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AGRIBUSINESS EXPORTS FOR BRAZIL HIT A RECORD IN JUNE

Agribusiness reached record levels for the month of June, with exports of US\$10.17 billion, an increase of 24.5% compared to exports in June 2019 (US\$8.17 billion). This data was shared by the Agribusiness Balance Bulletin released by the Department of Trade and International Relations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (SCRI-Mapa) on 10 July. Soy complex was the main sector responsible for the growth of agribusiness exports. The export of soybeans in grains (13.8 million tonnes) had a great influence on these values, reaching US\$4.67 billion in the month. Sugar exports, meanwhile, increased by almost 1.5 million tonnes in June 2020 compared to year-ago levels. China was the main importing country responsible for the growth of Brazil's exports, acquiring 70% of Brazilian soybeans in June. The sugar and alcohol sector had the highest percentage increase in exports among the main exporting sectors of Brazilian agribusiness, rising 74.5% in June of this year compared to last year, from US\$536.12 million to US\$935.37 million. Sugar cane sugar exports accounted for most of this value, at US\$810.80 million (+ 80.4%). Alcohol also registered an increase in foreign sales, rising from US\$85.83 million in June 2019, to US\$122.71 million in June this year. According to the bulletin, the growth of Brazilian sugarcane exports is linked to the breakdown of the 2019/2020 sugarcane crops in India and Thailand, which made it possible to expand exports to various markets. Indonesia is a market that did not import any Brazilian sugar in June 2019 and acquired US\$86.78 million last month. Source: *Datamar News*

BRAZIL IMPORTED SOY TO SUPPLY DOMESTIC DEMAND AFTER BREAKING EXPORT RECORDS

Brazil imported soy in significant amounts in June to supply domestic demand after breaking export records. According to the Center for Advanced Studies in Applied Economics at USP (Cepea), in June industries in southern Brazil purchased 89,760 tonnes of soybeans, all from Paraguay. The number is more than double what was imported in May. In addition, it is the highest value of soy imported since June 2016, according to data from the federal government. Brazil is the world's largest producer and exporter of soybeans and harvested more than 120 million tonnes of the bean last season. Brazilian farmers traded 61.87 million tonnes in the first half of this year, up 41.5% over the same period in 2019. According to the Agricensus consultancy, data from the Central Bank of Paraguay points out that Brazilian imports of Paraguayan soy increased almost five times in the first half compared to the same period last year. From January to June this year, Brazil purchased 379,100 tons of soy from the neighboring country, an increase of 370% in relation to the 80,600 tonnes during the same period last year. Sources: *Notícias Agrícolas, Valor Econômico e Frota & Cia*

NEW GASOLINE STARTS TO BE SOLD FROM AUGUST

As of August 3, the gasoline produced in Brazil must meet the new specifications established by the National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels (ANP), in Resolution No. 807/2020, published in January this year. According to the agency, the new specifications improve fuel quality, providing greater energy efficiency, improving vehicle autonomy by reducing consumption, in addition to enabling the introduction of more efficient engine technologies, with lower levels of consumption and atmospheric emissions. The minimum RON octane value for ordinary gasoline will be 92, starting on August 3, 2020, and 93, starting on January 1, 2022. For premium gasoline, it will be 97, starting on August 3 next. In addition to establishing the new gasoline

specifications, ANP Resolution No. 807/2020 determines the quality control obligations to be met by economic agents.

Source: *Jornal Cena*

NEW RULES PROMISE TO SPEED UP REGISTRATION OF ORGANIC FERTILIZERS AND BIOFERTILIZERS

The federal government published on Wednesday 15 a normative instruction with rules on definitions, requirements, specifications, guarantees, tolerances, registration, packaging and labeling of organic fertilizers and biofertilizers intended for agriculture. The objective of the text, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, is to improve the legal provision for granting registrations of organic fertilizers and biofertilizers, to establish faster and more efficient procedures and to include parameters appropriate to technological changes. Regarding the registration of biofertilizers, due to the fact that several products have been developed and introduced in crops, the improvement in the definition of parameters in the legislation stands out. This includes the possibility of declaring humic and fulvic acids, amino acids, plant extracts and algae extracts, in certain minimum quantities, which guarantee agronomic efficiency and improved handling to achieve the quality of the products and foods in which they will be used. In addition, the instruction adapts the various standards of organic minerals fertilizers, making the legal instrument more suitable for product registration and increasing objectivity and clarity for consumers of these fertilizers. "According to information from the Brazilian Association of Technology in Plant Nutrition (Abisolo), organic fertilizers, organic minerals, biofertilizers and special fertilizers had a turnover of R\$ 7.6 billion in 2018, comprising a universe of 504 companies registered with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply, which employ around 20 thousand workers directly", says the coordinator of Fertilizers, Inoculants and Corrective of the Secretariat of Agricultural Defense, Hideraldo Coelho.

