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Report Highlights:

According to the Indian Ministry of Agriculture's progressive planting report, area planted to rapeseed, peanut, and sunflower decreased 4 percent to 8.2 million hectares, with the sunflower and rapeseed/mustard crop accounting for most of the decline. The edible oil import forecast for 2009/10 is revised upwards to 8.6 million tons. During first five months of 2009/10, the total sales commitment of U.S. origin soy oil to India was 108,300 tons which is almost 25 percent of total Indian soy oil imported to date. The oil meal export forecast for 2009/10 (which includes mostly soybean and rapeseed meal) is revised down by 1.1 million tons to 3.1 million tons due to weak export demand.

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RABI OILSEED PLANTING AREA DOWN 4 PERCENT

According to the Agriculture Ministry's progressive planting report ^[1] for the week ending February 25, 2010, area planted to *rabi* (winter) season oilseeds, which includes mostly rapeseed, peanut, and sunflower, planting area was down by 4 percent to 8.2 million hectares, with most of the decline confined to sunflower and rapeseed/mustard crop.

An estimated 6.4 million hectares area was planted to rapeseed-mustard; which is down 0.2 million hectares over last year. Poor soil moisture conditions and higher temperatures led to declines in area planted to rapeseed-mustard in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Haryana, while higher planting in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat had moderately compensated for the loss. Based on initial crop assessment, the rapeseed-mustard production for MY ^[2] 2009/10 is estimated at 6.4 million tons; down 0.3 million tons over last year.

Area planted to sunflower was also down 23 percent at 856,000 hectares mostly due to shift in acreage to winter grown cereals, pulses and other remunerative crops. Consequently, planting area and production of sunflower oilseed in 2009/10 is revised down to 1.4 million hectares and 820,000 tons respectively.

The winter sown peanut area was up 15 percent at 931,000 hectares as south and east Indian states reported higher planting for peanuts. Based on preliminary estimates, peanut area in 2009/10 is estimated at 5.3 million tons, significantly down by 1.1 million hectares over last year. Lower planting in kharif season attributed to net decline in total peanut area. Consequently the total peanut production in 2009/10 has been revised down by 150,000 tons to 4.9 million tons.

EDIBLE OIL IMPORT FORECAST REVISED UP

The edible oil import forecast for 2009/10 is revised up 700,000 tons to 8.6 million tons. The import forecast includes 6.95 million tons of palm oils, 1 million tons of soy oil, 600,000 tons of sunflower oil and 40,000 tons of other edible oils. Given the decline in domestic availability of edible oil in 2009/10 and diminishing margins in crushing oilseeds, there is an increasing dependence on imported oils for filling domestic consumption demand.

Taking advantage of the lower international prices of vegetable oils (See Chart 1), private traders continued to buy large quantities of vegetable oils in recent months. Total edible oil imports during the first five months of 2009/10 were marginally down (Table 1) at 3.6 million tons.

During the same time period, the total sales commitment of U.S. origin soy oil to India was 108,300 tons which is almost 25 percent of total soy oil imported to date. Importer interest is expected to continue, especially in light of the zero import duty on crude edible oils. However, in view of the anticipated record soybean crop production in South America, there may be interest in importing soybean oil from other origins besides United States.

^[1] <http://agricoop.nic.in/ncfcweather/ncfcasFeb-19-2010.pdf>

^[2] MY stands for marketing year unless otherwise stated

Table 1: Edible Oil Imports (1000 Metric tons)

	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Oct 09- Feb -10	Oct 08- Feb-09	% Change
RBD palm-olein	88	113	138	132	131	601	664	10
Crude palm oil	441	450	477	513	388	2,269	2,284	1
Crude palm olein	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	-
Crude Palm kernel oil	8	11	10	18	14	62	34	84
Total palm oil	536	578	625	663	533	2,935	2,982	2
Crude soybean oil	56	78	100	114	88	437	407	7
Refined soybean oil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total soy oil	56	78	100	114	88	437	407	7
Crude sun oil	18	56	27	45	47	193	213	9
Refined sun oil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total sun oil	18	56	27	45	47	193	213	9
Canola Rape oil	4	0	6	5	3	18	2	0
Cottonseed Oil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coconut oil	0	1	3	0	0	5	7	33
Grand Total	615	713	762	827	671	3,588	3,612	1

