

BRAZIL'S SOYABEAN EXPORT IN 2017 ALREADY EXCEEDS THE TOTAL OF 2016

Exports of soyabeans in 2017 by Brazil, the world's largest exporter of oilseed, already surpass all the shipments registered last year, according to August partial data released Monday by the Secretariat of Foreign Trade (Secex). By the second week of August, Brazil had exported 53.37 million tons of soyabeans, compared to 51.58 million tons from January to December 2016, according to data from Secex and the Ministry of Agriculture. In the first two weeks of August exports totaled 2,424 million tons of soyabeans, the country's main export. Larger exports occur after the harvest of a record crop in the country, from 114 million tons in 2016/17, compared to 95.4 million in the previous season, affected by the drought. Exports, according to government data, are close to surpass the historic record of 54.3 million tons recorded in 2015. Abiove, which represents the Brazilian soya industry, estimates the product's exports at 64 million tons. This means that a volume of about 10 million tons of soyabeans will still compete with corn at the export terminals in the coming months - the issue is pointed out by some analysts as one of the factors for cereal shipments not yet being accelerated. Corn exports in the first two weeks of August totaled 1.77 million tons, bringing the total in the year to 7.30 million tons. Brazil is the second largest exporter of corn, behind the United States, according to data from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

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SUGAR PRODUCTION IN THE SECOND HALF OF JULY REACHES 3.41 MILLION TONS

Brazil's south-central mills produced a record 3.41 million tons of sugar in the second half of July, according to the Sugar Cane Industry Union (Unica). The volume surpasses the previous record of 3.34 million tons in the second half of August of the 2012/2013 crop, and reflects the dry climate, which benefited the harvest, and the greater targeting of raw material for product manufacture. In the second half of last month, 50.33% of the sugarcane supply was allocated for sugar manufacturing, an increase of 48.05% a year earlier.

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CORN ETHANOL PLANT INAUGURATED IN MATO GROSSO

FS Bioenergia, the first Brazilian mill to produce ethanol exclusively from corn, will be officially inaugurated in Lucas do Rio Verde (MT), with the capacity to manufacture up to 240 million liters of biofuel per year. A joint venture between Fiagril Participações and the North American manager Summit Agricultural Group, the unit received investment of 450 million reais and should take advantage of the large grain production in Mato Grosso, the largest Brazilian corn producer. According to the company, the plant will still have the potential to produce up to 186k tons of corn bran (DDG) annually, of which 125k tons of bran with a high fiber content and 61k tons of bran with a high protein content Of 7k tons of corn oil. The plant will also generate electricity from biomass, supplying its internal consumption and making it possible to sell surplus production. FS Bioenergia's cogeneration capacity will be 60,000 megawatts, and the test operation has already been authorized by the Ministry of Mines and Energy. The inauguration of the corn ethanol

plant, which will be attended by President Michel Temer and Agriculture Minister Blairo Maggi, comes amid a record crop of almost 100 million tons.

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GRAIN HARVEST IN MINAS GERAIS INCREASES 19%

The grain harvest in Minas Gerais is expected to reach 14.1 million tons in the 2016/2017 harvest, an increase of 19.8% over the amount harvested in the last harvest. The data are from the National Supply Company (Conab) and were analyzed by the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (Seapa). Corn was the main cultivated crop in the state with harvest of 7.6 million tons, an increase of 28.1% in relation to the previous harvest. The area planted with grain reached 1.3 million hectares and productivity should be 6k kilos per hectare. Soya production reached 5 million tons, in a planted area of 1.5 million hectares and a productivity of 3.4k kilos per hectare. Corn contributes with 54% of the grain harvest in the state and the soyabean share is 35.5%. The two products, together, represent almost 90% of the grain production.

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SOYABEAN FLOW INCREASED IN THE NORTH ARC

Mato Grosso exports of soyabeans in July reached 1.57 million tons, accumulating a record of 15.95 million tons shipped in the first seven months of the year, according to a report by the Mato Grosso Institute of Agricultural and Livestock Economics (Imea). According to the institute, South Arc (with emphasis on the ports of Santos and Paranaguá) is still the main route for the disposal of Mato Grosso soyabeans, with a share of 53.47% of shipments in the 2016/17 harvest. However, North Arc port terminals recorded the largest share of Mato Grosso shipments in relation to the last harvest, of 41.42%. According to Imea, the improvement in the Mato Grosso logistics can further increase the competitiveness of the Northern Arc, and may reflect positively on domestic prices.

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SECOND HARVEST OF CORN IN PARANÁ IS ESTIMATED AT 13 MILLION TONS

According to the most recent crop monitoring report of the Department of Rural Economy (Deral), an agency linked to the Secretariat of Agriculture and Food Supply of Paraná (Seab), the harvest of second corn crop in the state reached 67% of the area cultivated with cereal. In the current season, according to the organ, were planted about 2.45 million hectares with the grain. The department expects the State to have a production of 13.71 million tons, a volume 35% higher than the one registered in the previous harvest.

