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World - Ethanol prices for the week ended 16 February, 2018

European Union (in EUR/hl pure alcohol, delivered at place, unless stated otherwise)

Fuel		Contract	Spot
Central	Current	**46-48**	**46-48**
	12 months ago (17 February, 2017)	59-60	62-64
North	Current	**47-48**	**no quote**
	12 months ago (17 February, 2017)	57-59	no quote
East	Current	**49-51**	**49-51**
	12 months ago (17 February, 2017)	58-59	59-61
		T1	T2
NW European ports fob	Current	**USD 46.5-47.5**	**46-47**
	12 months ago (17 February, 2017)	USD 47.5-49.5	65-66

Non-Fuel		Contract		Spot	
		96°	99°	96°	99°
West	Current	**61-62 (I)** **54-56 (REN)** **61-63 (B)**	**66-67 (I)**	**60-61 (I)** **54-55 (REN)** **60-63 (B)**	**66-67 (I)**
	12 months ago (17 February, 2017)	60-62 (I) 53-55 (REN) 60-62 (B)	64-65 (I)	61-63 (I) 53-55 (REN) 61-63 (B)	64-65 (I)
Central	Current	**60-62 (I)** **54-56 (REN)** **60-63 (B)**	**64-66 (I)**	**60-62 (I)** **54-55 (REN)** **60-63 (B)**	**64-66 (I)**
	12 months ago (17 February, 2017)	59-61 (I) 55-57 (REN) 59-61 (B)	62-64 (I)	60-62 (I) 55-57 (REN) 60-62 (B)	62-64 (I)
South	Current	**61-63 (I)** **61-63 (B)**	**68-70 (I)**	**61-62 (I)** **61-63 (B)**	**68-70 (I)**
	12 months ago (17 February, 2017)	61-63 (I) 60-61 (B)	68-70 (I)	61-63 (I) 60-62 (B)	68-70 (I)
North	Current	**60-62 (I)**	**65-67 (I)**	**no quote (I)**	**no quote (I)**
	12 months ago (17 February, 2017)	59-62 (I)	65-67 (I)	no quote (I)	no quote (I)
East	Current	**61-64 (I)** **61-65 (B)** **no quote (P)**	**64-65 (I)**	**61-64 (I)** **62-66 (B)** **no quote (P)**	**64-65 (I)**
	12 months ago (17 February, 2017)	60-63 (I) 58-62 (B) no quote (P)	64-66 (I)	60-63 (I) 59-62 (B) no quote (P)	64-66 (I)
		T1		T2	
NW European ports fob	Current	**no quote (99)** **no quote (REN)** **no quote (surfin)**		**no quote (99)** **51-53 (REN)** **56-57.5 (surfin)**	
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Non-European markets (USD/m3)	Fuel		Non-fuel	
	Hydrous (EPA)	Anhydrous (EPA)	Grade B	
Brazil, fob Santos	550-615	570-650	535-625	
	Chicago	New York		
USA, Spot	378-388	402-407		
	Anhydrous		ENA	Industrial
Pakistan, fob Karachi (USD/tonne)	740-750		670-690	640-650

B: beverage; I: industrial; P: pharmaceutical; REN: rectifié extra neutre; ENA: extra neutral alcohol; EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

European Market Comments

The **traditional** market remained in the familiar ranges as activity remains restricted to routine business and the fulfilment of contracts. There continues to be mild downward pressure on prices for technical grades.

In the meantime there are reports that producers in both the Czech Republic and Slovakia have shut down for a technical overhaul while one of the UK fuel ethanol producers continues to be in an extended maintenance period.

Fuel ethanol prices moved higher in the latest week as support proved to be solid at around EUR460. February deliveries were assessed at EUR460-465 per m^3, up EUR10. March gained up to EUR5 to EUR465-470 and April was put at EUR470-475, also up EUR5.

Shipping interest was reported for 2 mln litres of ethanol from Lillebonne to La Pallice (both France), 9 mln from ARA to the Thames (United Kingdom) and 3.5 mln from Tees to Grangemouth, both UK, all for mid-February, as well as for up to 8 mln from Tees or ARA to Tarragona, Spain for late February.