Source: *Globo Rural*

MAIZE PRICE DROPPED MORE THAN 13% FROM THE PEAK IN MARCH 2020

Corn prices should remain firm, according to consultancy Cogo - Inteligência em Agronegócio. The factors that support the outlook are: retracted supply, dollar at firm levels raising export parity in Brazilian ports, heated domestic consumption for the animal feed segment and greater movement of shipments abroad during the course of July. The Esalq / BM & F corn indicator, based in Campinas (SP), is quoted at R\$ 49.78 per bag of 60 kilos, up 4.2% in the last 30 days and 36.4% in the last 12 months, but accumulates a decrease of 13.3% in relation to the peak of this year, registered in March 2020. In the first eight days July, Brazil exported 809,410 tons of corn, with a daily volume 132% higher than that shipped in June 2020. However, the average daily shipments in July is 101,176 tons, 60.7% below the same month in last year. In the accumulated result from January to June this year, shipments reached only 3.322 million tons, a significant drop of 70.8% in relation to the same period of the previous year (of 9.036 million tons). "The harvest of the second crop is at an accelerated pace in the Midwest region, but not enough to put pressure on values," informs Cogo.

Source: *Canal Rural*

CARGIL MAKES PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR WIND ENERGY TO SUPPLY UNITS TO THE NORTH

Cargill reported on Friday investment in wind energy to supply its plants in Ilhéus and Barreiras, in Bahia, and the port terminals in Miritituba and Santarém, in Pará, according to a company statement. The energy purchase agreement (PPA, acronym in English), ten years of supply, was signed with the company Omega Energia, which invests in 100%



renewable energy. "The PPA celebrated between the companies is a project to be implemented in the Northeast region, where Omega operates a broad portfolio of wind assets", said Cargill. With this investment, the agribusiness multinational stated that it will have an estimated savings of US \$ 11 million in the period and emissions of 10,547 metric tons of CO2 will be avoided annually. In a note, Cargill's president in Brazil, Paulo Sousa, said that "external renewable energy projects, like this PPA project with Omega, represent a vital component of Cargill's expanding energy portfolio and our efforts to reduce our emissions greenhouse gas emissions". "To meet our climate goals, we are focused on operating more efficiently, advancing local renewable energy and reducing the environmental impact in the locations where we operate," he added. The initiative is structured within the goal set by Cargill to reduce absolute greenhouse gas emissions in all its operations by 10% by 2025, as measured against the 2017 baseline, and in line with the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Cargill also aims to reduce the impact of its supply chain by eliminating 30% of emissions per ton of product by 2030, according to a statement.

Source: Reuters

SANTOS PORT HITS RECORD IN JUNE AND IN THE SEMESTER

In June, the Port of Santos registered its fifth consecutive monthly record when handling 12.3 million tons, up 6.2% over the same period in 2019. The result was driven by the good performance of shipments, which advanced 14.6%, to 9.4 million tonnes, driven mainly by agricultural commodity exports, which offset the 14.3% drop in landings in the month. Among shipments, the soy complex, whose exports increased 54.8%, to 3.9 million tons, and sugar shipments, which jumped 58.6%, to 2 million tons, stood out. Another cargo that performed well in June was cellulose, with an increase of 26.2%, to 492.7 thousand tons. "The good numbers of the port reflect the strength of agribusiness and the favorable effect of the exchange rate on exports. In the accumulated result for the year, the container, which handles cargoes with greater added value and those most affected by the pandemic, also registered an important advance. This would not be possible without the efficiency gains that the port has been showing from investments in public infrastructure, by the SPA, and private, by the terminals", said Fernando Biral, president of the Santos Port Authority (SPA). Among the highlights, are the 40% increase in sugar shipments, to 8.7 million tons; 27% in the soy complex, to 22.8 million tons; and 17.7% in cellulose, to 2.8 million tons. On the other hand, there was an increase in landings of fertilizers, with 2.7 million tons, up 30.2%, and diesel and diesel, with 1.4 million tons, up 30.1%. In June, the number of ships at berth totaled 398, slightly (-1%) lower in the annual comparison. In the semester, it reached 2.3 thousand vessels, an increase of 1.4%.

