

Veg. Oil Weekly Research Report

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Executive Summary

Domestic Veg. Oil Market Summary

Edible oil prices featured mixed trend during this week in domestic market. CBOT soy oil and BMD palm oil rose during the week. Soy oil, palm oil and rapeseed oil prices rose while groundnut oil prices closed sideways. Sunflower oil and coconut oil prices closed lower.

On the currency front, Indian rupee is hovering near 69.54 against 69.14 paise previous week. Factors to watch in the coming weeks will be movement of Indian rupee against US dollar and crude oil prices. Rupee is expected to depreciate and crude oil prices will rise in near-term.

We expect soy oil and palm oil to trade firm on firm fundamentals.

Outlook:

Weekly Call - : In NCDEX, market participants are advised to go long above 745 levels for a target of 760 and 765 with a stop loss at 735 on closing basis. We expect refined soy oil at Indore (without GST) to stay in the range of Rs. 720-800 per 10 Kg. in the near term.

In MCX, market participants are advised to go long in CPO above 545 for a target of 560 and 565 with a stop loss at 535 on closing basis. We expect CPO Kandla 5 percent (without GST) to stay in the range of Rs 500-590 per 10 Kg in the near term.

International Veg. Oil Market Summary

On the international front, US-China trade settlement optimism, rise in competitive oils and rise in crude oil prices will support soy oil prices in coming days.

Higher than expected fall in palm oil stocks in Malaysia, firm demand from India and China, rise in exports of palm oil from Malaysia, depreciation of ringgit, firm competitive oils and rise in crude oil prices is expected to support CPO prices in near term.

Soy oil Fundamental Analysis and Outlook:-

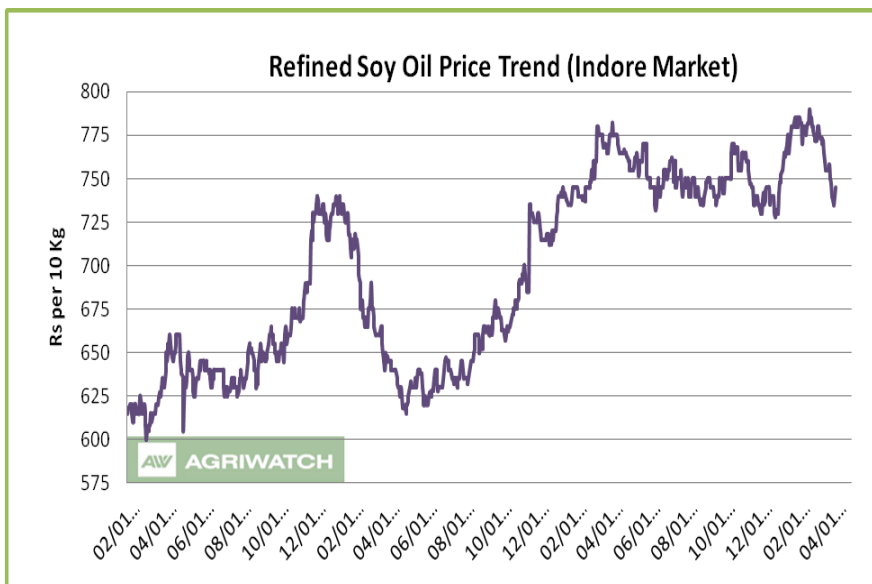
Domestic Front

- Soy oil featured firm sentiment in domestic markets in the week in review on firm demand.

- Soy oil prices closed higher during the week in Indore on firm demand.

US-China trade settlement optimism has led to strengthening of soy oil international prices.

Import parity increased and is at 2.5-3.0 per kg. Import demand are likely to rise due to parity in imports.



Soy oil demand is weak at high seas as its prices rose less at high seas compared to CNF markets compared to last week.

Soy oil demand is firm at CNF markets as prices rose more at CNF compared to FOB markets compared to last week.

USDA reported lower soy oil end stocks in US in 2018/19 on higher biodiesel use partially set-off by higher production of soy oil. US-China trade settlement and will support soy oil prices in domestic market.

Basis fell due to improvement of weather conditions in Argentina leading to lower FOB soy oil prices. Its discount over CBOT has decreased.

Imports of soy oil rose in Feb 2019 compared to Feb 2018 and higher than Jan 2019. Imports fell 35,000 tons in Feb compared to Jan 2019 while port stocks rose 20,000 tons indicating firm demand in Feb.

CDSO is trading at high premium over RBD palmolein at high seas at Rs 95 (Rs 113 last week) per 10 kg will decrease CDSO import demand.

Refined soy oil premium over RBD palmolein is unchanged at Rs 140 (Rs 153 last week) per 10 Kg, which is high and may cap soy oil prices in domestic markets. In USD terms, premium of CDSO CNF over CPO CNF was quoted at USD 160.5 (USD 162.5 last week) per ton for Apr delivery, which is high and decrease demand of CDSO at CNF markets compared to CPO CNF. Values in brackets are figures of last week.

- Soy oil import scenario – According to SEA, soy oil imports rose 64.20 percent y-o-y in Feb to 2.20 lakh tons from 1.34 lakh tons in Feb 2018. In the oil year 2018-19 (Nov 2018-Feb 2019), imports of soy oil were 6.95 lakh tons compared to 7.12 lakh tons in last oil year, lower by 2.39 percent y-o-y.
- Imported crude soy oil CNF at West coast port is offered at USD 698 (USD 675) per ton for Apr delivery, May delivery is quoted at USD 690 (USD 668) per ton and June delivery is quoted at USD 688 (USD 669) per ton. Values in brackets are figures of last week. Last month, CNF CDSO Feb average price was USD 705.76 (USD 755.13 per ton in Feb 2019) per ton.

- On the parity front, margins decreased during the week on rise in prices of soy oil in international markets, and we expect margins to remain firm in coming days. Currently refiners fetch USD 35-40/ton v/s gain of USD 25-30/ton (last month) margin in processing the imported Soybean Oil (Argentina Origin).

International Front

Soy oil prices are expected to be supported by US-China trade settlement optimism and rise in crude oil prices. However, rise in stocks of soy oil in US, higher than expected soybean stocks in US, higher than expected soybean area in US in 2019/20, good condition of soybean crop in Argentina, higher pace of harvest of soybean in Brazil, weak demand of soybean may keep the prices in check.

US-China trade talks are progressing and major breakthrough has been made and final rounds of talks are in progress. US President has said that it might take at least four weeks for trade talks to conclude. Both sides are expected to arrive at mutually agreed agreement. This has led to optimism in global markets and has supported global soybean complex prices.

US reported record stocks of soybean in the country as reported by USDA due to weak demand from China and record crop in 2018/19. This comes at a time when US farmers are expected to plant new soybean crop for 2019/20.

US is expected to plant lower area of soybean in 2019/20 due to record stocks of soybean in the country due to US-China trade dispute. However, due to recent rains and flooding in US Midwest there are chances of major shift of area from corn to soybean as corn cannot be grown in wetter areas.

