

UFOP Market Information

Oilseeds and Biofuels

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Price trends

Mean price	Week 48	Previous week	Trend
Producer prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	568,60	584,49	↘
Wholesale prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	591	610	↘
Rapeseed oil	1.285	1.330	↘
Rapeseed meal	333	338	↘
Rapeseed cake*	393	399	↘
Rapeseed future	599,75	585,50	↗
Wholesale prices in ct/l, excl. VAT			
Biodiesel	169,39	178,14	↘
Consumer prices in ct/l incl. VAT			
Diesel	183,15	188,15	↘
Futures in US-\$/barrel			
WTI, Nymex	78,20	80,95	↘

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

Market Headlines

Oilseeds

- Producer prices for rapeseed were 14 per cent below the year-earlier level; trading activity remained slow.
- Farmers' willingness to sell remained restrained; most of the harvest was already marketed at good prices anyway.
- US soybean prices strengthened; the focus was on South American soybean supply.

Oilseed meals and oilcakes

- Rapeseed weakened further; ample supply exceeded demand.
- Conventional soybean meal declined significantly, GMO-free batches also dropped compared to the previous month.

Vegetable oils

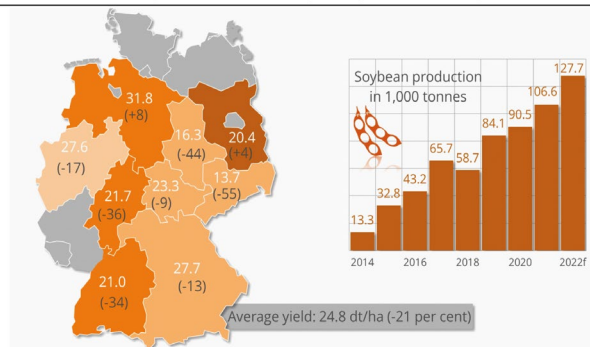
- Rapeseed oil prices dropped below year-earlier level on pressure from ample supply of spot batches and falling feedstock prices.
- Palm oil recently firmed on support from presumably brisk exports combined with small output.

Fuels

- Biodiesel prices slumped; supply was adequate amid buoyant demand.
- Crude oil prices weakened in view of global concerns over demand, crude oil production cuts could only limit losses.

Chart of the week

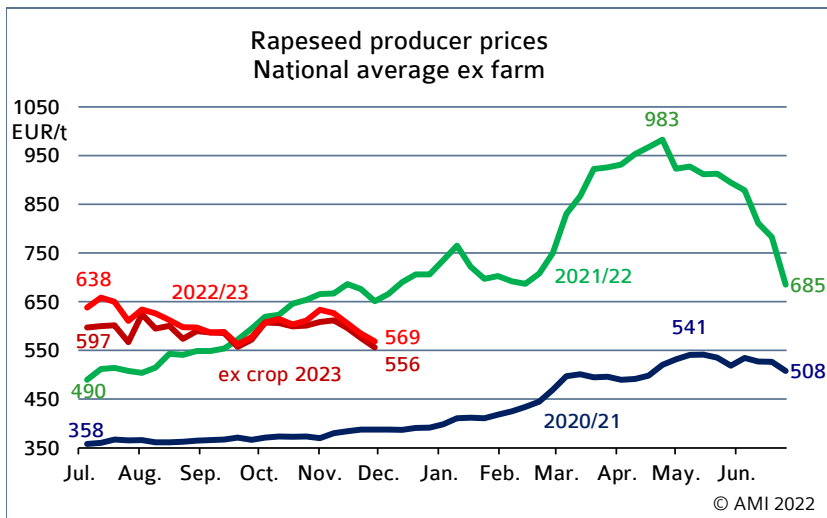
Soybean yields in Germany
 in decitonnes per hectare, changes in per cent compared to 2021



Source: Destatis

Note: f = forecast

Market prices



Rapeseed

Prices moved downwards at the Paris stock exchange over the month. The November 2023 nearby not only slid far below the level of EUR 600 per tonne, but temporarily also reached the lowest level since mid-September 2022. In view of the substantial downward adjustments, trading on the rapeseed market continued to be slow. Accordingly, farmers' level of willingness to sell remained low. Only in some cases were small partial quantities from the 2022 harvest and ex crop 2023 sold due to concerns over a further plunge in prices. However, in the falling market demand also remained low.

