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Abstracts

Copra Meal Market, at a 4.87% CAGR, is expected to grow from USD 2.734 billion in 2025 to USD 3.637 billion in 2031.

Copra meal—the residual cake obtained after mechanical or solvent extraction of coconut oil—remains a competitively priced, medium-protein (typically 20–24 % CP as-fed), moderate-energy feed ingredient valued primarily in ruminant, equine, and certain aquaculture diets. Its amino acid profile is limited by low lysine and methionine, yet its palatability, bypass-protein characteristics, and absence of anti-nutritional factors continue to support steady demand in tropical and subtropical livestock systems.

Global consumption is tightly linked to three structural drivers. First, rising per-capita animal-protein demand in emerging economies continues to expand monogastric and ruminant inventories, with feed compounders seeking cost-effective protein alternatives to soybean meal when the soy/copra price ratio widens. Second, aquaculture—particularly omnivorous and herbivorous warm-water species (tilapia, carp, catfish, and vannamei shrimp)—is increasing inclusion rates of expeller-pressed, low-aflatoxin copra meal as fishmeal prices remain elevated. Third, the equine sector in Australia, New Zealand, and parts of Europe maintains a loyal niche for high-quality “cool-energy” copra meal as a safe, low-NSC feed for laminitis-prone and high-performance horses.

Asia-Pacific dominates both production and consumption, accounting for >90 % of global copra meal output. The Philippines and Indonesia together supply roughly 60–65 % of world trade, followed by India and Sri Lanka. Export-oriented crushing capacity is concentrated in a handful of large, integrated coconut-oil mills (Cargill, Wilmar, Primex, Quezon Coco Oil) that can switch between solvent and expeller processes depending on meal quality requirements and aflatoxin risk. Domestic consumption is rising fastest in India and Vietnam, where government procurement and minimum-support-price

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mechanisms for copra encourage local compounders to formulate higher inclusions in cattle and buffalo rations.

Government policy has emerged as a meaningful swing factor. Minimum support prices and export-tax structures in India, direct subsidies and price incentives in Papua New Guinea, and occasional Philippine export quotas all influence the relative attractiveness of crushing for oil versus retaining meal in domestic feed channels. When copra MSP rises faster than soybean meal futures, Indian compounders can economically include 10–20 % copra meal in dairy and layer rations without amino-acid correction.

Competitive positioning versus other protein sources remains the primary constraint. Copra meal trades at a persistent 15–30 % discount to soybean meal on a protein-unit basis, yet its lower digestibility and amino-acid balance limit inclusion above 10–15 % in most monogastric diets without synthetic lysine supplementation. Sunflower meal, rapeseed/canola meal, and palm-kernel expeller compete directly in the medium-protein, high-fiber segment, while distillers grains and corn gluten feed offer alternative bypass-protein sources in ruminant formulations.

Quality segmentation is sharpening. Premium “white” expeller copra meal (

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