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AGRIBUSINESS GDP GROWS 6.75% IN BRAZIL

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of agribusiness increased by 6.75% from January to July 2020 in comparison with the same period last year, according to CNA and Cepea. In the monthly performance report, the agribusiness GDP grew for the seventh consecutive time. The primary sector grew 2.95%, followed by services (1.03%) and inputs (0.55%). The result was driven mainly by the record grain harvest, meeting the rising international demand and the domestic market, also by exports, given the “China effect”, which favored the profitability and competitiveness of the sector, with Brazil’s Real sliding low against the U.S. dollar. In the agricultural sector, GDP increased by 4.3% in the first seven months of the year, when compared to the same period of 2019. The result mainly reflects the higher prices of coffee, corn, soybeans and wheat, as well as the expectation of greater production in the current harvest, with a record harvest of grains and with the expansion of products, such as coffee and oranges.

Source: Revista Dinheiro Rural

OIL PRODUCTION IN BRAZIL GROWS ABOVE THE AVERAGE

Brazil has become the biggest oil producer in Latin America. It is only behind the United States and Canada in the Americas. From 2016 to 2019, Brazilian production increased 11%, while the world average increased 3.3%. A research made by the Institute for Strategic Studies on Oil, Gas and Biofuels (INEEP) shows that Brazil, Canada and Colombia have become key players in the new oil geopolitics. The pre-salt stood out as one of the largest oil reserves in the world. The research also rescues a study by the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ) which projects that pre-salt will contribute to the addition of more than 60 billion barrels of oil, placing Brazil on the list of the ten largest reserves in the world. From outside the Middle East, this reserve is second only to Venezuela, Canada and Russia. Likewise, according to the institute’s research, pre-salt is in the areas with low-cost production, close to Saudi Arabia, Russia and Iraq.

Source: Estadão

SUGAR BOOSTS AGRIBUSINESS EXPORTS IN SEPTEMBER

The strong movement of agricultural shipments boosted Brazilian agribusiness exports in September. The foreign sales of the sector of sugar and alcohol increased 89.8%, reaching US$ 1.14 billion. Exports of raw cane sugar increased 111.3% in September year on year, from 420.36 million dollars to 888.38 million dollars, thanks to China, India, Bangladesh and Indonesia. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (Mapa), the decline in sugar production in India and Thailand in 2020 caused Brazilian exports to increase. Alcohol exports also increased from US $ 112.19 million to US $ 124.38 million (up 10.9%). Total foreign sales of the sector in September reached US$ 8.56 billion, 4.8% more than the same month last year. The share of Brazil's total exports in September rose from 40.2% to 46.3% year on year.

Source: DATAGRO

COMING GRAIN HARVEST IS ESTIMATED TO REACH 268 MILLION TONS IN 2020/2021

The coming grain harvest in Brazil may beat the record set by the newly completed season by 4.2%. According to the initial forecast 2020/21 released on Thursday (08) by the stated-owned National Supply Company (Conab), the production is estimated to reach 268.7 million tons, 11 million tons more than the previous record of 257.7 million tons. The study also points to the 1.3% expansion of the cultivated area to 66.8 million hectares, an increase of 879.5 thousand hectares. The output of soybean is expected to reach 133.7 million tons, maintaining Brazil as the world's largest producer of the oilseed. Corn harvest is expected to reach 105.2 million tons, also the largest in the historical series - an increase of 2.6% over the previous one. The area cultivated with rice is expected to increase 1.6%.

Source: Universo Agro / DATAGRO

BRAZIL TO EXPORT 1.91 MILLION TONS OF SOYBEAN IN OCTOBER

In October, Brazil should export 1.911 million tons of soybeans, 4.568 million tons of corn and 1.425 million tons of soybean meal, according to Anec. The data contemplates the schedule of shipments at the ports. From October 4 to 10, it is expected shipments will handle 1,499 million tons of corn, 542,700 tons of soybeans and 335,100 tons of bran. In September, 3.945 million tons of soybeans, 5.831 million tons of corn and 1.318 million tons of soybean meal were handled. If the projections are confirmed, Brazil’s foreign sales in the first 10 months of the year should reach 81.164 million tons of soybeans, 24.739 million tons of corn and 14.481 million tons of bran.

Source: Revista Globo Rural

HIGH PRICES CYCLE FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

The director of the consultancy Céleres, Anderson Galvão, projects a cycle of high prices for commodities. “We are once again going through the beginning of a rising prices cycle for commodities, soybeans, corn and ore, which is due to the devaluation of the dollar. This does not depend on supply, whether it rained or not. It is a macroeconomic movement changing the price of agricultural commodities”, says Galvão. He adds that prices in a short term have been affected by the climate and global demand. “In addition to commodity market itself, there is a climate uncertainty in South America associated with La Niña, besides a strong global demand for cereal. External and internal factors explain part of the high prices for soybeans and corn”, he says. China may also play an important role in the import of corn, according to the director of Céleres. He warns that the main risk for quotes is the exchange rate and not the prices in Chicago. “Producers have to keep in mind that a large part of commodity values comes from the exchange rate. Any macroeconomic adjustment in Brazil should result in Real exchange rate appreciation”, he concludes.

