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WEEKLY USA GRAIN AND PROTEIN REPORT -- MAY 25, 2024

Monday is a holiday in the US this week – Memorial Day --- so grain exchanges and companies will be closed.

This week showed a lot of strength in US soybeans/soymeal and wheat as soybeans moved up by USD 10 m/t and soymeal by at least USD 15 m/t. US winter wheat was up as much as USD 18 m/t depending on the type while US spring wheat was up by USD 12 m/t.

Trade reports say that much of the soybean price increase was due to worries about planting delays on the US soybean crop due to all the rainfall in the soybean/corn belt. The Argentina soybean harvest is almost 80% completed with Brazil's soybean harvest just over 90%. Some trade reports added that the expected push higher in soymeal demand was also a major factor in the rally.

Wheat's higher prices seem to be all related to concerns about the Russian wheat crop and the effect that this will have on export demand. The IGC reduced its projection on Russian wheat with many forecasts now seeing Russian wheat production at 85 million m/t --- still quite a chunk of wheat but well below record production levels.

Corn had a very quiet week this week with prices up by about USD 2 m/t which is nothing when looking at the changes in wheat and soybeans. There is more rainfall than wanted in the corn belt which is slowing spring plantings and could push corn prices higher in the near-term.

Estimated Bulk Grain Freight in USD per m/t, basis heavy grains.

US Gulf to Europe: Panamax	\$27.00	Down \$2.00	
US Gulf to Spain: Panamax m/t	\$27.00	Down \$2.00	
US Gulf Israel: Panamax m/t	\$26.00	Down \$1.00	
US Gulf to Egypt: Panamax	\$26.00	Down \$1.00	
US Gulf Turkey: Panamax m/t	\$27.00	Down \$1.00	
US Gulf Morocco: Handi	\$38.00	Steady	
US Gulf Algeria/Tunisia: Handi	\$39.00	Steady	
US Gulf Nigeria: 30,000 m/t	\$32.00	Down \$1.00	
US Gulf other Med: Handi	\$40.00	Steady	
US Gulf South Africa: Handi	\$41.00	Steady	
US Gulf India : Panamax	\$52.00	Steady	
US Gulf to Philippines: Panamax	\$52.00	Steady	
US Gulf Japan: Panamax	\$53.00	Down \$1.00	
US Gulf China: Panamax	\$52.00	Down \$1.00	
US PNW Egypt: Panamax via Panama	\$50.00	Down \$1.00	
US PNW South Africa – 40,000 m/t	\$65.00	Steady	
US PNW Philippines: Panamax	\$34.00	Steady	
US PNW Japan: Panamax	\$28.00	Steady	
US PNW China: Panamax	\$27.00	Steady	

