

UFOP Market Information

Oilseeds and Biofuels

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Market Headlines

Oilseeds

- Rapeseed prices consistently exceeded EUR 500 per tonne ex farm, supply from delayed crop was sluggish, results were disappointing.
- Interest focussed on contract offers, new business was postponed; with harvest underway, trading ex crop 2022 was also on hold.
- Soybean prices continued to be a pawn in the US weather market, stunning rally seen was followed by falling prices.

Oilseed meals and oilcakes

- Significant delay in "new-crop" supply of rapeseed meal supported prices, buying interest increased slowly, only on nearby positions.
- Soybean meal prices weakened in the wake of falling soybean prices, supply from Argentina was meagre due to logistical issues, nearby GMO-free supplies were sold out.

Vegetable oils

- Tight nearby supply supported rapeseed oil prices at a relatively high level.
- Palm oil rose sharply based on curbed expectations for output and very tight supply in the EU.

Fuels

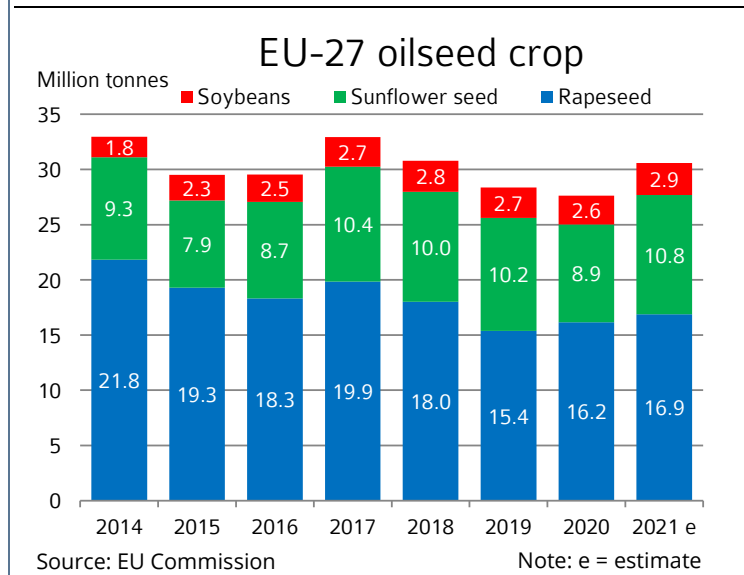
- Biodiesel prices were unchanged, as if cemented, buying interest was exceptionally small, if it did exist, it was in UCOME.
- Crude oil suffered first damper as spread of the Delta variant in Asia stopped euphoria of boost in demand.

Price trends

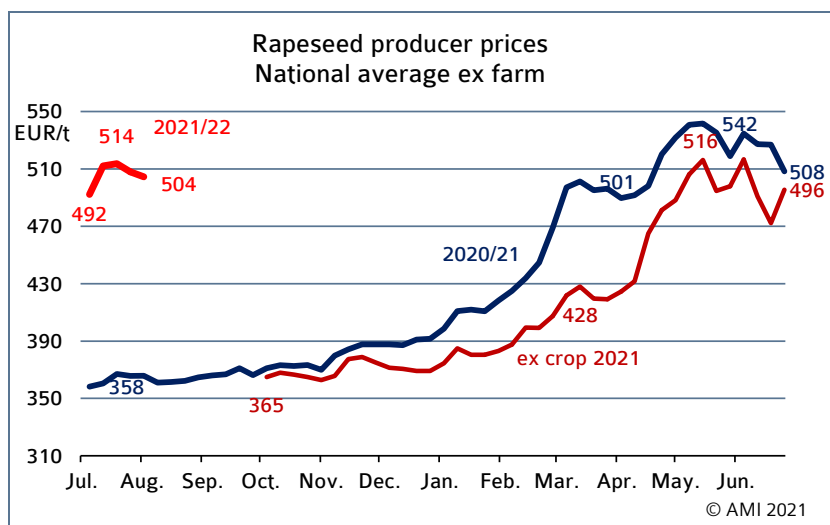
Mean price	Week 31	Previous week	Trend
Producer prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	504,41	507,91	↘
Wholesale prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	523,00	526,00	↘
Rapeseed oil	1.188,00	1.200,00	↘
Rapeseed meal	250,00	250,00	→
Rapeseed cake*	272,00	271,00	↗
Rapeseed future	539,50	531,75	↗
Wholesale prices in ct/l, excl. VAT			
Biodiesel	166,47	164,30	↗
Consumer prices in ct/l incl. VAT			
Diesel	138,04	140,00	↘
Futures in US-\$/barrel			
WTI, Nymex	69,09	73,62	↘

* = compared with previous month, selling prices by mills, rapeseed cake with at least 10 % fat, rapeseed meal 0 %

