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Argentine soy projection drops to 51.5 million MT

- > Recent rains were not enough to halt the decline in soybean yields, as Argentina's crop projection for the 2019/20 season dropped to 51.5 million MT, according to the Strategic Guide Agriculture (GEA) of the Rosario Stock Exchange.
- > Argentina's goal to reach a previously estimated 55 million MT fell by the wayside, as the soybean cycle suffered another setback, owed to extremely dry climatic conditions from the third week of February.
- > The drought is expected to hurt soybean yields, leading to lower total production.

Brazilian agribusiness groups seek government support amid reports of Santos shutdown

- > A group of almost 50 agribusiness associations has sought support from the federal government to guarantee Brazilian ports continue to operate amid the coronavirus crisis, according to a letter dated March 18 seen by Reuters.
- > The letter was motivated by the threat of dock workers halting activities at Brazil's largest port in Santos.
- > On Wednesday, Santos port operators, dock workers and port authorities agreed on measures to ensure the port stayed open while enforcing policies to protect the health of all personnel involved in port activities.
- > Losses to agribusiness supply chains would be "incalculable" if Santos port in particular was to be stopped by unionized dock workers.

Rapeseed market turns volatile

- > European industrial use of rapeseed oil for biofuel use has declined by 11% in the past few years.
- > Prices on the Paris futures market were depressed to near two-year lows early in the week as crude oil prices crashed and a French crusher experienced a fire shutdown. Winnipeg futures were also erratic as the weak energy market factor collided with a plummeting Canadian dollar, offering some help to the country's crush margin and brightening export prospects.
- > Rapeseed futures markets were buffeted both ways this week by a combination of collapsing energy markets, a weak soy complex and currency moves, for the moment obscuring the long-standing background of this market's relatively snug supply/demand balance.



Market volatility reduces Brazilian soy prices and deals

- > Brazilian soybean sales and prices fell in the second week of March.
- > Brazil's soy prices closed the week decreasing by 2.5% over the week prior, at USD7.82/bushel in Mato Grosso reference state.
- > There was also a sharp decline in the CBOT futures market, coupled with a sudden rise in the exchange rate at the end of last week, with dollar closing the week at BRL4.813.
- > At the same time port premiums remained stable at USD0.55/bushel for Paranaguá port April contract, reflecting the lower number of deals.
- > Both producers and buyers are concerned about the effects of the global economic crisis on access to credit and the final demand for soybean and its by-products. In this uncertain scenario, the purchase and sale deals for the 2020/21 season have declined sharply in recent days.

Brazilian soy production estimates lowered for 2019/20

- > Drought in the Rio Grande do Sul state saw local agencies lower their forecast's for the 2019/20 Brazilian soy crop.
- > AgRural revised its estimate for Brazilian soybean production in the 2019/20 season, to 124.3 million MT compared to 125.6 million MT in its previous forecast.
- > The Brazilian Association of Soybean Producers (Aprosoja Brasil) expects Brazil to produce even lower volumes of soy; pegged at 120.6 million MT, down from 123 million MT forecasted in February.
- > According to the Federation of Agriculture of the State of Rio Grande do Sul (Farsul), the state should have losses of up to 50% compared to initial forecasts for the season.
- > Other Brazilian states should have an increase in productivity, which will partially offset the losses from RS state.
- > Estimates of soy and corn exports from Brazil this year are expected to remain unchanged despite the turbulence suffered by global markets in the face of the coronavirus spreading.



Soy dips to 10-month lows

- > Some lower estimates circulating for Latin American crops in the wake of recent dryness failed to stop the CBOT contract crumbling to new 10-month lows the week ending on March 20th.
- > Downward pressure continued to come from trade perceptions that both Argentina and Brazil will still produce relatively large crops Brazil probably a record one, about two thirds through harvest this week.
- > Concern also persisted about the potential impact of coronavirus on demand for soy products if it drives the world economy into recession.
- > Although feed demand may be questioned by recessionary factors, the primary meal product of soy crush (around 80%) has seen relatively minor losses.
- > With no price rally indicated on forward futures markets, farmers hoping to expand acreage this spring face many uncertainties.

Harvest exemption calms palm buyers' nerves

- > Palm oil's near vertical price descent paused briefly this week on market talk that new Malaysian moves to control coronavirus included a two-week business shutdown.
- > Later, in response to demands from industry bodies, the government clarified that the shutdown would not include collection and processing of the crop.
- > The exception was overruled in the Malaysian state of Sabah where plantations are closed to try and halt the spread of the virus.
- > The reason the palm oil industry was granted an exemption is because without it, fresh fruit bunches would be left to rot and the livelihood of small-scale producers would be jeopardized.



