Europe once again faced dry planting conditions during the late-summer sowing window for rapeseed, mainly in France.

Strategie Grains has kept weather-hit rapeseed outturn for EU plus Britain unchanged at 17.1 million tonnes for 2020-21, slightly below 17.3 million tonnes estimated for 2019-20.

The consultancy has estimated EU and Britain rapeseed 2020-21 import to record 6.3 million tonnes, after estimating 6.2 million tonnes a month ago. EU had imported 6.0 million tonnes of rapeseed in 2019-20 season.

Outlook: *The rapeseed-mustard prices will witness a supply pressure for short term with increasing the harvesting pace, the prices will feature range-bound movement with weak bias for short-term and rebound in due course. Overall, the near-to-medium term fundamentals are strong.*

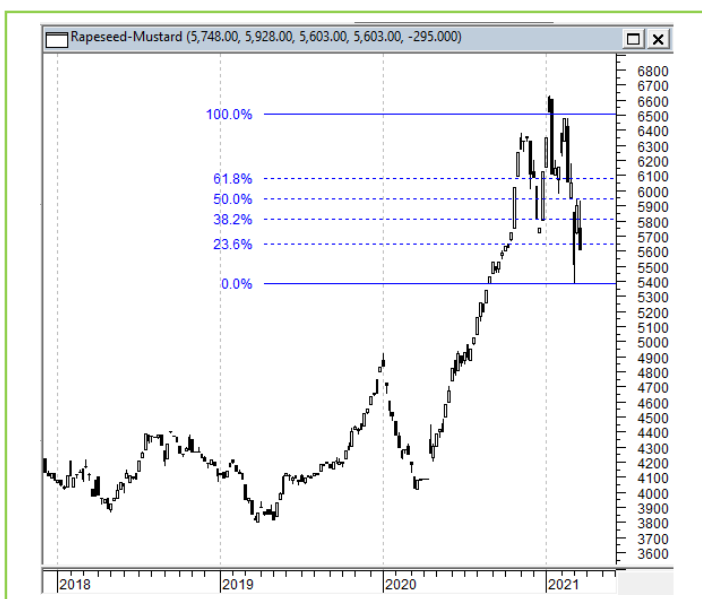
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Annexure

Oilseed Prices at Key Spot Markets:

| Commodity / Centre | Prices (Rs/Qtl) | | | | Change |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------|-----------|------|--------|
| Soybean | 18-Mar-21 | | 12-Mar-21 | | |
| | Low | High | Low | High | |
| Indore –Plant | 5550 | 5600 | 5500 | 5570 | 30 |
| Indore–Mandi | 5300 | 5500 | 5200 | 5450 | 50 |
| Nagpur-Plant | 5660 | 5700 | 5470 | 5520 | 180 |
| Nagpur – Mandi | 4800 | 5525 | 4500 | 5200 | 325 |
| Latur – Mandi | 4700 | 5465 | 5070 | 5270 | 195 |
| Akola – Mandi | 5200 | 5400 | 4750 | 5200 | 200 |
| Kota-Plant | 5525 | 5550 | 5400 | 5450 | 100 |
| Kota – Mandi | 5300 | 5450 | 5050 | 5350 | 100 |
| Bundi-Plant | 5400 | 5450 | 5300 | 5350 | 100 |
| Bundi-Mandi | 5200 | 5300 | 5100 | 5200 | 100 |
| Baran-Plant | 5500 | 5625 | 5365 | 5470 | 155 |
| Baran-Mandi | 5400 | 5500 | 5115 | 5345 | 155 |
| Bhawani Mandi Jhalawar–Plant | 5400 | 5550 | 5275 | 5425 | 125 |
| Jhalwar-Mandi | 5275 | 5475 | 5175 | 5375 | 100 |
| Rapeseed/Mustard | | | | | |
| Jaipur-(Condition) | 5725 | 5730 | 5945 | 5950 | -220 |
| Alwar-(Condition) | 5260 | 5360 | 5500 | 5600 | -240 |
| Sri Ganganagar-(Non-Condition) | 5150 | 5350 | 5450 | 5650 | -300 |
| New Delhi–(Condition) | 5650 | 5700 | 5800 | 5830 | -130 |
| Kota-(Condition) | 5125 | 5350 | 5550 | 5750 | -400 |
| Agra-(Condition) | 5619 | 5667 | 5857 | 5905 | -238 |
| Neewai-(Condition) | 4900 | 5300 | 5050 | 5450 | -150 |
| Hapur (UP)-(Condition) | 5200 | 5300 | 5400 | 5500 | -200 |
| Groundnut Seed | | | | | |
| Rajkot | 1071 | 1071 | 1025 | 1025 | 46 |
| Sunflower Seed | | | | | |
| Gulbarga | NA | NA | 0 | 0 | - |
| Latur | NA | NA | 0 | 0 | - |