Soy oil stocks rose in US in Feb as reported by NOPA despite fall in crush of soybean in Feb. Stocks of soy oil rises seasonally, but the rise was larger than trade estimates. However, stocks were still lower compared to corresponding period last year. Surging stocks of soy oil in US will underpin soy oil prices.

Soybean harvest in Brazil is progressing at much higher pace than expected. Harvest above compared to corresponding period last year and 5-year average.

Higher rate of harvest of soybean in Brazil will mean that global soybean supplies are surging much faster which will lead to additional bargaining tool for China in US-China trade settlement. China will look for higher purchase of soybean from Brazil leading to higher than expected soybean stock in US.

Soybean crop condition in Argentina has improved due to conducive weather in the country. Better weather led to improvement of yield and ultimately lead to higher soybean crop in the country. Harvest has started and is above last year and 5-year average. Weather is conducive for further progress of harvest. This has led to surge in global supplies. This has led to lower premium of Argentina soy oil over CBOT soy oil leading to lower FOB prices.

China purchased 18 percent less soybean in February. February imports were 39 percent lower than Jan 2019. China brought most of soybean in February from Brazil. Imports of soybean have been weak from US due to trade war between US and China.

Weak demand from China due to weak demand from feed sector due to lowering of protein feed quality, outbreak of swine flu, alternate source of protein and liquidation of soybean state reserves by China. However, China must import more soybeans to control soy meal prices in the country, which is reeling due to outbreak of swine flu and negative crush margins.

USDA reduced 2018/19 China's soybean import estimate to 88 MMT from 90 MMT in 2018/19 in an effort by Beijing to move away from US soybean imports. Further cut in imports by China is expected in coming months. China imported 88 MMT of soybean in 2018, according to CNGOIC, much lower than 95 MMT in 2017.

Soy oil end stocks in US in 2018/19 was cut by USDA on higher use of soy oil in biodiesel partially set off by higher production of soy oil. Further, soybean stocks of US was also revised lower by higher crush of soybean due to higher use. Strong soybean disappearance will support soybean complex prices.

Soybean exports from Argentina is expected to rise in 2019 to 13-14 MMT, especially to China on strong demand from the country. Argentina's crushers operate at 65 percent of capacity, which leads to higher disposable soybean.

Competitive oils like BMD palm oil and DALIAN RBD palmolein is expected to trade firm due to firm demand prospects, which will support soy oil prices.

Dollar Index is expected to fall on realignment of US FED towards future rise in interest rates in 2018-19 will support on soy oil prices in near term.

Global crude oil prices have is expected to rise due to OPEC cut in crude oil production. Resumption of US crude imports by China will support crude oil prices.

Price Outlook: We expect refined soy oil (without GST) at Indore to stay in the range of Rs 700-780 per 10 Kg in the near term.

Palm oil Fundamental Analysis and Outlook -:**Domestic Front**

- Crude palm oil featured firm trend at its benchmark market at Kandla on rise in prices of CPO in international markets.

RBD palmolein also rose at its benchmark market of Kandla on rise in prices if RBD palmolein in international markets.

- Prices of CPO closed higher at Kandla on rise in prices of CPO in international markets.

Prices of CPO rose less at high seas

compared to CNF markets compared to last week indicating firm supply at high seas.

Reduction in import duty on RBD palmolein will weaken CPO imports as duty differential between crude palm oil and RBD palmolein has fallen from 11 percent to 5 percent. Preferential treatment given to Malaysia in terms of lower RBD palmolein imports will lead to higher imports of RBD palmolein and lower imports of CPO from Indonesia.

CPO import disparity decreased on rise in prices of CPO in Indian markets, which stands at Rs 2.5-3.0 per kg. Lower disparity in imports will increase import demand and will let prices fall.

Any decrease in disparity is likely to increase imports of CPO.

Traders are expected to take advantage recent fall in international prices of CPO by increasing buying.

Data from cargo surveyors show rise in imports of palm oil by India in March from Malaysia

Imports of palm oil by India fell in Feb as reported by SEA showed 8.80 percent fall in imports compared to Feb 2018. CPO imports rose in fell in Feb after firm Nov 2018-Jan 2019. Fall in CPO imports came on high base y-o-y. RBD palmolein imports rose 19.3 percent in Feb compared to Feb 2018.

Imports of CPO fell in Feb due to weak demand of CPO in Indian markets, disparity in refining and higher stocks of CPO at ports.

Imports of CPO will remain weak due to higher disparity in imports. However, CPO imports will be firm compared to RBD palmolein due to higher refining margins compared to imported ready to use palmolein.

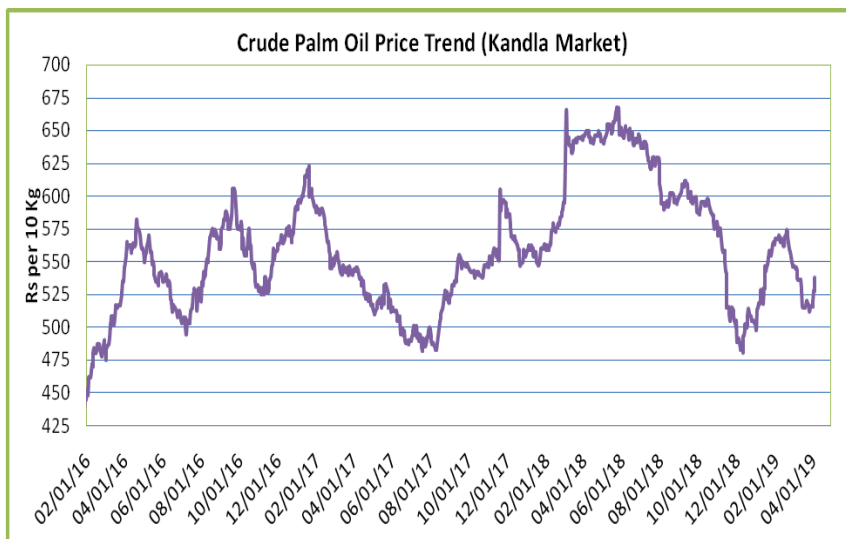
Rising premium of RBD palmolein over CPO at CNF markets will increase CPO imports.

Despite fall in imports of CPO, port stocks rose in Feb indicating weak demand

Demand of CPO is firm at CNF markets as prices rose more at CNF markets and FOB markets compared to last week.

RBD palmolein showed higher prices in its benchmark market rise in prices of RBD palmolein in international markets.

RBD palmolein prices rose less at high seas compared to CNF markets indicating firm supply at high seas.



Import demand of RBD palmolein rose in Feb due to lower prices of RBD palmolein in international markets and lowering of import duty on RBD palmolein which led to lowering of duty differential between CPO and RBD palmolein leading to higher RBD palmolein imports.

Import demand of RBD palmolein is expected to firm in oil year 2018-19 (Nov 2018-Oct 2019) due to reduction import duty on RBD palmolein, lower differential of RBD palmolein import duty over CPO.

Imports disparity of RBD palmolein has decreased due to rise in prices of palm products in Indian markets.