Latin American/China meal supply issues revive soy

- > Soymeal lent strength to a choppy soy complex this week as traders pondered interruptions to South American exports causing particular problems for Chinese crushers and feeders.
- > Reduced US corn ethanol production could meanwhile curb output of its by-product, dried distillers' grains, a competitor with soy meal in feed outlets.
- > Brazilian sales to the top buyer have continued their retreat from last season's higher-than-usual levels as the US makes a comeback and after Brazil's rain delayed harvest tightened its early-season availability.
- > Concern was also reported about Argentine meal exports being held up by paperwork needed to comply with new coronavirus rules.
- > US exporters hope this may further assist windfall bean and meal sales to China as the latter runs historically low on soy stocks amid resurgent feed demand.

Covid-19's influence on palm cuts both ways

- > Renewed fears that restrictions of Malaysian palm harvest and oil processing could reduce supply pulled prices off their recent lows on the Malay Bursa futures market in the first half of this week before worries over demand returned.
- > The initial rally also reflected energy and stock markets responding positively to recent massive global economic support measure.
- > Reports that EU imports (from all palm sources) were running 14% down for the year to date also weighed along with still uncertain prospects for trade to third largest customer, China.
- > Production concerns focused on forced stoppages in Malaysia's Sabah state, origin of about a quarter of the country's palm output, in response to spreading corona various contagion. It sparked speculation that shutdowns might be extended in other regions too though some sources said ripe palm fruits might be salvageable to add to April output if collection can restart then.
- > With declining supply and declining demand offsetting each other, palm oil prices are not expected to swing wildly either way for the near future.



United States: Soybean Oil Exports

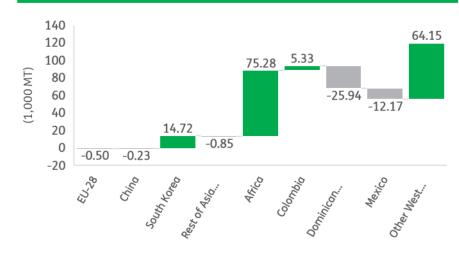
US Annual Soybean Oil Exports						
		(1,000 MT)				
	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20 (F)		
EU-28	1	1	1	0		
China	133	1	0	0		
South Korea	206	301	303	318		
Rest of Asia/Oceania	28	23	35	34		
Africa	61	28	17	93		
Colombia	122	108	67	73		
Dominican Republic	150	152	139	113		
Mexico	265	167	126	113		
Other West Hemis.	194	327	192	256		
Total	1,159	1,108	881	1,000		

(F) = IEG Vantage Forecast

Note: Highlighted yellow references where changes have been made from previous report.

US Monthly Soybean Oil Exports								
	(MT)							
	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20			
EU-28	18	18	158	0	20			
China	63	58	17	92	32			
South Korea	10	55,984	43,951	10,017	40			
Rest of Asia/Oceania	1,780	11,294	2,825	1,483	1,555			
Africa	0	3	15,062	0	21,003			
Colombia	2	2,516	37	39,091	5,460			
Dominican Republic	26	18,470	7,689	3,634	2,955			
Mexico	7,658	8,777	12,964	17,805	14,525			
Other West Hemis.	12,431	17,430	29,498	11,457	11,154			
Total	21,986	114,550	112,201	83,579	56,744			

YTD Change in Exports (18/19 to 19/20)





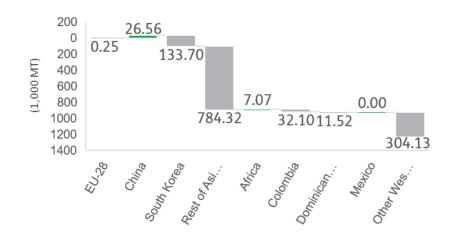
Argentina: Soybean Oil Exports Update

Argentina Annual Soybean Oil Exports									
	(1,000 MT)								
	16/17 17/18 18/19 19/20 (F)								
EU-28	0	0	0	0					
China	558	1	0	27					
South Korea	111	185	138	4					
Rest of Asia/Oceania	3,188	4,005	3,742	2,958					
Africa	401	823	644	651					
Colombia	0	17	32	0					
Dominican Republic	49	55	14	2					
Mexico	0	0	0	0					
Other West Hemis.	786	613	818	513					
Total	5,094	5,698	5,387	4,155					

⁽F) = IEG Vantage Forecast

Argentina Monthly Soybean Oil Exports								
(1,000 MT)	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19			
EU-28	0	0	0	0	0			
China	0	0	0	0	0			
South Korea	0	0	0	0	0			
Rest of Asia/Oceania	562	484	634	364	548			
Africa	0	0	0	0	0			
Colombia	2	2	2	1	1			
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	0	0			
Mexico	0	0	0	0	0			
Other West Hemis.	8	148	102	50	77			
Total	572	634	738	415	626			

