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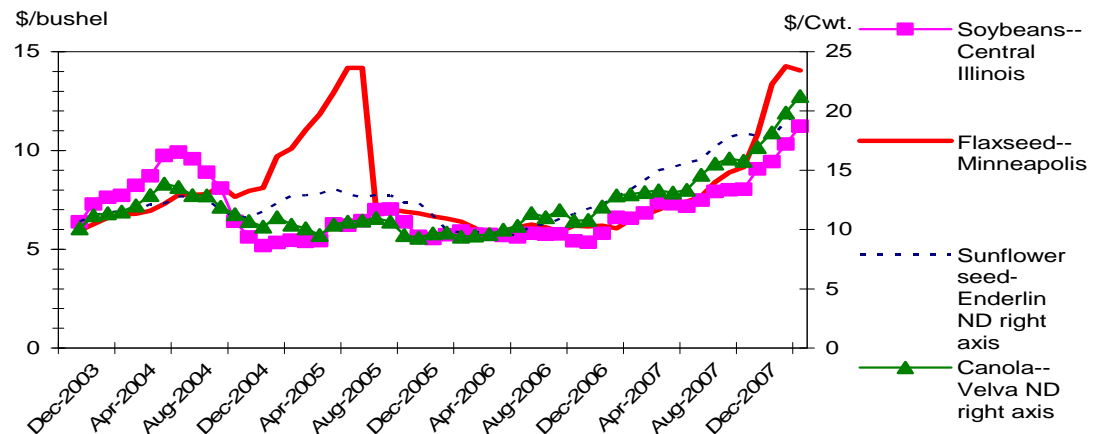
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USDA reduced its estimate of Brazil's 2007/08 soybean area this month by 500,000 hectares to 21.5 million. While soybean area for Brazil would still be up 3.9 percent over last year, the lower estimate trims the production forecast from 62 million to 60.5 million metric tons.

Figure 1
Cash oilseed prices rise together



Source: U.S. Export Sales, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

Domestic Outlook

In USDA's final report for 2007 crops, U.S. soybean production was revised down by 9 million bushels to 2.585 billion, making it the smallest crop in 4 years. Changes from earlier estimates of 2007 planted and harvested acreage (at 63.6 million and 62.8 million acres, respectively) were negligible but ended down 16 percent from the previous year. The 2007 national average soybean yield dipped to 41.2 bushels per acre from the prior forecast at 41.3 bushels and 42.7 bushels in 2006. Downward yield adjustments for Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Iowa were only partly offset by increases for South Dakota, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio.

Despite a sharply lower supply this season, U.S. soybean exports to date are down only moderately compared to the record pace of a year ago. However, signs of weakening foreign demand are starting to emerge. By December, bookings for U.S. soybean exports had slowed considerably and the number of outstanding sales fell abruptly. Also reflecting a deteriorating export outlook for soybeans is a sudden and early narrowing of its Gulf price relative to interior market prices. Soybean exports are unlikely to persist as well as they did a year ago due to strong domestic crush margins. The September-November 2007 soybean crush was 9 million bushels ahead of the previous year's pace. Given this context, the forecast of 2007/08 soybean exports was left unchanged this month at 995 million bushels (an 11-percent decline from 2006/07).

For the first quarter of the 2007/08 crop year, the lower supply and buoyant demand for soybeans has brought forth a sharp year-to-year reduction in stocks. Data from Grain Stocks indicated that onfarm and off-farm soybean stocks on December 1 totaled 2.329 billion bushels, down 372 million from a year earlier. By the end of the season, stocks are expected to plunge from the 2006/07 carryout of 574 million bushels to 175 million bushels--a 4-year low.

Although the forecast of 2007/08 soybean crush was unchanged this month, expectations for a higher oil extraction rate raised projected soybean oil production by 90 million pounds. The above-average oil content of the record-large stocks left over from last year's soybean crop has supported soybean oil output longer than usual. Forecasts of 2007/08 soybean oil demand are unchanged this month, so season-ending stocks are seen higher at 2.25 billion pounds, yet well below the 2006/07 carryout of 2.9 billion pounds.

