Report week 17

CORN

CBOT corn did move this week (490-510) but week-on-week not much happened. Levels CZ4 still hovering around 5usd and most physical traders do not believe in current levels. Once we will not break 513cz and set lower tops every time we will lose at least 15 to 20cts in the next month. Weather wise no real surprises are being expected.

Korea (KFA) purchased 60,000 tonnes of corn which can be sourced optionally from the United States or South America in a tender for the same volume which closed on Monday

- It was purchased from Toepfer International at $265.79 a tonne c&f plus a $1.50 a tonne surcharge for extra port unloading

The KFA had sought corn from the United States, South America or other origins for arrival by Oct. 15.

Equivalent Ukrainian premium will not be more than +70cz4 where market is currently +80 vs +95cz4 without real action. Old crop Ukrainian corn is trading into Iran at FOB levels around 247usd. EU buyers are not even close. Current price level is 244 vs 247usd for MAY shipment.
Old crop in Romania is offered at 249usd for big sizes, but there we don't see demand either. Iranian buyers need one origin only so combining of Romanian, Serbian and other origin does not work for now.

Interior European market is very quiet, paper trades are non-existent at the moment for old crop and new crop market remains about 2/3 euro apart. One thing is for sure, corn will not be the cheapest grain in Europe this year as barley is losing ground due international barley market/situation

WHEAT

Wheat on Chicago, after a big crash on Monday, started to recover again this week. With a 4 days in a row climb due to tension in the Ukraine and now topping the 700$/bushel threshold. Rains did not reach much of the US wheat belt this week, about 30/40% of the area could still miss water.

Private importers in Morocco in the past week purchased about 30,000 tonnes of wheat from Poland the wheat was probably for April shipment, given that Morocco is set to resume customs duties on soft wheat imports on April 30 following a brief suspension

New crop Russian milling wheat (12.5protein) traded this week around the 270US$ level.

Interior Paper market very quiet this week as feed wheat is by far the most expensive commodity compared to corn and also barley.

Philippine animal feed makers have purchased about 55,000 tonnes of feed wheat to be sourced from India on Friday. It was purchased at just below $300 a tonne c&f for June shipment

The Lebanese government's grains buyer has issued a new international tender to purchase 30,000 tonnes of milling wheat. The wheat is sought for shipment between 15-19 May. Tender deadline is Tuesday, Apr. 29

The Philippines have issued an international tender to purchase 90,000 tonnes of feed wheat on Friday. The tender sought wheat with 11 % protein for shipment in July. The tender closes on Monday.

Jordan's state grain buyer has issued an international tender to purchase 150,000 tonnes of milling wheat from optional origins. The tender deadline is May 6th
The wheat is sought in a range of shipment combinations in 50,000 tonne consignments between July 1 and Sept. 30

BARLEY

Mixed feeling on the Barley market as International market still very depressed under pressure of Russian offers, putting pressure on EU prices. Saudi Arabia imports this season are called at 9 million tons (2 million tons more than normal) so can do without new shipments coming months.

This development pushing EU Black Sea market down to usd 240-245 fob. Will be difficult to do same exports as this season ex EU (5 million tons) and will keep barley prices under pressure.
However into the compound-feed, feed barley is starting to become attractive in comparison with corn and especially feed wheat

Next test case will be Jordan tender, see below

Jordan's state grain buyer has issued an international tender to purchase 150,000 tonnes of animal feed barley. The tender deadline is May 7th the barley is sought in a range of shipment combinations in 50,000 tonne consignments between Aug. 1 and Sept. 30.

Import/Export licences EU:

mt	EXPORT Licences	IMPORT Licences
Soft wheat	24,284,956 t	1, 356, 008 t
Wheat flour	628,746 t	24, 711 t
Durum Wheat	755,769 t	1, 397,105 t
Durum Wheat Meal		
Durum Wheat Flour		
Barley	5,122,344 t	26,132 t
Maize	2,345,547 t	11, 347,390 t
Rye	155,674 t	
Oats	216,162 t	54 t
Sorghum		182, 338 t
Triticale	0 t	