Source: Solvent Extractors' Association of India

Chart 1: Imports and Landed price of Crude Soy, Sunflower and Palm Oil (\$/metric ton)

SME	1,416	1,409	1,409	1,672	1,850	1,387	2,078	1,921	1,814	(1000 MT)
TS=TD			0			0			0	

Table 5: Commodity, Oil, Rapeseed, PSD

Oil, Rapeseed India	2007			2008			2009			
	2007/2008			2008/2009			2009/2010			
	Market Year Begin: Oct 2007			Market Year Begin: Oct 2008			Market Year Begin: Oct 2009			
	USDA Official Data		New Post	USDA Official Data		New Post	USDA Official Data		Jan	
			Data			Data			Data	
Crush	5,212	5,200	5,200	5,450	5,600	4,500	6,200	6,290	5,500	(1000 MT)
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.	0.	0.3763	0.	0.	0.3778	0.	0.	0.3818	(PERCENT)
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	(1000 MT)
Production	1,968	1,957	1,957	2,058	2,120	1,700	2,341	2,368	2,100	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	0	0	42	0	42	23	0	20	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	1,968	1,957	1,957	2,100	2,120	1,742	2,408	2,368	2,120	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	1,967	1,957	1,957	2,055	2,120	1,742	2,352	2,367	2,119	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Dom. Cons.	1,967	1,957	1,957	2,055	2,120	1,742	2,352	2,367	2,119	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	44	0	0	55	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	1,968	1,957	1,957	2,100	2,120	1,742	2,408	2,368	2,120	(1000 MT)
CY Imports	0	0	0	50	0	0	25	0	45	(1000 MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exports	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TS=TD			0			0			0	

Table 6: Commodity, Oilseed, Peanut, PSD

Oilseed, Peanut India	2007			2008			2009			
	2007/2008			2008/2009			2009/2010			
	Market Year Begin: Oct 2007			Market Year Begin: Oct 2008			Market Year Begin: Jun 2009			
	USDA Official Data		New Post	USDA Official Data		New Post	USDA Official Data		Jan	
			Data			Data			Data	
Area Planted	6,500	6,700	6,700	6,850	6,400	6,400	6,600	5,100	5,350	(1000 HA)
Area Harvested	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,400	6,400	6,400	5,200	5,100	5,350	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	74	24	24	104	54	54	124	164	164	(1000 MT)
Production	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,250	6,250	6,250	5,000	5,050	4,900	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	6,874	6,824	6,824	6,354	6,304	6,304	5,124	5,214	5,064	(1000 MT)

MY Exports	340	340	340	300	200	200	190	260	260	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to EU	6	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	(1000 MT)
Crush	5,040	5,040	5,040	4,650	4,650	4,650	3,770	3,840	3,725	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	670	670	670	630	650	650	600	485	470	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	720	720	720	650	640	640	510	550	530	(1000 MT)
Total Dom. Cons.	6,430	6,430	6,430	5,930	5,940	5,940	4,880	4,875	4,725	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	104	54	54	124	164	164	54	79	79	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	6,874	6,824	6,824	6,354	6,304	6,304	5,124	5,214	5,064	(1000 MT)
CY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exports	441	260	260	300	220	220	250	240	240	(1000 MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TS=TD			0			0			0	