Prices for Soybeans, Soybean Oil at All-Time Highs

This month at the Chicago Board of Trade, the July 2008 futures contract for soybeans surpassed \$13.40 per bushel, eclipsing a former record (\$12.90) dating back to June 1973. Cash prices for soybeans have not risen quite as fast, however. An unusually wide basis between cash and nearby futures prices has grown to nearly \$1 per bushel—2 to 4 times larger than in most years. Even so, rising farm values led USDA to raise its 2007/08 forecast of the U.S. average farm price for soybeans from \$9.25-\$10.25 to \$9.90-\$10.90 per bushel. The price rally matches gains seen for the corn and wheat markets.

Likewise, the September 2008 futures contract for soybean oil is at 54.2 cents per pound, surpassing the October 1974 record of 51 cents per pound. USDA raised its 2007/08 price forecast from 41-45 cents per pound to 45.5-49.5 cents per pound.

Also, soybean meal is nearing a historic price peak with another strong rally in December. Prices rose to an average \$315 per short ton (compared to a November average of \$281). The advances warranted raising the expected season-average price range by \$40 per short ton to \$305-\$335, well above the 2006/07 average of \$205.

Values of Other U.S. Oilseed Crops Also Soaring

The U.S. sunflowerseed crop gained 745 million pounds in 2007 to 2.889 billion pounds. Oil-type sunflowerseed accounted for nearly all of the increase, with North Dakota supplying more than half. Output gains were based on a recovery in sunflowerseed yields and a 6-percent increase in planted area (to 2.1 million acres). The national average yield improved to 1,437 pounds per acre from a drought-affected 2006 yield of 1,211 pounds. Yet, due to a low volume of beginning stocks, there is a more moderate 201-million-pound increase in total sunflowerseed supply. Once farmers begin to more actively sell the crop, oilseed processors could push the sunflowerseed crush above 1.5 billion pounds. Currently, cash prices for sunflowerseed are at record highs of around \$21.50 per hundredweight, fueled by sunflowerseed oil prices that are nearly double prices for soybean oil.

U.S. canola acreage in 2007 expanded 13 percent to 1.2 million acres. However, because of lower yields, canola production improved by only 4 percent to 1.454 billion pounds. The national average yield fell to 1,250 pounds per acre from 1,366 pounds in 2006. Expanded domestic supplies for canola seed should temper 2007/08 imports and promote domestic crush and exports. By early January, North Dakota cash prices for canola had surged to an unprecedented \$24 per hundredweight. Sharply higher premiums for canola oil over soybean oil are driving the price gains for canola seed.

USDA's *Crop Production—2007 Summary* places 2007 peanut production at 3.74 billion pounds, an 8-percent gain from the November forecast, and an equivalent percentage gain from the 2006 crop of 3.46 billion pounds. The upward revision from the November production estimate reflects slightly higher harvested acres (up 5,000 acres to 1.195 million) and better than anticipated yields. The yield estimate was raised 217 pounds per acre from the November forecast to 3,130 pounds per acre. The largest upward yield revisions were in Georgia, Texas, Mississippi, and Oklahoma. Compared to 2006, U.S. planted and harvested acres were down a modest 13,000 and 15,000 acres, but represented the lowest totals since 1915 and 1930, respectively. Year-to-year production rose 3 percent, to 2.6 billion pounds, in the Southeast (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina). In the Virginia-North Carolina area, production fell 4 percent to 309 million pounds. Peanut production in the Southwest (New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) gained 34 percent to 831 million pounds--driven by yields in Texas that approached 4,000 pounds an acre.