US East Coast Nigeria: Handisize	\$45.00	Steady	
US Lakes – Europe – 30,000 m/t	\$48.00	Down \$2.00	
US Lakes – Morocco – 30,000 m/t	\$54.00	Down \$2.00	
France/Germany to Algeria: Handi	\$32.00	Steady	
France/Germany to China: Panamax	\$71.00	Down \$1.00	
France/Germany to Egypt: Panamax	\$34.00	Steady	
France/Germany to Iran: Panamax	\$41.00	Steady	
France/Germany to Jordan	\$42.00	Steady	
France/Germany to Morocco: Handi	\$31.00	Steady	
France/Germany to Saudi Arabia: Panamax	\$65.00	Steady	
France/Germany to Turkey: Handi	\$35.00	Steady	
France/Germany to Yemen: Handi	\$66.00	Steady	
Argentina to Algeria: Handi	\$49.00	Adjusted	
Argentina to China: Panamax	\$52.00	Down \$2.00	
Argentina to Japan: Panamax	\$53.00	Down \$2.00	
Argentina to Egypt: Panamax	\$53.00	Steady	
Argentina to Europe: Panamax	\$26.00	Steady	
Argentina to Morocco: Handi	\$48.00	Adjusted	
Argentina to Libya: Handi	\$44.00	Steady	
Argentina to Jordan: Panamax	\$55.00	Steady	
Argentina to Saudi Arabia: Panamax	\$63.00	Steady	
Argentina to Iran: Panamax	\$61.00	Steady	
Argentina to Indonesia: Panamax	\$58.00	Steady	
Argentina to South Africa: Panamax	\$35.00	Steady	
Argentina to Kenya: Handi	\$57.00	Steady	
Argentina to Spain: Panamax	\$26.00	Steady	
Argentina to Tunisia: Handi	\$49.00	Adjusted	
Brazil to Algeria/Tunisia: Handi	\$43.00	Adjusted	
Brazil to China: Panamax	\$47.00	Down \$1.00	
Brazil to Japan: Panamax	\$48.00	Down \$1.00	
Brazil to South Korea: Panamax	\$48.00	Steady	
Brazil to Europe: Panamax	\$39.00	Steady	
Brazil to Morocco: Handi	\$42.00	Adjusted	
Brazil to Iran: Panamax	\$61.00	Steady	
Brazil to Saudi Arabia 30/40,000 m/t	\$64.00	Steady	
Brazil to Spain: Panamax	\$39.00	Steady	
Brazil to Turkey/Egypt: Panamax	\$59.00	Steady	
Australia to Saudi: Panamax	\$61.00	Up \$1.00	
Australia to Europe: Panamax	\$70.00	Up \$1.00	
South Africa to Italy -- Handisize	\$46.00	Steady	
South Africa to Turkey – Handisize	\$47.00	Steady	
South Africa to Japan – Handisize	\$42.00	Steady	
South Africa to China -- Handisize	\$43.00	Steady	
Black Sea freight			
Black Sea to China: Panamax	\$60 Russia	Ukraine \$55	
Black Sea to Indonesia: Panamax	\$59 Russia	Ukraine \$77	

Black Sea to Egypt: 40/50,000	\$18 Russia	Ukraine \$30	
Black Sea to Egypt: 30,000	\$20 Russia	Ukraine \$27	
Black Sea to Iran: Panamax	\$48 Russia	Ukraine \$61	
Black Sea to Europe: Panamax	\$26 Russia	Ukraine \$36	
Black Sea to Morocco – Handi	\$28 Russia	Ukraine \$41	
Black Sea to Tunisia/Algeria – Handi	\$27 Russia	Ukraine \$40	
Black Sea to Jordan: Panamax	\$37 Russia	Ukraine \$52	
Black Sea to Libya – Handi	\$28 Russia	Ukraine \$41	
Black Sea to Saudi: Panamax	\$50 Russia	Ukraine \$70	
Black Sea to Turkey – Handi	\$19 Russia	Ukraine \$25	
Black Sea to South Africa – Handi	\$55 Russia		
Russia to Turkey (Izmir)– coaster 5,000 m/t	\$31.00	Steady	
Russia to Egypt – coaster 5,000 m/t	\$55.00	Down \$1.00	
Ukraine to Turkey – coaster 5,000 m/t	\$60.00	Steady	
Ukraine to Egypt – coaster 5,000 m/t	\$59.00	Down \$1.00	
Baltic Dry Index	1797	Down 47	
Baltic Capesize Index	2613	Down 62	
Baltic Panamax Index	1824	Down 1	
Baltic Supramax Index	1326	Down 79	
Baltic Handisize Index	688	Down 2	
Global Container Index - Freightos	3413	Up 306	

All shipments in bulk grain vessels unless stated otherwise.
(NOLA is New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.)

FOB port or location specified. Prices in US\$, in metric tons:

ALL PRICES ARE FOR June 2024/August 2024

Wheat, USA Soft Red Winter, US Gulf	USD 265<<270 Sep	
Wheat, USA Hard Red Winter 11 protein, US Gulf	USD 290<<295 Sep	
Wheat, Ukraine 11.5 pro, 30,000+ m/t	USD 235<<240 Sep	
Wheat, Russia 12.5 pro, 30,000+ m/t	USD 245<<250 Sep	
Wheat, Romania 12.5 pro	USD 265<<270 Sep	
Wheat, Superior, France, Rouen	USD 255<<263 Sep	
Wheat, milling, 12.0%, Argentina, Upriver	USD 290>>280 Sep	
Wheat, feed, Black Sea	USD 200/210	
Barley, France, Rouen port	USD 240/243	
Barley, feed, Argentina, upriver	USD 225/230	
Barley, feed, Black Sea, 30,000+	USD 190/195	
Barley, feed, Australia	USD 265/270	
Corn, 2YC FOB NOLA USA	USD 200<<205 Sep	
Corn, 3YC FOB USA Pacific northwest	USD 225<<230 Sep	
Corn, FOB Argentina port, upriver	USD 190<<195 Sep	
Corn, FOB Brazil port	USD 210>>205 Sep	
Corn, FOB France – Atlantic	USD 242<<252 Sep	