Source: Portos e Navios

AÇU PORT OPERATIONS SIGNS ITS FIRST AGREEMENT TO HANDLE FERTILIZERS

Açu Port Operations signed its first agreement to handle fertilizers at the Multicargas Terminal (T-MULT). The operation is scheduled for September, with Fertipar Sudeste, of the Fertipar Group, which will import approximately 20,000 tons of potassium chloride (KCL) into Minas Gerais. Cargo from the ship that will dock at Açu will be transported by road to the cities of Varginha (MG) and Martins Soares (MG). The agreement, already in force, will make it possible to receive more fertilizer vessels by March 2021. The operation marks Açu Ports debut in agribusiness, made possible by the expansion of T-MULT, involving the construction of two large warehouses, with an area of approximately 6,000 square meters and the capacity to store up to 25,000 tonnes at a time. The priority is to meet the national demand for fertilizers, but there is also the possibility of stocking and moving other

types of products during the off-season, such as solid agricultural and mineral bulks. In operation since 2015, the T-MULT has a bonded area of 182,000 m² and a 500-meter berth, with a draft of 13.1 meters and a depth of 14.5 meters. By 2019, 2.2 million tons have been handled by the terminal, including solid bulk, general and project cargo. Brazil is the fourth largest global consumer of fertilizers and imports about 77% of what it consumes locally. With this service in its portfolio, Porto do Açu seeks to meet domestic demand, especially the market in Minas Gerais, in the eastern, southern and central regions of the state, where there is a large base of installed distributors.

Source: Datamar News

PORT OF VITORIA SHOWS RECOVERY WITH 23% GROWTH IN JUNE

Throughput at the Port of Vitória in June presented the best monthly result of 2020 at 620,000 tons. This is 23.3% higher than in June 2019. According to port authority Codesa, the data shows the beginning of a recovery in cargo flow at the port after the impact of Covid-19 on the global economy. Two items drove the increase in cargo volume at the Port of Vitória in June: solid bulk (pig iron and fertilizers) and liquid bulk (fuels and caustic soda) with growth of 59.2% (110,200 tonnes) and 37.9% (17,300 tonnes), respectively, compared to the same month last year. "June was the best monthly result for 2020 and well above the same month last year. This fact, together with the indicators that Codesa has been tracking, points to a growth trend in cargo handling for the second semester. Thus, we believe that the negative effect caused by the pandemic on cargo handling in Porto Vitória will be less from now on. In other words, the worst is over," said Leonardo Bianchi, head of Codesa's Planning and Development Coordination (COPLAD).

Source: Datamar News

CATTALINI TERMINAIS MARÍTIMOS EXPANDS STORAGE CAPACITY IN PARANAGUA PORT

Cattalini Terminais Marítimos expanded its liquid bulk storage capacity by more than 93,000 m³ at the Port of Paranaguá. The mark was achieved with the construction of 17 new tanks located in the new Tanking Center (CT-4B) of the company. The so-called CT-4B has modern platforms for loading bi-train trucks and receiving cargo through pipelines integrated with the other Tanking Centers. The expansion also has emergency prevention and care equipment, similar to those already installed in other tanking centers, complying with the most rigorous safety standards. With the expansion, the port company now offers its customers a total of 133 tanks and 610 thousand m³ for the storage of various products, distributed in four bonded and bonded Tanking Centers. "This expansion reflects our vision of always anticipating the need for port infrastructure by the market, thus strengthening the strategic partnerships established with our customers. To meet the growth of operations, we hired more employees and prepared our structure to meet the demands, with respect to safety and the environment, in addition to compliance with international standards for the sector.", Considered the CEO of Cattalini Terminais, José Paulo Fernandes.

Source: Portos e Navios

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