

# UFOP Market Information

## Oilseeds and Biofuels

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### Price trends

Mean price	Week 01	Previous week	Trend
<b>Producer prices in EUR/t</b>			
Rapeseed	564,02	540,75	↗
<b>Wholesale prices in EUR/t</b>			
Rapeseed	590	551	↗
Rapeseed oil	1.215	1.120	↗
Rapeseed meal	370	352	↗
Rapeseed cake*	403	390	↗
Rapeseed future	599,75	585,50	↗
<b>Wholesale prices in ct/l, excl. VAT</b>			
Biodiesel	186,86	186,91	↘
<b>Consumer prices in ct/l incl. VAT</b>			
Diesel	182,90	183,73	↘
<b>Futures in US-\$/barrel</b>			
WTI, Nymex	80,26	78,40	↗

\* = compared with previous month, selling prices by mills, rapeseed cake with at least 10 % fat, rapeseed meal 0 %

### Market Headlines

#### Oilseeds

- Producer prices for rapeseed rose in the wake of recently strong futures market quotations.
- Significant sales continued to be non-existent.
- US soybean prices were recently stronger; continued dryness in Argentina impacted sowings.

#### Oilseed meals and oilcakes

- Rapeseed meal firmed at the turn of the year; especially the physical trade picked up after a slow December.
- Prices for conventional soybean meal rose, whereas GMO-free batches were valued lower month-on-month.

#### Vegetable oils

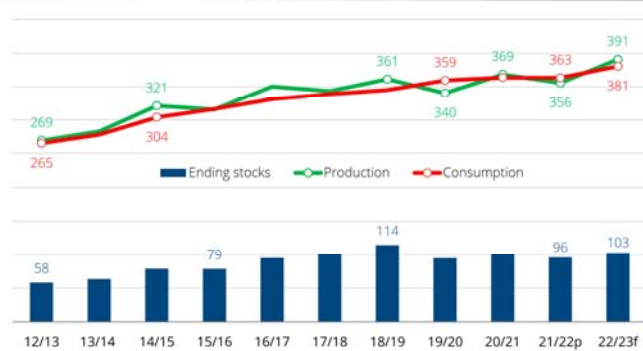
- Rapeseed oil prices remained below year-ago level; market participants acted cautiously, sitting back to observe further developments.
- Palm oil increased, driven by prospects of smaller supply from Indonesia.

#### Fuels

- Biodiesel prices levelled out; trading remained slow in the light of the holidays.
- Crude oil prices slipped; number of Covid-19 infections in China fanned concerns about demand.

### Chart of the week

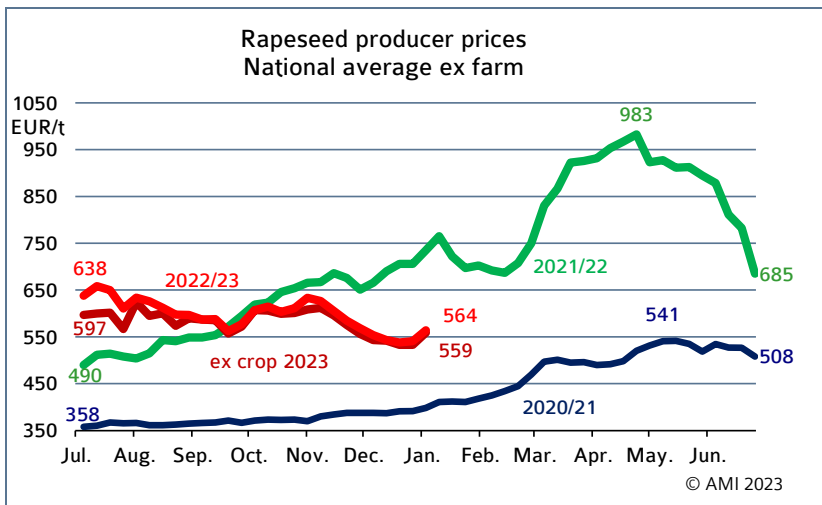
World soybean supply & demand in million tonnes



Source: USDA, AMI

Note: p=preliminary, f=forecast

# Market prices



## Rapeseed

On the German rapeseed market, the year started just as the old one had ended: with low trading interest on both sides. Oil mills were stocked up well, with warehouses filled and supplies for the coming weeks secured through contracts. There were only occasional rapeseed purchases, presumably to meet short-time shortages. In any case, old-crop rapeseed was hardly available from producers since most of it had already been marketed at healthy prices in 2022.

