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	469,08	444,70	↗
Wholesale prices in EUR/t			
Rapeseed	508,00	472,00	↗
Rapeseed oil	1065,00	1108,00	↘
Rapseseed meal	326,00	326,00	→
Rapeseed cake*	323,00	322,00	↗
Rapeseed future	502,50	472,00	↗
Wholesale prices in ct/l, excl. VAT			
Biodiesel	146,11	146,11	→
Consumer prices in ct/l incl. VAT			
Diesel	128,78	127,59	↗
Futures in US-$/barrel			
WTI, Nymex	59,75	61,49	↘

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

Market Headlines

Oilseeds

- German rapeseed prices spiked to highest level since September 2012.
- Rapeseed stocks from the 2020 crop were cleared except for residual amounts, marketing of rapeseed ex crop 2021 was more advanced than usual.
- Rapeseed deliveries from Ukraine ran dry, Canadian supply was also depleted.
- Rains in Brazil curbed soybean harvest operations, but outlook remained for a record output.

Oilseed meals and oilcakes

- Tight supply kept prices for rapeseed meal and expeller at a high level.
- High-protein soybean meal more abundant again after deliveries by ship from Argentina returned to normal.

Vegetable oils

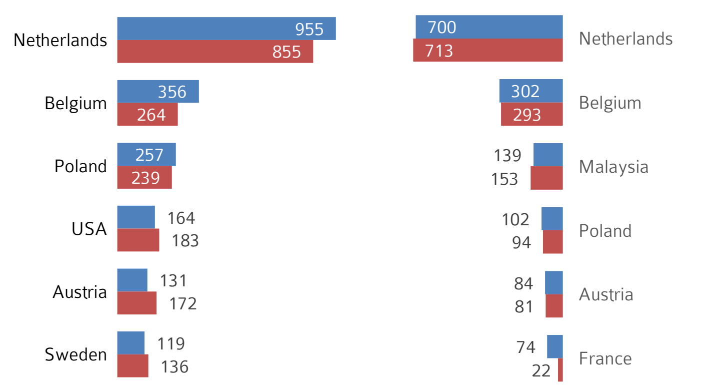
- Rapeseed oil exceeded EUR 1,000 per tonne, prices of other vegetable oils, especially sunflower oil, also firmed.

Fuels

- Slow demand for biodiesel focussed on rapeseed methyl ester.
- Crude oil benefited from start of vaccination programmes, COVID-19 price dip evened out.
- February prices for mineral diesel rose further.

