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MAIN PORTS IN BRAZIL HAVE CONTINUED OPERATIONS, BUT CORONAVIRUS CHANGES ROUTINE

Port of Santos, the largest in Latin America, will maintain its operations normally despite concerns related to the advancement of the new coronavirus in Brazil, said the president of the Union of Port Operators of the State of São Paulo (Sopesp), which represents companies operating in the area. The statement was made on Wednesday, after meeting with workers and port authorities to discuss measures to combat the spread of the disease, which has become a worldwide pandemic. In a statement sent to Reuters, the president of Sopesp, Regis Prunzel, said that workers support the initiative to maintain operations, although some measures must be taken. "The port maintains the normal operation, this is our position, the port authority itself will also take a position, and the workers are also in agreement and supporting the initiative," said Prunzel through an audio message. He also said that a crisis committee was created with representatives from all segments that operate in the port, from which the largest portion of coffee, sugar, soy and cotton exports from Brazil are based. The crisis committee will meet again on Friday, said Prunzel, adding that new security measures will be applied to protect the health of people involved in port activities. The day before, a letter sent to the Secretariat of Ports of the Presidency of the Republic by the union that represents the dockworkers in Santos, Guarujá and São Vicente had considered the total stoppage of operations in the port due to the coronavirus crisis. According to Sopesp, the hypothesis is out of the question and was not even considered at this morning's meeting. Operations at the port of Paranaguá (PR), the second most important in Brazil for agricultural commodities, such as soybeans, were also not interrupted and will continue normally, said one representative to Reuters via telephone. As part of new security measures applied since January at the port, boat captains have an obligation to report any suspicious cases among crew members. All people entering the port area must also present documents attesting to health conditions, added the press office. No suspicious cases were registered in the ships arriving in Paranaguá, according to local authorities.

Source: *Portos e Navios*

TO FIGHT CORONAVIRUS, MILLS CAN REMANUFACTURE 70% ALCOHOL

Solution will be donated by members of UNICA for asepsis of public health facilities. Cooperation work involving the Union of the Sugarcane Industry (UNICA), the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (MAPA), the Ministry of Mines and Energy, the Ministry of Health, the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) and the state health secretariats intend to make possible the donation, by the sugar-energy sector, of alcohol for the manufacture of gel and 70% alcohol solution for asepsis of public health establishments. Operational details are being outlined. Among them, the permission for the production of alcohol with these specifications by the plants, which is currently

prohibited. "The sugar and energy sector wants to join forces with government agencies and the population to ensure that health professionals, patients and family members have the necessary resources to go through this process. difficult time, minimizing the risks of spread within health establishments ", explains the president of UNICA, Evandro Gussi. The objective is to contribute to the full supply of public health units, free of charge, in order to contain the spread of Covid-19. UNICA has a hundred associated production units present in five Brazilian states. According to an article published on the Valor website, the Chamber approved on March 17, in a symbolic vote, a decree that overturns, for 90 days, an ordinance of the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) that restricted the sale of alcohol 70% . The product is an alternative to alcohol gel, an item used for hygiene and which is lacking in the market due to the coronavirus crisis. The product is an alternative to alcohol gel, an item used for hygiene and which is lacking in the market due to the coronavirus crisis. The text will now go on for analysis by the senators. The National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) accepted, on Thursday (19), a request from the Sugarcane Industry Union (UNICA) for the production, donation and transport of hydrated alcohol 70° INPM. The objective of the measure is to contribute to the supply of public health units, free of charge, in order to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Source: *Jornal Cana*

CARGO HANDLING GROWS 5.4% AND SETS A NEW RECORD IN THE PORT OF SANTOS

Cargo handling at the Port of Santos recorded a 5.4% growth in February compared to the same period in 2019 when the month closed with 10.6 million tons handled, a record for the period. The data were released by the Santos Port Authority (SPA). Landings grew 16.2%, to 3.3 million tons, and shipments increased 1.1%, ending the month at 7.3 million tons. According to SPA, in a note, the result was driven by the movement of containers, where high value-added cargo will be packed, which showed a double-digit increase. "The movement of containers measured in TEU (standard unit of a 20-foot container, in English) jumped 23.3% in February, to 343.8 thousand TEU. Among the cargoes with the greatest participation in the general handling of Porto, the highlight was the pulp shipments, which registered an increase of 43.9% over February 2019, to 410 thousand tons. In the accumulated result for the year, the movement reached 18.9 million tons, 1.1% below the same period last year. Performance was affected by the 5.4% drop in shipments, to 12.5 million tons, reflecting, above all, the decrease in soybean exports - due to the intense and atypical flow registered in the same month of 2019. The Port of Santos responded by the 26.8% (US \$ 237.0 billion) movement in Brazilian trade (US \$ 883 billion) in February. Exports by Santos totaled US \$ 130.8 billion (26.4%) and imports, US \$ 106.2 billion (27.3%).