Despite the 277-million-pound rise in peanut production, overall supplies of 5.32 billion pounds in 2007/08 are 373 million below last year's, due to a substantial reduction in beginning stocks (1.52 billion pounds). Peanut imports remain muted at 55 million pounds (3 million less than 2006). Growth in total use is expected to slip by nearly 5 percent, with lower domestic food use (down 5 percent to 2.47 billion pounds) and exports (down 5 percent to 575 million pounds) accounting for

most of the decline. Domestic crush is forecast at 530 million pounds, compared to 513 million in 2006/07. Despite an upward revision this month in the 2007/08 ending stocks forecast by nearly 200 million pounds, strengthening peanut prices indicate they will be well above the 2006/07 average of 17.7 cents per pound.

In contrast to these other oilseeds, U.S. flaxseed production slumped in 2007 to 5.9 million bushels—a 46-percent decline from the 2006 crop. The decline can be attributed to a 56-percent reduction (to 354,000 acres) in planted acreage. While 2007 flaxseed yields were improved over the previous year, at 16.7 bushels per acre they were still below the 10-year average. Cash prices for flaxseed, which in December exceeded \$14 per bushel, have never been so high. The production shortfall is curtailing U.S. flaxseed exports and encouraging robust imports from Canada.

Despite an improvement of cottonseed yields from the December estimate, U.S. production in 2007 at 6.6 million short tons was still 10 percent below 2006 output. Higher cotton acreage and excellent yields in Texas were unable to offset acreage declines in other States. Even with lower supplies and considerably higher costs for cottonseed, soaring values for cottonseed oil are supporting crush margins. The cottonseed crush in 2007/08 is expected to dip only 1 percent to 2.65 million short tons. Cottonseed feeding (forecast down by 10 percent to 3.7 million tons) could absorb the brunt of the smaller supply. Rationing that demand will be a doubling of the cost to feed cottonseed (averaging \$230 per short ton in December 2007) compared to last year.

A Modest Increase in Brazil Soybean Area Tempers Production Potential

Despite attractive price incentives, current government surveys of cropping in Brazil do not support earlier estimates that soybean area expanded as much as 22 million hectares. Thus, USDA reduced its estimate of Brazil's 2007/08 soybean area this month by 500,000 hectares to 21.5 million. While soybean area for Brazil would still be up 3.9 percent over last year, the lower estimate trims the production forecast from 62 million to 60.5 million metric tons. The expected soybean yield is unchanged. Currently, soil moisture is good throughout most of the country's growing region. The exception is in the easternmost part (Goias, Minas Gerais, and Bahia), where the rainfall during December was well below average. A majority of Brazil's soybean crop has progressed past the flowering stage and about one-third is developing pods. A continuation of regular rainfall during January and February will be pivotal for determining final yields.

A smaller crop outlook for Brazil curtails the 2007/08 forecast of soybean exports by 1 million tons to 29.7 million. A lower supply could further reduce expected ending stocks in Brazil. The modest supply response of Brazil's farmers is reflected in the sharp price increases for soybeans now being registered in Chicago.

If crop yields in Argentina permit, that country may take up the slack from Brazil by expanding its own 2007/08 soybean exports to a record high 11.2 million tons. This could pull Argentine soybean stocks below 19 million tons.

Argentine Sunflower Area Less Than Anticipated

Argentine sunflowerseed production was lowered from 4.6 million to 4.4 million tons this month based on a lower than expected sown area. Government data on crop planting indicated that farmers would likely harvest no more than 2.6 million hectares of sunflowers this year. Dryness in Buenos Aires Province likely

prevented additional sowing. While 2007/08 area is higher than last season's 2.4 million hectares, it was reduced 100,000 hectares from the previous estimate. Due to the early stage of the sunflower crop, expected average yield is unchanged. However, dry and hot weather since November is a deepening concern. Given strong demand, the scaling back of forecast production would reduce ending sunflowerseed stocks to a lean 1 million tons.

Soybean Meal Is Substituting for Grains in EU-27

For the EU-27, adverse weather significantly cut 2007/08 production of wheat, encouraging the substitution of soybean meal in livestock feeds. Until the next wheat crop in Europe is harvested, soybean meal will be a comparative bargain. With vegetable oil also in short supply, domestic crushing and imports of soybeans are a more favored source for soybean meal. EU-27 imports of soybeans were forecast up 200,000 tons this month to 15.45 million, and crushing the additional supply boosts the consumption of soybean meal by 130,000 tons to 34.6 million.