## Rapeseed oil

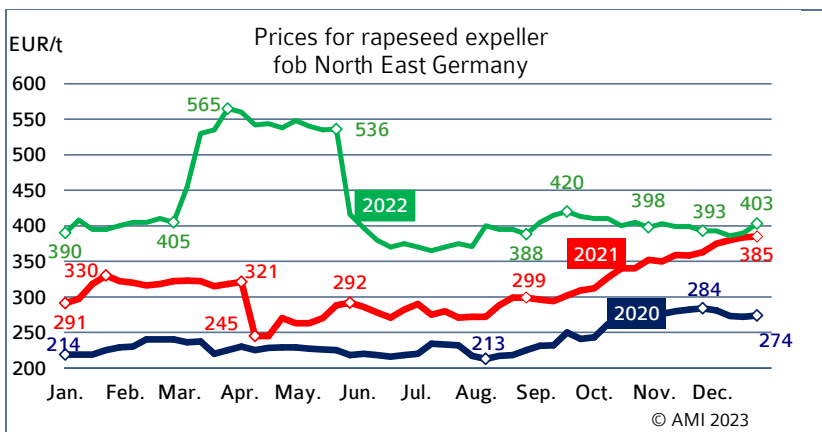
Asking prices for rapeseed oil declined noticeably at the beginning of the month, but recently firmed. Nevertheless, they were 43 per cent lower than at the same time a year earlier. Meanwhile, trading activity remained slow in view of the Christmas holidays and turn of the year. Supply of spot batches continued to be abundant while buyers were hard to find. As a result, the storage tanks remained full in many places.

## Wholesale prices

in EUR/t on 04.01.2023, (collected at mills and trade)

	Rapeseed 2021 franko	Rapeseed fob	Rapeseed oil fob	Palmoil cif
Spot	590	370	1215	1024
Previous week	551	352	1120	942

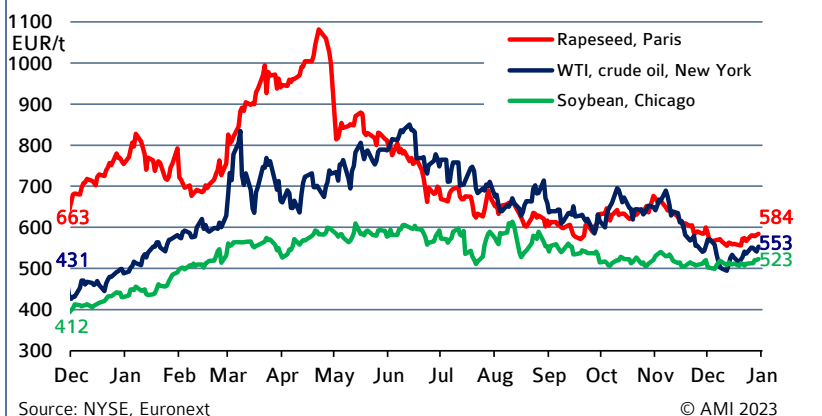
Source: AMI



## Rapeseed expeller

Persisting logistics problems continued to hamper trade also in December. There was a shortage of street vehicles and drivers, especially due to the holidays. Whereas trading was extremely restrained between Christmas and the New Year, it picked up around the turn of the year with a focus on physical commodity. Supply is currently good and can meet demand more than adequately.