At present there is disparity of Rs 0.5-1.0 per kg due to rise in premium of RBD palmolein over CPO and fall in prices of RBD palmolein in Indian markets.

Stocks of RBD palmolein at Indian ports have increased due to higher imports and restocking at ports.

Demand of RBD palmolein was firm compared to CPO at high seas as premium of RBD palmolein over CPO was at Rs 71 (Rs 62) per 10 kg compared to last week.

Margins are higher in importing CPO and selling refined oil in domestic markets, than selling ready to use RBD palmolein in domestic markets.

Higher refining margins in domestic refined palmolein compared to imported ready to use palmolein will increase imports of CPO compared to RBD palmolein.

Demand of RBD palmolein is weak at CNF markets as prices rose less at CNF markets compared to FOB markets compared to last week.

Import of RBD palmolein in Feb was higher than Feb 2018 and Jan 2019. Imports of RBD palmolein rose in Feb compared to Jan 2018 and port stocks rose more indicating weak demand and restocking of RBD palmolein in Feb.

CDSO CNF premium over CPO CNF is at USD 160.5 (USD 162.5 last week) per 10 kg which is high and may increase marginal imports quantity of CPO. Premium of CDSO soy oil high seas over CPO high seas is at Rs. 166 (Rs 180 last week) per 10 Kg will increase CPO demand at high seas. Premium of refined soy oil over RBD palmolein at Rs 140 (Rs 153 last week) per 10 kg. is high and will increase RBD palmolein demand. RBD palmolein discount over sunflower at CNF markets is at USD 137.5 (USD 168 last week) per ton. Falling premium of refined sunflower oil over RBD palmolein at Rs 135 (Rs 168) per 10 kg will decrease RBD palmolein imports. Values in brackets are figures of last week.

- Palm oil import scenario – According to Solvent Extractors Association (SEA), palm oil imports in Feb fell 1.05 percent y-o-y to 7.52 lakh tons from 7.60 lakh tons in Feb 2019. Imports in the oil year 2018-19 (November 2018-February 2019) are reported higher by 1.22 percent y-o-y at 30.71 lakh tons compared to 30.34 in last oil year.

Crude Palm oil import scenario- According to Solvent Extractors Association (SEA), CPO Imports fell 8.80 percent y-o-y in Feb to 4.98 lakh tons from 5.46 lakh tons in Feb 2019. Imports in oil year 2018-19 (November 2018-February 2019) were reported marginally lower y-o-y at 23.82 lakh tons compared to 23.87 lakh tons in last oil year.

RBD palmolein import scenario- RBD palmolein imports rose y-o-y in Feb by 19.30 percent to 2.41 lakh tons from 2.02 lakh tons in Feb 2018. Imports in oil year 2018-19 (November 2019-February 2019) were reported higher by 6.75 percent y-o-y at 6.48 lakh tons compared to 6.07 lakh tons in corresponding period last oil year.

- On the trade front, CNF CPO (Indonesian origin) at Indian port is quoted at USD 537.5 (USD 512.5) per ton for Apr delivery and may delivery is quoted at USD 545 per ton. Last month, CNF CPO Mar average price was at USD 521.36 per ton (USD 547.91 per ton in Feb 2019). Values in brackets are figures of last week. Moreover, RBD palmolein (Malaysian origin) CNF at Indian port, offered at USD 577.5 (USD 550) per ton for Apr delivery and May delivery is quoted at USD 585 per ton. Last month, CIF RBD palmolein Mar average price was USD 556.12 (USD 588.37 in Feb 2019) per ton. Values in bracket depict last month quotes. Ready lift CPO duty paid prices quoted at Rs 539 (Rs 515) per 10 Kg and Apr delivery duty paid is offered at Rs 541 (Rs 517) per 10 kg. Ready lift RBD palmolein is quoted at Rs 610 (Rs 582) per 10 kg as on Apr 5, 2019. Values in brackets are figures of last week.
- On the parity front, margins increased during this week due to rise in prices of palm products in Indian markets. Currently refiners fetch USD 5-10/ton v/s loss of USD 5-10/ton (last month) margin in processing the imported CPO and imports of ready to use palmolein lose USD 5-10/ton v/s loss of USD 5-10/ton (last month) parity.

International Front

Palm oil prices are likely to rise due to expectation of fall in end stocks of palm oil in Malaysia and Indonesia, , rise in exports of palm oil from Malaysia in March, depreciation of Ringgit and rise in crude oil prices.

Palm oil stocks are expected to fall in Malaysia in March on due to rise in exports of palm oil from Malaysia in March.

Palm oil stocks are expected to fall below 3 MMT in March due to rise in exports of palm oil from Malaysia.

Production unexpected rose in March in Malaysia as MPOA reported 0.8 percent rise in production of palm oil indicating that production will end in positive territory in March in Malaysia.

Rise in production in Mar as maturing plants and higher fertilizer use will lead to rise I in production of palm oil in Malaysia in coming months.

Exports of palm oil have risen in Mar from Malaysia due to firm demand from India. Imports from India rose due to fall in prices of palm oil in international markets and lower import duty on imports of RBD palmolein from Malaysia compared to other destination and positive refining margins. However, high stocks of palm oil at Indian ports and to higher oilseed crop in the country especially rapeseed and soybean will slow imports of palm oil in coming months.

Demand of palm oil rose from China due to fall in prices of palm oil and lower supply of soy oil in China due to lower imports of soybean by China which has led to lower crush of soybean in the country leading to lower supply of soy oil leading to higher imports of palm oil. Lower imports of soybean are due to US-China trade dispute and lower supply of soybean from South America. However, imports of palm oil are expected to slow as demand of palm oil remains seasonally low after Chinese New Year.

Imports from EU is expected to remain weak as EU banned use of palm oil in biodiesel due to deforestation by Indonesia and Malaysia.

So firm demand of palm oil in from India and China in March and from Malaysia will lead to lower stocks of palm oil in March and will support palm oil prices in medium term.

Global demand of palm oil is expected to fall in 2019 for the first time since trade data is collected indicating that buildup of palm oil stocks are expected to continue in coming months as demand is expected remain low.

US-China trade settlement is expected in coming weeks and will be bearish for palm oil as US is buying record soybean from China to quench its hunger of soybean which is in short supply in the country. Higher imports of soybean by China will lead to lower imports of palm oil by country. However, swine flu case in China is expected to keep demand of soybean under check.

Palm oil stocks in Indonesia fell below 3 MMT in Feb due to surge in exports of palm oil, fall in production of palm oil and removal of levy of exports of palm oil leading to rise in discount of CPO over RBD palmolein.

Higher use of palm oil in biodiesel in the country contributed to fall in stocks of palm oil in last six months.

Indonesia has asked India to cut import duty on palm oil to bring it in line with import duty on palm oil on Malaysia by India in exchange of higher sugar imports from India by Indonesia.

Production of palm oil is expected to rise 10 percent in Indonesia in 2019 on higher produce from maturing plantations, according to GAPKI.

