BO India Palm Imports YoY Z

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What this signal is

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How the inputs compose

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What the state-conditional returns have actually done

The soybean-oil forward-60-day return baseline (unconditional) is mean plus 1.54 percent, median plus 0.24 percent.

> **Reference baseline (8,989 soybean-oil-aligned forward-60-day windows over the live engine window)**
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> Soybean-oil forward-60-day return baseline: mean plus 1.54 percent, median plus 0.24 percent. Phase 0 source: Z102043 engine parquet joined with CBOT soybean-oil back-adjusted continuous closes.

India palm imports surging (Phase +1), 3,824 trading days, returned on average plus 0.97 percent.

Normal (Phase +0), 386 trading days, returned on average plus 3.17 percent.

India palm imports weak (Phase −1), 4,779 trading days, returned on average plus 0.31 percent.

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Three cases that frame how to read the signal

Case 1: 2025-10 composite series maximum

On 2025-10-02 the composite reached its series maximum plus 1.000. Soybean-oil subsequent 60-day behavior aligned with the india palm imports surging regime pattern.

Case 2: 2008-10 composite series minimum

On 2008-10-01 the composite reached its series minimum minus 1.000. Soybean-oil subsequent 60-day behavior aligned with the india palm imports weak regime pattern.

Case 3: May 2021 palm supply shock window

The May 2021 Malaysia palm labour crunch tightened global vegetable-oil balances; many soybean-oil signals revalued during the window.

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How to use the signal today

This is a regime detector on a 60-day forward horizon. Three best uses. First, as a regime filter for soybean-oil exposure (Phase +1 equals india palm imports surging). Second, as a cross-check against price-momentum and vegetable-oil cross-market signals. Third, as a transition-window warning, pairing with price-based signals for conviction.

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Methodology notes

India is world 1 palm importer (15% of global trade). Indian import cycle drives Malaysia+Indonesia palm supply-demand to world palm price to BO substitution via veg-oil complex. BO-E1 Lapp veg-oils seat. The 1990 start reflects the earliest reliable source coverage.

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What this signal does not cover

Four caveats. The signal is a regime detector, not a timing signal. State-conditional means hold on average, not for every individual window. Regime persistence varies with growing-season, biofuel-policy, and macroeconomic backdrop. Individual regime windows can run longer or shorter than mean sample. State-conditional edges are backward-looking empirical averages. Future regimes may differ. The baseline is CBOT soybean-oil back-adjusted continuous (BO_1210BD).

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