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PRODUCTION OF SUGAR GROWS BY 44.16% IN RELATION TO THE 2019/2020 HARVEST

Accumulated sugar production in the 2020/2021 crop set a historic record with 38.09 million tons produced, which represents an increase of 44.16% in relation to the 2019/2020 harvest. As a result, 46.30% of the sugarcane was used for sugar production until December 1, compared to 34.59% registered on the same period of 2019. Even though, in the 2020/2021 harvest most of the grinding sugarcane (53.70%) continues to be directed to ethanol production. The volume of anhydrous ethanol increased by 18.63%, reaching 353 million liters. The production of hydrated ethanol decreased by 49.16%, totaling 234 million liters. From the beginning of the 2020/2021 crop to December 1, corn ethanol production totaled 1.64 billion liters, with an increase of 84.85% over the volume registered on the same period of 2019. The technical director of the Sugarcane Industry Union (UNICA), Antonio de Padua Rodrigues, said that "if the pace of production keeps rising, corn ethanol production may possibly make twice as much when compared to the 2020/2021 harvest".

Source: *Jornal Cana*

BRAZIL SET TO REACH RECORD LEVELS IN THE NEW HARVEST DESPITE CLIMATE PROBLEMS

Although the National Company of Supply (Conab) says that climate problems have decreased November estimate, Conab endorsed the forecast of a new record harvest in Brazil, in the third survey of the 2020/21 grain harvest, released on December 10. According to the new estimate, Brazil will produce 265.9 million tons of grain in the 2019/2020 harvest - 9 million tons (up 3.5%). The projections also indicate a growth of 1.6% in the planted area, reaching 67 million hectares. For the 2020/21 season, soybeans and corn account for 89% of the country's total grain production. Conab estimates an increase of 3.3% in soybeans planting, and a production projected to reach 134.5 million tons, placing the country as the world's largest producer of oilseeds. Conab also estimates a drop of 2.1% in corn planting, and the country's total production is estimated at 102.6 million tons. As for rice, the planted area is projected to grow by 3.2%, and production is estimated at 10.9 million tons, with 10 million tons coming from irrigated areas and 900 thousand tons from rainfed areas.

Source: *Globo Rural*

VOLUME OF FERTILIZERS KEEPS UP IN BRAZIL PORTS

The ports that mostly handled fertilizers in November this year were Paranaguá, with 897,141 tons; Rio Grande, with 458,306 tons; and Santos, with 451,496 tons. The volume in the three ports increased respectively by 15%, 5% and 5.3%. In comparison with November 2019, the growth was of 27% in the Port of Paranaguá, 57% in the Port of Rio Grande. In the Port of Santos, the volume handled dropped by 13%. The most imported inputs were Potassium Chloride, with 1.54 million tons; Urea, with 897 thousand tons; and Ammonium Sulfate, with 452 thousand tons. Compared to November 2019, the sector stepped up imports, by 22% for Potassium Chloride, 57% for Ammonium Sulphate and 61% for Urea. In the sum of all imported products in the month, 2020 surpassed 2019 by 18%. The fall in the value of US dollar in fertilizers also contributed to the increase in imports.

Source: *Global Fert*

BRAZILIAN SOY OIL IMPORTS INCREASED BY 8000% IN NOVEMBER

Detailed data from the Ministry of Agriculture released on December 10 indicate that Brazilian imports of soybean oil increased by more than 8000% in November, with Argentina supplying most of Brazil's imports of the commodity to make up for the shortage in the domestic market. Rice imports almost tripled last month compared to November 2019, to around 150,000 tons, including 56,000 tons of the North American product, temporarily imported at zero tariffs. Year-to-date from January to November, soybean oil imports totaled around 160,000 tons, versus less than 30,000 in the same period of 2019, with Argentines offering more than 120,000 tons and the rest coming mainly from Paraguayan industries. YTD soybean imports reached about 750,000 tons, an increase of more than 470%. Of the total imported, most came from Paraguay (662,000 tons), with Uruguay supplying another 85,000 tons, according to data from the ministry.

