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### Average values for crystal sugar in the 2020/2021 harvest remain higher than in the previous harvest

Since the official start of the current 2020/2021 harvest, in April this year, mills in the state of São Paulo have produced a greater amount of sugar. And yet, the average crystal values in the São Paulo spot market throughout this season are higher than those seen in the previous season. According to CEPEA (Centro de Estudos Avançados em Economia Aplicada - Center for Advanced Studies in Applied Economics), the support comes from heated exports, which cause plant agents to increase the values of offers in the domestic market. In July 2020, the average for the CEPEA Indicator, in the São Paulo market, was R\$ 77.36 per 50 kg bag. This represents increases of 1.47% over June 2020 and 20.18% over July 2019. In the last week of July, specifically, liquidity increased, with higher volumes of crystal being traded. The average of the CEPEA Indicator was R\$ 78.26 per 50 kg bag, an increase of 0.73% in relation to the previous week.

### Oil prices have higher level in 5 months with smaller stock in USA

Oil prices have advanced this week to the highest level since the beginning of March, after commodity inventories in United States registered a sharp fall and the dollar depreciated, although investors remain concerned about the demand scenario amid the advance of the pandemic of coronavirus. Brent crude closed up USD 0.74, or 1.7%, at USD 45.17 per barrel, while US oil

(WTI) advanced USD 0.49, or 1.2%, to USD 42.19 per barrel. Both benchmarks rose by more than 4% at the start of the session. US oil inventories fell 7.4 million barrels last week, according to the IEA (Energy Information Administration). The value exceeds the 3 million barrels that analysts had projected. The devaluation of the dollar, which makes oil cheaper for holders of foreign currencies, also supported the commodity's prices.

### Hydrated and anhydrous ethanol remains practically stable in the plants in July

The prices of hydrated and anhydrous ethanol were firm throughout July, supported by the reaction in sales of biofuel at the distribution point. Researchers in the sector point out that, despite the heating in the month, the ethanol output was still well below that observed in the period before the covid-19 pandemic, even with biofuel showing competitiveness against Gasoline C in the retail segment of the main consuming states. Representatives of distributors showed a need to replenish stocks in July, being more active especially in the second half of the month. In addition to demand, another factor that supported ethanol prices in São Paulo was the firm stance of the sellers, with many mills focusing on sugar production. The average values for the full weeks of the CEPEA Indicator for hydrous ethanol was R\$ 1.6368 per liter, a small decrease of 0.41% compared to the full weeks of June. However, for the CEPEA Indicator for anhydrous ethanol, there was a small increase of 0.16%, with an average of July at R\$ 1.8566 per liter.

## PORTS OF BRAZIL

### Port of São Francisco do Sul

The Port of São Francisco do Sul ended the first half of 2020 with an increase of 13.3% in cargo handling. In June this year, the port achieved a growth of 15.7%, compared to the same month in 2019. During this period, the highlights were the handling of soybeans, steel products and fertilizers. For the Port Authority of Port of São Francisco do Sul, the results achieved demonstrate port's commitment and responsibility to Brazilian agribusiness.

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