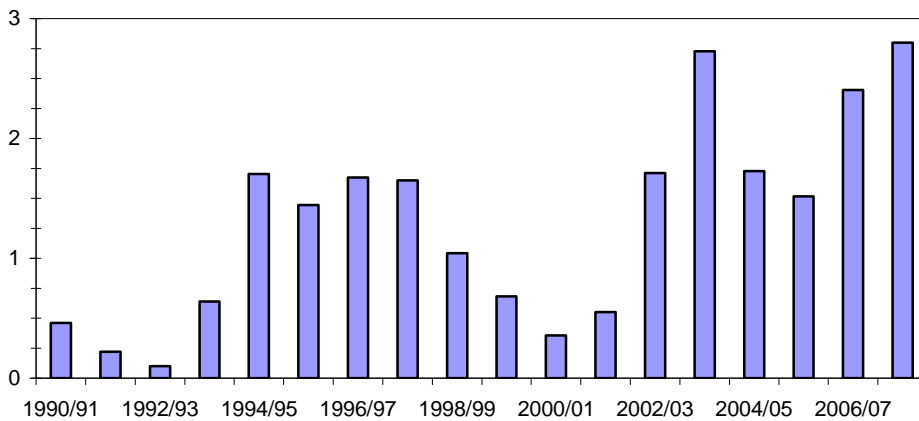
China Importing More Soybean Oil

Just 2 months into the 2007/08 marketing year, imports of soybean oil by China are on a pace to break the 2003/04 record (2.7 million tons). This month, the forecast of China's 2007/08 imports of soybean oil was raised from 2.6 million to 2.8 million tons (versus 2.4 million tons in 2006/07). Still, overall vegetable oil consumption in China is forecast to grow by only 4 percent this year, compared to nearly 9 percent in 2006/07.

Figure 2

Record volume seen for China soybean oil imports

Million metric tons



Source: *Oilseeds: World Markets and Trade*, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA



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Table 1--Soybeans: U.S. supply and disappearance

Year beg. Sept. 1	Area		Yield	Supply					Disappearance			Ending stocks
	Planted	Harvested		Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total	Crush	Exports & residual	Seed, feed, Total		
	<i>Million acres</i>		<i>Bu/acre</i>	<i>Million bushels</i>								
2005/06	72.0	71.3	43.0	256	3,063	3	3,322	1,739	940	194	2,873	449
2006/07 ¹	75.5	74.6	42.7	449	3,188	9	3,647	1,806	1,118	148	3,073	574
2007/08 ²	63.6	62.8	41.2	574	2,585	6	3,165	1,830	995	165	2,990	175
2006/07												
September						0.4		142.4	64.9			
October						0.5		161.7	182.6			
November						0.6		155.1	126.4			
Sep-Nov				449.3	3,188.2	1.5	3,639.1	459.2	373.8	104.7	937.7	2,701.4
December						0.6		157.4	122.7			
January						0.5		155.3	135.1			
February						0.8		136.8	129.2			
Dec-Feb				2,701.4	---	1.9	2,703.3	449.5	387.0	80.0	916.4	1,786.9
March						0.9		155.7	85.0			
April						0.8		144.9	83.0			
May						0.8		151.9	51.4			
Mar-May				1,786.9	---	2.6	1,789.5	452.6	219.5	25.1	697.3	1,092.2
June						1.1		148.7	50.3			
July						0.9		150.2	35.5			
August						1.0		146.2	51.9			
Jun-Aug				1,092.2	---	3.0	1,095.2	445.1	137.7	(61.4)	521.4	573.8
Total						9.0	3,646.6	1,806.4	1,118.0	148.4	3,072.8	
2007/08												
September						0.4		147.7	60.9			
October						0.6		164.0	138.9			
November ¹						0.6		156.6	127.1			
Sep-Nov ¹				573.8	2,585.2	1.6	3,160.6	468.4	326.9	35.9	831.2	2,329.4

¹ Estimated. ² Forecast.