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|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sholapur | 5250 | 5450 | 5250 | 5450 | Unch |
| Soybean Prices are in INR/qtl. (1 bag=90 kg). Mandi prices – Loose, Mustard Seed Prices are in INR/qt (1 bag=85 kg) 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 |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------|
| Soybean | 18-Mar-21 | 12-Mar-21 | |
| Madhya Pradesh | 50000 | 35000 | 15000 |
| Maharashtra | 75000 | 80000 | -5000 |
| Rajasthan | 10000 | 10000 | Unch |
| Bundi (Raj) | 1200 | 200 | 1000 |
| Baran (Raj) | 1100 | 300 | 800 |
| Jhalawar (Raj) | 1000 | 400 | 600 |
| Rapeseed/Mustard | | | |
| Rajasthan | 635000 | 400000 | 235000 |
| Alwar | 10000 | 7000 | 3000 |
| Sri Ganganagar | 600 | 500 | 100 |
| Kota | 15000 | 15000 | Unch |
| Groundnut Seed | | | |
| Rajkot (Gujarat) | 2400 | 3600 | -1200 |
| Sunflower Seed | | | |
| Sholapur (Maharashtra) | 300 | 300 | Unch |

Other Oilseed Prices at Mumbai (INR/100 Kg):

| Oilseeds | 18-Mar-21 | 12-Mar-21 | Change |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Groundnut Kernel | 7950 | 7750 | 200 |
| Gr. Bolds 60/70 | 9100 | 8950 | 150 |
| Gr. Javas 60/70 | 10400 | 10050 | 350 |
| Gr Javas 70/80 | 10300 | 0 | 10300 |
| Gr.Javas 80/90 | 10100 | 9850 | 250 |
| KardiSeed 2% Exp Qly | 4500 | 4300 | 200 |
| Sesame White 98/2/1 FM | 8700 | 8800 | -100 |
| Whitish 95/5/FFA/1FM | 8500 | 8600 | -100 |
| Brown 48/2 FFA/4 FM | 7600 | 7700 | -100 |

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|----------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Brown 48/3 FFA/4 FM | 7300 | 7400 | -100 |
| Brown 48/4 FM/* No FFA Guarantee | 7000 | 7100 | -100 |
| Sunflower Seed | 6300 | 6300 | Unch |
| Niger Seed (4% FM) | 7800 | 7800 | Unch |

MSP of Rabi Oilseeds for Marketing Season 2021-22- GOI

| Sl. No | Crops | MSP for Rabi 2021-22 | MSP for Rabi 2020-21 | Increase in MSP (Absolute) |
|--------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Rapeseed-mustard | 4,650 | 4,425 | 225 |
| 2 | Safflower | 5,327 | 5,215 | 112 |

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Rabi crops for marketing season 2021-22.

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MSP of Kharif Oilseeds for Marketing Season 2020-21 - GOI

| Sl. No | Crops | MSP for Kharif 2020-21 | MSP for Kharif 2019-20 | Increase in MSP (Absolute) |
|--------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Groundnut | 5275 | 5090 | 185 |
| 2 | Sunflower seed | 5885 | 5650 | 235 |
| 3 | Soybean (yellow) | 3880 | 3710 | 170 |
| 4 | Sesamum | 6855 | 6485 | 370 |
| 5 | Nigerseed | 6695 | 5940 | 755 |

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The MSP of sunflower to Rs. 5885 a quintal from earlier Rs. 5650 per quintal an increase of Rs 235 per quintal, Soybean-yellow to Rs. 3880 a quintal to Rs. 3710 per quintal last season, an increase of Rs. 170 a quintal, Sesamum to Rs. 6855 a quintal from 6485 earlier, an increase of Rs. 370 a quintal and the MSP of Nigerseed have been increased to Rs. 6695 a quintal from Rs. 5940 a quintal earlier, increase of Rs 755 per quintal.

Among all the Kharif crops, the highest increase in MSP is proposed for Nigerseed (Rs 755 per quintal) followed by Sesamum (Rs 370 per quintal), Urad (Rs 300 per quintal) and Cotton (long staple) (Rs 275 per quintal). The differential remuneration is aimed at encouraging crop diversification.