Chart of the week



Market prices

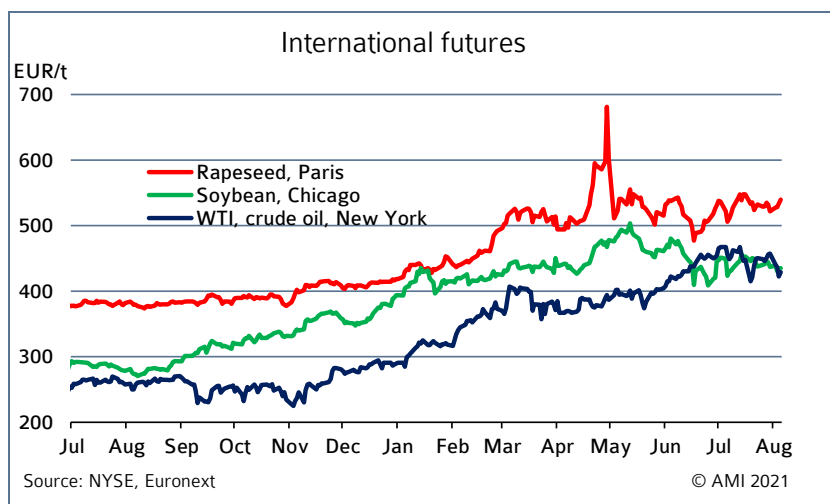
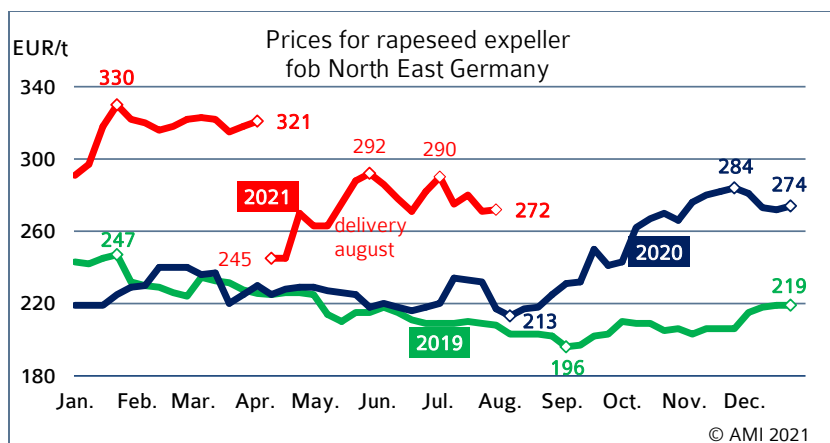


Wholesale prices

in EUR/t on 04.08.2021, (collected at mills and trade)

	Rapeseed 2021 franko	Rapeseed fob	Rapeseed oil fob	Palmoil cif
Spot	523	250	1 188	1018
Previous week	526	250	1 200	1049

Source: AMI



Rapeseed

The rapeseed harvest was already complete in some German states, confirming what was yet to be confirmed in other states. The results were quite dissimilar and, while remaining at an average level, yield and quality fell short of expectations. Based on an expansion in area of just less than 5 per cent and yields at the previous year's level, the harvest of winter rapeseed will presumably amount to 3.7 million tonnes. This translates to a 4 per cent rise year-on-year and an 8 per cent decline compared to the long-term average. Both this and trickling supply maintained prices at a high level.

Rapeseed oil

Moderate supply of rapeseed oil on nearby positions supported asking prices, while vegetable oil prices generally remained at a high level. Supply of palm oil and sunflower oil was quite meagre. Raffinate fetched high premiums, because supply was very tight and already sold out on nearby positions in some places.