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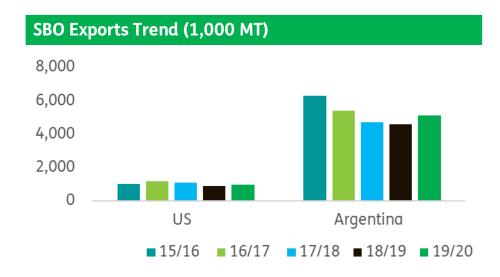


Soybean Oil Balance Tables for US and Argentina

US Soybean Oil Supply and Demand (1,000 MT)							
	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20 (F)		
Carryin (Oct 1)	841	765	776	905	805		
Production	9,956	10,035	10,783	10,975	11,218		
Imports	130	144	152	180	159		
Total Supply	10,928	10,944	11,711	12,061	12,182		
Domestic Use	9,146	9,009	9,698	10,374	10,246		
Biodiesel	2,582	2,812	3,236	3,567	3,515		
Non-Biodiesel	6,564	6,196	6,462	6,808	6,731		
Exports	1,017	1,160	1,108	881	953		
Total Use	10,163	10,168	10,806	11,255	11,198		
Carryout (Sep 30)	765	776	905	805	984		

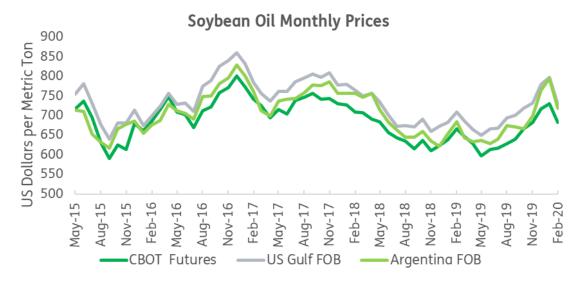
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Argentina Soybean Oil Supply and Demand (1,000 MT)								
	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20 (F)			
Carryin (Apr 1)	196	337	259	310	170			
Production	8,755	8,381	7,923	7,179	7,903			
Imports	5	0	0	0	5			
Total Supply	8,955	8,718	8,182	7,489	8,077			
Domestic Use	2,307	3,073	3,151	2,753	2,702			
Biodiesel	1,909	2,826	2,968	2,401	2,407			
Non-Biodiesel	398	247	183	352	295			
Exports	6,312	5,386	4,721	4,566	5,100			
Total Use	8,619	8,459	7,872	7,319	7,802			
Carryout (Mar 31)	337	259	310	170	275			

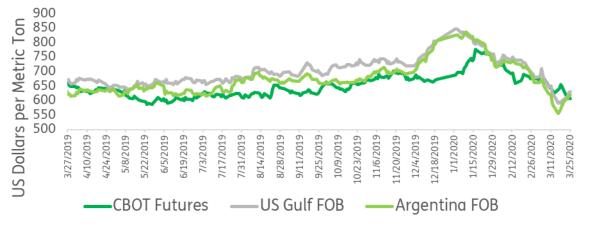




Soybean Oil Prices Trends







	CBOT Futures	US Gulf FOB	Argentina FOB
2/26/2020	641	696	683
2/27/2020	636	691	670
2/28/2020	624	679	661
3/2/2020	637	681	662
3/3/2020	643	685	664
3/4/2020	656	711	674
3/5/2020	648	689	666
3/6/2020	634	672	648
3/9/2020	607	646	625
3/10/2020	610	649	621
3/11/2020	607	651	615
3/12/2020	582	620	588
3/13/2020	581	620	579
3/16/2020	551	590	628
3/17/2020	556	595	562
3/18/2020	552	591	570
3/19/2020	562	600	582
3/20/2020	565	604	629
3/23/2020	576	615	NA
3/24/2020	585	629	618
3/25/2020	587	631	620



