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CRYSTAL SUGAR OFFER KEEPS LIMITED AND PRICES UNDER 0.47%

The prices of crystal sugar remain firm in the spot market in the state of Sao Paulo. According to the Center for Advanced Studies in Applied Economics, from 14 to 18 October, the average of the CEPEA / ESALQ Indicator, São Paulo market, was R \$ 65.09 for each 50 kg bag, up 0.47. % compared to the average between October 7th and 11th, where the value was at \$ 64.79 per bag. According to Cepea researchers, mill agents continued to restrict the quantities offered for prompt delivery. Buyers who have been receiving sugar predominantly through contracts, in turn, have remained out of the spot market.

Source: Canal Rural

ETHANOL: PRICES UNDER THE FIVE CONSECUTIVE WEEK IN SAO PAULO

The strong demand at the retailer, due to the very favorable price ratio at the gas stations compared to fossil fuel, considering the energy efficiency differential, has kept ethanol prices rising in São Paulo, with the fifth week followed by increases, pointed out the Center for Advanced Studies in Applied Economics (Cepea). Between October 14 and 18, the CEPEA / ESALQ Indicator for hydrous ethanol closed at R \$ 1.80 per liter, a slight increase of 0.18% over the previous week. The CEPEA / ESALQ Indicator for anhydrous was R \$ 1.98 per liter, up 0.95% in the same period. According to the National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels, the relationship between the prices of the two fuels presents an average of 64.5% in this 2019/2020 crop.

Source: Canal Rural

FAVORABLE CLIMATE ALLOWS GROWTH ADVANCEMENT IN CENTRAL SOUTH

The amount of sugarcane processed by the Central South region's production units reached 37.47 million tons in the first half of October. Accumulated from the beginning of the 2019/2020 harvest until October 16, the milling totaled 510.26 million tons, compared to 485.97 million tons in the same period last year - up 5.00%. According to UNICA technical director Antonio de Padua Rodrigues, in 2018 spring rains were anticipated and compromised the operation of the harvest, reducing the use of grinding. "On the other hand, the 2019 climate condition has ensured a better operating yield in the last fortnight, allowing the crop to advance in relation to the rates observed in the last agricultural cycle," he concluded. In fact, the information gathered so far reveals an anticipation of the end of the 2019/2020 crop. By October 16 of this year, 25 South Central units had closed the crop, against 20 plants by the same date of 2018. In turn, these 25 companies recorded a 13.5% retraction in the milling. In the second half of the month, another 41 units are expected to complete the activities of this cycle, compared to only 32 in 2018.

Source: Unica

SUGAR AND ETHANOL PRODUCTION INCREASES IN RELATION TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR MONTH.

Following the fortnightly advance of the milling, sugar production grew in the first half of October this year and reached 1.91 million tons, against 1.12 million tons in the same fortnight of the previous year. During this period, 34.65% of sugarcane was destined to sugar production, compared to 32.30% observed in the first 15 days of October 2018. The UNICA executive warns that "in the current crop, the peak concentration of ATR has been shifted to late September and early October. Therefore, it was expected that the mills would have difficulty reversing more sugar cane for ethanol production in this period." With the fall in ATR over the next fortnight, an even more alcoholic mix of production is expected given attractive prices and heated demand for biofuel, Rodrigues added. Sugar production reached 23.71 million tons accumulated from the beginning of the 2019/2020 season until 16 October. This value is close to that recorded in 2018 (23.46 million tons), despite the increase of crushing in almost 25 million tons of sugarcane during the same period. "This increase in sugar production observed so far reflects the advancement of the harvest provided by favorable weather conditions in the last fortnight. However, this is a punctual condition, since the mentioned expansion of the grinding should not remain until the end of the harvest", analyzes the director of UNICA. "The accumulated crushing observed up to October 16th of that year was the same as that verified at the end of October 2018. When comparing these periods with equivalent crushing, it is possible to verify that sugar production today is below that registered in the 2018/2019 cycle", he added. The volume of ethanol manufactured, in turn, reached 2.29 billion liters in the first 15 days of October (689.25 million liters of anhydrous ethanol and 1.60 billion liters of hydrous ethanol). In the crop aggregate, biofuel production totaled 27.52 billion liters (8.31 billion liters of anhydrous ethanol and 19.20 billion liters of hydrous ethanol), up 5.93% over the same period of the previous year. 2018/2019 cycle. Importantly, the above results also incorporate the manufacture of renewable from corn. In the first half of October, this totaled 20.21 million liters of anhydrous ethanol and 44.06 million liters of hydrous ethanol. Accumulated production in the 2019/2020 season reached 667.32 million liters (448.08 million liters of hydrous ethanol and 219.23 million liters of anhydrous ethanol).