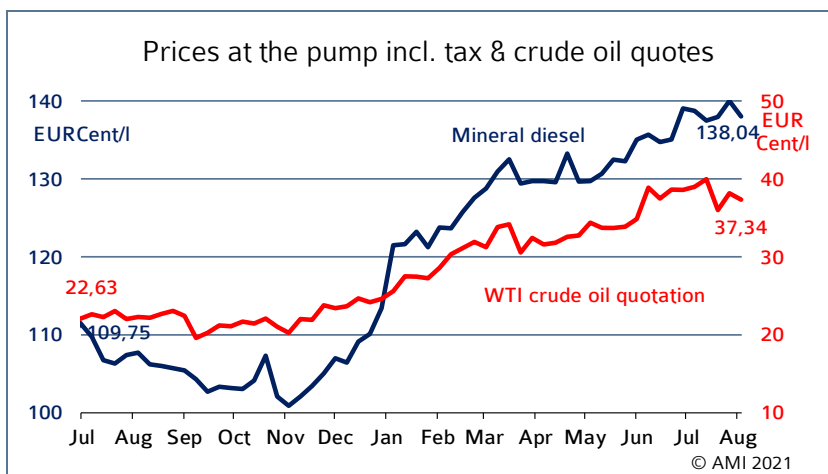
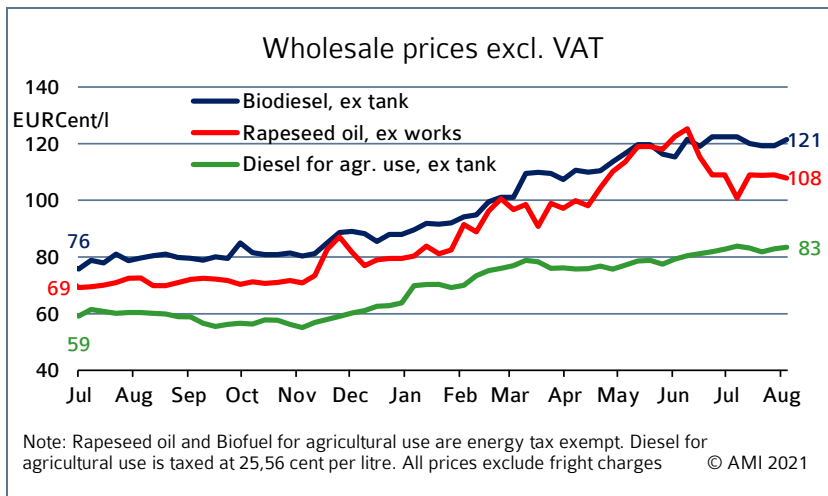
Rapeseed expeller

Supply grew very slowly, because feedstock delivery from the harvest sites was much delayed and, due to rain, sluggish. New business for oilseed meal continued to be quite restrained. Feed compounders mainly received contract-based deliveries, which, however, covered the largest share of meal production. Consequently, free supply was limited with prices losing only a little ground.

Wholesale prices

Virtually unchanged biodiesel prices received support from speculation about potentially tight supply. Demand for the fuel was steady, but only came from customers of the chemical industry and operators of combined heat and power plants. These volumes were small compared to those used in blends. Blenders showed little interest and if they did, they bought UCOME.

Biodiesel/ mineral Diesel



Domestic consumption in 2021							
in 1.000 t	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	cumulated	
						2021	2020
Biodiesel for blending	172,2	157,7	182,5	211,3	204,7	928,9	1.165,9
Diesel	2.033,9	2.065,2	2.727,4	2.574,1	2.523,0	11.962,6	12.833,6
Biodiesel + diesel	2.206,1	2.222,9	2.909,9	2.785,4	2.727,7	12.891,5	13.999,5
Share biodiesel	7,8 %	7,1 %	6,3 %	7,6 %	7,5 %	7,2 %	8,3 %
Bioethanol ETBE a)	10,6	9,2	13,4	13,2	14,1	60,6	48,3
Bioethanol for blending	65,2	50,6	67,9	76,9	90,1	350,7	383,7
Bioethanol total	75,8	59,8	81,3	90,1	104,3	411,3	432,0
Gasoline	948,5	956,5	1.248,8	1.177,3	1.214,4	5.638,3	5.932,1
Gasoline + bioethanol	1.024,3	1.016,2	1.330,0	1.267,5	1.318,7	6.049,5	6.364,1
Share bioethanol	7,4 %	5,9 %	6,1 %	7,1 %	7,9 %	6,8 %	6,8 %

Note: a) Volume percent of bioethanol in ETBE = 47 %; cumulated figures include (unpublished) revised monthly BAFA data
Source: Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control, AMI.

Prices at the pump

The sharp price increases at the petrol stations stopped for the time being. In fact, falling prices were temporarily recorded. The reason was the strong euro exchange rate, which reduced prices of imports, along with the temporary weakening of crude oil prices. The OPEC+ states agreed to increase crude oil production levels in mid-July, which caused the forward price to collapse briefly. Speculation about unchecked growth in demand drove prices again, but were recently dampened by the spread of the Delta variant in Asia and Australia and the associated strong restrictions in the transport and traffic sectors.

Consumption

Biodiesel

May 2021 consumption of biodiesel amounted to 204,727 tonnes. This was down 3 per cent on the previous month and as much as 22 per cent on May 2020. May 2021 diesel consumption reached a volume of 2.5 million tonnes, remaining 2 per cent below the previous month's level, but increasing 3 per cent year-on-year. The May 2021 incorporation rate reached around 7.5 per cent. This was smaller than the April 2021 rate, but exceeded the average of the past four months.

Bioethanol

The use of bioethanol reached a nine-month high in May 2021 at 104,251 tonnes and outstripped that of the previous month by 16 per cent. Use in blends recorded the strongest increase, 17 per cent, whereas the use of bioethanol for ETBE production grew only 6.6 per cent. The Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) put petrol consumption at 1.2 million tonnes. In other words, the incorporation rate reached 7.9 per cent. This was one of the highest rates ever, second only to the rate recorded in December 2014.