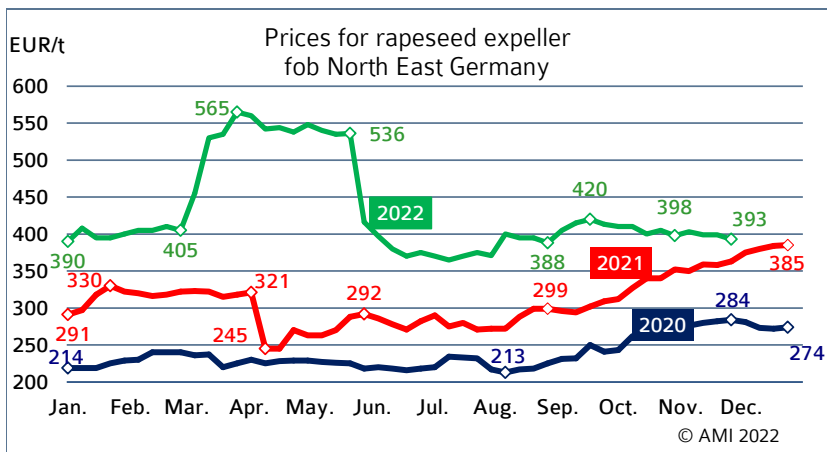
Wholesale prices
in EUR/t on 30.11.2022, (collected at mills and trade)

	Rapeseed 2021 franko	Rapeseed fob	Rapeseed oil fob	Palmoil cif
Spot	591	333	1285	1075
Previous week	610	338	1330	1066

Source: AMI

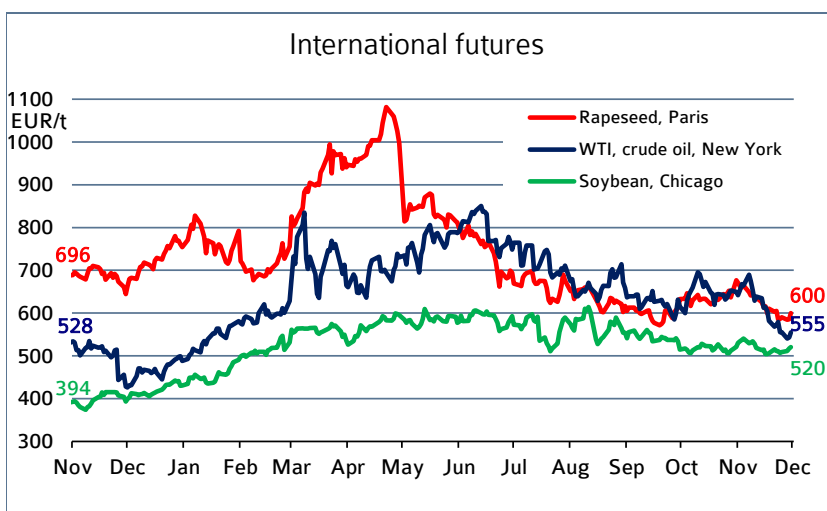
Rapeseed oil

Prices for rapeseed oil also declined in the wake of falling prices for feedstock. At recently EUR 1,285 per tonne, asking prices dipped below the level of EUR 1,300 per tonne for the first time since September 2021. At the same time a year earlier, they were 17 per cent higher. By contrast, demand for spot commodity continued to be restrained after market participants had covered most of their demand in 2022 already. As a result, the abundant supply of rapeseed oil on nearby positions hardly found any buyers, which also put a damper on prices.



Rapeseed expeller

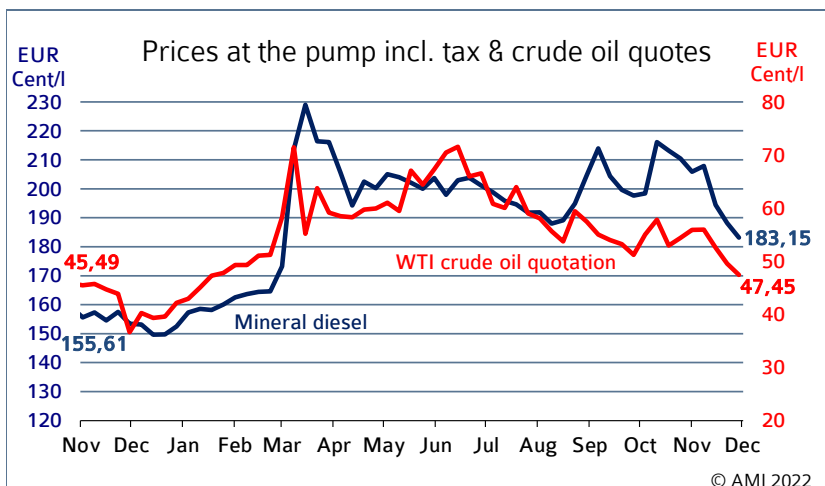
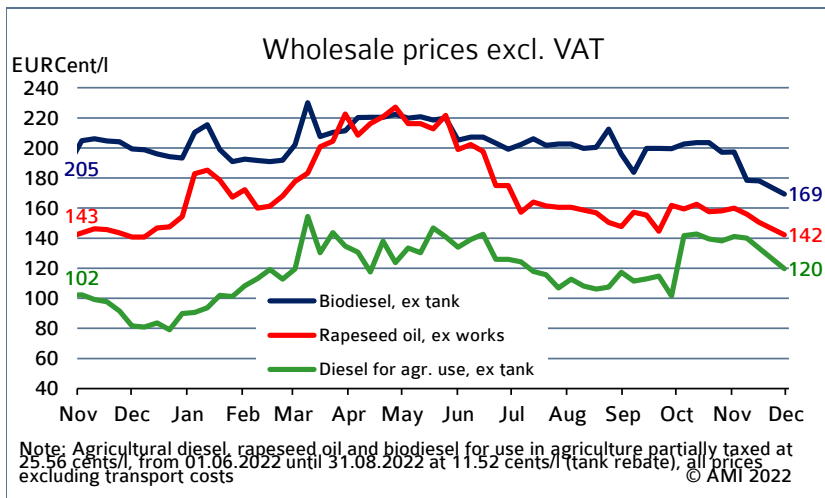
Prices for rapeseed expeller fob North Germany declined further in November. Supply on the domestic market continued to be more than comfortable and exceeded demand. As a consequence, the market tended to be calm in view of the end of the year. Some feed compounders were already covering part of their demand through framework contracts from mid-2023 onwards.