Depreciation of Ringgit is expected to support palm oil prices. Ringgit has depreciated around 4.10/USD. This will make exports of palm oil competitive compared to other oil and same oils with different destinations.

Production of palm oil will rise in Malaysia in 2019 and exports will rise in 2019 compared to 2018. Higher plant cycle and increasing use of fertilizer due to rise in prices of palm oil will support production.

Indonesia removed export levy on exports of palm products from the country due to fall in prices of palm oil and record stocks of palm oil in the country.

Increasing use of biodiesel in Indonesia will reduce palm oil stocks in the country. The country has mandated 20 percent bio content in any type of gasoline use in the country and is working to increase usage to 30 percent in 2019-20.

Malaysia has unveiled plans to double biodiesel production in the country in an effort to clear stocks of palm oil in the country.

RBD Palmolein Malaysia premium has increased over Indonesia CPO due to firm demand. Export demand will fall from Malaysia due to rising premium of Malaysian palmolein.

Competitive oils like RBD palmolein DALIAN and CBOT soy oil is expected to underpin palm oil prices.

Global crude oil prices are expected to rise on expected cut on crude oil production by OPEC will support palm oil prices.

Price Outlook: We expect CPO Kandra 5 percent (without GST) to stay in the range of Rs 480-550 per 10 Kg in the near term.

Rapeseed oil Fundamental Review and Analysis:-**Domestic Front**

- Mustard oil prices showed firm trend in benchmark market firm demand. Arrivals of rapeseed fell last week.
- Agriwatch view: Prices of rapeseed oil expeller featured firm trend in its benchmark market on firm demand and rise in prices of rapeseed.

Prices rose on rise in rapeseed prices.

Falling premium of rapeseed oil over soy oil led to rise in rapeseed oil demand.

NAFED has started purchase of rapeseed for the MY 2019-20 and has stated that it will score record procurement if rapeseed in current marketing year.

Sale of rapeseed by NAFED has culminated and. NAFED has sold all the rapeseed stocks.

NAFED has procured 0.47 lakh tons of rapeseed in the current Rabi season. Stock with NCDEX is 0.19 lakh tons.

Arrivals of rapeseed in decreased in various key markets.

Rapeseed end stocks in MY 2018-19 was higher on account of higher crop of rapeseed last year. Agriwatch estimated rapeseed crop at 7.1 MMT in MY 2018-19.

However, new rapeseed crop is estimated to be 7.6 MMT, which is above last year due to higher rapeseed sown area and higher yields. This will lead to lower rapeseed prices thereby adversely affecting rapeseed oil prices. New rapeseed crop harvest has peaked and arrivals are expected to remain elevated in coming weeks

Falling discount of soy oil prices to rapeseed kacchi ghani prices is likely support rapeseed oil prices.

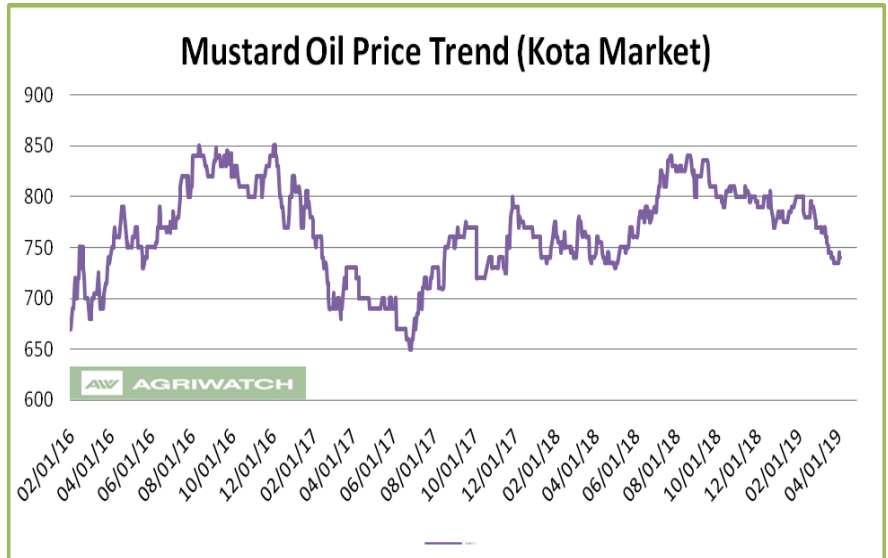
Falling premium of Jaipur kacchi ghani rapeseed oil over refined soy oil in domestic market is at Rs 35 (Rs 24) per 10 Kg will support rapeseed oil prices.

Jaipur kacchi ghani rapeseed oil premium over RBD palmolein is at Rs 170 (Rs 188) per 10 kg will underpin rapeseed oil prices.

Import of canola is weak in Feb. Imports of canola oil is weak in oil year 2018-19 (Nov 2018-Feb 2019) after weak oil year 2017-18 (Nov-Oct) indicating weak demand of canola oil. Hike in import duty on canola has slowed import demand. There are negligible stocks of canola oil at ports.

Kacchi Ghani and refined soy oil trading range is falling, which will improve demand of rapeseed oil.

Premium of canola oil compared to CDSO has decreased to USD 47 (USD 55) per ton and will increase imports. Due to fall in prices of rapeseed oil, imports of canola oil are expected to fall in coming months. Stocks of canola oil at ports have decreased due to destocking at ports.



Markets are expected to trade sideways to firm tone in coming days on firm demand.

- According to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) March estimate, India is estimated to import 2.5 LT of rapeseed oil in 2018/19 compared to earlier estimate of 3.5 LT, lower by 28.6 percent y-o-y. Production of rapeseed oil is increased to 21.28 LT in 2018/19 from earlier estimate of 19.19 LT, higher by 10.9 percent. Consumption of rapeseed oil is increased to 24.3 LT from 23.1 LT from its earlier estimate, up 5.2 percent y-o-y. End stocks of rapeseed oil are lowered to 1.96 LT from 2.08 LT in its earlier estimate, down by 5.77 percent y-o-y. Fall in imports of rapeseed oil in India is due to higher production of rapeseed oil.
- Rapeseed oil import scenario- India imported 0.10 lakh tons of rapeseed (Canola) oil in Feb 2019 v/s 0.18 lakh tons in Feb 2018, lower by 44.44 percent y-o-y. In the oil year 2018-19 (Nov 2019-Feb 2019) imports were 0.44 lakh tons compared to 0.95 lakh tons in last oil year, lower by 54.70 percent y-o-y.
- CNF canola oil premium over CDSO is USD 47 (USD 55 last week) per ton for ready delivery as on Apr 5, 2019.
- Currently, RM oil at Jaipur market, (expeller) is offered at Rs 760 (Rs 755) per 10 Kg, and at Kota market, it is offered at Rs 740 (Rs 735) per 10 kg as on Apr 5, 2019. Values in brackets are figures of last week.
- We expect RM seed oil prices to trade sideways to firm tone in the coming days.

Price Outlook: Rapeseed oil (without GST) prices in Kota may stay in the range of Rs 700-800 per 10 Kg.