Chart of the week

Exporting and importing countries for biodiesel
in 1,000 tonnes



Source: Destatis

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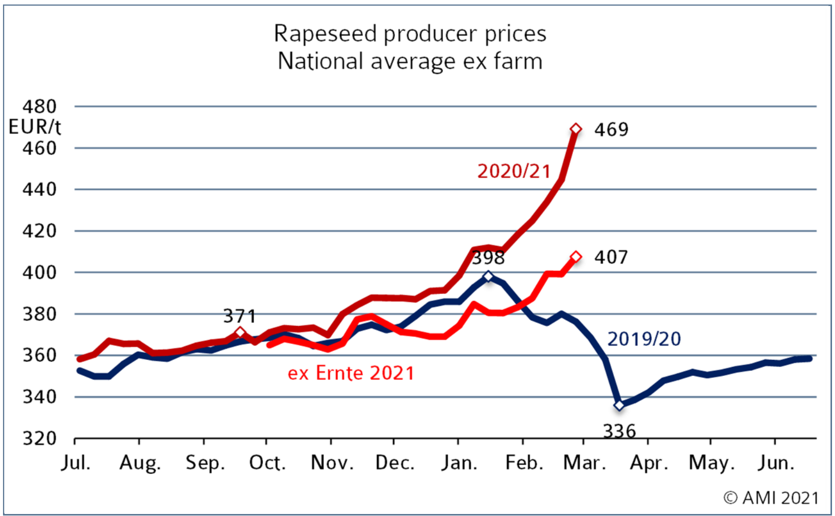
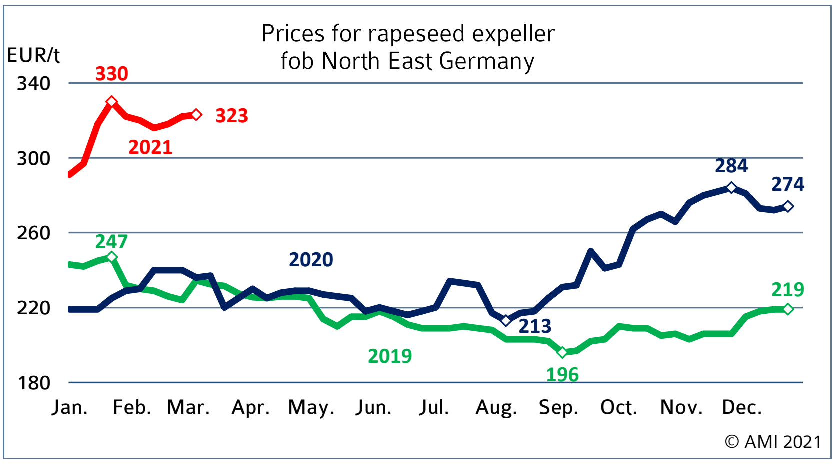


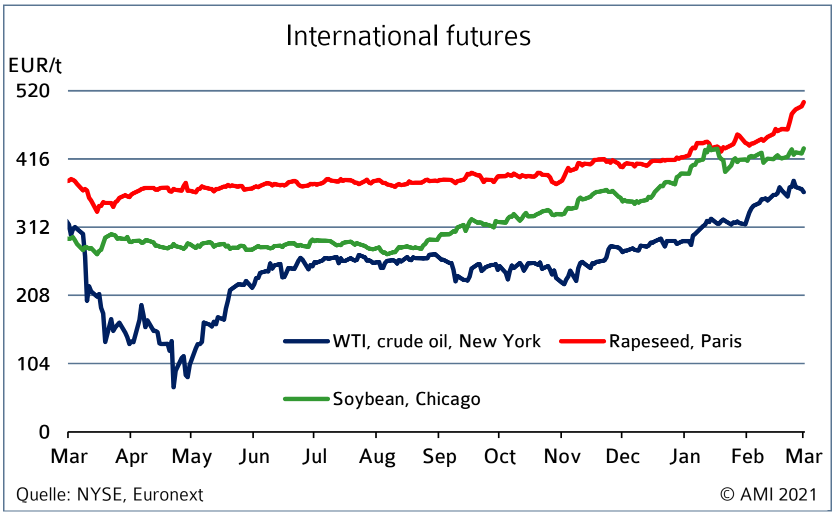
Wholesale prices

in EUR/t on 03.03.2021, (collected at mills and trade)

	Rapeseed 2020 franko	Rapeseed fob	Rapeseed oil fob	Palmoil cif
Spot	508	326	1065	903
Previous week	472	326	1108	917

Source: AMI





Rapeseed

German rapeseed prices increased exceptionally strongly, soaring to EUR 469 per tonne at the turn of the month. Rapeseed is currently around a quarter more expensive than a year ago. The price level achieved is attractive for farmers. However, most of them already made large sales during the first phase of the upturn in prices in November. Marketing of rapeseed from the 2020 crop was complete except for tiny residual quantities, with the result that there was hardly any trading in February. The contract business ex crop 2021 was also slow, because marketing was well under way and producers were busy with the first work in the fields rather than selling rapeseed.

Rapeseed oil

February rapeseed oil prices shot up to more than EUR 1,000 per tonne, a price level last seen in September 2012. At the end of the month, prices soared to as high as EUR 1,100 per tonne. They were driven by firm forward prices for crude oil and oilseeds and scarce feedstock supply in the EU. This trend more than offset the restrained demand for rapeseed oil from biodiesel producers in February.