Source: Canal Rural

PORT OF SANTOS PASSES IBAMA INSPECTION FOR DANGEROUS CARGO HANDLING

On October 8, the Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA) presented the conclusions of Operation Relíqua, which inspected dangerous cargo of more than 50 companies in the Port of Santos and in the industrial hub of Cubatão during approximately three weeks. IBAMA concluded that the dangerous cargo operations in the Port of Santos are safe, as it has performed preventive and inspection actions regarding the handling and storage of this type of cargo. The purpose of the operation was to verify the security conditions and preparedness to fight emergencies in the Port of Santos region, mainly due to the tragic explosion that occurred in in the port of Beirut, Lebanon, on August 4. The Director of Business Development and Regulation, Bruno Stupello, represented the Board of Santos Port Authority (SPA) at the meeting, which aimed to evaluate the work carried out. “Port handling is often of a risk nature, and accident prevention, through strict controls and inspection, is imperative at the Port of Santos. For this reason, SPA gave full support to Operation Relíqua and acts strictly to guarantee the safety of cargo and people in the Port of Santos”, said Stupello. IBAMA, in its closing presentation, praised the control and inspection work that is carried out continuously by SPA, the National Waterway Transport Agency (ANTAQ) and by the Army on the dangerous cargo handling operations at the Port of Santos.

Source: Datamar News

CARGO HANDLING IN PRIVATE TERMINALS GROWS 6.8%

Cargo handling in Brazilian private port terminals grew by 6.8% in the second quarter of 2020, when compared to the same period in 2019, says Antaq. The advance is mainly due to the growth of the movement of soybeans (up 32.6%), oil and oil products (up 23.6%), with 185.3 million tons handled. That corresponds to 11.8 million tons more, when compared to the same period of 2019. The president of ATP

(Association of Private Port Terminals), Murillo Barbosa highlights, in a report, the performance of the private port terminals. In the comparison between 2019 and 2020, the increase of oil and oil products handlings contributed to the 22.6% growth in the total of liquid and gaseous bulk. As a result, the cargo profile reached 30% share of the general cargo handling in private ports this year. The dry bulk profile, on the other hand, remained with the highest percentage of gross weight in the period, with 61% of the market share and 113.1 million tons handled, mostly composed of iron ore (63.9%) and soybeans (19.1%).
Source: Portos e Navios

ITAGUAÍ NOW ABLE TO RECEIVE MEGA VESSELS WITH LOA OF 367 METERS
With the Maritime Authority, Companhia Docas do Rio de Janeiro (CDRJ) ratified, the Normative Instrument for Operational Parameters nº 14.001.03, in force since September 11th. The standard establishes container ships with LOA of 340m, breadth of 50m, and draft of 14.70m – which can reach 15.40m with the use of tide – as a regular maneuver of the Sepetiba Tecon Terminal, in the Port of Itaguaí. In addition, as a special maneuver, the terminal is also able to receive mega-ships with an LOA of 367m. According to Alexandre Neves, Superintendent of Port Management of Itaguaí and Angra dos Reis of CDRJ, “with this, the Sepetiba Tecon Terminal in the Port of Itaguaí, now has the best draft conditions on the east coast of South America and the forecast is that new lines will use the terminal and, consequently, container handling will increase”. Also according to information from the superintendent, the operational parameters were changed as a result of investments made by the Sepetiba Tecon Terminal – CSN in dredging works in the evolution basin, maneuver área, and mooring berths at the terminal.
Source: Datamar News

CARGO HANDLING AT PARANÁ PORTS UP 28% IN SEPTEMBER
Paraná ports have registered a positive 2020. Comparing the months of September 2020 to 2019, the cargo movement has increased by over 28%. During September, 5.26 million tons were shipped and unloaded in the state. In the same 30 days of 2019, the volume of operations was about 4.1 million tons. In the January to September accumulated result for the year, the increase registered is 11% in relation to the same period in 2019. This year, 43.9 million tons were imported and exported through the terminals of Paraná. Last year, 39.7 million tons were moved during the same period. The solid bulk segment registered the highest percentage increase of 11% in the nine months of 2020. Soy, soybean meal, and sugar – the latter highlighted also at the Port of Antonina, not only in Paranaguá – are the products that register the greatest increases in exports. About 13.2 million tons of soybeans (grain) were shipped from the Port of Paranaguá this year between January and September. Compared to the 8.4 million tons shipped in the same period in 2019, the registered increase reaches 58%. Regarding bran shipments, there was a 14% increase in the comparison of the nine months of 2020 with 2019. This year, 4.46 million tons of the product was handled compared to last year’s 3.9 million tons. These totals also include volumes exported by the Port of Antonina. There, 233,750 tons of soybean meal were shipped. This year 21% more was shipped than last year, or 193,856 tons. Adding the sugar shipped in bulk and that which leaves the ports of Pará shipped in bags, 3.11 million tons have already been exported this year. Compared to the 1.79 million tons recorded in 2019, the increase amounts to 73%. Of this volume, 73,196 tons were handled at the Port of Antonina, representing 50% more than the 48,919 tons of sugar exported from there during the same period last year. Still in the same segment, but in imports, the product with the highest volume and which registers the highest percentage of increase is fertilizer. In the accumulated result for this year, around 7.2 million tons were imported, 6% more.The increase registered in the movement of liquid bulk amounted to 7%.
Source: Datamar News

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