Sources: *Reuters / Datamar News*

BIODIESEL TRADE IN BRAZIL TO SET A NEW MODEL

The Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) released an announcement on Wednesday 9 approving resolution for a new biodiesel commercialization model to be established by the National Energy Policy Council (CNPE), which will take place by January 1st, 2022. The approved measure replaces public auctions. According to its text, the new model should guarantee compliance with the mandatory percentage of biodiesel. The measure also provides that up to 80% of the total volume of biodiesel traded comes from biodiesel producing units that hold the Social Biofuel Seal (SBS), a rule that will be the subject of study by the Integrated Technical Committee for the Development of the Fuel Market, other Derivatives Petroleum and Biofuels (CT-CB). It also establishes that the use of imported raw material to produce biodiesel is not prohibited for the new marketing model, in line with a recent CNPE guideline. In addition, a period of 12 months is established, as from the entry into force of the new model, in which all biodiesel sold must come from production units authorized by the ANP.

Sources: *Universo Agro / DATAGRO*

BRAZIL CENTER-SOUTH SETS RECORD IN SUGAR PRODUCTION, SAYS UNICA

Unica reported on Thursday 10 that sugar production in Brazil center-south region reached 427 thousand tons in the second half of November, up 22.61% in the annual comparison and enough to set a record of 38.09 million tons of the commodity in the 2020/2021 harvest. The volume of sugar produced in the season is 44.16% higher than the total recorded in the 2019/2020 cycle, until December 1st. After mills have traded large volumes of sugar in advance, taking advantage of the favorable exchange rate, exports have been strong, with the center-south region using 46.30% of the sugarcane harvest to produce sugar by the beginning of December, compared to 34,59% on the same period of the previous harvest, according to the Union of Sugarcane Industries (Unica).

Source: *Reuters*

GRAIN PRODUCTION IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL SHOULD INCREASE BY 28.4%, SAYS FARSUL

On Wednesday (9), Farsul System released a projection of 28.4% in grain production for the 2020/2021 harvest in Rio Grande do Sul, with a volume estimated at 33.9 million tons. The increase reflects a partial recovery after a bad previous harvest, when a severe drought hit the state, leaving a loss of 8 million tons. For next year, projections indicate that soybeans should increase production by 75.8%, to 19.8 million

tons, and wheat should grow by 15.3% in volume. On the other hand, the production of corn is expected to reduce over 3 million tons, which represents a drop of 28% when compared to the previous harvest, and of 47% when compared to the 2018/2019 harvest. In 2020/2021 alone, the expansion of crops should total 3%, driven by soybeans, corn, rice and wheat crops. In the same period of the previous harvest, the planted area had already risen 3.5%.

Source: Canal Rural

PORT OF NITERÓI RECORDS HISTORIC SALES RECORD IN 2020

With a month to go until the end of the year, Companhia Docas do Rio de Janeiro (CDRJ) reported that it set a new annual revenue record in the Port of Niterói. The accumulated total of revenues, from January to November 2020, reached the mark of R\$ 7,295,867, a value that is already 9.8% higher than in 2019 and higher than all previous years in the history of the port. Revenues come from public tariffs (58%) and leases (42%). The Operations Manager of the Port of Niterói, Aline Moriggi, explained the positive result, obtained even during the pandemic: "In this atypical year, we took a series of measures to guarantee the continuity of operations and the safety of workers. Despite the loss of fixed revenues resulting from the renewal of lease contracts, the new businesses in the offshore market coupled with the increase in variable revenues and the dedication of everyone involved in the logistics chain ensured the good performance of the port".

Source: Datamar News

EXPORTS INCREASE HANDLING BY 9% IN PORTS OF PARANÁ

With the consolidated data for the month of November, the Ports of Paraná confirmed the record of 53,561,238 tons handled in the 11 months of 2020. The volume is 9% higher than that achieved in the same period of 2019 and 0.36% higher than the recorded throughout last year. In the accumulated result for the year, 58% of the operations were directed towards exports. There were 34.45 million tons of products shipped from Brazil to the world, via the ports of Paranaguá and Antonina. The highlight of the period was soybeans, with 14.26 million tons exported, 36% higher than the 10.5 million tons exported from January to November 2019. In bran, 5.42 million tons of oilseed were exported, an increase of 13% compared to the same period of 2019 (4.79 million). Sugar exports grew 79% in the comparison of the 11 months of 2019 and 2020. Compared to the 12 months of 2019, the volume of sugar exported this year is already 65% higher.

