UFOP Market Information Oilseeds and Biofuels

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Price trends

Mean price	Week 17	Previous week	Trend
Producer prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	425,58	433,24	↘
Wholesale prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	432	472	↘
Rapeseed oil	890	990	↘
Rapseseed meal	305	301	↗
Rapeseed cake*	360	365	↘
Rapeseed future	457,25	469,25	↘
Wholesale prices in ct/l, excl. VAT			
Biodiesel	174,34	174,74	↘
Consumer prices in ct/l incl. VAT			
Diesel	162,90	164,00	↘
Futures in US-$/barrel			
WTI, Nymex	74,30	79,16	↘

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

Market Headlines

Oilseeds

- Ex-farm prices of rapeseed declined, plummeting to below the level of 2020/21 and with old and new crop at the same level.
- Trading on the rapeseed market was quite limited.
- US soybeans were in decline, favourable seeding conditions in the US production regions.

Oilseed meals and oilcakes

- Rapeseed meal prices came under downward pressure as demand dwindled.
- April soybean meal prices declined, impacted by ample supply.

Vegetable oils

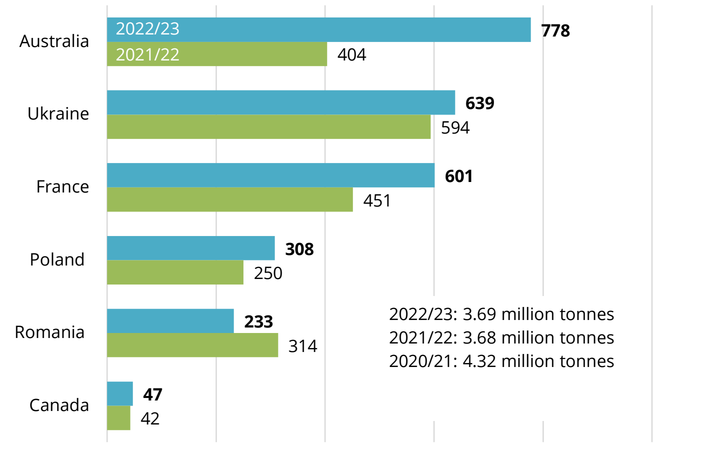
- Rapeseed oil recently fell to below EUR 900 per tonne.
- Palm oil was below previous month's mark on pressure from low export volume.

Fuels

- Trading in the biodiesel market continued to be low; focus was on debate about crediting advanced biofuels.
- Crude oil prices waned despite prospects of smaller supply.

Chart of the week

German rapeseed imports
July to February, in 1,000 tonnes



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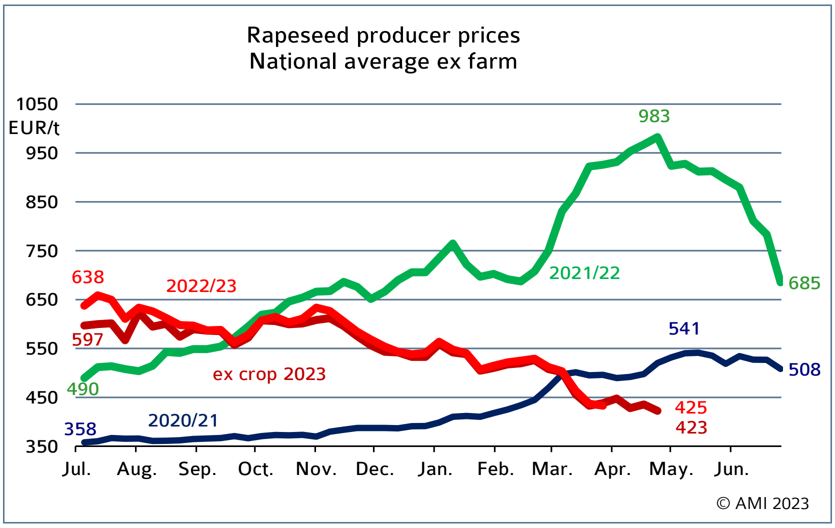
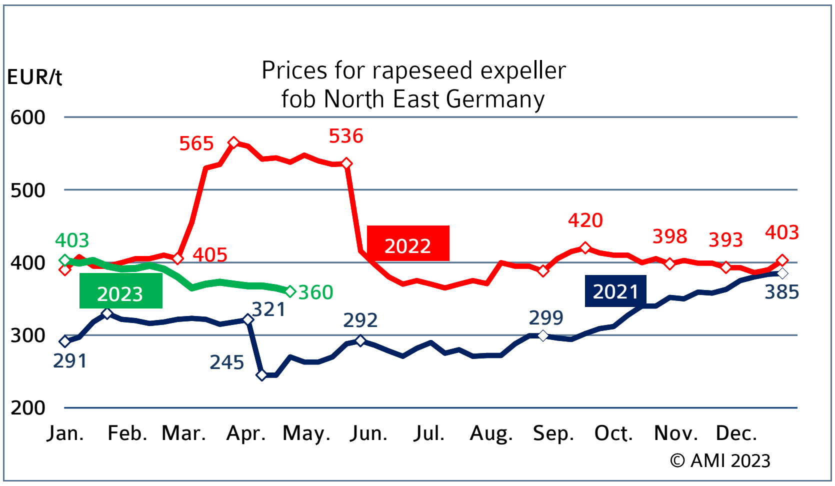


