

CORN Market



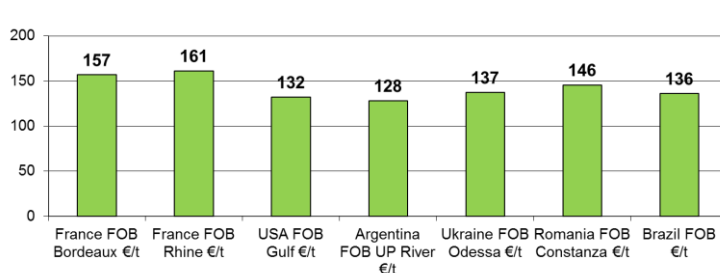
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FOB price 24/11/2017 in €/t - Novembre delivery (2017 crop)



	On 24/11	On 17/11
Parity €/€	1.19	1.18
Petrol \$/barrel (NY)	59	56.6
FOB Bordeaux* (€/t)	157	157
FOB Rhine* (€/t)	161	162

*FOB price Bordeaux/Rhine including monthly increase.

WORLD: DRY WEATHER IN ARGENTINA

According to the USDA, as of 17 November, soybeans were sowed on more than 90% of acreages in the Brazilian region of Mato Grosso, with a delay of approximately 5% compared to last year. As a reminder, timely sowing and harvesting of soybeans affects the correct sowing of second-harvest maize. Brazil received beneficial rainfall over the central and northern parts of the country.

35% of acreages are sowed in Argentina, which is 5% less compared to the same date last year. Despite recent rainfall, the conditions in the country remain dry, raising concerns.

90% of acreages are sowed in the US versus an average 95% over the past 5 years on the same date. The CIC agrees with the USDA's yield estimates at 11 t/ha, noting very good results on a big portion of the Corn Belt.

Weekly export sales in the United States are exceeding one million tonnes. Weekly ethanol production, with 1.07 million barrels per day, is reaching a new record.

The CBOT recorded a slight decrease from one week to the next. Net sellers funds are maintained at a particularly high level.

EUROPE: EU IS TOP GLOBAL IMPORTER ACCORDING TO THE CIC

With 220 KT imported over the past week, total imports to the EU since July have reached 5.5 Mt, versus 3.3 Mt at the same period a year ago.

The CIC has estimated EU imports at 16.6 Mt for the 2017/18 crop year. Such a level would rank the EU-28 as the global leader in terms of imports, ahead of Mexico (16.2 Mt) and Japan (15.3 Mt).

The euro continues its increase compared to the dollar, further weakening the competitiveness of EU commodities.

The CIC confirms the decrease in yields compared to last year in Black Sea countries, with decreases of 17% and 12% for Ukraine and Russia respectively. The organisation, despite the anticipated decrease in production in the two countries, estimates that Ukrainian exportable volume will reach the same level as last year, whereas Russian exportable volume should slightly decrease.

Following developments in exchange rates, Euronext is losing 2 €/t from one week to the next, now rating 154 €/t on the January deadline.

To be monitored:

- Weather forecast in Argentina
- Ukrainian exports
- €/€ developments

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