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SOYABEAN PLANTING REACHES 87% OF THE AREA, IN LINE WITH 5-YEAR AVERAGE

The planting of the 2019/20 soybean crop reached 87% of the estimated area for Brazil, according to a survey by consultancy AgRural, advancing 8 percentage points in a week. The number is still behind the 93% planted in the same period last year, but is in line with the five-year average. In Mato Grosso, the main producing state, sowing is practically closed, with only isolated areas in the eastern state to be planted, according to AgRural. "This is the only region of Mato Grosso, by the way, where a little rain is missing - but nothing that threatens the productive potential for now. In the rest of the state, soybeans are developing well and producers expect a good crop", informs the consultancy, in a weekly newsletter. Planting is also in the final stretch in Paraná, reaching 98% of the estimated area, and in Mato Grosso do Sul, reaching 97% of the area to be sown. "Last week's rains were sparse and accumulated irregular volumes, but they were very welcome to improve the humidity and bring relief to the crops. The rainfall, in this case a little more generous, was also very welcome in Sao Paulo, Minas Gerais. Gerais and Goiás and did not disturb the work in Rio Grande do Sul", reports the consultancy. The highlights of the week, AgRural points out, were Rio Grande do Sul and Bahia. In Rio Grande do Sul, sowing continued at a strong pace, rising from 59% to 82% of planted area, an increase of 23 percentage points in the week. Bahia also recorded a leap in planting in the week, with more regular rainfall reaching the west of the state. "But the Bahian sowing is still late. There is also considerable delay in Piauí. Tocantins and Maranhão are also late compared to last year, but aligned to the average of five years," says the consultancy. *Source: Revista Globo Rural*

PORT OF SANTOS HAS RECORD DISCHARGE OF FERTILIZER

Panamax Breeze ship operations in the Port of Santos are expected to be completed this weekend. The vessel brought 72,200 tons of fertilizer from Yantai Port, China, to the Santos pier. The volume transported in one trip, which took 52 days, is a record in the country. The ship arrived in Santos on the 17th. But the berth at the Guarujá Maritime Terminal (Termag), which is on the Left Bank, only occurred in the last Saturday. The filler is composed of ammonium sulfate, sold in the form of white grains and containing 20% nitrogen and 22% sulfur in the composition. It is used as a fertilizer to replenish these nutrients in the soil, thereby increasing field productivity. "The coming of this ship to Santos was only possible thanks to the public and private investments made here, in the rail network and in dredging. In addition, there is financial health and an appetite for agribusiness," said Ewerton John, managing director of Grupo Orion, the agency responsible for the call at Santos Port. Enabling larger ships unloading fertilizers also tends to improve freight rates and generate scale gains - as larger ships have a lower cost per tonne transported. For Indagro's director, one of the largest fertilizer traders in the world, Danilo Carpino, the arrival of larger ships

in the port of Santos is a trend. According to him, previously, these cargoes were directed to the port of Paranaguá (PR). "It was more economically viable to transport from Paraná to Mato Grosso, but with investments in railroads, the scenario has changed," said the executive, who came to Santos to accompany the operation of Panamaz Breeze. The Port of Santos last year received 5.5 million tons of fertilizer. This year, the estimate is to unload 6.9 million tons of cargo. *Source: Portos e Navios*

ETHANOL: TRADING VOLUME GROWS 15% IN PARTIAL SEASON

The volume of hydrous ethanol traded in part of the 2019/20 crop (from April to November) captured by Cepea is 14.9% higher than the same period of the previous season. The good outflows of hydrous ethanol in the pumps continue to influence the volume traded in the mills and supporting prices in the producer segment in the main states. Between 25 and 29 November, the CEPEA / ESALQ Indicator of hydrous ethanol (producer price) closed at R \$ 1.9611 / liter (without ICMS and without PIS / Cofins), up 2.87% compared to the week previous. In the case of anhydrous ethanol, the CEPEA / ESALQ Indicator was R \$ 2.1470 / liter (without PIS / Cofins), an increase of 2.43% in the same period. *Source: Notícias Agrícolas*