Soybean Oil Lineup Data - Argentina

PORT	TERMINAL	VESSEL	STATUS	DATE	TONS	CARGO	SHIPPER AND/OR CHARTERER	DESTINATION
SAN LORENZO	RENOVA NORTH BERTH	ATLANTIC GUARD	AT REC	24-Mar	2/18/1982	SBO	GGBV	INDIA
SAN LORENZO	RENOVA NORTH BERTH	CLARICE	ETR ROS	29-Mar	11/8/1909	SBO	ASTON	INDIA
SAN LORENZO	RENOVA NORTH BERTH	AQUADISIAC	ETR ZTE	28-Mar	9/12/1939	SBO	ADM	INDIA
SAN LORENZO	RENOVA NORTH BERTH	AQUADISIAC	ETR ZTE	28-Mar	10/10/1906	SBO	ADM	BANGLADESH
SAN LORENZO	RENOVA SOUTH BERTH	INYALA	ETA REC	1-Apr	8/25/1950	SBO	ASTON	EGYPT
SAN LORENZO	RENOVA T.B.C./RENOVA NORTH/SO	ATLANTIC PISCES	ETA REC	2-Apr	2/18/1982	SBO	CARGILL	EGYPT
SAN LORENZO	RENOVA T.B.C./RENOVA NORTH/SO	MTM MUMBAI	ETA REC	4-Apr	12/8/1930	SBO	BUNGE	INDIA
SAN LORENZO	DREYFUS TIMBUES	ATLANTIC CANYON	ETA REC	1-Apr	3/1/1919	SBO	LDC	ALGERIA
SAN LORENZO	DREYFUS TIMBUES	MAERSK TIMARU	ETR SNIC	2-Apr	2/18/1982	SBO	LDC	EGYPT
SAN LORENZO	NOBLE)	MTM MUMBAI	ETA REC	4-Apr	7/17/1946	SBO	BUNGE	
SAN LORENZO	MINERA ALUMBRERA	ATLANTIC BREEZE	ETA REC	28-Mar	10/3/1954	SBO	ADM	EGYPT
SAN LORENZO	MINERA ALUMBRERA	ST CLEMENS	ETA REC	4-Apr	7/17/1946	SBO	BUNGE	CHINA
SAN LORENZO	MINERA ALUMBRERA	OCEAN PRINCESS	ETA REC	14-Apr	10/21/1943	SBO	BUNGE	CHINA
SAN LORENZO		SHAMROCK JUPITER	ETA REC	29-Mar	5/18/1927	SBO	CARGILL	PERU
SAN LORENZO	(EX NIDERA FERTILIZANTES)	CLARICE	ETR ROS	29-Mar	10/15/1904	SBO	COFCO	INDIA
SAN LORENZO	(EX NIDERA FERTILIZANTES)	CLARICE	ETR ROS	29-Mar	7/30/1913	SBO	COFCO	MOZAMBIQUE
SAN LORENZO		CLARICE	ETR ROS	29-Mar	12/13/1910	SBO	COFCO	MADAGASCAR
SAN LORENZO	TRANSITO (ADM AGRO)	ATLANTIC GUARD	AT REC	24-Mar	11/7/1932	SBO (P)	GLENCORE	EGYPT
SAN LORENZO	DEMPA	SHAMROCK JUPITER	ETA REC	30-Mar	7/31/1909	RSBO	BUNGE	SOUTH AFRICA
SAN LORENZO	DEMPA	SHAMROCK JUPITER	ETA REC	30-Mar	9/26/1902	SBO	BUNGE	SOUTH AFRICA
SAN LORENZO	DEMPA	SPICA	ETR GLAG	31-Mar	8/21/1924	RSBO	BUNGE	MOZAMBIQUE
SAN LORENZO	DEMPA	GODENGATE PARK	ETA REC	6-Apr	9/8/1913	SBO	BUNGE	COLOMBIA
SAN LORENZO	DEMPA	GODENGATE PARK	ETA REC	6-Apr	11/4/1906	RSBO	BUNGE	COLOMBIA
SAN LORENZO	SAN BENITO	CLARICE	ETR ROS	29-Mar	11/25/1921	SBO	COFCO	INDIA
SAN LORENZO	SAN BENITO	ATLANTIC BREEZE	ETA REC	28-Mar	6/26/1931	SBO	ADM AGRO	EGYPT
SAN LORENZO	SAN BENITO	SPICA	ETA REC	2-Apr	9/21/1922	SBO	WILMAR	MOZAMBIQUE
SAN LORENZO	SAN BENITO	BOW TITANIUM	ETA REC	6-Apr	11/7/1932	SBO	GLENCORE	PERU
ROSARIO	VILLA GOBERNADOR GALVEZ	SEA WOLF	ETA REC	30-Mar	8/11/1987	SBO	CARGILL	
ROSARIO	VILLA GOBERNADOR GALVEZ	МТМ ТОКҮО	ETA REC	5-Apr	4/12/1949	SBO		ALGERIA
ROSARIO	DREYFUS VEGOIL TERMINAL	ATLANTIC CANYON	ETA REC	1-Apr	10/3/1954	SBO	LDC	MOROCCO

Source: Agencia Maritima Nabsa S.A.

*REC-Recalada Pilot Station, AT CZONE (At Common Zone- La Plata Roads), AT ROADS (At Port Terminal Corresponding Roads), ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival), ETF (Estimated time to Finalize Operations)

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