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## AGRIBUSINESS BEATS RECORDS AND EXPANDS THE MARKET IN SPITE OF NEW CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The new coronavirus pandemic, which has caused chaos on the global economy, has not prevented Brazilian agribusiness from breaking export records and gaining market share this year. On the contrary, the sector says that the emergence of Covid-19 and its consequences made the world give more value to food and national production, whose income was boosted by the favorable exchange rate. This is what has been happening in sectors such as animal protein, soy, corn and coffee, which have achieved excellent performances in the foreign market, including breaking records. In June alone, pork exports reached 96.1 thousand tons, 50.4% more than the volume shipped in the same month in 2019 - 63.9 thousand tons. The revenue in June was 43.4% higher than in the same period last year and reached US \$ 198 million. In the grain sector, soybean exports are expected to rise 8% this year, with 79 million tons, compared to 73.44 million last year, according to an estimate by Datagro consultancy. 13 million tons of grain and bran passed through the export corridor of the Port of Paranaguá (PR) from January to July, 10% more than in the same period in 2019. Soy represents more than 97% of the total.

Source: *Folha / Portos e Navios*

## CONAB CONFIRMS RECORD IN GRAIN PRODUCTION WITH 253.7 MILLION TONS

The National Supply Company (Conab), confirmed on Tuesday 11th, the record growth of grain production in the country in the 2019/2020 harvest, estimated at 253.7 million tons, growth of 4.8% or the equivalent 11.6 million tonnes on the production of the past harvest. According to the company, the flagship of the grains is controlled by soybeans and corn, which guarantee almost 90% of the national production. "With the area of the first crop fully harvested and the second crop in the process of concluding the harvest, attention is turned to the third crop and winter crops, still dependent on the climatic behavior that, until now, has favored these crops," the company said in a statement. According to Conab, the soybean harvest finished in the main producing regions. The only crops still take place in Roraima and Alagoas. The estimate is that the country will produce 120.9 million tons, a historic record, representing an increase of 5.1% in relation to the previous year. The corn production estimate this season, considering the three harvests, is 102.1 million tons, an increase of 2.1% in relation to the last year, and record in the historical series of Conab.

Source: *Canal Rural*

## CORN EXPORTS SURPASS SOYBEANS EXPORTS IN THE 1ST WEEK OF AUGUST

Data released on Monday, August 10, by the Foreign Trade Secretariat (Secex) indicates that Brazilian corn exports reached 2 million tonnes in the first week of August and exceeded soybean shipments in this period. The daily average of corn shipments went from 332,800 tonnes in August 2019 to 408,500 tonnes in the first five working days of this month. When it comes to soy, exports totaled 1.59 million tonnes, with a daily average of 318,700 tonnes, compared to 227,500 tonnes in August last year. Regarding sugar, foreign sales more than doubled in the first week of August. Another positive highlight is coffee, the export pace of which increased by 50.9%. In the extractive industry, oil and iron ore also registered increases in shipments.

Source: *Reuters*

## PROCESSING SUGAR CANE REACHES 50.48 MILLION TONS IN THE SECOND HALF OF JULY, SAYS UNICA

The amount of sugarcane processed in the Center-South reached 50.48 million tons in the second half of July. The result is 1.15% higher than the 49.90 million registered in the same period of 2019. In the accumulated since the beginning of the 2020/2021 harvest until August 1, the crushing reached 326.44 million tons, against 308.96 million recorded in the same period of the previous cycle - growth of 5.66%. The technical director of UNICA, Antonio de Padua Rodrigues, points out that "in July this year, the crushing amounted to 97.04 million tons, being only 1.89% lower than July of the 2017/2018 harvest, when the sector registered the largest quantity cane processed by producers in the Center-South region. Despite the higher crushing in 2017, ethanol production in July this year was higher than the volume registered that year due to the better quality of the raw material observed in 2020", he concluded. In the second half of July 2020, sugar production reached 3.41 million tons, 37.67% more than the 2.48 million tons produced in the last year. Ethanol production, in turn, totaled 2.39 billion liters in the second half of July, against 2.66 billion produced in the same period of the 2019/2020 cycle. Of the total produced in the fortnight, hydrate represented 1.66 billion liters and anhydrous amounted to 735.87 million liters.

Source: *ÚNICA*

## HARVEST 2020 PROJECTS POSITIVE NUMBERS FOR BRAZILIAN WHEAT

The Brazilian Association of the Wheat Industry (Abitrigo) gathered representatives of grain producing states in the afternoon of last Thursday (06) in a webinar that raised expectations regarding the national grain harvest. The grain scenario in the world was presented by Head of Sales Wheat of the Russian company Sodrugestvo, Douglas Araújo, who highlighted a strong possibility of the presence of Lithuanian wheat in the Brazilian market in 2021, as an additional alternative for the national market. "The Brazilian government approved the import of Lithuanian cereal this year, but due to bureaucratic reasons, there was still no time to start negotiations. We believe that next year it will be a novelty in the market", he said. On the national scene, expectations for the Brazilian harvest are very positive. Climatic conditions collaborated greatly with the good development of crops in all states, which may result in a positive harvest in the coming months. Representing São Paulo, the president of the Sectorial Chamber of wheat, Victor Oliveira highlighted the possibility of a record harvest in the São Paulo fields. In Paraná, the largest producer in the country, wheat fields have also evolved very well, presenting good conditions for health and development.