Sunflower oil Fundamental Review and Analysis:-Domestic Front

- Sunflower oil price traded weak during the week in Chennai on weak demand.
- Prices of sunflower oil traded weak in Chennai on weak demand. Sunflower oil price fell at high seas while it rose at CNF markets indicating weak demand at high seas. Prices fell despite rise in palm oil prices.

Import demand of sunflower oil is expected to fall due to high sunflower

oil premium over palm oil. Stocks of sunflower oil fell at ports despite flat exports indicating destocking at ports will increase import demand.

In domestic market, sunflower oil prices premium over soy oil is at Rs 0.0 (Rs 15 last week) per 10 kg, which indicates that chance of correction of sunflower oil prices is less as prices have converged at domestic and at CNF markets. At present premium of sunflower oil over soy oil at CNF markets is at USD 17 (USD 22 last week) per ton.

Demand of sunflower is likely to be underpinned due to high premium over RBD palmolein.

High sunflower oil premium over RBD palmolein at CNF India is at USD 137.5 (US 157.5 last week) which will decrease imports.

In domestic market refined sunflower oil (Chennai) premium over RBD palmolein (Chennai) is at Rs 135 (Rs 165 last week) per 10 kg which is high will underpin sunflower oil in domestic market

In domestic market rising groundnut oil premium over sunflower oil at Chennai market is at Rs 195 (Rs 190 last week) per 10 kg will support sunflower oil prices.

There is parity in imports of sunflower oil, which will increase import demand.

Cut in import duty on palm oil has increased sunflower oil premium over palm oil in domestic markets.

Prices of sunflower oil will be supported by lower stocks of sunflower oil at ports.

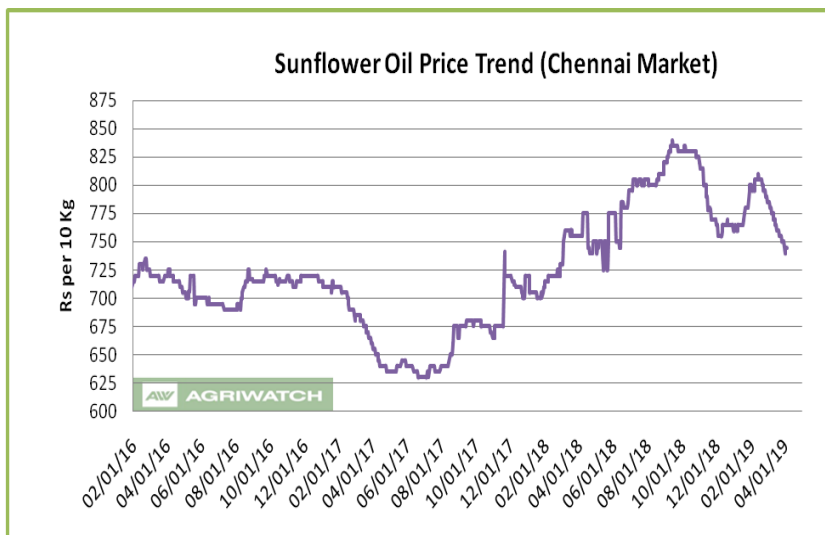
Imports of sunflower oil rose for third month in a row in Feb despite that port stocks has decreased indicating destocking is taking place at ports.

Weak domestic demand may underpin prices.

Refiners have increased purchase of crude sunflower oil from international markets as CNF sunflower oil premium over CNF soybean oil and palm oil has fallen.

Prices of sunflower oil are expected to be underpinned by weak demand and high premium over competitive oils.

- Sunflower oil imports scenario- According to Solvent Extractors Association (SEA), Sunflower oil imports fell 6.13 percent y-o-y in Feb to 2.00 lakh tons from 2.13 lakh tons in Feb 2018. Imports in oil year 2018-19



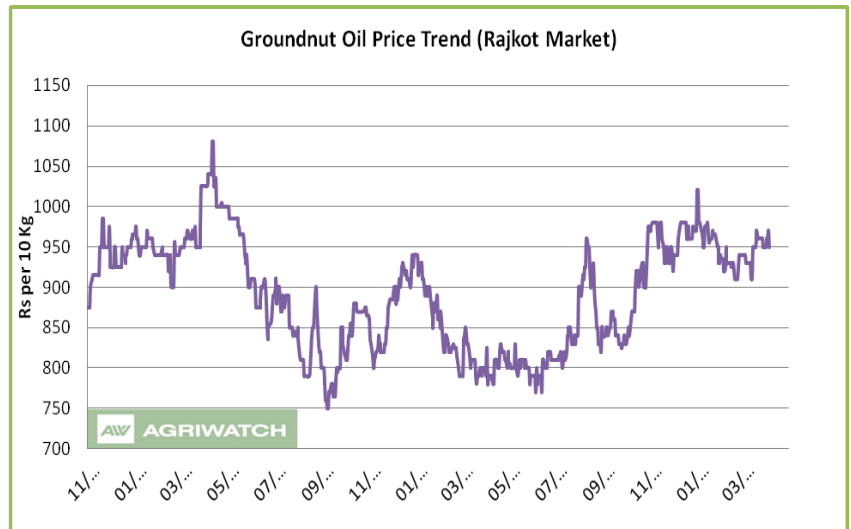
(November 2018-February 2019) were reported lower by 1.47 percent y-o-y at 8.02 lakh tons compared to 8.14 lakh tons in last oil year.

- On the trade front, CIF sunflower oil prices (Ukraine origin) at West coast of India quoted at USD 715 (USD 707.5) per ton for AMJ delivery. CNF sun oil (Ukraine origin) Mar monthly average was at USD 718.6 per ton compared to USD 733.25 per ton in Feb. Values in brackets are figures of last week.
- Prices are likely to stay in the range of USD 680-750 per ton in the near term. CNF Sunflower oil premium over CDSO is hovering at USD 17 (USD 22 last week) per ton for April delivery. CNF sunflower oil premium over RBD palmolein is hovering around USD 137.5 (USD 157.5) per ton.
- Currently, refined sunflower oil at Chennai market is offered at Rs 745 (Rs 750) per 10 Kg, and at Kandla/Mudra market, it is offered at Rs 765 (Rs 765) per 10 kg as on Apr 5, 2019. Values in brackets are figures of last week.
- We expect sunflower oil prices to trade sideways to weak tone in the coming days.

Price Outlook: Sunflower oil (without GST) prices in Chennai may stay in the range of Rs 730-780 per 10 Kg.

Groundnut oil Fundamental Review and Analysis:- Domestic Front

- Groundnut oil prices featured sideways trend in Rajkot on account of firm demand.
- Groundnut oil prices featured sideways trend in the week in review on firm demand and rise in groundnut prices.
Prices of groundnut oil rise on rise in groundnut prices. Rise in raw material prices led to rise in product prices.
Demand of groundnut oil firmed due to firm retail demand.



Retail demand strengthened due to low volatility in prices. Low volatility leads to firm demand.

Prices are will be capped in April as peak demand season is over. Prices will stay moderated as seasonal demand slows. Consumers increases oil demand on lower volatility in prices.