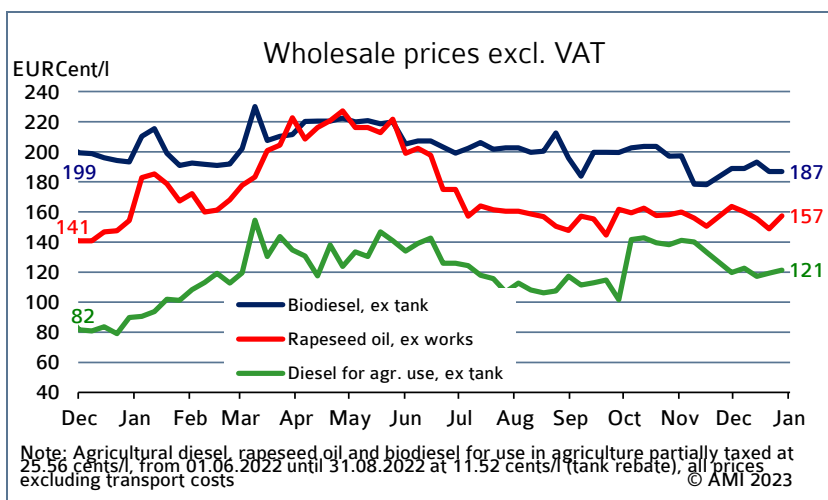
## International futures



## Wholesale prices

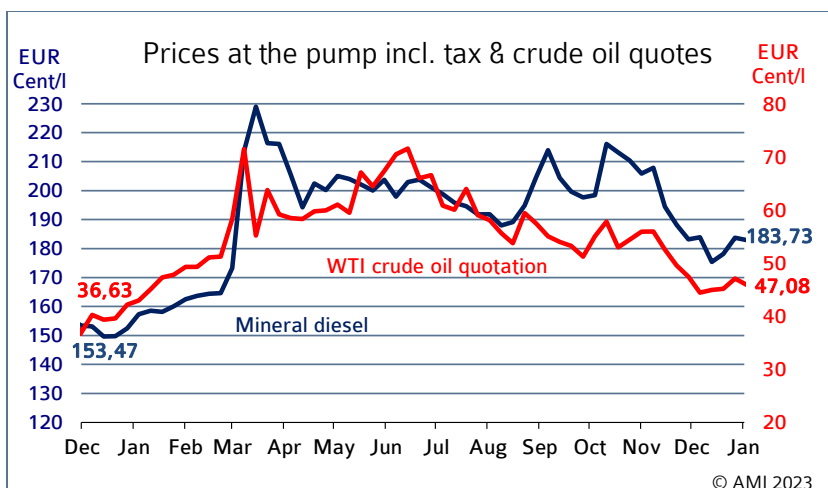
Biodiesel prices stabilised somewhat in December. However, trading remained slow in view of the turn of the year and the Christmas holidays. As a result, demand both for nearby and further forward positions was recently restrained, reducing activity to a minimum. However, market participants are expecting the market activity to pick up over the coming weeks.

# Biodiesel/ Mineral diesel



## Prices at the pump

Crude oil prices essentially continued their falling trend in December 2022, although prices increased for just a short time ahead the turn of the year. They were impacted by concerns about reduced global demand. However, price quotes were lifted by the easing of Corona restrictions in China and hopes that Chinese buying interest would pick up. On the other hand, weak economic data for China and the rising number of infection cases recently put a damper on these hopes. Recent wholesale prices for biodiesel ex tax warehouse were reported at 186.90 euro cents per litre, just under 2 euro cents per litre less than four weeks earlier.



## Consumption

### Biodiesel

October consumption of biodiesel increased around 7 per cent month-on-month to 214,930 tonnes. Nevertheless, this translates to a 12 per cent decline on the same month the previous year. At the same time, the use of diesel fuel also rose somewhat, raising the incorporation rate 0.3 per cent to 7.4 per cent. In other words, the use of biodiesel for blending in the first ten months of 2022 added up to just less than 2.1 million tonnes, which was around 4 per cent below the previous year's level.

## Domestic consumption in 2022

in 1.000 t

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	cumulated	
Biodiesel for blending	186,4	205,3	228,6	213,3	205,4	195,0	200,8	213,0	200,2	214,9	2.077,4	2.169,0
Diesel	2.397,8	2.198,1	2.402,9	2.500,9	2.369,5	2.703,8	2.848,0	3.099,5	2.631,9	2.703,2	26.755,1	26.742,0
Biodiesel + diesel	2.584,1	2.403,4	2.631,5	2.714,2	2.574,9	2.898,8	3.048,8	3.312,4	2.832,2	2.918,1	28.832,5	28.911,1
Share biodiesel	7,2	8,5	8,7	7,9	8,0	6,7	6,6	6,4	7,1	7,4	7,2	7,5
Bioethanol ETBE a)	10,7	10,4	11,5	14,3	8,8	10,4	10,6	11,1	12,4	10,0	110,3	136,9
Bioethanol for blending	83,8	73,3	86,2	98,1	85,3	80,5	92,1	94,3	87,0	87,0	871,0	821,5
Bioethanol total	94,5	83,6	97,7	112,3	94,1	90,9	102,7	105,4	99,4	97,0	981,2	958,5
Gasoline	1.132,9	1.103,2	1.476,4	1.214,1	1.198,5	1.487,8	1.467,1	1.608,5	1.267,1	1.345,7	13.270,5	12.638,0
Gasoline + bioethanol	1.227,4	1.186,9	1.574,1	1.326,4	1.292,6	1.578,7	1.569,8	1.713,9	1.366,5	1.442,8	14.251,7	13.596,5
Share bioethanol	7,7	7,1	6,2	8,5	7,3	5,8	6,5	6,2	7,3	6,7	6,9	7,0

Note: a) Volume percent of bioethanol in ETBE = 47 %; cumulated figures include (unpublished) revised monthly BAFA data  
Source: Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control, AMI.

## Bioethanol

October use of bioethanol decreased just over 2 per cent compared to the previous month to 97,030 tonnes. Having declined sharply already the previous month, the blending amount was virtually unchanged from the level recorded in September. By contrast, the use of ETBE was down 19 per cent on the previous month. The incorporation rate dropped to 6.7 per cent. In the same month the previous year, it was significantly higher at 8.4 per cent. In other words, the use of bioethanol from January 2022 to October 2022 amounted to 981,211 million tonnes and exceeded the previous year's volume in the period January 2021 to October 2021 by a full 2 per cent.