

Report week 7

Corn:

Taiwan's MFIG has purchased 60,000 tonnes of corn to be sourced from the United States in an international tender which closed on Tuesday. The tender had sought shipment between Apr. 1-20 from the U.S. Gulf or Apr. 15 to May 4 from the U.S. Pacific North West coast

- The corn was purchased combining an outright price of \$208.98 a tonne c&f and a premium of 128.60 cents per bushel c&f over the Chicago July corn contract.

South Korea's (NOFI), purchased up to 128,000 tonnes of corn and 55,000 tonnes of feed wheat in a tender on Wednesday, all of optional origin. The tender had sought corn for August/September arrival and wheat for June arrival.

- One consignment of up to 65,000 tonnes of corn was bought at \$203.48 a tonne c&f plus a \$1.50 a tonne surcharge for extra port unloading. The corn was for arrival around Aug. 20
- A second corn consignment of up to 63,000 tonnes was purchased at \$205.40 a tonne c&f plus a \$1.50 a tonne surcharge for additional port unloading for arrival around Aug. 30
- The feed wheat was all purchased at \$233.80 a tonne c&f plus a \$1.25 a tonne surcharge for additional port unloading for arrival around June 15

The Korea Feed Association (KFA) purchased up to 60,000 tonnes of optional-origin corn in a tender which closed on Thursday. The KFA rejected all offers and made no purchase of 30,000 tonnes of feed wheat also sought in the tender

- The corn was purchased by the KFA's Busan section from trading house CHS at \$204.25 a tonne c&f plus a \$1.50 per tonne surcharge for additional port unloading. Corn arrival should take place around Aug. 20.
- Lowest offer in the feed wheat tender was \$239.86 a tonne c&f plus a \$1.25 a tonne surcharge for additional port unloading. The wheat had been sought for arrival around May 20.

South Korea's (KOCOPIA) purchased about 53,000 tonnes of optional-origin corn in a tender on Thursday.

- The corn was purchased from ADM Asia Pacific at \$200.75 per tonne c&f including a surcharge for unloading at a second port. The tender had sought arrival by June 15.

Constanta traded last week between 155 and 156€. Black sea (Ukraine) traded, depending on position between 175 and 170 US\$. Spread for new crop in premiums was getting bigger again (+55 vs +45 nominal)

Hungarian Danube corn paper specs traded around the 128/129€ level, and corn with DON level guarantees (max 4000ppb) traded around the 134€ level. Values remain relatively stable now for weeks.

On the Dutch market it was very quiet last week, apr/jun traded at 165€ and new crop was discussed around the 167/166€ level.

Wheat:

South Korea's (MFG) on Wednesday purchased 45,000 tonnes of feed wheat which can be sourced from optional origins

- The wheat was bought at \$234 a tonne c&f for arrival around June 30. There is an additional surcharge of \$1.50 a tonne for the option of unloading at a second port. Seller was Glencore

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

- The wheat was purchased at \$239 a tonne c&f for shipment during September, both vessels were sold by Ameropa.

Morocco's state buyer ONICL has launched a tender to buy 360,000 tonnes of EU soft wheat and 45,000 tonnes of EU durum wheat under its reduced-tariff import quotas. The bidding deadline is on Feb. 20 and the delivery at the latest on May 31.

Bangladesh's state grains buyer said on Monday the lowest offers in its tender to buy 100,000 tonnes of wheat were at \$247.95 and \$263.25 per tonne.

- Agrocrops submitted the lowest offer of \$247.95 a tonne including CIF liner out for a 50,000 tonne consignment, which was sought with 10 percent protein content.
- Glencore quoted the lowest offer of \$263.25 a tonne including CIF liner out for the other consignment of 50,000 tonnes of wheat with 12.5 percent protein content.

The tender closed on Sunday and offers must remain valid until March 1. The wheat has to be shipped within 40 days after contract signing.

German 12.5pro in premiums nominal value around +19 over the March or May Matif depending on position. Polish traded 12.5 proteins for March +15.5 over the March MATIF. Nominal value for 11.5 proteins is quoted around 7 euro's under the value of the 12.5 proteins (both German and Polish)

Feedwheat Dutch market some Apr/Jun positions were traded between 178 and 181€. New crop premiums firming up -4 vs -7 under Dec MATIF.

Barley:

Jordan's state grain buyer has issued an international tender to purchase 100,000 tonnes of animal feed barley to be sourced from optional origins. Tender deadline is Feb. 17. The barley is sought in a range of shipment combinations in 50,000 tonne consignments between Aug. 1 and Sept. 30. Jordan had made no purchase in its previous tender for 100,000 tonnes of barley which closed on Tuesday.

French barley, old crop 214/215 US\$ buying ideas against sellers around the 218US\$, new crop 203 buyers vs 207 sellers. The spread against the German barley market is narrowing on improving demand for the German barley. German barley market old crop 205US\$ and new crop nominal around 200US\$. Black sea old crop around \$205 and Argentine quoted 215\$ FOB. Jordan made no purchase in last tender but a new tender is planned for tomorrow, let's see....

Sunseed/Sunoil:

This week the market was primarily initiated by the trading houses. Due to the Ukrainian Hryvnia farmers kept holding on to their Sunflowerseeds. This led to the crush offering sunflower oil 10/15 USD above the market or not offering any oil at all. While CBOT was not making any significant movements during this week the Ukrainian Sunflower oil market seemed to be weaker. While it was a quiet week with little activity there was some trading recorded round 750 USD for March, April, May and June positions.

The Sunflowerseeds market on the Blacksea started the week with bids at 415 USD against 420 USD offered. Towards the end of the week also this market was becoming weaker with sellers willing to decrease offers up to 10 USD. Buyers were also lowering their bids by 10/15 USD towards the end of this week which increased the bid-ask spread and led to little activity.