World Ethanol - Port Statistics (tonnes) - week beginning February 19, 2018

Country	Port	Ship Name	Status	Load.	Unload.	Origin	Sailing on	Sailing to	ETA
USA	Gulf Coast	Navig8 Universe	S	30,000			24/12/2017	India	
	Gulf Coast	Sichem Falcon	E	20,000				Brazil	
	Gulf Coast	SC Taurus	E	20,000				WC India	
Brazil	Aratu	Stolt Vision**	S	5,000			06/02/2018	US Gulf	21/02/2018
	Aratu	Bow Cedar**	E	5,000					
	Itaqui	Shamrock Jupiter	A		4,000	USA			
	Itaqui	Chemroute Sky*	E		25,000	USA			
	Itaqui	Condor Trader	E		4,800	USA			
	Paranagua	Bow Tribute	E		3,013				
	Paranagua	Southern Quokka	E		6,000				
	Santos	Bunga Allium	A		6,065				
	Santos	MTM Rotterdam	E	14,520					
	Santos	Pigeon Point	E		5,000	USA			
	Suape	Chembulk New York	B		5,982	USA			16/02/2018
	Suape	Stolt Vanguard	A		7,915	USA			17/02/2018
	Suape	Gulf Mist	E		11,180	USA			18/02/2018
	Suape	Navig8 Ammolite	E		9,000	USA			
Peru	Callao	BTS Sabina	E		7,040	USA			
Guatemala	Quetzal	Chemstar Stellar	S	7,000			14/02/2018		
	Quetzal/Peru	Navig8 Sirius	E	16,000					28/02/2018
	Quetzal	Fairchem Filly	E	11,600				South Korea	26/02/2018
	Quetzal	MTM Hamburg	E	11,285				South Korea	06/03/2018
	Quetzal	Sea Ploeg	E	6,000				Puerto Rico	09/03/2018
	Quetzal	Celsius Birdie	E	15,000					09/03/2018
	Quetzal	Jo Spirit	E	4,000				Puerto Rico	31/03/2018
Pakistan	Karachi	Mid Nature	S	10,000			07/02/2018	China	
	Karachi	BW Gallium	S	13,000			05/02/2018	China	19/02/2018
	Karachi	Oriental Lotus	S	7,000			11/02/2018		
	Karachi	Oriental Jasmin	S	2,500			13/02/2018		
Europe	Norrköping	Mainland	E	5,000				Germany	
	Rostock	Besiktas Galata	S	3,000			18/02/2018	Sweden	

***only customs clearing, **ETBE; A: Anchored; B: Berthed; E: Expected; S: Sailed**

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European Market Fundamentals

European Union - Ethanol imports fell to historical lows in 2017 reaching no more than 500 mln litres against 600 mln in 2016. This was the sixth year of falling imports in a row.

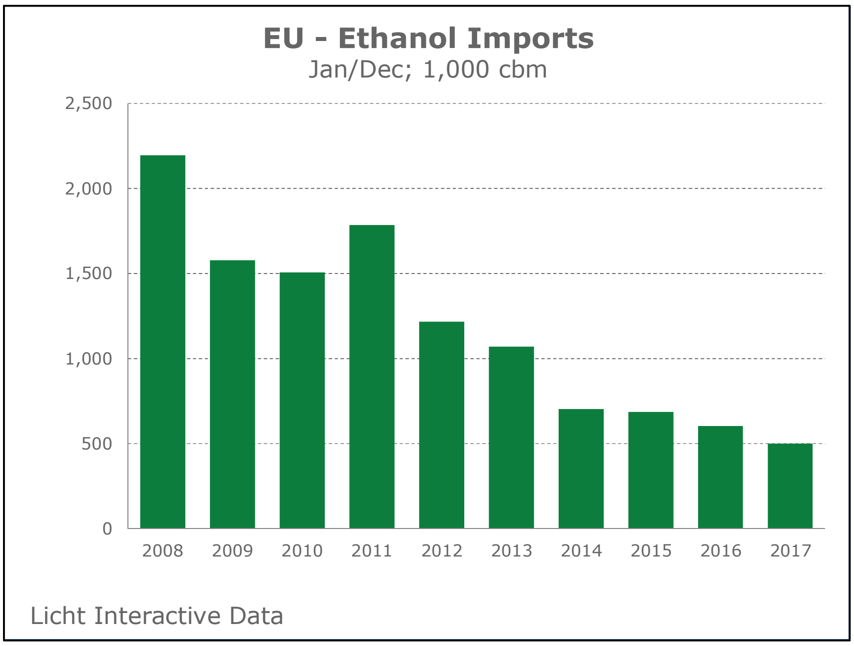
The bloc imported somewhat more than 42 mln litres in December against 37 mln in November and 21 mln in December 2016.

For a couple of years now Eurostat has not been supplying full data-sets on the origins of imports.

