

UFOP Market Information

Oilseeds and Biofuels

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Price trends

Mean price	Week 23	Previous week	Trend
Producer prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	350,44	347,92	↗
Wholesale prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	370,00	368,00	↗
Rapeseed oil	736,00	742,00	↘
Rapeseed meal	216,00	216,00	→
Rapeseed cake*	218,00	215,00	↗
Rapeseed future	369,75	369,50	↗
Wholesale prices in ct/l, excl. VAT			
Biodiesel	113,48	111,47	↗
Consumer prices in ct/l incl. VAT			
Diesel	126,59	128,95	↘
Futures in US-\$/barrel			
WTI, Nymex	51,68	58,81	↘

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

Market Headlines

Oilseeds

- Rapeseed prices firmed on support from rising soybean and rapeseed exchange prices.
- Rapeseed crop outlook for the EU-28 was lowered; Germany is expected to harvest less than 3.1 million tonnes in 2019.
- Large soybean harvests in South America.

Oilseed meals and oilcakes

- Trading in rapeseed meal was slow; restrained supply coincided with scant demand; interest to buy rapeseed cake was also small.
- Sharp price increases for soybean meal put buyers off.

Vegetable oils

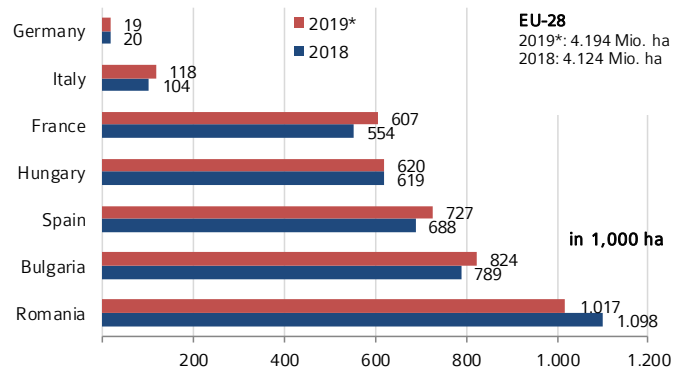
- Rapeseed oil recently came under pressure despite firming forward prices.

Fuels

- Biodiesel prices have been firm since end of May, demand picked up.
- Crude oil prices were under pressure from large US ending stocks and concerns about demand; diesel prices also flagged.