India's Oilseeds Production Seen at 373.11 Lakh Tonnes vs 332.19 Lakh Tonnes in 2nd Adv Est. for 2020-21- GOI

The 2nd Advance Estimates of production of oilseeds for 2020-21 have been released by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare on 24th February, 2021. The assessment of production of different crops is based on the feedback received from States and validated with information available from other sources.

The revised estimated production of major Oilseeds during 2020-21 is as under:

Oilseeds – 373.11 lakh tonnes in 2020-21 vs 332.19 lakh tonnes in 2019-20

- Groundnut – 101.46 lakh tonnes vs 99.52 lakh tonnes in 2019-20.
- Castorseed – 17.76 lakh tonnes vs 18.42 lakh tonnes
- Sesamum – 8.12 lakh tonnes vs 6.58 lakh tonnes
- Nigerseed – 0.41 lakh tonnes vs 0.41 lakh tonnes (No difference)
- Soybean – 137.11 lakh tonnes vs 112.26 lakh tonnes
- Sunflower – 2.24 lakh tonnes vs 2.13 lakh tonnes
- Rapeseed-mustard – 104.7 lakh tonnes vs 91.24 lakh tonnes
- Linseed – 1.40 lakh tonnes vs 1.21 lakh tonnes
- Safflower – 0.34 lakh tonnes vs 0.44 lakh tonnes.

Sown Area – *Kharif* Oilseeds, India

In the last official Kharif oilseeds planting report by the Ministry of Agriculture, the total coverage area under Kharif oilseeds is reported at 197.18 lakh hectares, an increase by 9.8% from 179.63 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Of the major oilseeds, soybean sowing is reported up by 6.4% at 121.24 lha compared to 113.95 lha during the corresponding period of last year, groundnut at 50.98 lha vs 39.48 lha, sesamum 14.14 lha vs 13.73 lha, castor seed at 7.92 lha vs 9.44 lha and niger at 1.67 lha vs 2.04 lha, during the same period last year. We feel country's final area under oilseeds to be above normal by 8-9% this season.

Area in Lakh Hectares

| Crop | Normal Area (5 Year Avg.) | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | % Change |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Groundnut | 42.43 | 50.98 | 39.48 | 29.1 |
| Soybean | 111.49 | 121.24 | 113.95 | 6.4 |
| Sunflower | 1.84 | 1.23 | 0.99 | 24.2 |
| Sesamum | 14.13 | 14.14 | 13.73 | 3.0 |
| Niger | 2.41 | 1.67 | 2.04 | -18.1 |
| Castor | 9.65 | 7.92 | 9.44 | -16.1 |
| Total Oilseeds | 181.95 | 197.18 | 179.63 | 9.8 |

Source: MoA, GOI

Sown Area – *Rabi* Oilseeds, India 2020-21

In the latest official rabi oilseeds planting report, by the Ministry of Agriculture, the total coverage area under rabi oilseeds is reported at 83.60 lakh hectares, up 5% from 79.37 lakh ha in the corresponding period of last year. Of the major oilseeds, rapeseed-mustard sowing is reported up by 7% at 73.89 lha compared to 68.84 lha during the corresponding period of last year. Groundnut at 4.57 lha vs 4.65 lha, safflower at 0.58 lha vs 0.63 lha, sunflower at 1.01 lha vs 1.02 lha, sesamum 0.44 lha vs 0.56 lha, linseed at 2.90 lha vs 3.34 lha and other 0.21 lha vs 0.33 lha during the same period last year.

Area in Lakh Hectares

| Crop | Normal Area (5 Year Avg.) | As on 22 Jan. 2021 | As on 22 Jan. 2020 | % Change |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Rapeseed/Mustard | 59.44 | 73.89 | 68.84 | 7.3 |
| Groundnut | 7.28 | 4.57 | 4.65 | -1.7 |
| Safflower | 1.18 | 0.58 | 0.63 | -7.9 |
| Sunflower | 2.41 | 1.01 | 1.02 | -1.0 |
| Sesamum | 0.00* | 0.44 | 0.56 | -21.4 |
| Linseed | 2.75 | 2.90 | 3.34 | -13.2 |
| Others | 0.13 | 0.21 | 0.33 | -36.4 |
| Total Oilseeds | 73.19 | 83.60 | 79.37 | 5.3 |

Source: MoA, GOI

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