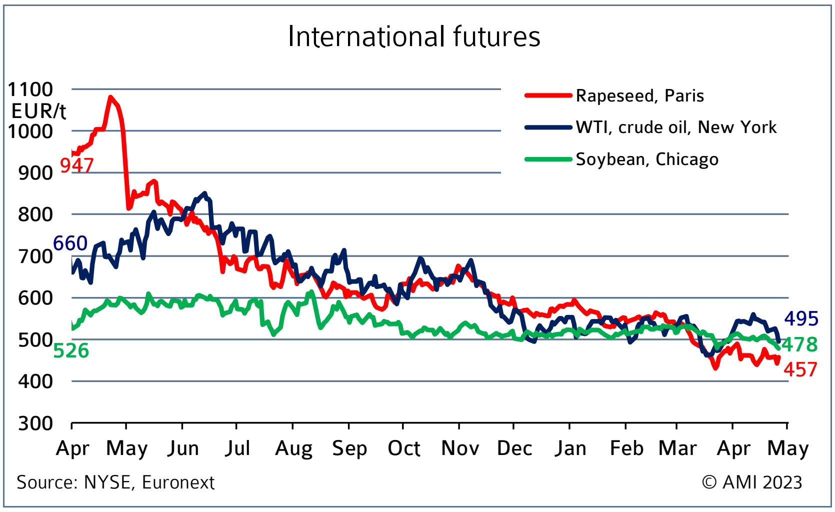
Wholesale prices

in EUR/t on 26.04.2023, (collected at mills and trade)

	Rapeseed 2022 franko	Rapeseed fob	Rapeseed oil fob	Palmoil cif
Spot	432	305	890	910
Previous week	472	301	990	959

Source: AMI





Rapeseed

Strong price movements in Paris reduced trading activities on the rapeseed market to a minimum. Producers who regionally still stored residual quantities from the 2022 crop held stocks back in the hope that prices would increase in the transition to the upcoming marketing season. However, the marketing window is getting narrower and narrower. In other words, reluctance to sell contrasted with continued low buying interest. Field work was hardly possible in many places. The heavy soils were wet and new rains kept falling. Where soil conditions permitted, various fertilising and crop protection measures were carried out.

Rapeseed oil

The German rapeseed oil market also remained quiet. Demand from food retailers continued to be weak as their needs for the 2022/23 season seemed to be fully covered. As a consequence, the abundant supply of spot batches barely found buyers. This will probably put continued pressure on asking prices in the coming weeks, as rapeseed oil recently slid to below the level of EUR 900 per tonne and became the lowest-priced oil on the market. Only the power sector showed some interest in buying rapeseed oil lately.