Sources: *Crop Production* and *Grain Stocks*, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and *Oilseed Crushings*, Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 2--Soybean meal: U.S. supply and disappearance

Year begin. Oct. 1	Supply			Disappearance				Ending stocks
	Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total	Domestic	Exports	Total	
<i>1,000 short tons</i>								
2005/06	172	41,244	141	41,557	33,195	8,048	41,243	314
2006/07 ¹	314	43,027	156	43,497	34,360	8,786	43,146	351
2007/08 ²	351	43,484	165	44,000	35,300	8,400	43,700	300
2006/07								
October	313.8	3,823.2	12.8	4,149.7	3,084.4	677.0	3,761.3	388.4
November	388.4	3,671.9	13.6	4,073.9	2,858.3	842.0	3,700.4	373.6
December	373.6	3,733.0	13.7	4,120.2	2,864.1	787.2	3,651.3	468.9
January	468.9	3,693.3	13.6	4,175.8	3,049.9	753.2	3,803.1	372.7
February	372.7	3,252.6	13.4	3,638.7	2,592.8	756.3	3,349.0	289.6
March	289.6	3,712.3	15.2	4,017.1	2,771.8	916.8	3,688.6	328.5
April	328.5	3,442.9	12.6	3,783.9	2,826.2	629.2	3,455.3	328.6
May	328.6	3,623.0	13.9	3,965.5	3,022.2	664.1	3,686.3	279.2
June	279.2	3,528.2	11.2	3,818.6	2,769.8	731.8	3,501.6	317.1
July	317.1	3,568.0	11.2	3,896.3	2,967.3	613.8	3,581.1	315.2
August	315.2	3,473.9	13.4	3,802.5	2,799.9	765.7	3,565.6	236.9
September	236.9	3,504.4	11.8	3,753.1	2,753.2	649.0	3,402.2	350.9
Total		43,026.7	156.3	43,496.8	34,359.9	8,786.0	43,145.8	
2007/08								
October	350.9	3,910.2	12.4	4,273.5	3,286.9	673.3	3,960.2	313.3
November ¹	313.3	3,766.5	12.1	4,091.9	2,830.7	947.4	3,778.1	313.8
Total to date		7,676.7	24.5	7,701.2	6,117.6	1,620.7	7,738.3	

¹ Estimated. ² Forecast.

Source: *Oilseed Crushings*, Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 3--Soybean oil: U.S. supply and disappearance

Year begin. Oct. 1	Supply			Disappearance					Ending stocks
	Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total	Domestic		Exports	Total	
					Total	Methyl ester			
<i>Million pounds</i>									
2005/06	1,699	20,387	35	22,122	17,959	1,555	1,153	19,112	3,010
2006/07 ¹	3,010	20,487	37	23,535	18,743	2,796	1,888	20,630	2,904
2007/08 ²	2,904	20,860	37	23,801	19,900	3,800	1,650	21,550	2,252
2006/07									
October	3,009.8	1,829.5	1.0	4,840.3	1,660.9	166.1	167.1	1,828.0	3,012.3
November	3,012.3	1,725.0	1.0	4,738.3	1,536.1	157.6	120.3	1,656.3	3,081.9
December	3,081.9	1,771.0	1.3	4,854.2	1,486.9	178.7	276.7	1,763.6	3,090.6
January	3,090.6	1,746.3	2.5	4,839.4	1,482.7	167.8	174.9	1,657.6	3,181.7
February	3,181.7	1,547.2	1.1	4,730.1	1,324.2	157.8	125.2	1,449.4	3,280.7
March	3,280.7	1,764.3	1.4	5,046.3	1,603.8	218.8	81.2	1,685.0	3,361.4
April	3,361.4	1,626.5	2.0	4,989.9	1,585.7	215.4	102.7	1,688.4	3,301.5
May	3,301.5	1,728.9	3.1	5,033.5	1,601.2	271.9	121.3	1,722.5	3,311.0
June	3,311.0	1,692.5	9.7	5,013.1	1,529.4	256.5	123.5	1,652.9	3,360.2
July	3,360.2	1,709.7	5.4	5,075.3	1,648.7	347.6	202.1	1,850.8	3,224.5
August	3,224.5	1,662.9	6.8	4,894.3	1,646.0	376.2	201.9	1,847.9	3,046.4
September	3,046.4	1,683.6	2.2	4,732.2	1,637.1	281.3	190.8	1,828.0	2,904.2
Total		20,487.3	37.5	23,534.6	18,742.7	2,795.7	1,887.7	20,630.4	
2007/08									
October	2,904.2	1,871.1	4.1	4,779.4	1,593.2	237.5	132.9	1,726.1	3,053.3
November ¹	3,053.3	1,799.5	3.1	4,855.8	1,618.5	225.7	198.0	1,816.5	3,039.3
Total to date		3,670.5	7.2	6,581.9	3,211.7	463.3	330.9	3,542.7	