Source: *DATAGRO*

## NORTHERN ARC HAS 16% REDUCTION IN CORN FREIGHT AFTER IMPROVEMENT IN BR-163, IMEA SAYS

With more than 90% of the second corn crop harvested in Mato Grosso, farmers in the State have a 16.3% drop in road freight to transport the cereal through Northern Arc, in the first year when paving BR-163 has become a logistical benefit. The decline in freight, a relevant cost for the sector, is another factor driving the profitability of the Brazilian producer, who benefited this year from firm demand from China and the effect of the exchange rate on prices in the 2019/20 season. After exporting most of the soybeans, the country now enters the corn shipping campaign. Data from the Mato Grosso Institute of Agricultural Economics (Imea) provided to Reuters indicate that the cost of grain transportation between Sorriso (MT) and Miritituba (PA) fell from 239 reais per tonne in July 2019 to 200 reais last month. "Paving contributed to the increase



in the logistical capacity of Mato Grosso. As we have over 90% of the harvested corn crop, the job now is to take it to the port”, said the superintendent of Imea, Daniel Latorraca.

Source: Reuters

### STORAGE CARE WITH AMMONIUM NITRATE IN THE PARANAGUA PORT

This year, from January to July, the Ports of Paraná handled just over 5.5 million tons of fertilizers. The volume represents a 5% increase compared to the same period in 2019, when 5.2 million tons of fertilizer were imported. The main products that arrive at the ports of Paranaguá and Antonina are potassium chloride (MOP), urea, MAP (monoammonium phosphate); ammonium sulfate and NPK complexes. The main origin of the product is Russia. “It is a product controlled by the Army, which inspects the warehouses, and only with this release do we accredit the warehouses to receive the product”, says the director of Operations for Portos do Paraná, Luiz Teixeira da Silva Júnior. According to fertilizer operators in the Port of Paranaguá, to work with ammonium nitrate, companies must apply to DFPC for a special registration certificate (CR). Even with the registration, at each import, the Army is notified and issues a specific license, after assessing the documentary situation. Even before the ship is docked, the Army must be notified of the location where the incoming cargo will be taken and stored. While in warehouses, the product is accommodated between concrete walls, in boxes lit with cold lamps, duly identified, with access control, security warnings and properly trained personnel.

Source: Agencia de Notícias do Paraná / Global Fert

### PORT OF IMBITUBA HANDLES SPECIAL OPERATION TO LOAD 184-TON POWER TRANSFORMER

Last weekend, the Port of Imbituba carried out a special operation for loading a large 184-ton power transformer on the Monte Sarmiento container ship. The port boarding operation required the simultaneous use of two MHC (Mobile Harbor Crane) land cranes, high-strength straps, and a qualified and highly specialized technical team. The equipment was produced in Santa Catarina by the company WEG and arrived at the port by road. The mega-operation began with the transport of the transformer to the port, using special vehicles with axle lines, used for oversized and very heavy loads, allowing for stable and safe transport. The ship proceeded towards the Port of Pecém, in Ceará, via the cabotage service provided by Aliança, with the Monte Sarmiento being part of its fleet. The destination port will take 10 days to reach. In Pecém, the transformer will be unloaded and transported again by road to the city of Serra do Mel, in Rio Grande do Norte. In July the Port of Imbituba registered 3.66% growth in cargo handling, compared to the volume handled in the same period last year which was 552,000 tonnes. Among the cargo transported last month, corn, coke, containers, and soybean stood out, which together accounted for around 70% of the throughput, in addition to salt, urea, shank, cellulose, fertilizers, and food in bags.

Source: Datamar News

### PORT OF RIO DE JANEIRO CONTINUES WITH EXPERIMENTAL MANEUVERS AT NIGHT IN THE COTUNDUBA CANAL

On Friday 7th, the fourth experimental night maneuver of the second phase of the “ramp up” took place, which will have a total of six maneuvers with ships from 286 to 306 meters in length, in the Cotunduba Canal, the main access to Porto do Porto. Rio de Janeiro. The transition process, which will still have a third phase of testing, is necessary because the channel has gained a new and modern nautical signaling that will allow safe night navigation for large ships. The matter

was discussed this week during a monthly meeting of the Working Group (WG) that discusses projects to improve waterway access to the Port of Rio de Janeiro. Coordinated by CDRJ, the WG is also composed of representatives of the Brazilian Navy (MB), Pilotage RJ and the companies leasing the MultiRio, ICTSI Rio and Triunfo Logística terminals. The agenda of the meeting also included the progress of the implementation of the 1st Phase of the VTMS Project until the 1st Quarter of 2021, which provides for the operationalization of a Local Port Service (LPS) in the ports managed by the CDRJ. Another issue dealt with was the maneuver simulations of 366m LOA vessels, which will be carried out at the University of São Paulo (USP) from August 24 to 26.

Source: Portos e Navios

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