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Price trends

Mean price	Week 13	Previous week	Trend
Producer prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	926,00	922,00	↘
Wholesale prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	962	1003	↗
Rapeseed oil	2.170	1.970	↗
Rapseseed meal	505	515	↘
Rapeseed cake*	560	535	↗
Rapeseed future	962,00	926,50	↗
Wholesale prices in ct/l, excl. VAT			
Biodiesel	230,81	229,86	→
Consumer prices in ct/l incl. VAT			
Diesel	216,03	216,40	↗
Futures in US-$/barrel			
WTI, Nymex	107,82	114,93	↗

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

Market Headlines

Oilseeds

- German producer prices for rapeseed temporarily neared the level of EUR 1,000 per tonne.
- Rapeseed stocks in producers' hands were quite low; forward contracts for the 2022 crop were discussed.
- China's restrictions to contain the latest wave of Corona infections dragged on US soybean prices.

Oilseed meals and oilcakes

- Buyers acted cautiously, rapeseed meal recently came under pressure due to a lack of buying interest, market participants hoped for prices to fall.
- Soybean meal and GMO-free supplies remained at a high price level.

Vegetable oils

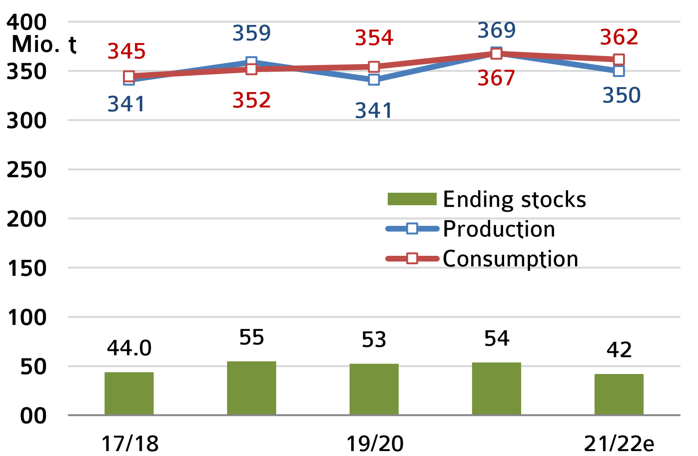
- Rapeseed oil prices exceeded EUR 2,100 per tonne; buying interest, especially in next-season batches, picked up significantly.
- Palm oil declined sharply in March on pressure from higher production and lower exports.

Fuels

- Spot biodiesel was in strong demand and scarce supply.
- Crude oil prices were very volatile while the war in Eastern Europe continued to shape the market.

Chart of the week

World soybean supply & demand



Source: IGC

Note: e = estimated

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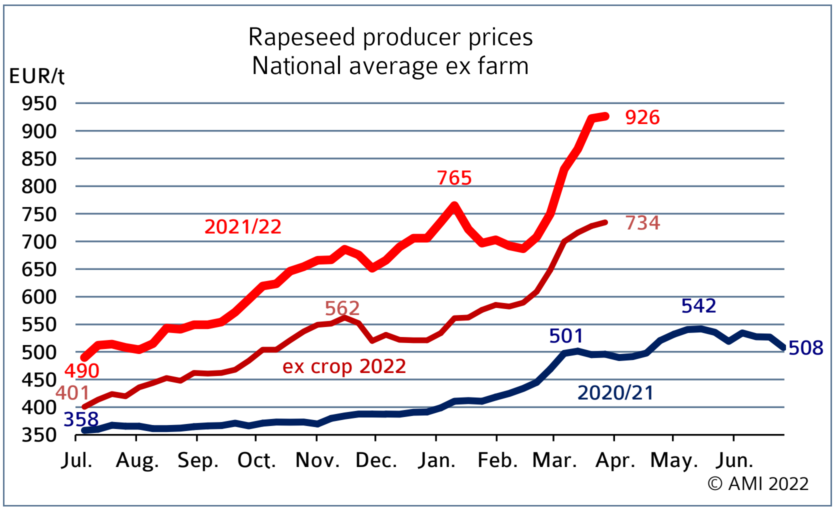
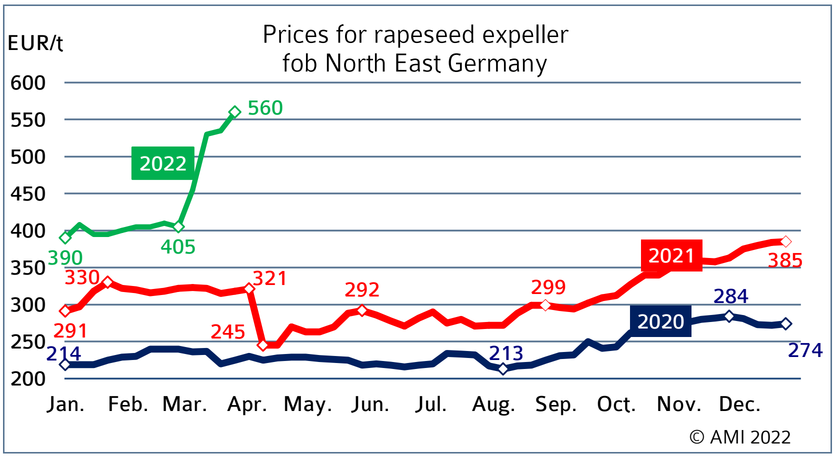