Prices rose on rise in demand at higher price levels.

Groundnut prices fell on fall in prices of sunflower oil and palm oil.

Nafed is disposing groundnut aggressively in Gujarat, Rajasthan and MP. Total progressive purchase in 2018-19 is 7.03 lakh and balance quantity after sale is 6.24 lakh tons.

Total stocks of groundnut of 2017-18 season with NAFED is 2.94 lakh tons.

So, total stock in NAFED is 9.18 lakh tons apart from additional stocks with trade and farmers. Farmers have around 1-2 lakh tons of groundnut stocks with factory is around 1 lakh tons.

Exports of groundnut is less due to higher prices of groundnut in domestic market and is diverted towards crushing thereby increasing supply of groundnut oil.

Disparity in crush of groundnut on higher prices of groundnut will weaken groundnut demand. However, there is parity in crush of old groundnut crop.

Crushers have lower stocks of groundnut oil and are not confident of prices and are active dependent on ready markets.

Groundnut oil prices are expected to rise on firm demand.

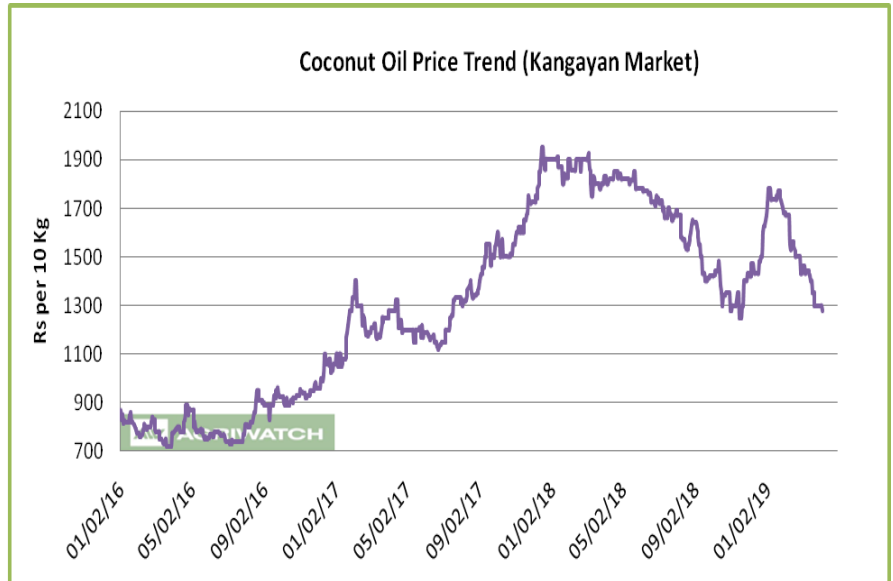
- On the price front, currently the groundnut oil prices in Rajkot is quoted at Rs 9,500 (9,500), per quintal and it was quoted at Rs 9,400 (Rs 9,400) per quintal in Chennai market on Apr 5, 2019. Values in brackets are figures of last week.
- Groundnut oil prices are likely to trade sideways to firm in the coming days.

Price Outlook:

Groundnut oil (without GST) in Rajkot market is likely to trade in the price band of Rs 900-1000 per 10 Kg.

Coconut Oil Fundamental Review and Analysis:- Domestic Front

- Weak price trend was seen in its benchmark market of Kangayam on weak demand.
- Overall coconut oil prices showed weak trend during the week on weak demand. Prices fell on fall in prices of copra. Fall in raw material lead weak product prices. Prices fell despite rise in palm oil prices indicating weak demand. Retail demand has weakened due to high volatility in prices of coconut oil.



Stockists and retailers are waiting to stock in as the prices are falling.

Corporate demand, which is one of the major contributors, is weak.

Traders and upcountry buyers are not stocking as they are not confident about prices.

Crushers has low stocks of coconut oil as demand is weak.

Due rise in prices of coconut oil demand has shifted to other oils. Demand destruction has happened due to surge in prices of coconut oil.

Supply position has improved in the market, which has underpin prices. Price trend is biased towards downside.

Demand decreased due to regular fall in prices of coconut oil.

Coconut oil consumers are loyal consumers and do not shift to other oils on higher prices but demand destruction takes place at higher levels. Palm oil is cheap alternative in South India.

Demand of coconut oil has weaken due to higher prices in 2018. Household consumption has weakened due to higher prices of coconut oil.

Coconut oil prices are expected to fall on weak demand and fall in copra prices.

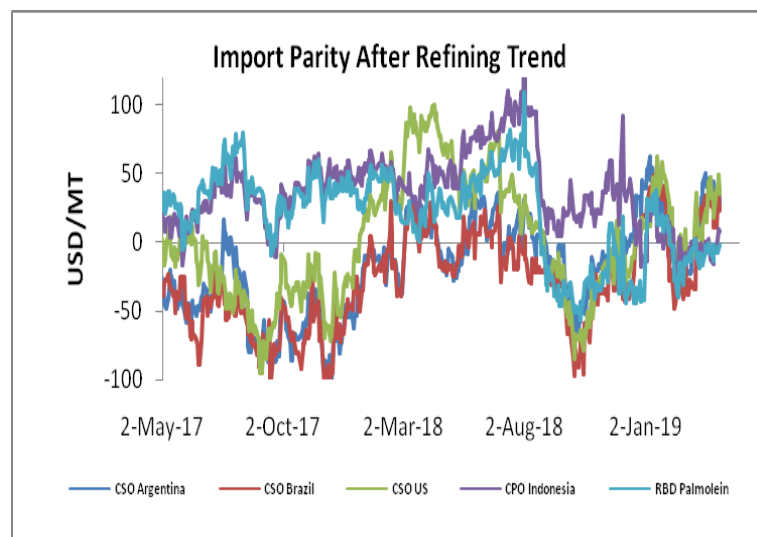
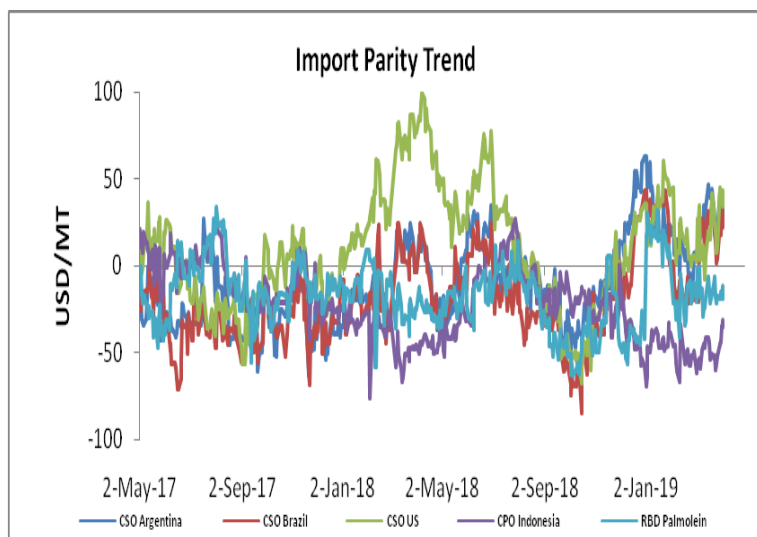
Coconut oil prices are expected to be weak in days ahead.