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EUROCHEM SELLS 3 MILLION TONS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR

EuroChem Group AG reported consolidated sales in 2017 of US \$ 1.06 billion, 5% higher than in the corresponding period of 2016. Its performance in 2017 increased sales to US \$ 2.40 billion, 6% above sales of US \$ 2.27 billion made in 2016. Higher operating income generated second-quarter profit before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) increased 15% year-on-year to \$ 241 million from



\$ 210 million in the same period last year. First-half EBITDA was \$ 590 million, 4% from \$ 613 million a year ago. Fertilizer sales volumes of 3.13 million tons in 2017 brought volumes to 6.78 million tons, compared to 6.73 million tons in 2016, as EuroChem changed its product mix to products Complexes, AN and MAP, in light of the most competitive commercial landscape of urea and UAN. The group's expanded distribution capabilities support sales of third-party fertilizer products of 1.84 million tons, compared with 1.82 million tons in 2016. The volume of sales of mining products for the three months ended June 30, 2017 was lower year-on-year and amounted to 1.15 million tons. However, the first half volumes of 2.84 million tons were 2% higher than last year's level.

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VALUE OF PRODUCTION FOR 2017 IF REVISED TO R\$ 535.4 BILLION

The Gross Value of Agricultural Production (VBP) for this year was estimated at R \$ 535.4 billion by the Secretariat of Agricultural Policy of the Ministry of Agriculture, based on price and production data for June. The amount was 4.5% higher than the one calculated for 2016 (R \$ 512.5 billion) and grew from the estimated US \$ 534.3 billion in June. According to the calculations, the result of the crops corresponds to R \$ 367.9 billion and that of cattle raising to R\$ 167.5 billion. Growth in the real value of crops is estimated at R\$ 34.079 billion with a projection of R\$ 23.2 billion increase in the income of sugarcane producers, to US\$ 73.3 billion. soyabeans continue to lead with revenues of R\$ 115.6 billion, \$ 2.587 billion above the previous year.

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AVERAGE OIL PRODUCTION IN BRAZIL DECREASES 3.3% IN JULY

Petrobras' total production of oil and natural gas in July reached 2.74 million barrels of oil equivalent per day (boed). Of this total, 2.63 million boed were produced in Brazil and 114k boed abroad. According to the state-owned company, last month the average oil production in the country was 2.12 million barrels per day (bpd), which represents a decrease of 3.3% compared to June. According to the company, the scheduled shutdown of the P-58 platform, which operates in the fields of Jubarte, Anan Whale, Baleia Azul and Baleia Franca, in the Campos Basin, was the one that most impacted the result. In relation to the production of natural gas, excluding the liquefied volume, there was a fall of 0.4% in relation to the previous month, reaching 80 million m³ / d. Also in July, the production of oil and natural gas operated by Petrobras in its own share and partners in the pre-salt layer was also reduced. The result of 1.61 million bpd, meant reduction of 4.3% in comparison to June. In the company's view, the volume is mainly due to the planned shutdown of the P-58 platform. Already abroad, oil production was balanced, with a result of 65k bpd in July compared to June. Natural gas production increased by 2.9% in the same comparison, with a total of 8.4 million m³ / d. The rise was caused by increased demand for Bolivian gas.

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CLIMATE FAVORS GRINDING, BUT SHOULD REDUCE CANE OFFER IN NEXT MONTHS

The Central-South producing units processed 50.74 million tons of sugarcane in the second half of July. In the same period of 15 days of 2016 and 2015, the milled quantity reached 49.43 million tons and 49.67 million tons, respectively. Even before this expansion, from the beginning of the 2017/2018 harvest until August 1st, milling is still behind by 14.78 million tons. So far, this sum totaled 297.33 million tons, against 312.10 million registered until the same date of the crop 2016/2017. Regarding agricultural productivity, in the accumulated from April to July the reduction in sugarcane yield in the Center-South reached 2.91%, according to a study by the Sugarcane Technology Center (CTC). During this period, agricultural productivity in the region totaled 82.44 tons per hectare, compared to 84.91 tons in the previous crop. Specifically, in the last month of July, agricultural productivity reached 83.11 tons per hectare, down 0.54% when compared to the index observed in the same month of 2016 - 83.56 tons per hectare. The climatic condition characterized by the dry climate observed almost two months ago in the main producing regions of the Center-South favored the operationalization of the harvest in the last 15 days, but it should accentuate the fall in agricultural productivity of the area that will be harvested in the coming harvest months. Sugar production in the last 15 days of July totaled 3.41 million tons, up 9.54% over the same 15 days of 2016. In the accumulated period of the current harvest until August 1, this increase is lower: 3.48%, With 17.57 million tons manufactured compared to 16.97 million tons in the last crop. The volume of ethanol produced reached 2.08 billion liters in the second half of July, the same as in the same period last year. Of this volume, 934.75 million liters refers to anhydrous ethanol - higher than the 915.04 million computed in the same period of 15 days of 2016. The production of hydrated ethanol fell: 1.14 billion liters manufactured in the final 15 days of July Of the current crop, compared to 1.16 billion liters in the last year. From the beginning of the 2017/2018 harvest until the 1st. Of August, the manufacture of ethanol added 11.57 billion liters, with 6.58 billion liters of hydrate and 5.00 billion liters of anhydrous. In July, sales of ethanol by the plants in the Center-South totaled 2.12 billion liters, of which 185.83 million were destined for export and 1.93 billion for the domestic market. Of the total domestically sold, sales of anhydrous reached 823,70 million liters and those of hydrated totaled 1.11 billion. In the last 15 days of July, the domestic sales of anhydrous reached 427.28 million liters - practically the same as for the same fortnight of 2016 (427.00 million). About hydrated, the volume sold reached 564.14 million liters in the last two weeks of the month.

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