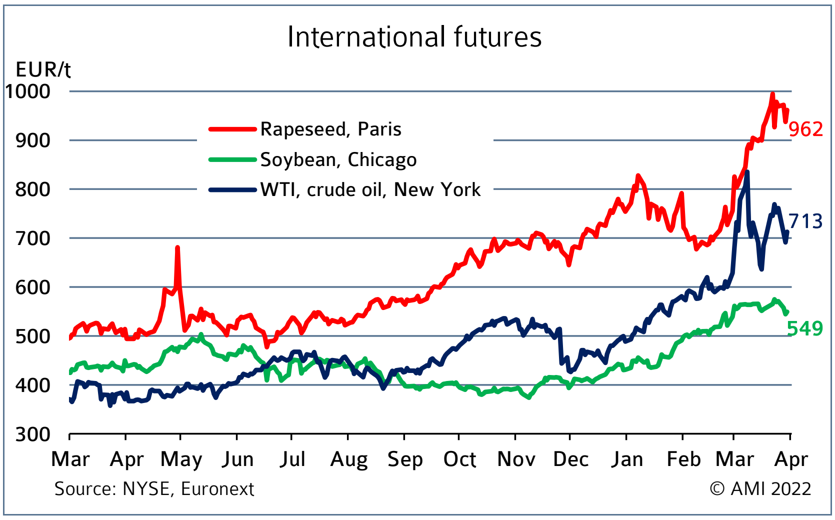
Wholesale prices

in EUR/t on 30.03.2022, (collected at mills and trade)

	Rapeseed 2021 franko	Rapeseed fob	Rapeseed oil fob	Palmoil cif
Spot	962	505	2 170	1566
Previous week	1003	515	1 970	1604

Source: AMI





Rapeseed

The enormous price movements in Paris nipped spot trading in the bud. The diverging price expectations were virtually impossible to reconcile. Some regions reported producer prices of up to EUR 985 per tonne. Farmers' inclination to sell was low and so was demand. There was hardly any trading operation reported. Also, most of the 2021 crop had already been marketed. Most farmers had even sold a large part of the upcoming harvest. Although the winter rapeseed was already in an advanced stage of growth, rain was urgently needed.

Rapeseed oil

Fuelled by the war in Eastern Europe, vegetable oil prices soared to unprecedented heights in March. The absence of sunflower oil shipments from the Black Sea region fanned concerns about a global supply bottleneck. Buyers switched to alternatives such as rapeseed oil, which boosted demand significantly. As a consequence, asking prices for spot rapeseed oil reached a new all-time high at EUR 2,170 per tonne fob German Mill. In the light of the tremendously high price level, demand from the power sector remained restrained.