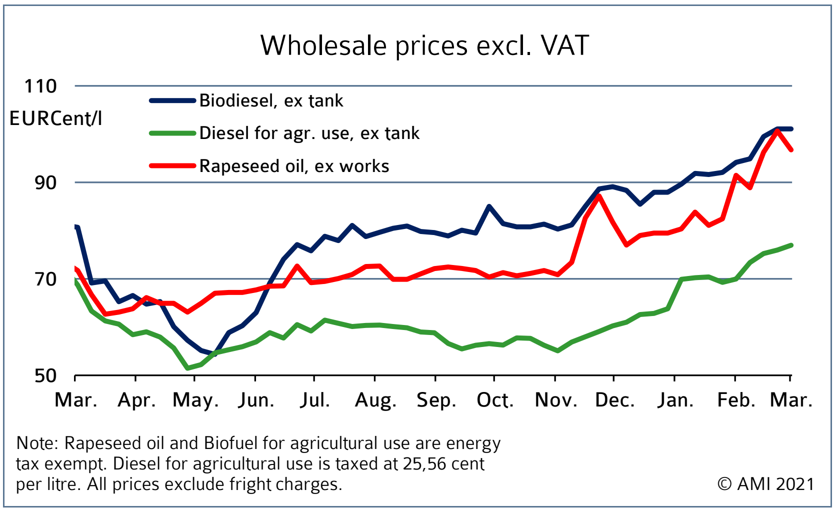
Rapeseed expeller

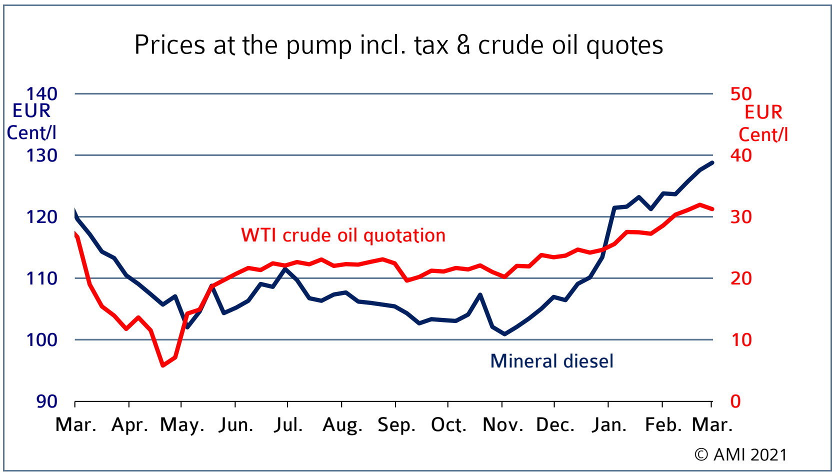
Prices for rapeseed expeller fell short of the January peak of EUR 330 per tonne fob North-East Germany. In February, prices initially waned, but they recently rose back to stabilise at EUR 323 per tonne. Support came from tight feedstock supply as it limited processing operations in the oil mills. As regards the rapeseed meal market, word was that some processors had hardly any rapeseed meal left to sell until the 2021 rapeseed harvest.

Wholesale prices

Demand for RME was reported to be slow over the past weeks. Feedstock bottlenecks led to stable to slightly firming prices. This also applied to UCOME. Used cooking fats were scarce due to the foodservice shutdown.

Biodiesel/ mineral Diesel





Prices at the pump

Prices of mineral diesel firmed. At the beginning of March, they stood at 128.78 euro cents per litre on German average at the filling station. This was a rise of approximately 5 Euro cent compared to the previous month. It was fuelled by an almost 12 per cent month-on-month increase in crude oil prices which benefited from the stimulus packages in the EU and US.

