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Ethanol stocks in the Center-South end 2020 with 8.4 billion liters

The monitoring of ethanol storage by plants in the Center-South region of Brazil continues to demonstrate the trend towards approximation compared to the results seen in the previous season. Early 2021, the volume in the tanks was 8.36 billion liters, featuring a fortnightly drop of 1.27 billion liters. Even so, it is an increase of 3.74% compared to the 8.06 billion liters seen in the previous year. Throughout the 2020/2021 harvest, the fuel market saw a drop in demand, which led to an increase in the stored volumes of biofuel. However, with the reduction in production throughout the year, the resumption of consumption and the slightly anticipated arrival of the off-season, inventories started to resemble results from previous seasons. Despite this, there is a difference in the stored volumes of anhydrous and hydrated. In the first case, the 3.1 billion liters observed at the beginning of this year represents an increase of only 0.73% in comparison with the same period of the previous year. In general, anhydrous sales have shown to be more heated, since the sale of gasoline has been less affected by the drop in demand compared to ethanol.

Crude sugar price jumps 5% at ICE and reaches highest level since April 2017

The ICE crude futures contracts advanced 5.2% on this week, reaching the highest level in more than three and a half years, as funds maintain their appetite for commodities, especially those with tight supply, such as the sweetener. The March crude sugar contract closed up 5.2% at USD 16.67 per pound, the highest level since April 2017.

Brazil to harvest 132.4 million tonnes of soybeans in 2021

Brazil is expected to harvest a record 132.4 million tonnes of soybeans in 2021, even though producers faced drought at the beginning of sowing, which brought down the productive potential in key states like Mato Grosso. The state of Mato Grosso has always been the state that pulled average soybean productivity up. It is the state that has the largest area and productivity stability, but this year it is the one that requires the most attention. The area planted with oilseeds grew 4%, to 38.4 million tonnes.

PORTS OF BRAZIL

Port of Fortaleza

As a result of technical management and well-structured planning put into practice by the executive board of the Port Authority of Port of Fortaleza, the year 2020 was marked by several records at Port complex. Compared to the same period in 2019, at the top of the growth is the EBITDA (Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) indicator with 254.35% (R\$ 3.3 to R \$ 11.8 million), which shows the generation potential cash flow from the Port Authority for future investments. Following, there are revenues with 13.49% (R\$ 56.3 million to R\$ 64 million) and cargo handling with 12% (4.4 to 4.9 million tonnes). In this important equipment of the maritime modal, between January and December 2020, 1.157 ships berthed. The berthings at Port of Fortaleza also grew by 9.5% compared to the previous year. Solid bulk (cereals and non-cereals) accounted for 46.6% of all handling, followed by liquid bulk (oil and oil derivatives) with 45.3% and general cargo with 8.1%. Respectively, there were 2,285,614 tonnes of solid bulk, 2,219,815 tonnes of liquid bulk and 389,501 tonnes of general cargo.

Shipping Agency

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Consultancy

It offers the market solution in the resolution of maritime demurrage disputes, making the management of recovery or settlement with the involved shipping

companies. The technical, pre-operational and operational follow-up is performed of vessels in ports, ensuring that contract clauses will be achieved and complied.

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