- On the price front, currently the coconut oil prices in Kochi is hovering near Rs 14,900 (15,100) per quintal, and was quoting Rs 12,800 (Rs 13,000) per quintal in Erode market on Apr 5, 2019.

Price Outlook: Coconut oil (without GST) prices in Erode may stay in the range of Rs 1200-1400 per 10 Kg.

Import Parity Trend

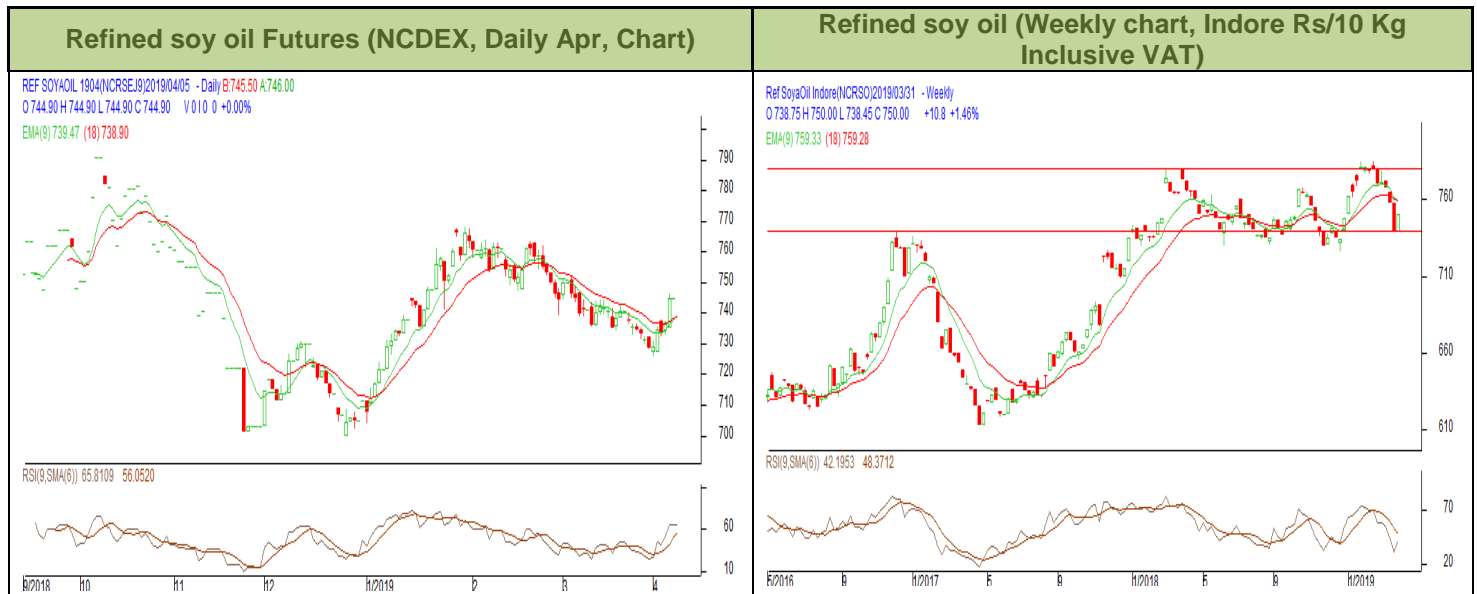
Import Parity After Refining in US dollar per ton (Monthly Average)



	CSO Argentina	CSO Brazil	CSO US	CPO Indonesia	RBD Palmolein
Feb, 2019	-13.55	-33.11	-3.01	-6.55	-16.06
Mar, 2019	27.38	13.76	17.55	-5.96	-7.78

Outlook:-

Import parity for crude soy oil from Argentina rose parity due to fall in prices of soy oil in international markets. We expect CDSO import parity to remain firm in medium term. Parity on import of CPO from Indonesia is higher than parity on import of RBD palmolein from Malaysia.

Technical Analysis (Refined soy oil)


Outlook – Refined soybean oil witnessed downtrend during the week in review and is likely to trade with a sideways to firm tone in the coming days.

- Weekly chart of refined soy oil at NCDEX depicts uptrend during the week in review. We expect prices to trade sideways to firm tone in the near term.
- Any close above 750 in weekly might take the prices below 770 levels.
- Expected price band for next week is 720-770 level in near to medium term. RSI and MACD is suggesting uptrend in the market.

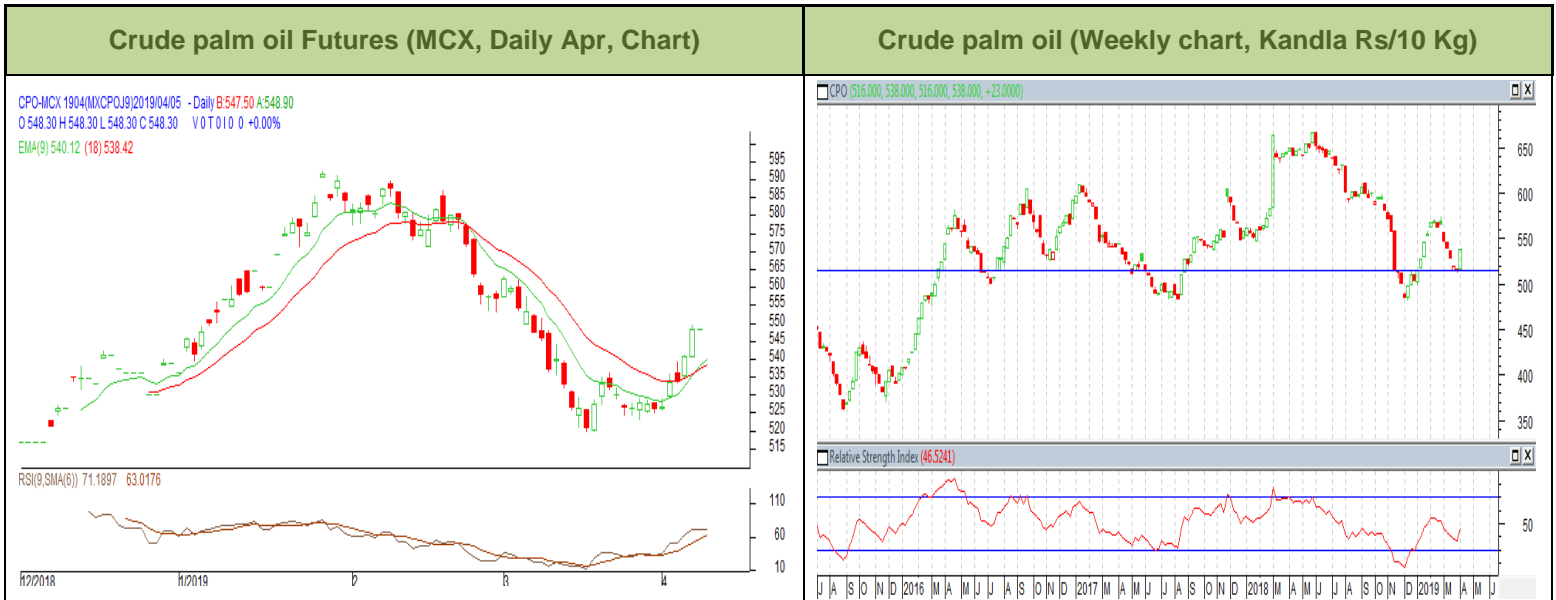
Strategy: Market participants are advised to go long above 745 levels for a target of 760 and 765 with a stop loss at 735 on closing basis.