Consumption

Biodiesel

Biodiesel use for blending continued to decline. Whereas in September 2020, the amount of biodiesel for blending was at a record level of 303,000 tonnes, it dropped to 210,000 tonnes in December 2020. However, the figure was still higher than the December average. Biodiesel use in blends had already sagged in October and November 2020 following the September record incorporation rate of 9.7 per cent. Nevertheless, the December 2020 rate remained above average at 7.5 per cent. The reason was higher consumption of diesel fuel compared to the previous month, alongside the drop in use for blending. In 2020, a total of 3.025 million tonnes of biodiesel were used for blending. This was almost one third more than a year earlier. At the same time, diesel consumption dwindled with the result that the incorporation rate increased to 8.6 per cent, significantly surpassing the 6,1 per cent recorded in 2019.

Domestic consumption in 2020

in 1.000 t

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	cumulated 2020	2019
Biodiesel for blending	221,7	212,7	222,0	194,3	242,2	227,7	288,8	282,6	303,3	271,8	229,8	209,6	3.025,3	2.301,4
Diesel	2.713,9	2.665,2	2.637,8	2.338,0	2.431,6	2.564,1	2.944,3	2.665,4	2.817,6	2.968,0	2.590,2	2.598,0	32.139,4	35.546,8
Biodiesel + diesel	2.935,7	2.877,9	2.859,8	2.532,3	2.673,8	2.791,9	3.233,1	2.947,9	3.120,9	3.239,8	2.820,0	2.807,6	35.164,8	37.848,2
Share biodiesel	7,6 %	7,4 %	7,8 %	7,7 %	9,1 %	8,2 %	8,9 %	9,6 %	9,7 %	8,4 %	8,1 %	7,5 %	8,6 %	6,1 %
Bioethanol ETBE a)	8,2	8,8	11,4	10,3	10,0	12,5	16,0	13,5	11,7	9,7	7,4	7,4	125,8	88,1
Bioethanol for blending	94,0	86,7	73,6	50,5	79,3	81,2	96,7	91,5	80,5	91,0	78,9	68,5	971,7	1.054,6
Bioethanol total	102,2	95,5	85,0	60,8	89,2	93,7	112,7	105,0	92,1	100,7	86,3	75,8	1.097,5	1.142,7
Gasoline	1.357,8	1.279,3	1.183,3	904,6	1.093,7	1.206,4	1.449,9	1.364,3	1.389,2	1.396,8	1.162,2	1.156,2	15.120,4	16.823,2
Gasoline + bioethanol	1.460,0	1.374,8	1.268,3	965,4	1.182,9	1.300,1	1.562,5	1.469,3	1.481,4	1.497,4	1.248,5	1.232,0	16.217,9	17.965,9
Share bioethanol	7,0 %	6,9 %	6,7 %	6,3 %	7,5 %	7,2 %	7,2 %	7,1 %	6,2 %	6,7 %	6,9 %	6,2 %	6,8 %	6,4 %

Note: a) Volume percent of bioethanol in ETBE = 47 %;gacumulated figures include (unpublished) revised monthly BAFA data

Source: Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control, AMI

Bioethanol

Bioethanol consumption also declined in December 2020. Just less than 68,500 tonnes were used for blending and just less than 7,400 tonnes as ETBE. In total, bioethanol consumption amounted to more than 75,800 tonnes. This was down 12 per cent on the previous month and almost 24 per cent on the same month a year earlier. It was also the lowest amount of bioethanol consumed in any month of December since 2009 and the lowest it had been in any single month since April 2020. December petrol consumption also declined on the previous month, but it did so less sharply, with the incorporation rate of bioethanol in petrol decreasing from 6.9 to 6.2 per cent. In 2020, consumption of bioethanol reached 1.1 million tonnes, falling 4 per cent short of the previous year's figure. Petrol recorded an even stronger decline, which raised the 2020 incorporation rate 0.4 points to 6.8 per cent.