¹ Estimated. ² Forecast.

Sources: *Oilseed Crushings* and *Production, Consumption, and Stocks*, Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 4--Cottonseed: U.S. supply and disappearance

Year beg. Aug. 1	Supply				Disappearance				Ending stocks
	Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total	Crush	Exports	Other	Total	
<i>1,000 short tons</i>									
2005/06	592	8,172	0	8,764	3,010	523	4,630	8,163	602
2006/07	602	7,348	0	7,950	2,680	616	4,165	7,461	489
2007/08 ²	489	6,596	0	7,085	2,650	300	3,735	6,685	400

¹ Estimated. ² Forecast.

Sources: *Crop Production*, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and *Oilseed Crushings*, Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 5--Cottonseed meal: U.S. supply and disappearance

Year beg. Oct. 1	Supply			Disappearance				Ending stocks
	Beginning stocks	Imports	Production	Total	Domestic	Exports	Total	
<i>1,000 short tons</i>								
2005/06	53	0	1,372	1,425	1,225	141	1,366	59
2006/07 ¹	59	0	1,241	1,301	1,133	105	1,238	63
2007/08 ²	63	0	1,205	1,268	1,133	85	1,218	50

¹ Estimated. ² Forecast.

Source: *Oilseed Crushings*, Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 6--Cottonseed oil: U.S. supply and disappearance

Year beg. Oct. 1	Supply			Disappearance				Ending stocks
	Beginning stocks	Imports	Production	Total	Domestic	Exports	Total	
<i>Million pounds</i>								
2005/06	76	1	951	1,028	860	67	927	101
2006/07 ¹	101	1	849	951	708	138	845	106
2007/08 ²	106	1	835	942	734	118	852	90

¹ Estimated. ² Forecast.

Sources: *Oilseed Crushings and Production, Consumption, and Stocks*, Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 7--Peanuts: U.S. supply and disappearance

Year beg. Aug. 1	Supply			Disappearance						Ending stocks
	Beginning stocks	Imports	Production	Total	Domestic food	Crush	Seed & residual	Exports	Total	
<i>Million pounds</i>										
2005/06	1,415	32	4,870	6,317	2,616	542	501	491	4,150	2,167
2006/07 ¹	2,167	58	3,464	5,689	2,585	513	468	603	4,169	1,520
2007/08 ²	1,520	55	3,741	5,316	2,468	530	393	575	3,966	1,350

¹ Estimated. ² Forecast.

