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Global Medium-term Outlook for Soybean and Impact on India
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Global Agri Markets

- Last 20 years, EMs drove global agri market developments; will continue next 10 years
- In driving global agri and food consumption China's role waning; India / SE Asia expected gain influence due growing urban population and rising affluence; will account for 1/3rd of growth
- Overall, growth in feed use of crops expected to outpace growth in direct food use;

Feed demand

- Feed demand will be driven by shift to higher share of animal-derived foods in diets; will result in expansion / intensification of livestock production
- Protein meal use dominantly as livestock feed; soymeal is 3/4th of global protein meal sector; but regional variations will play out next 10 years
- **How** ?

Variations in feed demand growth

- In EU, protein meal consumption set to decline as animal production declines; also, large retail chains market animal products as 'produced from non-GM feed crops'
- Demand growth in China set to slow due improved feed efficiency, slowing economy
- In SE Asia, demand set to expand with increasing animal production

Soybean Production Outlook

- Soybean production projected to grow by 0.8% next 10 years v/s 2.0% last 10 years. Yield increases will continue to drive output growth
- As fast growing crop, soybean allows for double-cropping in Latin America. Soybean with maize in Brazil and with wheat in Argentina.
- Global soybean production projected to expand from ~400 MMT in 2023 to ~430 MMT in 2033 with increases in Russia, Ukraine, Canada
- World protein meal output to rise from 390 MMT to 420 MMT by 2033

Feed demand

- 16% of global animal feed use in South Asia and SE Asia, mainly India + Indonesia + Vietnam.
- By 20233, region's feed use set to rise by 25%
- Use of maize and protein meal as primary ingredients in feed rations expected to expand by 31% and 26% by 2033
- Will region's production be able to match??
- Sustainable animal feed market has to be part of sustainable animal agri ecosystem

Soybean is a composite economy

- It is FOOD; it is FEED; it is FUEL;
- How do Indian stakeholders perceive soy?
- Emerging scenario: domestic demand growth to outpace domestic production growth; will tighten S-D fundamentals;
- Increased global supply will look for markets
- India will be the target market for surplus soy
- Animal protein v/s Vegetable protein

Challenges confronting Indian soy

- Land constraints; water shortage; climate change; low yields; unsteady output; volatile market prices; weak demand promotion; impact of unregulated soyoil import;
- Indian soy industry should be growing robustly, but is just about managing to survive / stay afloat; need creative disruption of status quo low level equilibrium trap; need tech-based end-to-end solutions

Research Priority

- Industry should be clear about where it wants to be by 2030 and beyond.
- •Sponsor research study for demand projection (food, feed); ways to promote health and nutrition; value addition; strategy to ensure higher yields; ways to protect growers' interest; export promotion; how to use tech to capture greater value; supply chain efficiency

Thank You. God Bless You All

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