

Report week 19 (2017)

Corn:

Turkey's TMO has issued international tenders to purchase and import up to 180,000 tonnes of animal feed corn. The tenders close on May 18.

The TMO will hold 15 separate tenders each for 12,000 tonnes of corn, with Russia not named as an accepted origin.

Turkey has in the past been a major importer of Russian corn. But the sudden end of duty free status in March effectively stopped Turkish imports of Russian wheat, corn and sunflower oil in a move suspected to be related to a wider trade dispute.

Turkey resumed wheat and sunflower oil imports from Russia on Monday but the status of corn imports is still unclear. Offers are sought in Turkish lira.

Blacksea market started off quiet with Russia/Ukraine closed Monday/Tuesday. Trades were reported end may/begin june around 169US\$, Full June 171 vs 169. New crop showed some movement for October around 36/37 over, November around 33/34 over. Premiums for feb/mch'18 positions showed buyers around 35 over, sellers around 38 over.

On the Danube at the end of the week we have seen some movement on FOB for bss may between 144€ and 145€. New crop was still quiet last week, nominal value around 143 oct/nov and 146€ for bss jan position.

On the Dutch market we have seen some small trading on June positions around 174/175€. Dutch consumers covering some bits and pieces on this position. Jul/sep showed some trades at 171/172€.

Wheat:

Algeria's state grains agency OAIC bought around 470,000 tonnes of milling wheat in a tender which closed on Wednesday. The origin of the grains is optional

- The price range for wheat was between \$198 to \$199a tonne c&f. The wheat was sought for shipment in the first and second half of July.

Iraq's state grains board has purchased about 50,000 tonnes of wheat to be sourced from Australia in a tender which closed last week.

- The wheat was bought at \$271.17 a tonne c&f free out. The tender from Iraq's state grains buyer had sought wheat from the United States, Canada or Australia only and closed on May 7 with offers having to remain valid until May 11.

Blacksea 12.5pro was really quiet last week on old crop with little demand showing. New crop august traded around 173/172\$, September value 176/5\$ (173\$ buyer) and October 179\$ (175\$ buyer).

Dutch market was showing some front position (may/jun) action around 174€, mostly some consumers covering small demand.

Barley:

Jordan's state grain buyer has issued new international tenders to purchase 100,000 tonnes of animal feed barley to be sourced from optional origins. Deadline for the barley tender is May 17. The wheat is sought in a range of shipment possibilities in 50,000 tonne consignments between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30. Grains were sought from the 2016 or 2017 harvests.

Algeria's state grains agency OAIC bought around 75,000 tonnes of animal feed barley in a tender which closed on Wednesday.

The origin of the barley is optional, but traders said they thought the barley is likely to be sourced from the Black Sea region.

- The barley was bought at around \$167 to \$169 a tonne c&f and was sought for shipment in the first and second half of July. Glencore was the seller.

Danube ex-crop traded around 121€ FOB which will most probably go in the direction of constanta.

Dutch market showed some consumers buying spot/jun positions at 157€, new crop traded sep/dec at 156€.

Sunseed/Sunoil

The Ukrainian Sunflower oil market is still slow and keeping its support also for week 19. While the supply is still active it feels the market is more aware of the shorts able to absorb and for this willing to wait for the right prices. The week started with July offered at 745USD. With a positive CBOT Soybean market the market moved its offers up with 5USD midweek and also followed the CBOT back towards the end. Throughout the week June was being offered with 5USD discount against the July and August at 5USD carry against the July. September still being kept out of the market by sellers. While newcrop is showing even less liquidity than the oldcrop we find time to time this newcrop seeing greater support than the old. In direct swaps JAS against OND is standing 0 USD vs 2,50 USD carry but more and more feeling it might get to this carry.

The Blacksea Sunflower seeds market showed little movement throughout week 19. First part of the week June positions were discussed with 379USD sellers and 374USD buyers. With little liquidity on the oil, end of the week the June position was showing buyers moving back down to 371USD. The sellers, same as previous weeks, are not impressed and keep levels unchanged in high 370s USD.