SOYABEAN PRODUCTION IN 2019/20 EXPECTED TO RECORD 126 MILLION TONS

Brazilian soybean production in the 2019/20 crop should grow 8% compared to the previous season and reach a record 126 million tons, estimated the consultancy Datagro. According to the survey, the result is due to the 3% increase in planted area in the country from 36.06 million hectares in 2018/19 to 37.03 million hectares this year. The figure confirms planting intent data we estimate by the consultancy in July and the projections released in October. The expected average yield is 3,402 kg / ha. The latest record in oilseed production was recorded in the 2017/18 harvest, when Brazil totaled 122.30 million tons. According to Datagro, the projected volume for 2019/20 makes the Brazilian crop surpass the US soybean production. "New adjustments tend to be made in the next surveys, but it is clear that the Brazilian producer will even increase soybean planting in the country for the 13th consecutive year. In line with last year," says the coordinator of Datagro Grãos, France. Junior. The expert states that the North and Northeast regions should present the highest levels of expansion in planting. *Source: Revista Globo Rural*

SUGAR PRICES IN SÃO PAULO MILLS RISES ALMOST 1% IN NOVEMBER

The prices of crystal sugar followed around \$ 65.00 / 50 kg bag last month. The information comes from the Center for Advanced Studies in Applied Economics (Cepea), from Esalq-USP. The average Cepea / Esalq indicator, Icumsa color from 130 to 180, in November, was R \$ 65.65 / 50 kg bag, a slight increase of 0.94% compared to October, which was R \$ 65.04 / bag. According to researchers from Cepea, this scenario of stability can be attributed to supply, which was restricted by the mills, and demand on prompt delivery, which showed no signs of warming. *Source: Nova Cana*



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Source: *Brasil Agro*

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CORN TO PRODUCE 72,110 MT

INTL FCStone's first estimate for the Brazilian corn crop in the 2019/20 season is 72.11 million tons of production and 13.17 million hectares of planted area. If projections are confirmed, production would be about 1 million tonnes below the previous season's record volume of 73.18 million tonnes. Already the planted area would represent an increase of about 300 thousand hectares compared to the previous period. "More sustained prices and record exports may end up encouraging the off-season," says consultancy market analyst Ana Luiza Lodi. According to a consultancy statement, the off-season begins "with concerns related to the planting window, due to initial delays in the soybean crop."

Source: *Revista Globo Rural*

CNA FORECASTS 9.8% INCREASE IN GROSS PRODUCTION VALUE IN 2020

The Confederation of Agriculture and Livestock of Brazil (CNA) projects a growth of 9.8% in Gross Value of Agricultural Production (VBP) for 2020, with revenues of \$ 669.7 billion, and high of 3% in GDP (GDP). Agribusiness (Gross Domestic Product) compared to 2019. To compare, in 2018, the entity predicted this year's GDP increases of 2% and 4.3% in the GVP, which measures revenue from the activity within the gate. The livestock sector, which was the highlight of 2019 with a high of 7%, doubles its share in 2020, with a forecast of increase of 14.1% and VBP of R \$ 265.8 billion. The estimates were released on Wednesday (4) in Brasilia during a press conference. Soy should continue to be the flagship of national agriculture, with high of 14.1% and revenues of \$ 165.2 billion, but who will have more reasons to smile in 2020 will be the beef producer, with estimated increase 22% in revenue. Pigs should have growth of 9.8%, dairy cattle, 7%, and chickens, 7.1%.

Source: *Revista Globo Rural*

REFINED SUGAR FALLS

After three consecutive months of rise, the nominal refined sugar premium fell in November, according to the monthly report of the London-based International Sugar Organization (OIA). The indicator, which is the result of the difference between the price of white sugar and the ISA Daily Price Index, averaged \$ 57.72 per ton last month from \$ 62.36 per ton seen in October. The long-term average of three years is \$ 68 per ton. "In November, despite a significant global statistical deficit projected for 2019/20, spot prices for raw and white sugar were blocked in an extremely narrow range," said the OIA. At the end of last month, the institution projected that sugar consumption will be 6.11 million tons higher than supply in the cycle that began this year and ends in 2020. ISA's daily price, according to the entity, ranged from 12.53 cents per pound to 12.98 cents per pound, resulting in a monthly average of 12.79 cents per pound, up from 12.57 cents per pound. pounds checked in October. "The dynamics of white sugar prices (as measured by the White Sugar ISO Price Index) were equally insignificant," the Organization compared. The high of \$ 346.35 per ton last month represented only a difference of \$ 19.00 per ton from the period low, the OIA report noted. As a result, the average was \$ 339.70 per ton, virtually unchanged from the previous month (\$ 339.13 per