Corn, FOB Romania	USD 200<<205 Sep	
Corn, FOB Russia	USD 205<<215 Sep	
Corn, FOB Ukraine, 30,000+ m/t	USD 200<<205 Sep	
Sorghum, FOB Argentina port	USD 260/270	
Sorghum, FOB Texas	USD 250<<255 Sep	
Soymeal, 48% protein, FOB NOLA	USD 460>>450 Sep	
Soymeal, 48% protein, USA, Rotterdam	USD 490>>480 Sep	
Soymeal, 47% pro, FOB Argentina	USD 445>>425 Sep	
Soymeal, 48% protein, Brazil, Rotterdam – spot	USD 475/480	
Soymeal, 48% protein, FOB Brazil	USD 445>>425 Sep	
Soybeans, FOB NOLA	USD 480>>470 Sep	
Soybeans, Argentina, FOB	USD 465>>455 Sep	
Soybeans, Brazil, FOB	USD 470<<475 Sep	
Soybeans, Black Sea	USD 465>>460 Sep	
Corn Gluten Meal, USA FOB NOLA	USD 530/540	
Corn Gluten Feed, USA FOB NOLA	USD 200/210	
DDGS corn, 35 profat, USA FOB NOLA	USD 210/215	

SECTION 2 --- FISHMEAL COMMENTS AND PRICES: PERUVIAN "INDICATION" FISHMEAL PRICES:

The catch in the North/Central area of Peru was just under 143,000 m/t this week bringing the total to date up to 1.93 million m/t and leaving 540,000 m/t on the quota. The juvenile level this week averaged 24%. The number of vessels fishing has dropped off from 450 to just over 200 as some allocations/quotas have been fully landed.

The latest scientific assessment for El Nino for Peru is for any event to be weak to neutral. So, nothing to worry about on the El Nino side this year.

There has been no change in Peru fishmeal prices this week but, as mentioned last week, the shortage of Super Prime and Prime is expected to push those prices higher.

Overall, the fishmeal/fishoil industry in Peru seems to be quite happy this season and is hoping that the later 2024 fishing season will be just as good as the current one.

China's imports of fishmeal in 2024 are forecasted to increase by about 8% to 1.8 million tonnes. Total fishmeal imports by China in the first 4 month of 2024 reached 560,000 m/t. Total fishmeal consumption in China in 2024 is forecasted as up 100,000 m/t to 2.08 mm/t.

European fishmeal prices – FOB North German port.

Type	Protein %	Price per m/t USD
Standard Herring	64% protein	1,730
Danish standard fishmeal	71% protein	1,915
Peru fishmeal	65% protein	1,665
Chile fishmeal	66% protein	1,695
Iceland fishmeal	71% protein	1,875

ALL PRICES SHOWN ARE IN CONTAINER, ON VESSEL, AT ORIGIN --- US DOLLARS
Minimum shipment of 200 m/t for fishmeal

Specification	Price per m/t FOB Vessel Peru port	Price per m/t Chile port
65% protein standard steam	1550/1570	
67% protein 150 TVN	1620/1640	
67% protein 120 TVN	1700/1720	1700/1720
67% protein 1000 hist, 120 TVN	1750/1770	1750/1770
68% protein 500 hist, 100 TVN	1800/1820	1800/1820
Fish oil, crude bulk	No prices	5,100
Fish oil, crude drums	No prices	No prices
Fish oil, flexi tank	No prices	No prices
Fish oil, Omega 3: 28%EPA/DHA	8,000/8,500	No prices

INFORMATION: gtee = guarantee, TVN = total volatile nitrogen, hist = histamine

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