

Report week 10

Corn:

South Korea's Korea Corn Processing Industry Association (KOCOPIA) purchased about 55,000 tonnes of optional origin corn in a tender on Thursday

- Price was \$199.75 a tonne c&f including surcharge for unloading at a second port. Seller was ADM. The corn can contain genetically-modified organisms (GMOs) and is for arrival in the ports of Incheon and Kunsan by June 30

Black sea (Ukraine) with the stronger \$ last week was less active depending on position still quoted between 173 and 168 US\$. New crop was quoted nominally around the +40 level.

Constanta was traded around the 157€ level for deferred positions. Because of the sharp drop of the €/\$ this was a more interesting price/parity to buy as it calculates to a level around 171\$.

Hungarian Danube corn traded FOB between 131 and 135€, the premium for guaranteed DON levels in the corn is almost gone.

On the Dutch market some pricing took place for the march/april positions by Dutch end-consumers. April paper position was traded at 160€, may/june at 163€. For the deferred positions it was a relatively quiet market.

Wheat:

Jordan's state grain buyer has purchased 50,000 tonnes of optional-origin hard wheat in an international tender for 100,000 tonnes which closed on Wednesday

- The wheat was purchased at \$241.50 a tonne c&f for shipment during the second half of June

The Korea Feed Association (KFA) purchased 40,000 tonnes of optional-origin feed wheat in a tender which closed on Thursday

- The KFA's Busan section made the purchase at \$217.65 a tonne c&f plus a \$1.25 a tonne surcharge for additional port unloading. Seller was ADM Asia. The shipment should arrive at the ports of Incheon/Ulsan/Busan by Aug. 20.

Private Iranian companies have purchased about 85,000 tonnes of wheat to be sourced from the European Union and Black Sea region. The grain was for March shipment and comprised 60,000 tonnes from Germany and the Baltic Sea region and a further 25,000 tonnes from the Black Sea area.

The Taiwan Flour Millers' Association has issued a tender to buy 83,950 tonnes of grade 1 milling wheat to be sourced from the United States. Tender deadline is March 11.

The wheat is sought in two consignments, with 37,650 tonnes for shipment between Apr. 28 and May 12 and 46,300 tonnes for shipment between May 15-29

German 12.5pro market traded Spot cargo @ +15. Port line-ups in Hamburg/Rostock are huge for March but with the €/\$ dropping, the 60k traded to Iran for March shipment (see above) was said to be based on German goods. New crop German 12.5pro quoted from sellers around +12/+11 with a trade reported for only September @ +9. Polish 12.5 market traded +12 for April position and is further offered but buying interest lacking (+11 potential buyer, but panamax size only)

Feed wheat Dutch market was relatively quiet last week with nominal value around 180€ for old crop as well as new crop.

Barley:

French barley new crop was traded around 204US\$ FOB with still good demand from China for these particular goods. For the German barley market old and new crop nominal values are around 190US\$. New crop in the delivered market last week in Germany traded up to 171.5€ cif/franko which calculates to a 192\$ FOB equivalent price.

Barley on the Danube values for old and new crop discussed 148€ buying ideas against sellers @ 151€.

Dutch market quiet this week with nominal values relatively unchanged @ 172€ (old and new crop)

Sunseed/Sunoil:

Sunflower oil was active during the start of week 10 with first levels trading round 770 USD for May/June positions. The quick start of this week gave us the idea that the tendency to go towards this crops lows had past. However, towards the end of the week levels started slowly decreasing again. With Palm oil under pressure due to weak demand from the biodiesel sector and Soy oil prices decreasing due to Brazil's big Soybean crop coming onto the market in the coming weeks, Sunflower oil has seen some heavy pressure. During mid-week trades for May/June positions had already reached low 760s levels. End of the week buyers decreased bids to 738 at best against sellers at 750 USD.

The Sunflower seeds market on the Black sea was again rather slow during week 10. Old crop was showing some movement due to strong decline in Sunflower oil prices. This resulted in 405 USD being trade for March/April positions. New crop seller decreased a bit which led to offers at 383 USD against bids at 380 USD. While the bid-ask spread improved from last week it was still not enough to trade new crop Sunflower seeds.