Source: Unica

ETHANOL SALES REACHES 1.42 BILLION LITERS

In the first 15 days of October, the sale of ethanol by the Central South region's production units totaled 1.42 billion liters. Of this amount, 1.34 billion liters were destined for the domestic market and only 73.82 million liters for export. Of the total sold in the domestic market, 357.76 million liters refer to anhydrous ethanol and 989.97 million liters to hydrous ethanol. In the case of hydrous ethanol, the figure represents a growth of 4.35% over the result of the same fortnight of 2018 (948.69 million liters). "Sales of hydrous ethanol by the Central South units confirm the heated demand for the product due to its competitiveness in most of the Brazilian market and the growth of light fuel consumption in the country," explains the director of UNICA. From April 1st to October 16th, domestic sales of hydrate have already risen by more than 15 percent to 12.61 billion liters, compared to just 10.96 billion in 2018.



Source: Unica

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CHINESE SOYA AND CORN IMPORTS INCREASE IN SEPTEMBER

Chinese soyabean imports totaled 8.2 million tons in September this year, up 2.3% from the same period last year, the Chinese Customs Department said this week. Year to date, the Asian country imported 64.510 million tons of oilseed. Among oilseed products, China acquired 90K tons of soyabean oil in September this year, up 15.4% from the same month last year. From January to September this year, the importation of the commodity totaled 610 thousand tons. Chinese imports of corn reached 140K tons in September, up 237.2% from September 2018. In the accumulated 2019, the country imported 3.87 million tons of cereal. From wheat, the Chinese imported 141K tons in September, 44.5% less than the same month last year. In the first nine months of the year, imports of cereal by the Asian country totaled 2.26 million tons. Fertilizer purchases by the Asian country were 119.9% higher than in the same month last year. In September, China imported 1.110 million tons of fertilizer. From January to September 2019, the country imported 9.30 million tons.

Source: Revista Globo Rural

IMPORTATION OF FERTILIZERS THROUGH PARANÁ PORTS WAS GREATER THAN 6.9 MILLION TONS

From January to September of this year, more than 6.9 million tons of fertilizers were discharged in the Ports of Paraná. In the port of Paranaguá alone, about 6.6 million tons were imported, totaling approximately US \$ 2.05 billion. The data were presented in Curitiba, at the annual Symposium of the Paraná Fertilizer and Correctives Industry Union (Sindiadubos). The CEO of the public company Portos do Paraná, Luiz Fernando Garcia, was one of the speakers of the event. In addition to presenting the numbers, he spoke of the infrastructure that the terminals in Paraná provide for importation. "The fertilizer sector is a very important sector for Paraná's port activities. A third of Brazil's imports enter our ports, so it is important that we have a close relationship with the productive sector," he says.

Source: Global Fert

PLANTING OF CROP 2019/20 CORN IN RS REACHES 72% OF AREA

The planting of the 2019/20 corn crop in Rio Grande do Sul reached 72% of the area of 771,578 hectares estimated for the season, an advance of 1% compared to the previous cycle, points out the Conjuntura Newsletter, released by Emater / RS-Ascar. this Thursday (24th). The estimated production is 5,948,712 tons, whose productivity should reach 7,710 kilograms per hectare. In the Emater / RS-Ascar region of Santa Rosa, the corn plantations implanted show initial development, since last week's rains, together with the milder temperatures at night, have favored the vegetative development. The return of moisture also ensured the technical conditions required for weed control and topdressing operations. Thus, the culture has been responding positively to the high evapotranspiration observed in the week. The first crops implanted are already at the beginning of the flowering phase.

Source: Universo Agro