Wholesale prices

Prices for biodiesel plunged in November, but most recently recovered. However, trading activity continued to be slow. Buying interest was focused on batches for prompt delivery. However, there were no more orders for large volumes despite the significant price drop and the fact that the year 2022 will soon be drawing to a close. There was sporadic demand for further forward positions but sales were low.

Biodiesel/ mineral Diesel



Prices at the pump

Crude oil prices generally waned in November. Due to the weakening world economy and China's continued restrictive zero-Covid policy, the OPEC+ projected a decline in global demand. Some support came from the decrease in daily crude oil production at the beginning of November. At the petrol stations, November 2022 prices for B7 diesel fuel averaged 183 euro cents per litre. This was down around 27 euro cents on the previous month.

Consumption

Biodiesel

September use of biodiesel dropped just over 6 per cent on the previous month to 200,220 tonnes, sliding to a level as much as 23 per cent below the previous year's figure. Since at the same time, consumption of diesel fuel declined 15 per cent, biodiesel incorporation in blends increased 0.7 per cent to 7.1 per cent. In the first nine months of 2022, the use of biodiesel for blending amounted to just under 1.9 million tonnes, which was down only 3 per cent year-on-year. By contrast, consumption of diesel fuel remained stable.

Domestic consumption in 2022

in 1.000 t

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	cumulated	
										2022	2021
Biodiesel for blending	186,4	205,3	228,6	213,3	205,4	195,0	200,8	213,0	200,2	1.862,5	1.923,6
Diesel	2.397,8	2.198,1	2.402,9	2.500,9	2.369,5	2.703,8	2.848,0	3.099,5	2.631,9	24.051,9	23.720,4
Biodiesel + diesel	2.584,1	2.403,4	2.631,5	2.714,2	2.574,9	2.898,8	3.048,8	3.312,4	2.832,2	25.914,4	25.644,0
Share biodiesel	7,2	8,5	8,7	7,9	8,0	6,7	6,6	6,4	7,1	7,2	7,5
Bioethanol ETBE a)	10,7	10,4	11,5	14,3	8,8	10,4	10,6	11,1	12,4	100,2	122,0
Bioethanol for blending	83,8	73,3	86,2	98,1	85,3	80,5	92,1	94,3	87,0	784,0	709,8
Bioethanol total	94,5	83,6	97,7	112,3	94,1	90,9	102,7	105,4	99,4	884,2	831,8
Gasoline	1.132,9	1.103,2	1.476,4	1.214,1	1.198,5	1.487,8	1.467,1	1.608,5	1.267,1	11.923,8	11.252,3
Gasoline + bioethanol	1.227,4	1.186,9	1.574,1	1.326,4	1.292,6	1.578,7	1.569,8	1.713,9	1.366,5	12.808,0	12.084,1
Share bioethanol	7,7	7,1	6,2	8,5	7,3	5,8	6,5	6,2	7,3	6,9	6,9

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.

Bioethanol

September use of bioethanol decreased just less than 6 per cent compared to the previous month to 99,440 tonnes. The use in blends dropped just less than 8 per cent, whereas the use in ETBE was up 12 per cent on August. Based on the concurrent decline in petrol consumption, the incorporation rate nevertheless rose 1.1 per cent to 7.3 per cent. In the same month the previous year it was even lower at 6.5 per cent. The use of bioethanol in the period January to September 2022 amounted to 884,220 tonnes and thus exceeded the previous year's volume by 6 per cent.