Source: Datamar News

CODEBA HANDLES 1 MILLION TONS IN NOVEMBER

The Ports of Salvador, Aratu-Candeias and Ilhéus handled around 1 million tons in November, a growth of 16.61% compared to the same period in 2019. The Port of Aratu-Candeias pulled the numbers up, registering an increase of 32.12% and reflecting a gradual recovery during the second half of November, with emphasis being placed on liquid bulk and fertilizers. In relation to 2019, the Port of Salvador also registered growth in operations, handling in the year a total of 4,744,242 tons. In the first half of 2020, the Port of Salvador signaled the good performance with a growth of 4.52%. In turn, with positive results in the 11 months of the year, the Port of Ilhéus registered a 117.58% increase, in the comparison between 2019 and 2020. The busiest cargo was soybeans (92,149 tons). In general, Codeba exports grew by 3.18%, compared to 2019, following the same trend as stated by ANTAQ, that the Brazilian port sector registered a growth of 2.1% in the third quarter of this year, in comparison with the same period last year.

Source: Portos e Navios

CARGO HANDLING AT THE PORT OF IMBITUBA GROWS 12.4% IN NOVEMBER

The Port of Imbituba ended November with 484,300 tons handled in the month, an increase of 12.4% in relation to the volume registered in the same period of 2019 (430,700). The strong performance was leveraged by the variety of products transported: pulp, food in bags, containers, iron ore, urea, malt, and crane, in addition to the large volumes of petroleum coke, which totaled 122,000 tons per month, a growth of 25.7% compared to the same month of 2019. Also noteworthy is the increase in the quantity of corn shipped (+ 153%) and in salt unloadings (+ 107.4%), with more vessels. So far, the Port of Imbituba has broken two monthly operating records this year, in June (602,370 tons) and September (602,737 tons), and four shipment/ship records, the largest, with an operating record of 119,700 tons on a single vessel.

Source: Datamar News

PORTO DO AÇU TO EXPORT SOYBEANS IN 2021

Porto do Açú Operações, responsible for the management of the Prumo Logística port complex in São João da Barra (RJ), wants to establish itself in agribusiness for the 2020/2021 harvest. This year, the company started to import fertilizers and expects to start exporting grain in the reverse flow beginning next year. The initial focus will be the shipment of soybeans. To operate in agribusiness, Açú built a covered warehouse in 2020 at the Multicargas Terminal, with a capacity to store 25 thousand tons per month of inputs. The company plans to quadruple the structure by 2022. With the movement of grains, the company's idea is to develop a reverse flow for the importation of fertilizers. The intention is that the trucks that leave Açú towards Minas with fertilizers will return to the port transporting soy. The company also intends to become an export route for soybeans and corn from the Midwest, and not just grains from Minas Gerais producers.

Sources: Valor Econômico/Datamar News

PORT OF PECÉM GAINS NEW CABOTAGE LINE

After the formalization of the partnership between Companhia de Navegação Norsul and Complexo do Pecém (CIPP S / A), the seventh new regular cabotage line in Port of Pecém began operating. The objective is to expand the movement of cargo between southeastern and northeastern Brazil. The new service will connect the Port of Praia Mole, in Espírito Santo, to the Port of Pecém once a month. "Complexo do Pecém has a large commercial partner in Norsul, in which both companies have mutual objectives focused on stimulating and strengthening coastal shipping in our country. This line operates monthly between the southeast and northeast regions, handling general cargo, mainly steel products, and we are stimulating other segments of the industry, such as the wind sector, civil construction, and granites to also benefit from cabotage", concludes the CEO of Complexo do Pecém, Danilo Serpa.

Source: Datamar News

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