Chart of the week

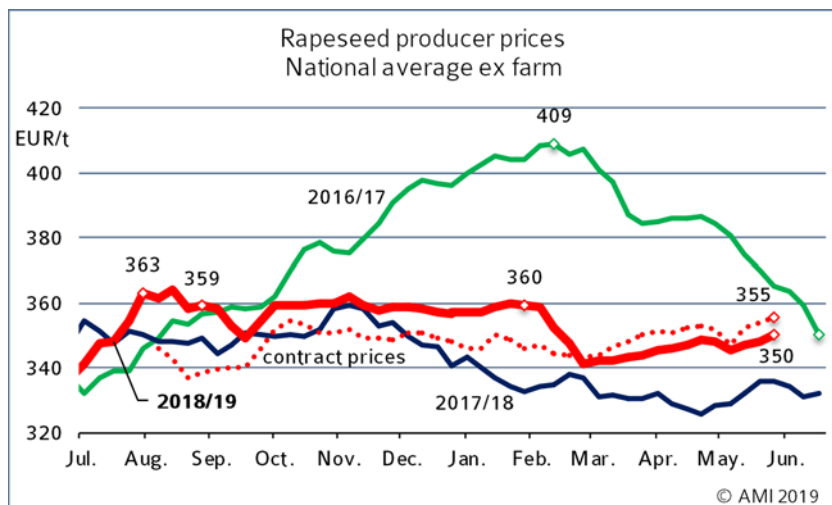
2019 EU Sunflower area



Source: EU Commission, national statistics

note: *estimated

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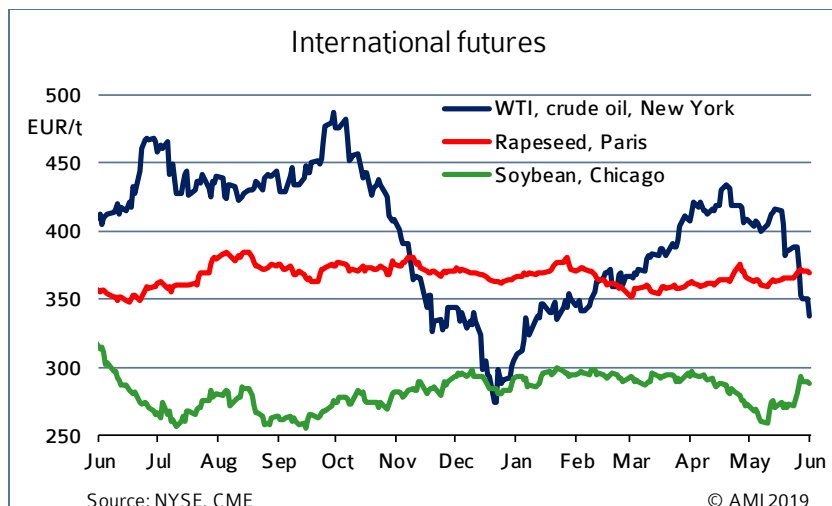
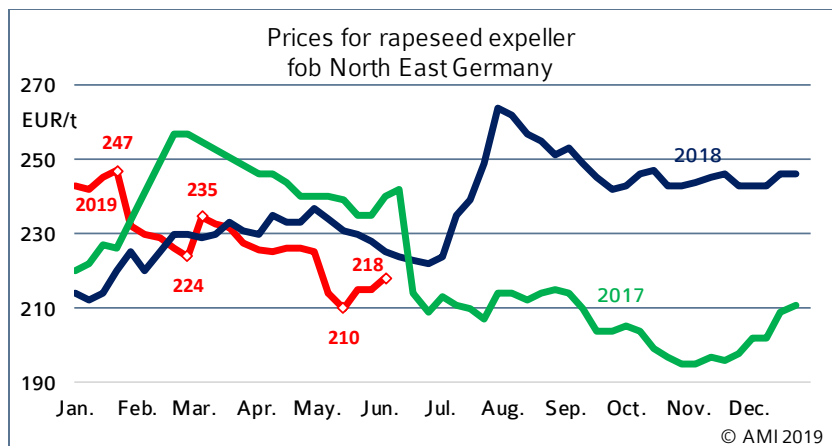


Wholesale prices

in EUR/t on 05.06.2019, (collected at mills and trade)

	Rapeseed 2018 franko	Rapeseed fob	Rapeseed oil fob	Palmoil cif
Spot	370	216	736	451
Previous week	368	216	742	456

Source: AMI



Rapeseed

Soybean prices in Chicago jumped sharply at the end of May. Together with the lowered EU crop forecast, this drove up rapeseed prices at the exchange in Paris. The increase also arrived on the cash market. Producer prices climbed to reach, on German average, EUR 350 per tonne recently. 2019 new-crop prices were estimated at EUR 355 per tonne. The rise increased producers' willingness to sell. Speculating that prices could firm further in June, producers only held back remaining quantities from the old crop. Demand increasingly focused on the upcoming crop. Prospects of scarce supply made some processors nervous.

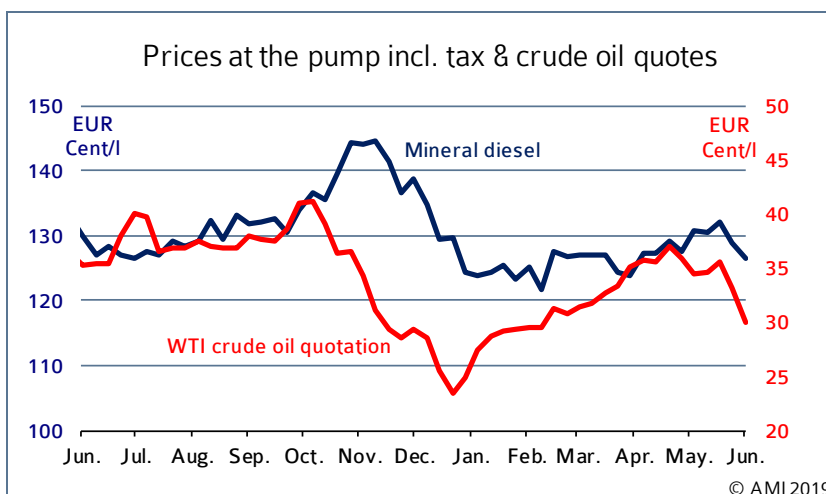
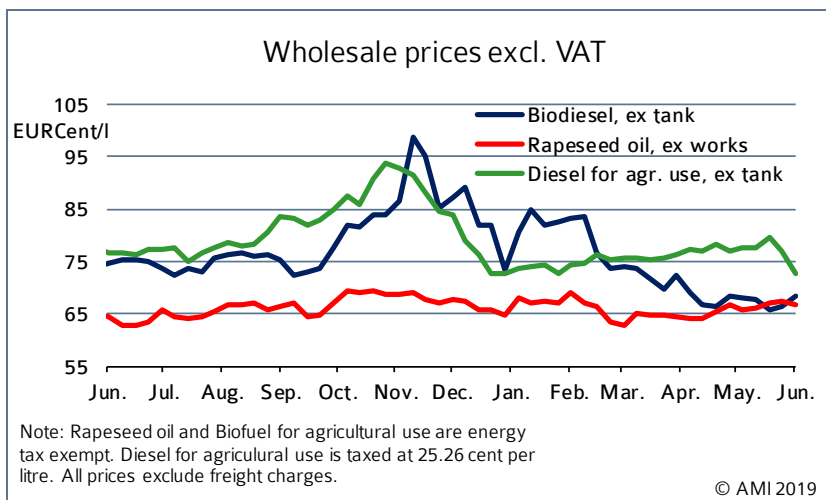
Rapeseed oil

