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World - Ethanol prices for the week ended 4 May, 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 (5 May, 2017)	54-55	54-55
North	**Current**	**46-48**	**no quote**
	12 months ago (5 May, 2017)	54-55	no quote
East	**Current**	**47-48**	**47-48**
	12 months ago (5 May, 2017)	53-55	54-57
		T1	**T2**
NW European ports fob	**Current**	**USD 47-48**	**45-45.5**
	12 months ago (5 May, 2017)	USD 47-48	58.5-59

Non-Fuel		Contract		Spot	
		96°	**99°**	**96°**	**99°**
West	**Current**	**58-62 (I)** **53-56 (REN)** **59-62 (B)**	**63-66 (I)**	**58-62 (I)** **53-55 (REN)** **59-62 (B)**	**65-67 (I)**
	12 months ago (5 May, 2017)	61-62 (I) 57-60 (REN) 61-63 (B)	66-67 (I)	61-63 (I) 57-60 (REN) 61-63 (B)	66-67 (I)
Central	**Current**	**58-61 (I)** **53-56 (REN)** **59-62 (B)**	**63-66 (I)**	**58-61 (I)** **53-55 (REN)** **59-62 (B)**	**63-66 (I)**
	12 months ago (5 May, 2017)	61-63 (I) 58-60 (REN) 59-62 (B)	63-66 (I)	61-63 (I) 58-60 (REN) 60-63 (B)	64-66 (I)
South	**Current**	**60-63 (I)** **59-61 (B)**	**66-68 (I)**	**60-62 (I)** **59-61 (B)**	**66-68 (I)**
	12 months ago (5 May, 2017)	61-63 (I) 61-62 (B)	68-70 (I)	61-63 (I) 59-62 (B)	68-70 (I)
North	**Current**	**60-62 (I)**	**64-67 (I)**	**no quote (I)**	**no quote (I)**
	12 months ago (5 May, 2017)	59-62 (I)	65-67 (I)	no quote (I)	no quote (I)
East	**Current**	**60-64 (I)** **58-62 (B)** **no quote (P)**	**64-65 (I)**	**60-64 (I)** **58-60 (B)** **no quote (P)**	**64-65 (I)**
	12 months ago (5 May, 2017)	60-64 (I) 59-62 (B) no quote (P)	64-66 (I)	60-63 (I) 59-63 (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)**	
	12 months ago (5 May, 2017)	no quote (99) no quote (REN) no quote (surfin)		no quote (99) no quote (REN) 58-60 (surfin)	

Non-European markets (USD/m3)	Fuel		Non-fuel	
	Hydrous (EPA)	**Anhydrous (EPA)**	**Grade B**	
Brazil, fob Santos	**445-4600**	**500-515**	**450-470**	
	Chicago	**New York**		
USA, Spot	**380-388**	**412-417**		
	Anhydrous		**ENA**	**Industrial**
Pakistan, fob Karachi (USD/tonne)	**790-810**		**710-735**	**620-630**

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

European Market Comments

Prices in the **traditional** market were unchanged. Sentiment remained weak as supplies are considered as ample. May is traditionally a slow month because of a number of national holidays which lead to shortened working weeks. Rectifiers continue to buy fuel alcohol for processing with prices in the EUR470-480 per cubic metre range.

Fuel ethanol prices were unchanged to weaker on plentiful offers. The front-month May closed at EUR445 - 450 per m³, down EUR5 on the week. June remained flat at EUR450 and July was assessed at ERU455-460.

Activity in the **freight** market was limited amid slightly higher rates. There were enquiries for 6,000 cubic metres from the North of France to the UK and Ireland for mid-May dates and 8,500 cubes from Rotterdam to the Med for mid-to-late May.

World Ethanol - Port Statistics (tonnes) - week beginning May 07, 2018

Country	Port	Ship Name	Status	L	D	Origin	Sailing on	Sailing to	ETA
USA	Gulf Coast	NCC Danah	S	20,000			31/03/2018	WC India	
Brazil	Aratu	Bow Jubail**	S	9,000			18/04/2018	USA	01/05/2018
	Itaqui	BTS Selena	E		5,000	USA			
	Itaqui	Sveva	E		15,000	Santos			
	Maceio	Furuholmen	B		7,029	USA			
	Paranagua	Willard J	B	20,977					
	Santos	Amorina	B		10,532	USA			
	Santos	MTM New York	E	24,000					
	Santos	Sveva	E	11,850					
	Santos	Chemway Lara	E		5,000				
	Suape	Stena Immaculate	B		19,000	USA			
	Suape	Chemroute Sky	B		19,300	USA			
	Suape	Chemstar Stellar	E		9,600	USA			
Guatemala	Quetzal	Stolt Sycamore	E	12,000					11/05/2018
	Quetzal	Fairchem Edge	S	7,500			14/04/2018	France	03/05/2018
Pakistan	Karachi	Oriental Freesia	S	4,000				Saudi Arabia	14/05/2018
	Karachi	MTM Gibraltar	S	16,000				Singapore	15/05/2018
	Karachi	Maritime Gisela	S	10,500			21/04/2018	China	07/05/2018
France	Dunkirk	Trans Emerald	E		2,800	Fos			05/05/2018

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

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Europe - Non-fuel Ethanol Prices, Central Region, dlvd.

