

# Report week 13

## Corn:

The Korea Feed Association (KFA) bought 60,000 tonnes of feed corn in a directly-negotiated purchase after rejecting offers in an international tender for corn which closed on Thursday

- The KFA's Busan section purchased the yellow corn at \$196.99 a tonne c&f. The corn can be sourced from optional origins including the United States and South America, seller was CHS.

Taiwan's MFIG purchasing group has issued a tender to buy up to 65,000 tonnes of corn which can be sourced from the United States, Brazil, Argentina or South Africa

The tender closes on March 31 and the tonnage sought varied according to the origin

Between 60,000 to 65,000 tonnes can be sourced from the United States or Brazil, between 50,000 to 65,000 tonnes from Argentina and 50,000 tonnes from South Africa

Shipment from the U.S. Gulf, Brazil and Argentina is sought between May 4-23 and from the U.S. Pacific North West coast and South Africa between May 19-June 7.

A group of Israeli private buyers has issued international tenders to purchase up to 85,000 tonnes of corn and 45,000 tonnes of feed wheat all of optional origins. The tenders close on Wednesday, April 1. If based on European Union or Black Sea region supplies, some 35,000 tonnes of corn was sought for shipment between May 25 to June 15 and a further 50,000 tonnes between June 20 to July 10. And if based on EU or Black Sea supplies, shipment of 25,000 tonnes of feed wheat was sought between April 20 to May 10 and shipment of 20,000 tonnes between May 20 to June 10. Shipment periods from other origins may differ

Values Black sea (Ukraine) were moving up last week as local market was paid up, therefore prices rose to 175/174 US\$ FOB (May) and potential buyers are not ready to pay these prices. New crop was relatively far apart last week, oct/dec positions sellers indication +35 vs buying ideas +25/+27. For positions February/March sellers indicated +45 against buying interest 10 points below that.

Hungarian Danube corn FOB levels traded old crop basis April last week around 137€ and new crop basis October traded @ 144€.

On the Dutch market for the new crop Oct/Dec traded between 172 and 173€, further positions Jan/Mrt traded @ 178/178,5€.

## **Wheat:**

A flour mill in Oman purchased about 60,000 tonnes of milling wheat to be sourced from Russia in a tender which closed on Tuesday, the wheat was purchased at around \$230 a tonne cost and freight. The tender had sought wheat from Russia or Germany with minimum 12.5 percent protein content for shipment between July 15 to Aug. 15

Algeria's state grains agency OAIC bought 450,000 tonnes of milling wheat in a tender that closed on Wednesday. OAIC paid around \$226-\$227 a tonne, including cost and freight. The origin of the grain was optional and shipment was due in July. Some of the wheat was likely to come from France, Algeria's main supplier. But the French share could be limited by the July period which would coincide with the start of harvesting and also a big programme of French barley exports

The Korea Feed Association (KFA) bought 50,000 tonnes of feed wheat, after initially rejecting offers in a tender that closed on Thursday

- The KFA bought the optional-origin wheat at \$208.74 a tonne c&f plus a \$1.25 a tonne surcharge for additional port unloading. The KFA's Busan section had sought the wheat for arrival at Incheon, Ulsan and Busan ports by Oct. 20

Jordan's state grain buyer has issued two international tenders to purchase 100,000 tonnes of hard milling wheat and 100,000 tonnes of animal feed barley, both to be sourced from optional origins. The tender deadline for the wheat is April 8 and the deadline for the barley is April 7

Shipment of 50,000 tonnes of barley was sought in the first half of October and 50,000 tonnes in the second half of October

Shipment of 50,000 tonnes of wheat was sought in the second half of October and 50,000 tonnes in the first half of November

German/Polish milling wheat market really quiet last week as flat prices are considered too high for the world market. German/ polish milling wheat markets relatively quiet last week with Black sea being more competitive for the world market for old crop as well as new crop.

Feed wheat Dutch market also quiet last week old crop as well as new crop moving in premiums compared to matif (sellers -4/5 under matif vs buyers around -8)

## **Barley:**

French barley was quiet last week as supplies for old crop are getting smaller and prices were getting too expensive compared to Canadian origin. For the German barley market old crop is quoted around 185\$ FOB and new crop nominal values are around 193US\$. Saudi is bidding 195\$ CIF for jul/aug positions and 200\$ for September onwards, so German origin is out for the moment.

Dutch market some activity noticeable also front positions (apr/jun), trades between 172 and 175€

## Sunseed/Sunoil:

Ukrainian Sunflower oil was quiet during the first half of week 13. Buyers started indicating prices between 745 USD and 750 USD while the crushers were showing a clear resistance at 770 USD for AMJ positions. The selling side was mainly made up out of crushers, which made trading difficult. Wednesday some smaller quantity was traded between trading houses at 755 USD for May. End of the week buyers started improving prices and reached up to the levels shown by the crush. Some trades were recorded at high 760s USD for July/August positions. The Friday end with a bearish CBOT which pushed down on the Sunflower oil and showed us that the lowest point Sellers were able to reach was 765 USD. However buyers at this point were not willing to pay any more than 755 USD. During week 13 the Sunflower oil clear only followed the Palm and Soybean oil movement when it was firming. Weakening signals from other oil markets had a minimum impact on the Sunflower oil.

The Sunflower seeds market on the Black sea was again rather slow during week 13. Old crop market was not showing many participants. New crop sellers increased USD prices a bit due to the exchange rate from last week which led to 375 USD offers.