Prices for rapeseed oil came under pressure at the beginning of June after soybean and palm oil prices had waned. The drop was limited by prospects of tighter rapeseed supply in 2019/20, firm prices in Paris and brisker demand for biodiesel on the German market since the end of May.

Rapeseed expeller

May rapeseed expeller prices declined sharply at the beginning of the month. At mid month, they slid to EUR 210 per tonne fob North-East Germany. In the weeks that followed, prices moved up - recent asking prices amounted to EUR 218 per tonne -, but demand remained weak, as did demand for rapeseed meal. There was hardly any trading in spot material, because buyers' interest was focussed on positions from August onwards.

Biodiesel/ mineral Diesel



Domestic consumption in 2019

in 1.000 t	cumulated				
	Jan.	Feb.	March	2019	2018
Biodiesel for blending	192,8	152,8	175,3	521,1	562,2
Diesel	2.783,6	2.790,8	2.869,2	8.433,3	8.174,4
Biodiesel + diesel	2.976,4	2.943,6	3.044,5	8.954,4	8.736,7
Share biodiesel	6,5 %	5,2 %	5,8 %	5,8 %	6,4 %
Bioethanol ETBE a)	7,6	4,2	8,4	20,2	31,3
Bioethanol for blending	92,1	83,3	55,4	230,9	259,2
Bioethanol total	99,7	87,5	63,8	251,0	290,5
Gasoline	1.258,3	1.203,9	1.408,5	3.884,1	3.876,2
Gasoline + bioethanol	1.358,0	1.291,5	1.472,3	4.135,2	4.166,7
Share bioethanol	7,3 %	6,8 %	4,3 %	6,1 %	7,0 %

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

Wholesale prices

The biodiesel market picked up at the end of May on rising demand. Suppliers reported regular enquiries and transactions. The focus was on UCOME, but standard biodiesel also found buyers from time to time. Biodiesel premiums were reported to have been raised significantly, whereas prices of fuel oil and mineral diesel were in decline. Because the two trends nearly neutralized each other, biodiesel showed a stable to firming trend.

Prices at the pump

International crude oil prices were under downward pressure, recently declining to below the level of 30 euro cents per litre. The factor driving prices down was the surprisingly sharp increase in US crude oil supplies. Also, the potential US import duties on Mexican commodities and the ongoing conflict with China weighed down the global economy and fuelled concerns over a decline in global demand for crude. Mineral diesel followed the decline in crude prices, decreasing 4 euro cents per litre to 127 euro cents per litre including energy tax.

Consumption

Biodiesel

According to information published by the Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA), about 55,394 tonnes of bioethanol were used for blending in March. This was down 33.5 per cent from February 2019. The blending ratio reached 4.3 per cent, because at the same time the use of petrol increased 17 per cent compared to the previous month. This was the lowest value in 9.5 years. The blending amount recorded in the first quarter of 2019 was 230,863 tonnes, falling just less than 30,000 tonnes short of the previous year's figure.

Bioethanol

March biodiesel use was up 15 per cent from the previous month at 175,308 tonnes. This quantity again fell short of the previous year's volume. In other words, total consumption was down 7 per cent year on year at 521,068 tonnes. March 2019 diesel use of 2.87 million tonnes was just less than 3 per cent lower than the previous month, raising the biodiesel incorporation rate to 5.6 per cent. In the first quarter of 2019, total consumption of diesel and biodiesel amounted to 8.95 million tonnes, which translates to a 3.4 per cent rise year on year.