According to our calculations, the largest origins in 2017 were Pakistan with 158 mln litres (80 mln), the US with 149 mln litres (44 mln) and Guatemala with 80 mln litres (148 mln).

Ethanol exports reached a three year high of almost 230 mln litres. This compares with 190 mln in 2016.

Major countries of destination were Switzerland (68 ml litres), followed by the USA (23 mln litres).



Brazilian Market Comments

The market ended mixed in the latest week with good demand bolstering prices for hydrous grades while the steady flow of imports put anhydrous material under pressure.

Hydrous ethanol was offered at BRL2,260-2,270 per cubic metre (exw; taxes included), up BRL20-30 on the week. Offers for anhydrous grades were BRL2,080-2,120, down BRL10-20.

US Market Comments

Futures prices for ethanol in Chicago were pulled higher by the rebound in gasoline prices and a bullish EIA report. The front-month February contract settled at $1.484 per gallon, up from $1.403 last week.

In **spot** market, prompt deliveries at the Argo terminal in the **Chicago** area traded at $1.48 per gallon, up 9 cents on the week. Prompt delivered ethanol by barge in the **New York Harbour** gained the same to $1.58. On the **West Coast** ethanol prices climbed 5 cents to $1.70.

United States - Fuel ethanol production in the week to February 9, 2018 averaged 1.016 mln barrels per day (bpd), said the Energy Information Administration (EIA), a five-week low, down from 1.057 mln in the prior week and 1.040 mln one year earlier.

Imports remained at nil for the tenth consecutive week.

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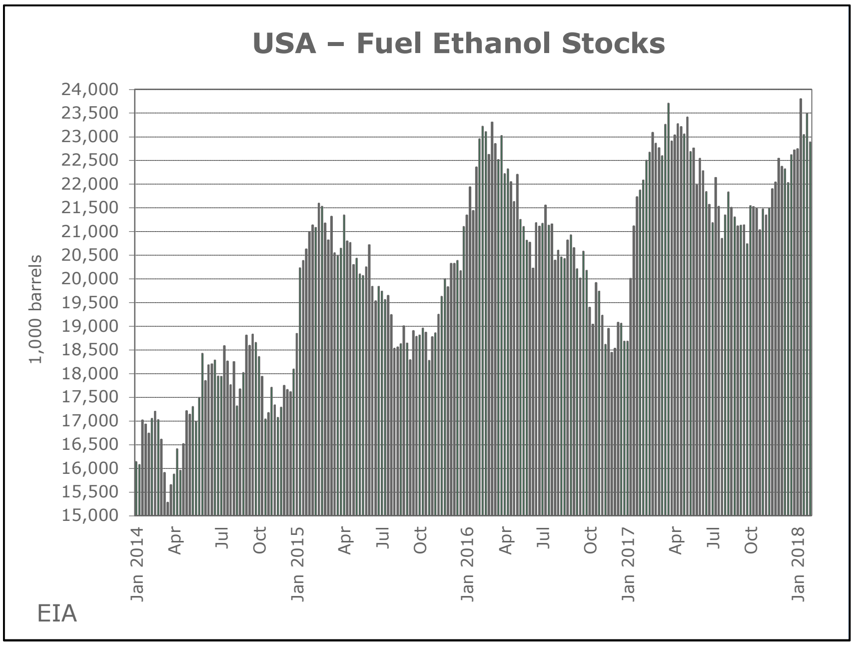
Refiner and blender net input averaged 882,000 bpd, a seven-week high, against 868,000 in the prior week and 847,000 one year earlier. Based on the amount of motor gasoline supplied, the average blending ratio was 9.74% vol., against 9.54% in the prior week and 10.06% one year earlier.

Stocks fell on the week to a four-week low of 22.9 mln barrels from 23.5 mln. The bulk of the w/w decline came from the East Coast (7.6 mln barrels vs 8.0 mln) and the Midwest (8.2 mln vs 8.4 mln).



Guatemala - The ethanol export season is quickly gathering pace.

Over the next couple of weeks, a total of six tankers are scheduled to load product at the Port of Quetzal (Navig8 Sirius, Fairchem Filly (for South Korea), Sea Ploeg (for Puerto Rico), MTM Hamburg (South Korea), Celsius Birdie, Jo Spirit (Puerto Rico). This compares with four vessels between the start of the sugarcane crushing season in November and the end of January.

Exports in November were somewhat lower at 12.8 mln litres against 13.5 mln the prior year. However, for the full year a similar export volume to that of 2016/17 is expected (204 mln litres).

The country's exports mostly go the EU, the US (Puerto Rico), Mexico and South Korea.

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