Table 7: Commodity, Meal, Peanut, PSD

Meal, Peanut India	2007			2008			2009			
	2007/2008			2008/2009			2009/2010			
	Market Year Begin: Oct 2007			Market Year Begin: Oct 2008			Market Year Begin: Jun 2009			
	USDA Official Data		New Post	USDA Official Data		New Post	USDA Official Data		Jan	
			Data			Data			Data	
Crush	5,040	5,040	5,040	4,650	4,650	4,650	3,770	3,840	3,725	(1000 MT)
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.	0.	0.3919	0.	0.	0.3914	0.	0.	0.3893	(PERCENT)
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Production	1,973	1,975	1,975	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,475	1,500	1,450	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	1,973	1,975	1,975	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,475	1,500	1,450	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	97	97	97	90	28	28	75	25	25	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	5	8	8	5	5	5	0	5	5	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	1,871	1,870	1,870	1,725	1,787	1,787	1,400	1,470	1,420	(1000 MT)
Total Dom. Cons.	1,876	1,878	1,878	1,730	1,792	1,792	1,400	1,475	1,425	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	1,973	1,975	1,975	1,820	1,820	1,820	1,475	1,500	1,450	(1000 MT)
CY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exports	100	54	54	85	79	79	75	50	45	(1000 MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
SME	2,109	2,111	2,111	1,945	2,014	2,014	1,574	1,658	1,602	(1000 MT)
TS=TD			0			0			0	

Table 8: Commodity, Oil, Peanut, PSD

Oil, Peanut India	2007			2008			2009			
	2007/2008			2008/2009			2009/2010			
	Market Year Begin: Oct 2007			Market Year Begin: Oct 2008			Market Year Begin: Jun 2009			
	USDA Official Data		New Post	USDA Official Data		New Post	USDA Official Data		Jan	
			Data			Data			Data	
Crush	5,040	5,040	5,040	4,650	4,650	4,650	3,770	3,840	3,725	(1000 MT)
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.	0.	0.3323	0.	0.	0.3355	0.	0.	0.3356	(PERCENT)
Beginning Stocks	12	15	15	45	45	45	135	65	65	(1000 MT)
Production	1,675	1,675	1,675	1,545	1,560	1,560	1,255	1,290	1,250	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	1,687	1,690	1,690	1,590	1,605	1,605	1,390	1,355	1,315	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	30	30	30	30	30	30	20	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Industrial Dom. Cons.	15	15	15	15	10	10	15	12	10	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	1,597	1,600	1,600	1,410	1,500	1,500	1,345	1,280	1,242	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Dom. Cons.	1,612	1,615	1,615	1,425	1,510	1,510	1,360	1,292	1,252	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	45	45	45	135	65	65	10	63	63	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	1,687	1,690	1,690	1,590	1,605	1,605	1,390	1,355	1,315	(1000 MT)
CY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exports	20	0	0	35	0	0	20	0	0	(1000 MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TS=TD			0			0			0	

Table 9: Commodity, Oil, Palm, PSD

Oil, Palm India	2007			2008			2009			
	2007/2008			2008/2009			2009/2010			
	Market Year Begin: Oct 2007			Market Year Begin: Oct 2008			Market Year Begin: Oct 2009			
	USDA Official Data		New Post Data	USDA Official Data		New Post Data	USDA Official Data		Jan Data	
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 HA)
Area Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 HA)
Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 TREES)
Beginning Stocks	47	100	100	47	123	123	489	1,185	1,185	(1000MT)
Production	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	(1000MT)
MY Imports	5,015	4,558	4,558	6,867	6,647	6,647	6,650	6,400	6,600	(1000MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000MT)
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000MT)
Total Supply	5,112	4,708	4,708	6,964	6,820	6,820	7,189	7,635	7,835	(1000MT)
MY Exports	0	5	5	0	5	5	0	0	0	(1000MT)
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000MT)
Industrial Dom. Cons.	480	180	180	325	230	230	350	240	240	(1000MT)
Food Use Dom. Cons.	4,585	4,400	4,400	6,150	5,400	5,400	6,450	6,400	6,600	(1000MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000MT)
Total Dom. Cons.	5,065	4,580	4,580	6,475	5,630	5,630	6,800	6,640	6,840	(1000MT)
Ending Stocks	47	123	123	489	1,185	1,185	389	995	995	(1000MT)
Total Distribution	5,112	4,708	4,708	6,964	6,820	6,820	7,189	7,635	7,835	(1000MT)
CY Imports	5,740	3,265	3,265	6,767	4,800	4,800	6,650	4,800	4,800	(1000MT)
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000MT)
CY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000MT)
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000MT)
TS=TD			0			0			0	

