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UFOP Market Information Oilseeds and Biofuels

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Price trends

Mean price	Week 09	Previous week	Trend
Producer prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	383,00	393,88	↘
Wholesale prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	415	426	↘
Rapeseed oil	870	885	↘
Rapseseed meal	269	269	→
Rapeseed cake*	304	308	↘
Rapeseed future	415,00	422,25	↘
Wholesale prices in ct/l, excl. VAT			
Biodiesel	157,46	156,82	↗
Consumer prices in ct/l incl. VAT			
Diesel	171,65	171,65	→
Futures in US-$/barrel			
WTI, Nymex	78,54	77,91	↗

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

Market Headlines

Oilseeds

- Spot prices for rapeseed declined on falling futures market quotations.
- Hopes for a sustained upward trend dwindled, demand from oil mills remained muted.
- Brazilian soybean harvest operations progressed swiftly, interest in buying US soybeans waned.

Oilseed meals and oilcakes

- February rapeseed meal prices went up and down.
- Soybean meal prices were in decline, prospects of comfortable feedstock supply caused downward pressure.

Vegetable oils

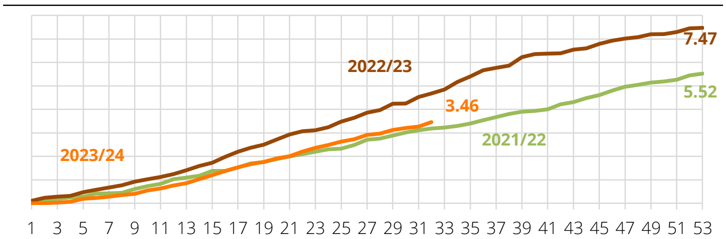
- Rapeseed oil rose on the tailwind of a temporary pick-up in demand from the power sector.
- Seasonally lower palm oil production in Malaysia drove palm oil prices.

Fuels

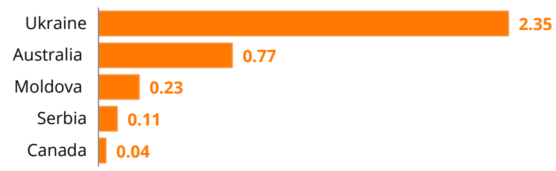
- Trading activity on the biodiesel market picked up somewhat.
- Crude oil strengthened over the month, protests in Libya and the conflict in the Middle East were in focus.

Chart of the week

Weekly rapeseed imports to the EU-27
by marketing-year weeks in million tonnes



EU rapeseed imports 01 July to 18 February 2024 in million tonnes



Source: EU Commission

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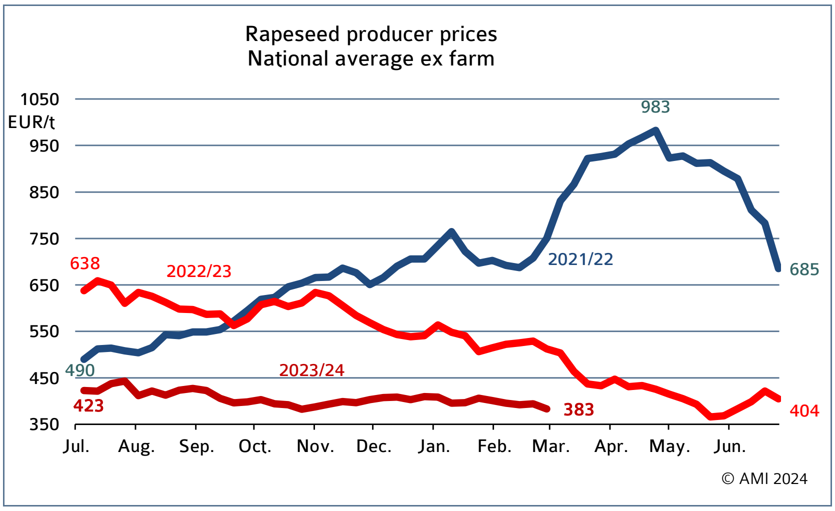
Market prices