Sources: *Crop Production* and *Peanut Stocks and Processors*, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 8--Oilseed prices received by U.S. farmers

Marketing year	Soybeans \$/bu.	Cottonseed \$/ton	Sunflower \$/cwt.	Canola \$/cwt.	Peanuts Cents/lb.	Flaxseed \$/bu.
1997/98	6.47	121.00	11.60	11.30	28.30	5.81
1998/99	4.93	129.00	10.60	10.30	28.40	5.05
1999/00	4.63	89.00	7.53	7.82	25.40	3.79
2000/01	4.54	105.00	6.89	6.71	27.40	3.30
2001/02	4.38	90.50	9.62	8.77	23.40	4.29
2002/03	5.53	101.00	12.10	10.60	18.20	5.77
2003/04	7.34	117.00	12.10	10.60	19.30	5.88
2004/05	5.74	107.00	13.70	10.70	18.90	8.07
2005/06	5.66	96.00	12.10	9.62	17.30	5.94
2006/07	6.43	111.00	14.50	11.90	17.70	5.80
2007/08 ¹	9.90-10.90	145-175	19.60-21.20	17.65-19.25	21.2-22.8	12.45-13.45
2006/07						
September	5.23	97.00	11.60	NA	17.30	5.46
October	5.52	98.00	12.10	NA	17.20	5.41
November	6.08	113.00	12.50	NA	17.20	5.38
December	6.18	120.00	13.60	NA	17.60	5.73
January	6.37	121.00	13.80	NA	17.80	6.03
February	6.87	130.00	14.90	NA	17.80	6.39
March	6.95	NA	15.60	NA	17.80	6.79
April	6.88	NA	15.90	NA	18.30	6.72
May	7.12	NA	16.60	NA	17.90	7.08
June	7.51	NA	17.00	NA	18.10	7.81
July	7.56	NA	18.40	14.50	18.70	8.14
August	7.72	NA	18.40	14.60	18.00	8.64
2007/08						
September	8.18	137.00	17.70	15.00	18.60	9.55
October	8.36	153.00	17.80	16.30	21.40	11.60
November	9.41	160.00	18.40	16.60	21.70	12.90
December ¹	10.40	171.00	20.00	20.80	20.90	13.20

¹ Preliminary. NA = Not available.

Source: *Agricultural Prices*, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Table 9--U.S. vegetable oil and fats prices

Marketing year	Soybean oil ²	Cottonseed oil ³	Sunflower oil ⁴	Canola oil ⁴	Peanut oil ⁵	Corn oil ⁶	Lard ⁶	Edible tallow ⁶
<i>Cents/lb.</i>								
1997/98	25.80	28.85	27.00	28.83	49.21	28.94	19.46	20.69
1998/99	19.90	27.32	20.10	22.48	40.72	25.30	14.66	15.14
1999/00	15.60	21.52	16.68	17.11	35.96	17.81	13.64	13.21
2000/01	14.15	15.98	15.89	17.56	34.97	13.54	14.61	13.43
2001/02	16.46	17.98	23.25	23.45	32.23	19.14	13.55	13.87
2002/03	22.04	37.75	33.11	29.75	46.70	28.17	18.13	17.80
2003/04	29.97	31.21	33.41	33.76	60.84	28.43	26.13	22.37
2004/05	23.01	28.01	43.71	30.78	53.63	27.86	21.80	18.48
2005/06	23.41	29.47	40.64	31.00	44.48	25.18	21.74	18.16
2006/07	31.02	35.70	58.03	40.57	52.99	31.80	28.43	27.32
2007/08 ¹	45.5-49.5	66.0-70.0	87.0-91.0	60.0-64.0	96.0-100.0	59.5-63.5	34.5-38.5	36.5-40.5
2006/07								
October	24.80	27.44	52.94	34.50	52.67	24.70	23.55	19.86
November	27.64	30.25	56.00	37.63	52.50	26.47	20.78	21.78
December	27.63	30.75	56.33	38.42	50.00	28.05	22.58	23.23
January	28.00	31.00	55.56	38.56	49.25	28.05	23.00	23.91
February	28.94	32.69	54.50	40.06	46.25	28.66	23.82	23.25
March	29.74	33.00	53.25	38.95	48.20	29.08	30.75	24.34
April	31.06	34.38	52.69	38.44	52.63	29.93	27.71	26.22
May	32.90	37.75	53.44	40.44	55.63	31.56	28.60	30.19
June	34.01	40.00	57.31	42.56	62.56	34.71	32.64	34.50
July	35.74	42.44	65.00	45.00	69.63	37.25	36.00	35.00
August	34.87	42.15	68.80	44.25	70.00	39.61	35.77	32.85
September	36.89	46.56	70.50	48.00	73.00	43.61	36.00	32.69
2007/08								
October	38.10	52.20	73.50	50.38	76.75	52.50	35.09	33.98
November	42.68	63.60	84.80	57.30	93.20	56.32	33.78	36.88
December ¹	45.16	66.63	86.50	61.50	98.50	59.47	32.66	35.28