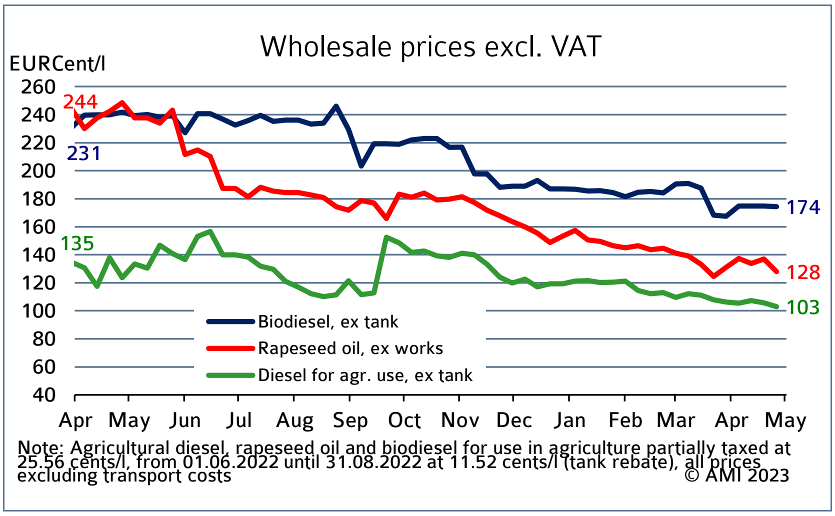
Rapeseed expeller

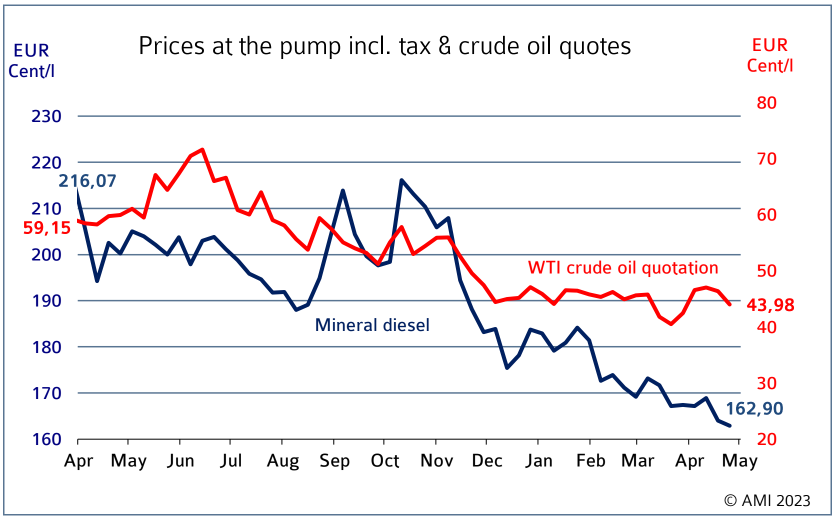
Bids for rapeseed expeller fob North Germany were lowered further in April 2023. Recent asking prices for spot batches were at EUR 360 per tonne. This translates to an EUR 8 per tonne decline on four weeks earlier. Pressure on oil mills to sell remained low despite falling prices, which limited the scope for downward price movements given that demand was dwindling.

Wholesale prices

Biodiesel prices appeared to be levelling off, with asking prices at 174.35 euro cents per litre, down around 0.40 euro cents per litre on the beginning of the month. Buyers continued to act with restraint and placed orders only to cover nearby and urgent demand. The debate over crediting advanced biofuels continued to be a focus of concern among market participants, as it especially affects the abundant UCOME imports from China.

Biodiesel/ mineral Diesel





Domestic consumption in 2023

in 1.000 t

	Jan.	Feb.	cumulated 2023	cumulated 2022
Biodiesel for blending	195,4	189,4	384,7	395,0
Diesel	2.261,9	2.385,4	4.643,7	4.926,9
Biodiesel + diesel	2.457,3	2.574,8	5.028,4	5.321,9
Share biodiesel	8,0	7,4	7,7	7,4
Bioethanol ETBE a)	9,3	8,6	17,9	21,1
Bioethanol for blending	80,7	78,6	159,3	158,3
Bioethanol total	90,0	87,2	177,2	179,4
Gasoline	1.208,5	1.239,9	2.447,3	2.363,7
Gasoline + bioethanol	1.298,6	1.327,0	2.624,5	2.543,1
Share bioethanol	6,9	6,6	6,8	7,1

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.

Prices at the pump

In the first half of the month, the announcement of OPEC+ to cut daily crude oil production caused a sharp price rise which, however, did not persist. Stock exchange prices trended lower towards month end based on downward pressure from burgeoning concerns over demand that were sparked by US recession fears. Weaker crude oil prices and a strong euro pushed down prices at German filling stations. April mineral diesel declined 4.5 euro cents per litre on the previous month to 162.90 euro cents per litre.

Consumption

Biodiesel

Consumption of biodiesel for blending in diesel fuel decreased in February 2023 compared to the previous month. It amounted to 189,360 tonnes, which was down approximately 3 per cent on January 2023 and as much as 10 per cent lower than in February 2022. At the same time, consumption of diesel fuel rose just less than 6 per cent to 2.4 million tonnes. This was marginally short of the previous year's amount. As a consequence, the incorporation of biodiesel in blends decreased from 8 per cent the previous month to 7.4 per cent. This compares to a February 2022 incorporation rate of 8.1 per cent.

Bioethanol

The use of bioethanol suffered a decline in February 2023. At 87,160 tonnes, it was down around 3 per cent from March 2023 but nevertheless exceeded the previous year's amount of 84,306 tonnes. At the same time, petrol consumption rose just less than 3 per cent to 1.2 million tonnes, which was up around 3 per cent on February 2022. In the light of this, the incorporation rate dropped 0.3 percentage points compared to the previous month to 6.6 per cent. Nevertheless, the previous year's rate of 6.5 per cent was barely exceeded.