Year	Month	Beverage Alcohol EUR/m³	Beverage Alcohol $/m³	REN EUR/m³	REN $/m³	Industrial Alcohol 99° EUR/m³	Industrial Alcohol 99° $/m³	REN-beverage spread (EUR/m³)
2016	11	595	643	535	578	630	680	-60
	12	597	627	535	562	630	662	-62
2017	1	607	643	543	576	630	668	-64
	2	610	647	559	593	633	671	-51
	3	615	658	590	631	650	696	-25
	4	615	658	590	631	650	696	-25
	5	615	683	590	655	650	722	-25
	6	615	689	590	661	650	728	-25
	7	615	707	590	679	650	748	-25
	8	624	736	587	693	650	767	-37
	9	630	750	585	696	650	774	-45
	10	630	743	563	664	650	767	-67
	11	630	737	550	644	650	761	-80
	12	623	735	546	644	650	767	-77
2018	1	615	750	545	665	650	793	-70
	2	615	763	545	676	650	806	-70
	3	608	748	545	670	654	804	-63
	4	605	744	540	664	645	793	-65

Brazilian Market Comments

The market continued to fall as the new crop in the Centre/South continues to gather pace. The import program has started to fizzle out for the time being as the arbitrage is now closed. At the same time loadings for export picked up speed.

Hydrous ethanol lost BRL30 to BRL1,800-1,830 per cubic metre (exw; taxes included) while offers for anhydrous grades fell BRL20-30 to BRL1,780-1,800. Market conditions were quiet following a shortened working week. Demand for ethanol is expected to remain very firm on favourable economics.

Brazil - Brazil exported only 74.1 mln litres of undenatured ethanol in April 2018, down 41.88% when compared with the 127.5 mln a year ago but up 12.44% from the volume seen in March, figures by the Commerce Ministry show.

The value of exports in April reached USD47.4 mln against USD41.8 mln in March and USD75.9 mln in April 2017.

Total exports of undenatured ethanol in 2017/18 rose to 1.455 bln litres against 1.375 bln in 2016/17.

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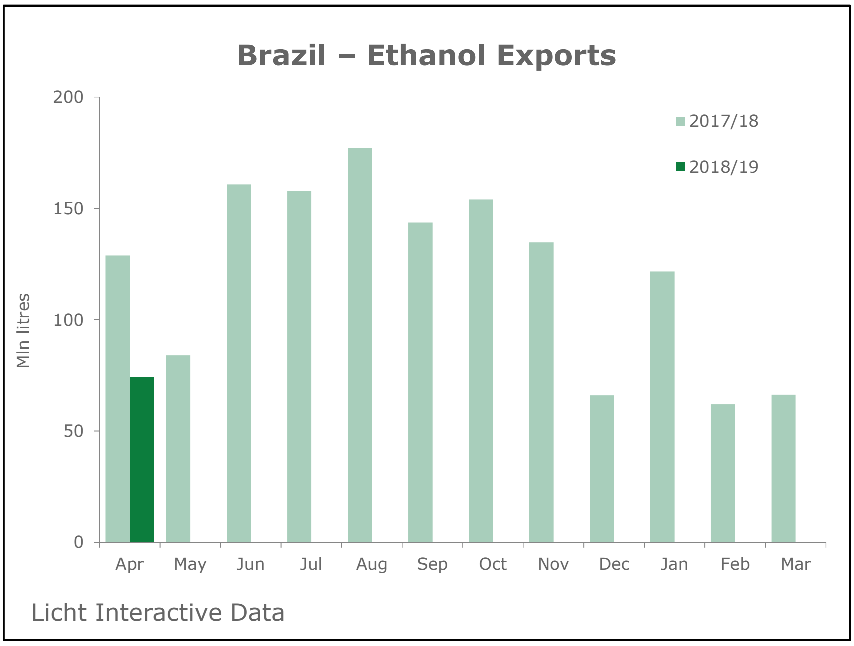

US Market Comments

Futures prices for ethanol in Chicago ended higher in the latest week amid firmer energy prices and a positive macro-economic environment. The front-month May contract settled at USD1.498 per gallon against USD1.448 a week ago. Despite this, ethanol discounts against gasoline remain rose to new historical highs (USD0.68 per gallon).

United States - The US exported 814.2 mln litres of ethanol in March, 68% more than in March 2017, and only slightly below the monthly all-time high seen in February. US Census data show.

This brought cumulative exports in the first quarter to 1.983 bln litres against 1.478 bln in the same period a year ago.