¹ Preliminary. ² Decatur, IL. ³ PBSY Greenwood, MS. ⁴ Midwest. ⁵ Southeast mills. ⁶ Chicago.

NA= Not available.

Sources: *Monthly Feedstuff Prices* and *Peanut Report*, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Table 10--U.S. oilseed meal prices

Marketing year	Soybean meal ²	Cottonseed meal ³	Sunflower meal ⁴	Peanut meal ⁵	Canola meal ⁶	Linseed meal ⁴
\$/Short ton						
1997/98	185.30	144.00	84.20	210.25	131.15	117.54
1998/99	138.50	109.55	64.20	122.02	112.28	84.49
1999/00	167.62	127.43	75.00	108.15	117.07	103.42
2000/01	173.62	142.93	90.50	119.75	139.20	121.92
2001/02	167.72	136.16	87.27	112.32	143.33	121.29
2002/03	181.58	146.12	105.00	128.35	144.06	122.91
2003/04	256.05	183.47	111.14	177.56	188.45	159.25
2004/05	182.90	124.04	85.50	118.34	139.75	115.55
2005/06	174.17	144.27	77.46	106.98	140.52	115.53
2006/07	205.44	150.36	104.88	100.00	173.38	133.01
2007/08 ¹	305-335	205-235	160-190	190-220	215-245	185-215
2005/06						
October	166.22	133.13	73.25	105.50	130.13	100.38
November	170.32	132.50	64.80	102.50	139.55	113.60
December	193.17	175.00	70.00	100.88	158.06	118.00
January	183.64	172.50	NA	NA	150.05	127.25
February	176.73	152.50	NA	114.50	143.94	130.17
March	175.07	148.75	98.00	113.50	134.74	129.00
April	174.64	144.38	90.33	113.17	136.04	126.63
May	175.77	131.50	72.60	113.33	136.59	119.10
June	176.83	135.00	66.50	107.13	139.63	116.88
July	168.97	132.50	76.50	107.50	137.83	111.50
August	159.76	134.50	79.33	100.00	143.28	101.10
September	168.87	139.00	83.33	98.75	136.38	92.75
2006/07						
October	177.71	132.40	87.00	98.50	149.77	100.75
November	190.67	131.88	98.50	98.50	166.80	118.13
December	180.63	152.50	109.00	98.00	163.17	123.33
January	190.36	161.00	114.67	98.50	173.30	134.20
February	208.81	174.75	152.50	98.50	198.37	156.38
March	205.26	185.50	132.50	NA	195.37	156.25
April	189.37	148.25	118.75	NA	169.01	149.00
May	198.66	137.00	99.80	NA	168.19	135.10
June	229.70	131.25	85.13	NA	189.11	132.00
July	222.05	137.50	83.13	NA	171.14	135.75
August	217.63	144.75	74.63	NA	159.33	123.88
September	254.41	167.50	103.00	NA	176.98	131.38
2007/08						
October	260.55	183.40	138.40	NA	167.24	170.20
November	280.76	176.25	133.75	NA	192.28	184.63
December ¹	314.78	196.67	158.67	NA	226.30	186.83

¹ Preliminary. ² Hi-pro Decatur, IL. ³ 41% Memphis. ⁴ 28% Minneapolis.

⁵ 50% Southeast mills. ⁶ 36% Pacific Northwest. NA= Not available.

Source: *Monthly Feedstuff Prices*, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.