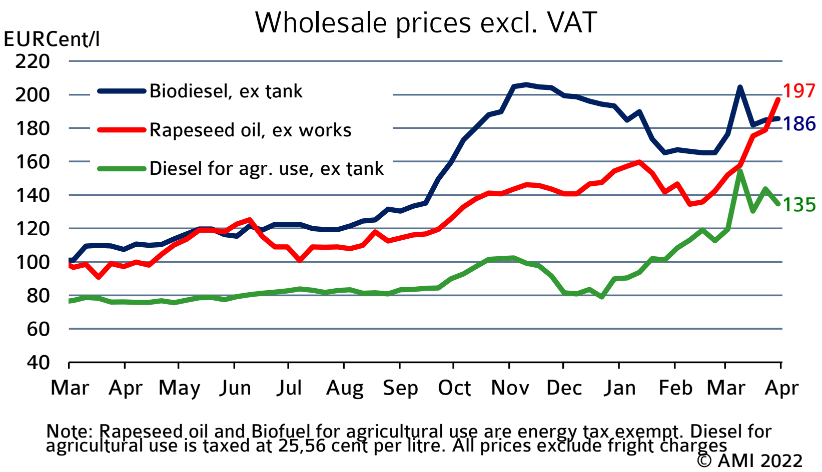
Rapeseed expeller

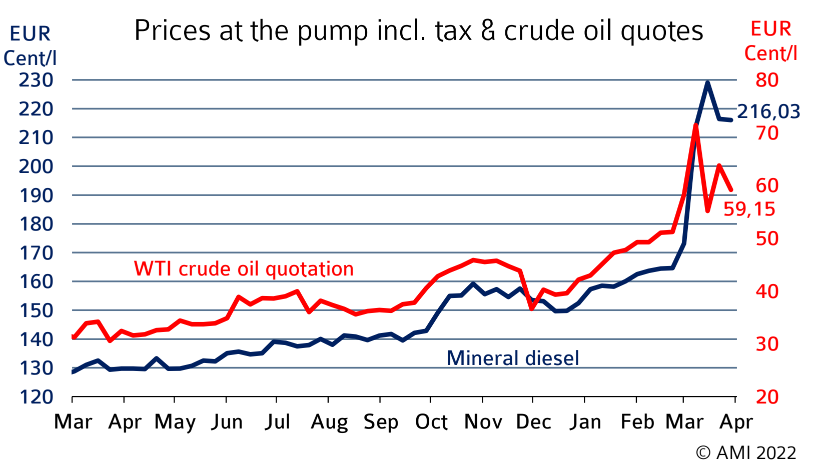
Prices for rapeseed expeller rocketed in March on the tailwind of strong global rapeseed markets. In other words, rapeseed expeller fob North Germany climbed to a peak of EUR 560 per tonne at the end of the month. By contrast, buyers acted cautiously in view of the continued high price level and adopted a wait-and-see approach to further developments. They covered only the most urgent demand.

Wholesale prices

Uncertainty and fluctuations of up to 7 euro cents per litre per day characterised the German market for biodiesel. Especially spot batches were sought after. However, strong demand contrasted with very tight supply, as larger trading companies did not offer spot commodity due to the sanctions against Russia. In view of the historically high energy and feedstock costs, market participants were expecting prices to rise further.

Biodiesel/ mineral Diesel





Domestic consumption in 2022

in 1.000 t		cumulated	
	Jan.	2022	2021
Biodiesel for blending	186,4	186,4	172,2
Diesel	2.397,8	2.397,8	2.033,9
Biodiesel + diesel	2.584,1	2.584,1	2.206,1
Share biodiesel	7,2	7,2	7,8
Bioethanol ETBE a)	10,7	10,7	10,6
Bioethanol for blending	83,8	83,8	65,2
Bioethanol total	94,5	94,5	75,8
Gasoline	1.132,9	1.132,9	948,5
Gasoline + bioethanol	1.227,4	1.227,4	1.024,3
Share bioethanol	7,7	7,7	7,4

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

Prices at the pump

Sharp jumps characterised the development of crude oil prices in March. This was mainly due to the war in Eastern Europe. After prices had fallen based on hopes for a peace agreement, they rocketed soon after in the wake of new economic sanctions against Russia. However, prices also came under downward pressure from China's action to contain the latest wave of Covid infections.

Consumption

Biodiesel

In January 2022, around 186,400 tonnes of biodiesel were used for blending in Germany. This was down only 0.1 per cent on December 2021, but up just over 8 per cent on January 2021. The decline in consumption of diesel fuel was more pronounced. January 2021 consumption amounted to just less than 2.4 million tonnes, which compares to 2.7 million tonnes a month earlier. This translates to a drop of 13 per cent. Nevertheless, compared to the same month a year earlier, this was a rise of just less than 18 per cent. This means that the decline in consumption of diesel fuel exceeded that of biodiesel for blending compared to December 2021. For this reason, the incorporation rate rose compared to the previous month. The incorporation rate to satisfy the cap on greenhouse gas emissions was 7.2 per cent, which compares to 6.4 per cent the previous month and 7.8 per cent in January 2021.

Bioethanol

January 2022 use of bioethanol totalled 94,500 tonnes. Taken together, January 2022 consumption of bioethanol in Germany dropped 0.2 per cent compared to the previous month. On the other hand, it exceeded the January 2021 figure by almost 25 per cent. Consumption of petrol declined just over 12 per cent on the previous month to 1.1 million tonnes. Compared to January 2021, it rose 19 per cent. The incorporation rate increased 0.9 per cent to 7.7 per cent compared to December 2021.