RSO NCDEX (Apr)

Support and Resistance				
S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
700.00	730.00	748.95	759.00	765.00

Spot Market outlook: Refined soy oil Indore (without GST) is likely to stay in the range of Rs 720-800 per 10 Kg.

Technical Analysis (Crude Palm oil)



Outlook - Prices show uptrend in prices during the week. We expect that CPO Apr contract may trade sideways to firm note.

- Candlestick in weekly chart of crude palm oil at MCX depicts uptrend in the prices. We expect prices to trade with a sideways to firm note in the near term.
- Any close above 560 in weekly chart may bring the prices to 570 levels.
- Expected price band for next week is 530-580 level. RSI and MACD are suggesting uptrend in prices in the coming week.

Strategy: Market participants are advised to go long in CPO above 545 for a target of 560 and 565 with a stop loss at 535 on closing basis.

CPO MCX (Apr)

Support and Resistance				
S2	S1	PCP	R1	R2
520.00	540.00	550.5	560.00	575.00

Spot Market outlook: Crude palm oil (without GST) is likely to stay in the range of Rs 500-580 per 10 Kg.

Veg. Oil Prices at Key Spot Markets

Commodity	Centre	Prices(Per 10 Kg)		Change
		5-Apr-19	29-Mar-19	
Refined Soybean Oil	Indore	745	740	5
	Indore (Soy Solvent Crude)	710	700	10
	Mumbai	745	740	5
	Mumbai (Soy Degum)	700	695	5
	Kandla/Mundra	725	720	5
	Kandla/Mundra (Soy Degum)	700	690	10
	Kolkata	745	745	Unch
	Delhi	778	765	13
	Nagpur	742	738	4
	Rajkot	735	720	15
	Kota	740	740	Unch
	Hyderabad	755	755	Unch
	Akola	743	740	3
	Amrawati	744	740	4
	Bundi	745	750	-5
	Jalna	741	744	-3
	Solapur	727	748	-21
	Dhule	749	746	3
Palm Oil*	Kandla (Crude Palm Oil)	565	541	24
	Kandla (RBD Palm oil)	588	578	11
	Kandla RBD Pamolein	635	614	21
	Kakinada (Crude Palm Oil)	557	544	13
	Kakinada RBD Pamolein	627	614	13
	Haldia Pamolein	641	622	19
	Chennai RBD Pamolein	630	620	11
	KPT (krishna patnam) Pamolein	625	620	5
	Mumbai RBD Pamolein	635	625	11
	Mangalore RBD Pamolein	630	620	11
	Tuticorin (RBD Palmolein)	635	617	18
	Delhi	672	655	17
	Rajkot	636	614	22
	Hyderabad	617	598	19
	PFAD (Kandla)	341	336	5
	Refined Palm Stearin (Kandla)	557	544	13
	Superolien (Kandla)	651	656	-5
	Superolien (Mumbai)	656	662	-5
* inclusive of GST				
Refined Sunflower Oil	Chennai	745	750	-5

	Mumbai	785	785	Unch
	Mumbai(Expeller Oil)	705	710	-5
	Kandla (Ref.)	765	765	Unch
	Hyderabad (Ref)	750	750	Unch
	Latur (Expeller Oil)	755	775	-20
	Chellakere (Expeller Oil)	700	710	-10
	Erode (Expeller Oil)	770	805	-35
Groundnut Oil	Rajkot	950	950	Unch
	Chennai	940	940	Unch
	Delhi	920	920	Unch
	Hyderabad *	960	950	10
	Mumbai	985	980	5
	Gondal	950	930	20
	Jamnagar	975	975	Unch
Rapeseed Oil/Mustard Oil	Jaipur (Expeller Oil)	760	755	5
	Jaipur (Kacchi Ghani Oil)	778	774	4
	Kota (Expeller Oil)	740	735	5
	Kota (Kacchi Ghani Oil)	760	750	10
	Neewai (Expeller Oil)	745	740	5
	Neewai (Kacchi Ghani Oil)	760	750	10
	Bharatpur (Kacchi Ghani Oil)	780	780	Unch
	Sri-Ganga Nagar(Exp Oil)	745	740	5
	Sri-Ganga Nagar (Kacchi Ghani Oil)	765	755	10
	Mumbai (Expeller Oil)	765	760	5
	Kolkata(Expeller Oil)	900	900	Unch
	New Delhi (Expeller Oil)	762	785	-23
	Hapur (Expeller Oil)	915	915	Unch
	Hapur (Kacchi Ghani Oil)	950	950	Unch
	Agra (Kacchi Ghani Oil)	785	785	Unch
Refined Cottonseed Oil	Rajkot	740	725	15
	Hyderabad	720	710	10
	Mumbai	750	740	10
	New Delhi	718	705	13
Coconut Oil	Kangayan (Crude)	1280	1300	-20
	Cochin	1490	1510	-20
Sesame Oil	New Delhi	1610	1700	-90
	Mumbai	Unq	0	-

Kardi	Mumbai	880	880	Unch
Rice Bran Oil (40%)	New Delhi	605	600	5
Rice Bran Oil (4%)	Punjab	605	605	Unch
Malaysia Palmolein USD/MT	FOB	548	523	25
	CNF India	575	550	25
Indonesia CPO USD/MT	FOB	513	495	18
	CNF India	535	515	20
RBD Palm oil (Malaysia Origin USD/MT)	FOB	543	518	25
RBD Palm Stearin (Malaysia Origin USD/MT)	FOB	518	505	13
RBD Palm Kernel Oil (Malaysia Origin USD/MT)	FOB	710	690	20
Palm Fatty Acid Distillate (Malaysia Origin USD/MT)	FOB	470	465	5
Crude palm Kernel Oil India (USD/MT)	CNF India	Unq	680	-
Ukraine Origin CSFO USD/MT Kandla	CIF	710	708	2
Rapeseed Oil Rotterdam Euro/MT	FOB	706	710	-4
Argentina FOB (\$/MT)		4-Apr-19	28-Mar-19	Change
Crude Soybean Oil Ship		632	630	2
Refined Soy Oil (Bulk) Ship		654	652	2
Sunflower Oil Ship		635	635	Unch
Cottonseed Oil Ship		612	610	2
Refined Linseed Oil (Bulk) Ship		Unq	0	-
* indicates including GST				

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