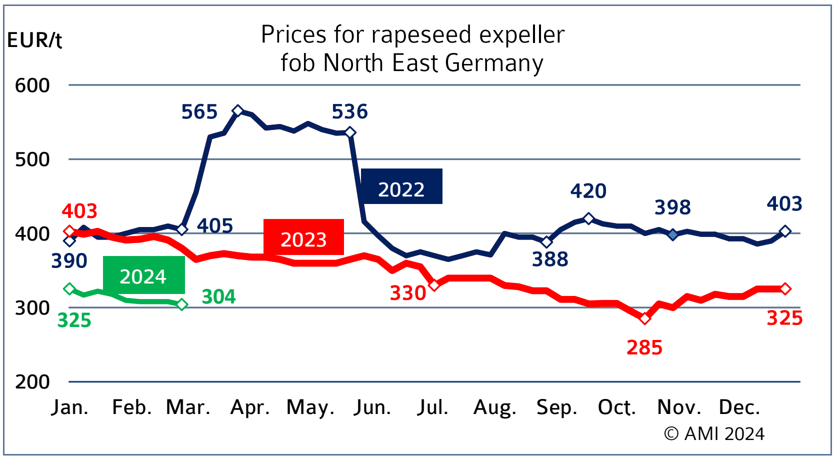


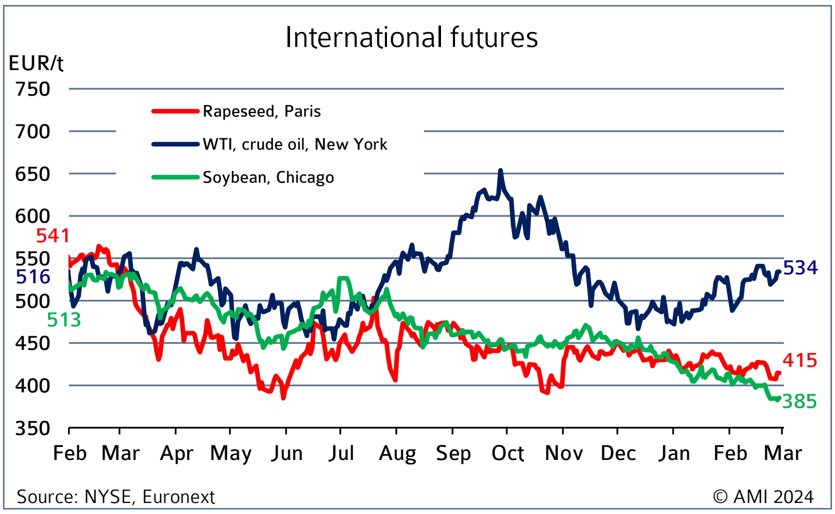
Wholesale prices

in EUR/t on 28.02.2024, (collected at mills and trade)

	Rapeseed 2023 franko	Rapeseed fob	Rapeseed oil fob	Palmoil cif
Spot	415	269	870	907
Previous week	426	269	885	920

Source: AMI





Rapeseed

Whereas signs briefly pointed on firming rapeseed prices mid-month, producer prices recently reversed course and dropped sharply. The sharp downward adjustment once again nipped farmers' inclination to sell in the bud. Due to concerns about further price reductions, producers sold rapeseed only sporadically. Forward contracts for the 2024 crop also received little attention. As a result, the proportion of batches already tied up in contracts continued to remain exceptionally small. In many places soils were still extremely wet, delaying field work even further in some regions. Although most rapeseed crops had previously developed well, they were beginning to need their first nitrogen applications.

Rapeseed oil

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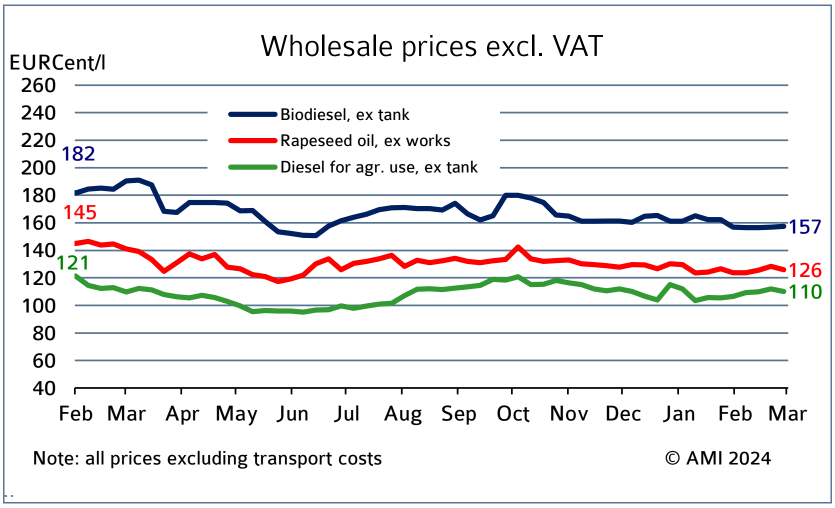
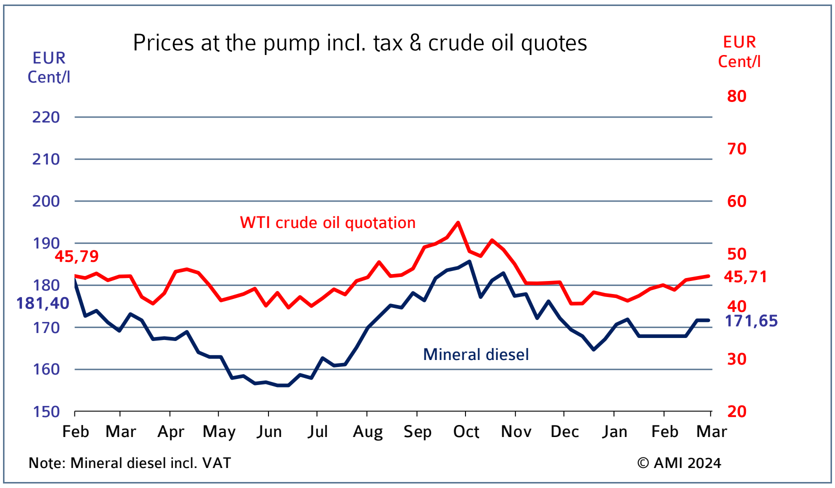
Wholesale prices

