

Soybean Outlook – September 2018

Soybean is one of the fastest growing crops in India. It is recognized as one of the premier crops around the world. Due to high protein content and high oil content soybean is considered to be an important food commodity. The soya protein is called complete protein because it supplies sufficient amount of amino acids.

Soy meal noticed bearish price action across ex-mill price during the last month. Soy meal prices are expected to weaken as the seasonal rise in crush and higher disposable stocks. Indian meal might not see much interest in forward bookings except its regular buyers.

In India during 2018-19, about 111.75 lakh ha area was covered under soybean. Major soybean cultivating states in India are Madhya Pradesh (53.18 lakh ha), Maharashtra (39.15 lakh ha), Rajasthan (10.45 lakh ha), Karnataka (3.39 lakh ha) and Telangana (1.78 lakh ha). Soybean is mainly cultivated as a kharif crop in Northern Telangana districts of Adilabad, Komaram Bheem, Nirmal, Nizamabad and Medak.

Table 1: Monthly prices of Soybean in major markets of India (Rs/q)

Centre	Prices (Rs/q)			
	July-18		August-18	
	Low	High	Low	High
Indore	3300	3500	3150	3350
Nagpur	3100	3475	3450	3580
Kota	3425	3475	3200	3300
Bundi	3350	3470	3100	3150
Baran	3350	3400	3175	3225
Jhalwar	3400	3500	3250	3300
Bainsa	3019	3418	2926	3229

Source: www.agriwatch.com

All major markets of soybean in the country were found to be integrated as indicated by the price data given in Table 1. Currently, soybean is being traded in all major markets of country at around Rs. 3200 to 3500 per quintal and in all markets prices had decreased over the previous month. Compared to all markets in India, soybean was traded at a lower price in Bainsa market of Telangana state, while Nagpur market of Maharashtra stood for higher price.

Table 2: Prices and arrivals of Soybean in Bainsa, Birkur, Nizamabad and Pitlam market during August 2018

Market	Date	Arrival (Quintals)	Modal price (Rs/quintal)
Bainsa	7	0.3	3229
	24	0.1	2909
	25	0.1	2926
Birkur	15	19.7	3050
	21	19.6	3050
	22	17.9	3050
Nizamabad	7	20.6	3419
	10	0.3	3040
Pitlam	10	19.8	3050

Source: www.agrimarketing.telangana.gov.in

Prices and arrivals of soybean in Bainsa, Birkur, Nizamabad and Pitlam markets during August 2018 presented in Table 2 indicates that presently soybean price in the state is ruling around Rs. 2909-3419 per quintal under low arrivals.

Under these circumstances, Agricultural Market Intelligence Centre, PJTSAU expect that Soybean is likely to trade in price range between Rs. 3100 – 3300 per quintal in the month of September 2018.