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BRAZILIAN HEALTH AGENCY PUBLISHES PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Earlier this month, the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) released a Technical Norm with measures and actions to be taken against the coronavirus. The Agency recommended that anyone working at points of entry into the country, such as ports, airports and borders, should wear surgical masks. And if there is any suspicious case, in addition to the mask, apron, goggles and gloves should be used. Ships flying foreign flags can only berth at Brazilian ports if they have a Free Pratique Certificate issued by Anvisa. Inspection for the purpose of issuing a Free Pratique Certificate is a procedure adopted a long time ago by Anvisa and follows the rules of the World Health Organization (WHO). The Sanitary inspection and Free Pratique is one of the main instruments to curb the international spread of diseases by means of foreign ships.

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Source: Anvisa

ACCORDING TO CEPEA, RICE PRICES CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Rice prices registered a strong increase in the Rio Grande do Sul market in January. This is what the Esalq / Senar-RS indicator shows, 58% whole grains, which this week was quoted at R \$ 51.22 / 50 kg bag, up 0.89% in comparison with the same week in January. The researchers point out that last Monday (3), rice prices reached the highest nominal level of the Cepea series on the product, which started in July 2005. In the monthly average of January, the indicator was R \$ 49.60 / bag, up 3.55% compared to December and 23.5% when compared to the same month last year. The average of the indicator was the highest since February 2017. The researchers explain that the uncertainties regarding the volume to be harvested in Rio Grande do Sul, in relation to the quality of the grains and the factors that involve exports / imports have maintained the expectations of producers with firm prices, even as harvest intensification approaches (end of February).

Source: Revista Globo Rural

ETHANOL CONSUMPTION IN BRAZIL SHOWED RECORD VOLUME IN 2019

The Sugarcane Agroindustry Union (Unica) compiled data from the National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels (ANP) that indicate a historic record in ethanol consumption in Brazil in 2019. 32.8 billion liters were consumed, volume 10.5% higher than 2018, or 3.1 billion liters. According to Unica, the consumption of hydrated ethanol accounted for 22.5 billion liters, an increase of 16.3% and the other 10.3 billion liters correspond to anhydrous ethanol, added to gasoline. "These numbers put Brazil at the forefront of sustainability, since sugarcane ethanol emits 90% less greenhouse gas (GHG) compared to gasoline, being one of the largest renewable fuel consuming markets in the

world," says Unica. In the opinion of the entity, "the maintenance of an external context favorable to the expansion of biofuel sales has enabled Brazil to consume 2.74 billion liters of ethanol every 30 days during the last year - the highest average monthly sales ever recorded across historic serie". The share of ethanol (hydrated and anhydrous) in the fuel matrix used by the fleet of passenger and light cargo vehicles (Otto cycle - in gasoline equivalent) reached 48.3%, the highest since 2009 in Brazil. ANP data show that in at least five federations, ethanol was responsible for supplying more than half of the light transport matrix.

Source: Revista Globo Rural

BRAZIL EXPORTED 48.45% MORE SUGAR IN JANUARY

In January of this year, Brazil exported 1.609 million tons of raw and refined sugar, an increase of 48.45% in relation to the volume shipped in the same month of 2019, of 1.083 million tons. When compared to December 2019 exports of 1.473 million tons, there was an increase of 9.23%. Revenues from shipments of raw and refined sugar totaled US \$ 470.3 million, up 53.69% compared to the US \$ 306 million obtained in January 2019. The figures were released on Monday (February 3rd), by the Foreign Trade Secretariat (Secex), of the Ministry of Economy, and consider 22 working days. In addition to the 9.23% increase in exports compared to December 2019, sales increased 11.55%, from US \$ 421.6 million to US \$ 470.3 million on the same basis of comparison. Secex data also shows that, of the total exported in January, 1.415 million tons were demerara sugar (revenues of US \$ 397.1 million) and 194 thousand tons of refined, with revenues of US \$ 73.2 million.

Source: Revista Globo Rural

CHINA BUYS 20 SOYABEAN VESSELS FROM BRAZIL THIS WEEK

Concentrated in Brazil, purchases of soybeans from China already total twenty ships this week alone, in addition to the other 10 last week. Demand from the Asian nation remains strong, and has gained even more pace in view of the country's greater need at this time of crisis, which has already promoted a recovery in soybean meal prices. Information from China shows that the sector is in great demand, favoring an improvement in the industrial margins of oilseed crushing and, consequently, promoting these new purchases of Brazilian soybeans. And this resumption of soybean meal is mainly due to the greater need in the animal protein sector.

Source: Notícias Agrícolas

RAIN DELAYS BRAZILIAN SOYABEAN HARVEST AND CONGEST PORTS

Another wave of climatic instability has delayed the soybean harvest in Brazil, the world's largest producer and exporter, and affected shipments at ports. Heavy rains have damaged the harvest in the fields, and the ships are starting to run aground in the ports of Santos and Paranaguá. The solid demand for oilseeds responds to purchases from China, the largest importer, easing concerns that the coronavirus will harm trade. A "giant" line of ships is being formed at ports, although delays in shipments may be temporary, said Pedro Dejneka, a partner at MD Commodities in Chicago, in a voice message. The Brazilian soybean crop was a record, and



farmers are offering more attractive prices than rivals, such as the USA.

Source: Portos e Navios

CORN PRODUCTION IN MATO GRASSO REACHES ALMOST 33 MILLION TONS IN THIS HARVEST

Data released by the Mato Grosso Institute of Agricultural Economics (Imea), this week, point out that corn production in the state should be 32.44 million tons, this season. The planted area increased by 4.98% compared to the previous harvest. More than 5 million hectares will be cultivated. Still according to Imea, the heated demand for the cereal, especially for the construction of new corn-based ethanol plants in the state, coupled with the appreciation of corn prices, encouraged some producers to invest in the crop. In addition, business opportunities at attractive prices arose for the producer, who took the time to speed up marketing. The mid-north region concentrates 81.31% of the expected consumption for ethanol plants in 2020. With regard to planting, crops reached a percentage of 21.9% of sowing by the end of January. Thus, Imea's forecast should be consolidated depending on the completion of planting and climatic conditions.

Source: G1

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