Prices on the domestic biodiesel market remained relatively stable at a low level and even firmed somewhat recently. Support came from a pick-up in demand. Orders focussed on summer diesel for delivery from 15 April onwards, but buying interest on nearby positions also increased.

Biodiesel/ mineral Diesel





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Prices at the pump

Crude oil prices climbed substantially over the month. The developments in the Middle East had an especially strong impact on prices. Prices were fuelled by concerns that the conflict between Israel and the terrorist organisation Hamas could escalate. Another reason was the absence of oil shipments from Libya. Protests around the Libya's oil sites have been affecting production and logistics. As a result, on 28 February 2024 crude oil prices closed at 45.71 euro cents per litre, which was up 1.70 euro cents per litre on four weeks earlier. Recent prices for mineral diesel at the filling stations were at 171.65 euro cents per litre, which was up 3.75 euro cents per litre from the end of January.

Consumption

Biodiesel

November 2023 use of biodiesel in blends in Germany amounted to around 222,090 tonnes. This translates to an around 12 per cent rise on the previous month. Consumption of diesel fuel totalled 2.8 million tonnes, which was up around 2.6 per cent on October. In other words, the use of diesel fuel in the first eleven months of 2023 added up to 28.5 million tonnes, which was down 3.3 per cent from the level recorded in the same period the previous year. At 2.3 million tonnes, the cumulative use of biodiesel in 2023 exceeded the previous year's figure by around 2.5 per cent. As a result, the share of biodiesel for blending also increased 0.4. percentage points to 7.7 per cent compared to the period January through November 2022.

Domestic consumption in 2023

in 1.000 t

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	cumulated 2023	cumulated 2022
Biodiesel for blending	195,4	189,4	236,8	209,3	209,6	231,7	227,7	233,4	224,2	198,4	222,1	2.380,1	2.322,3
Diesel	2.261,9	2.385,4	2.780,4	2.373,7	2.758,0	2.603,7	2.575,0	2.557,6	2.530,5	2.717,9	2.787,6	28.461,7	29.430,7
Biodiesel + diesel	2.457,3	2.574,8	3.017,1	2.583,0	2.967,5	2.835,4	2.802,7	2.791,0	2.754,7	2.916,3	3.009,7	30.841,7	31.753,0
Share biodiesel	8,0	7,4	7,9	8,1	7,1	8,2	8,1	8,4	8,1	6,8	7,4	7,7	7,3
Bioethanol ETBE a)	9,3	8,6	10,2	10,7	11,5	14,1	13,2	13,6	12,1	12,2	8,7	115,4	124,0
Bioethanol for blending	80,7	78,6	78,5	88,7	101,2	94,8	98,5	94,3	95,1	93,6	98,7	901,7	1.000,3
Bioethanol total	90,0	87,2	88,7	99,4	112,7	108,9	111,7	107,9	107,3	105,8	107,4	1.017,0	1.124,3
Gasoline	1.208,5	1.239,9	1.398,0	1.307,5	1.412,7	1.398,9	1.393,8	1.343,4	1.406,5	1.425,2	1.304,6	14.970,6	14.442,9
Gasoline + bioethanol	1.298,6	1.327,0	1.477,7	1.406,9	1.525,4	1.507,8	1.505,5	1.451,3	1.513,8	1.531,0	1.412,0	15.987,7	15.567,2
Share bioethanol	6,9	6,6	6,0	7,1	7,4	7,2	7,4	7,4	7,1	6,9	7,6	6,4	7,2

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

Consumption of bioethanol in ETBE declined sharply in November 2023. At 8,660 tonnes, consumption was down around 28.8 per cent on the previous month. By contrast, the use of bioethanol in blends rose around 5.4 per cent to 98,700 tonnes. As a result, the incorporation rate increased to 7.6 per cent, the highest level since April 2022. This compares to only 6.9 per cent the previous month. The use of bioethanol in the first eleven months of the year 2023 amounted to 1.0 million tonnes, which translates to a 9.5 per cent drop from the previous year's volume.