Brazil was the largest buyer of fuel ethanol in March, importing 363.1 mln litres against 390.5 mln in February.

Exports to Brazil are likely to go down in the months ahead as the new production cycle has started in April.

Canada was the second largest importer taking 93 mln litres, up from 80.5 mln litres in February, the data show. Exports to China where an additional import tariff kicked in in early April fell to 74.9 mln litres from 125.2 mln in February.

The US exported a record volume of 6 bln litres of ethanol (including the ethanol portion in ETBE) in 2017.

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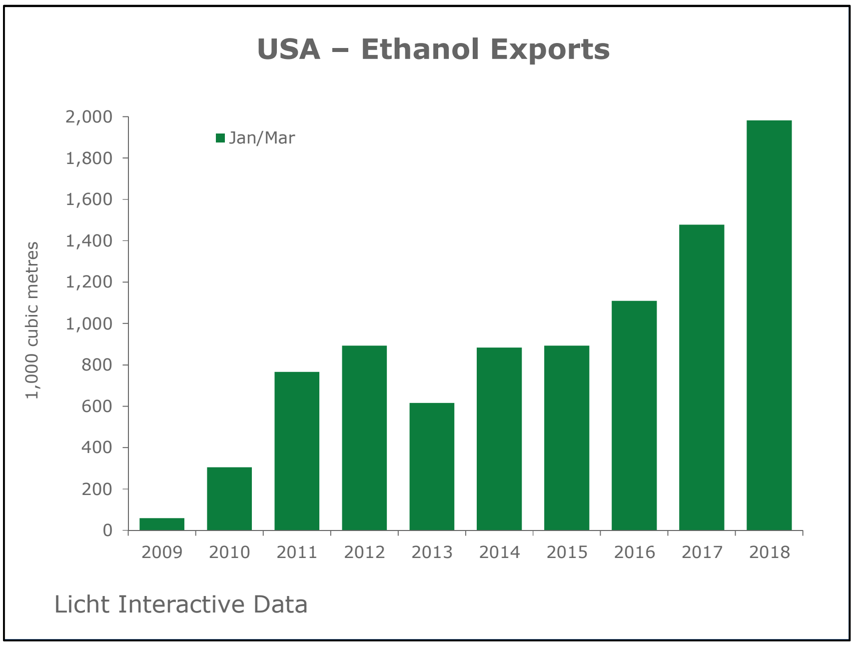
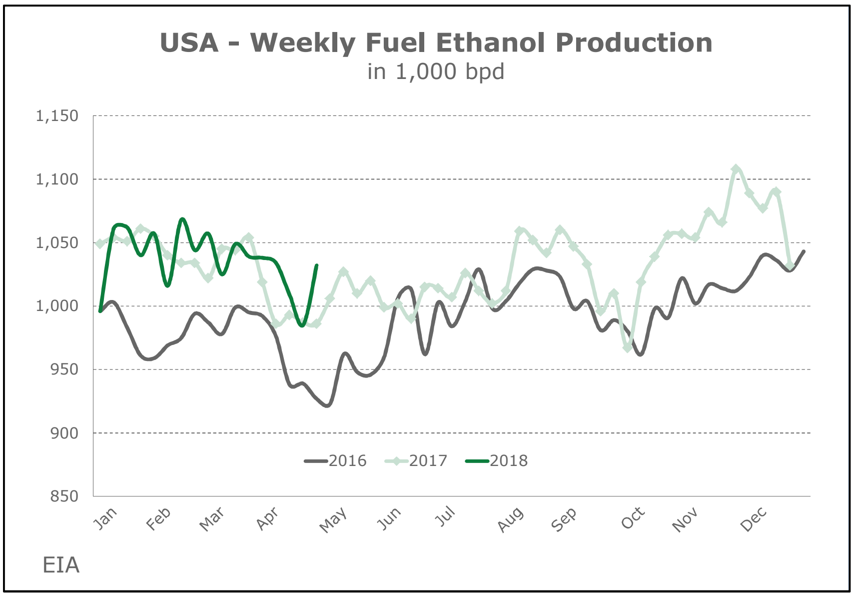


United States - Fuel ethanol production in the week to April 27, 2018 averaged 1.023 mln barrels per day (bpd), the most recent data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA) show, up 47,000 on the week and the highest for 15 weeks as the seasonal maintenance period is coming to an end. The level compares with 986,000 bpd one year ago.

Imports were nil for the 21st consecutive week.

Refiner and blender net input was 923,000 bpd, up from 911,000 in the preceding week and 927,000 last year. Based on the amount of motor gasoline supplied, the average blending share amounted to around 10.1% vol., against 10.0% last week and 10.1% 12 months earlier.

Stocks rose for the second week in a row, reaching a 22.1 mln barrels, up from 21.7 mln in the prior week. Most of the increase occurred on the East Coast (+473,000 barrels) while levels at other locations were largely flat.



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