Source: *Revista Dinheiro Rural*

WHEAT: PLANTED AREA SHOULD REMAIN STABLE THIS HARVEST IN PARANÁ

It is estimated that 1.1 million hectares are cultivated with cereal in the state this season. The wheat sowing period in Paraná runs from April 1st to July 20th and, for the 2019/20 harvest, the area is expected to be cultivated remains close to



1.1 million hectares, according to the forecast released by the Department of Rural Economy of the State Secretariat of Agriculture and Supply (Deral / Seab). "The Paraná area of wheat has remained around 900 thousand and 1.3 million hectares in the last 20 years, with few exceptions. This level of planting seems to have little chance of being reversed, due to the better technology used year by year, which makes the internal offer have a much clearer direction, of increment ", says the coordinator of the Deral Statistics division, Carlos Hugo According to the Deral survey, in 2019 Paraná produced 2.1 million tons of wheat. It was the worst result since 2013, when the State harvested 1.8 million tons. "This was the third consecutive crop of relevant breaks that caused production to fall below state crushing, estimated at more than three million tons by the Brazilian Association of Wheat Industries (Abitrigo). The deficit, however, can be filled by the Argentine and Paraguayan supply, which had large production surpluses ", highlights Godinho in the prognosis. "These declines, along with the recent highs in the dollar, are starting to impact the availability of wheat in Brazil and, consequently, in Paraná, which could create an opportunity for local producers. Despite this, there are uncertainties that can significantly affect prices throughout the harvest. Among these uncertainties are possible new commercial partnerships. In 2019, 90 thousand tons of Russian wheat arrived in Brazil, the largest volume in history. In addition to these imports, the government has started to build relations with India. Both countries are major producers and may start to have more weight in the formation of national prices ", he adds.

Source: *Universo Agro*

SOYABEAN 2019/20 HARVEST REACHES 63.5% OF THE AREA

In the case of corn in the summer cycle, the percentage reaches 54.7%; Planting of the 2nd. harvest advances to 90.4% of the area. The harvest of the 2019/20 Brazilian soybean crop reached 63.5% of the estimated area, points out the most recent survey, referring to March 13, of the chief analyst of DATAGRO Grains, Flávio Roberto de França Júnior. In relation to the same period last year, there is a 4.2% delay in work. The average harvest over the past five years is around 56.3% of the area. "Again, the record of partial rains over part of the producing region limited the flow a little. Anyway, the works were able to advance in the intervals between the precipitations ", says França Júnior. "We maintain results obtained from average income within or above expectations, bringing the possibility of some adjustments to the projections in the next surveys. But that is not the picture in the states of Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina, which suffered considerable losses in the season, and still have an irregular climate at this time. "The 2019/20 summer corn harvest in the Central- Southern Brazil reached 54.7% of the predicted area, also considering the date of March 13. In comparison with the same period last year, there is an advance of 6.7% in the works. The average harvest over the past five years is around 48.2% of the area. The planting of the 2nd. 2019/20 corn crop in the Center-South region of Brazil advanced to 90.4% of the estimated area, also considering the date of March 13. In comparison with the same period last year, there is a delay of 1.5% in the works. The average of planting in the last five years is around 87.2%

of the area.

Source: *Universo Agro*

WITH NEW FALL, GASOLINE PRICE ACCUMULATES REDUCTION OF 29.1%

On the eve of the beginning of the 2020/21 harvest in the south-central region of the country, the production units face negative impacts for hydrated ethanol. Only on Wednesday (03/19) did Petrobras cut gasoline prices at refineries by 7.5%. Since 01/01, the reduction has accumulated 29.1%. This drop directly impacts the values of the biofuel used in flex vehicles. For comparative purposes, the value of the liter of hydrate for São Paulo plants accumulates a 7.79% drop between 2/14 and 3/13. The drop is determined by the Cepea Indicator, from Esalq / USP, and does not take into account the impacts of the new price reduction in force as of today at the refineries. According to the Cepea Indicator, the average liter value for the units was R \$ 1.9437 without the incidence of PIS / Cofins and ICMS. On 02/14, the same liter had an average value of R \$ 2.1203.

Source: *Jornal Cana*

CORN ETHANOL CAN REACH 2.9 BILLION LITERS IN 2020

The production of corn ethanol in 2020 may reach 2.9 billion liters, according to Guilherme Nolasco. He is president of the National Corn Ethanol Union (UNEM) and made the estimate during a presentation at the Start of Harvest event, held on 03/11 in Ribeirão Preto (SP). Nolasco projected from the plants in operation and which are in the opening phase. Only in the first half of the year will the new FS Bioenergia unit in Sorriso (MT), with a capacity of 500 million liters per year, and the Cerradinho plant in Chapadão do Céu (GO), with 200 million liters per year. If production in that year reaches 2.9 billion liters, it will exceed by 49% the total corn ethanol produced between 01/04 to 01/03. During this period, the units produced 1.4 billion liters, according to the Union of the Sugarcane Industry (UNICA).

Source: *Jornal Cana*

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