

# Ethanol Market and Pricing Data



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## Ethanol, Fuels and Co-Product Pricing

| Comparative Pricing for Fuels and Co-Products - \$/Gallon |               |                    |               |                           |                           |
|---|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Product   | Current price | Prior week average | Previous year | % change (week over week) | % change (year over year) |
| <b>Ethanol</b>  |               |                    |               |                           |                           |
| Ethanol (FOB Gulf)  | \$1.565       | \$1.402            | \$1.614       | 11.6%                     | -3.1%                     |
| Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)                    | \$1.422       | \$1.412            | \$1.976       | 0.7%                      | -28.0%                    |
| Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)                      | \$1.294       | \$1.287            | \$1.730       | 0.6%                      | -25.2%                    |
| Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread                                | \$0.128       | \$0.125            | \$0.246       | 2.0%                      | -48.1%                    |
| Gulf discount/premium from Santos                         | \$0.143       | -\$0.010           | -\$0.362      | -1513.2%                  | -139.5%                   |
| Ethanol (FOB PNW)   | \$1.605       | \$1.495            | \$1.682       | 7.4%                      | -4.6%                     |
| <b>MTBE</b>   |               |                    |               |                           |                           |
| MTBE (FOB Gulf)   | \$1.190       | \$1.233            | \$1.964       | -3.5%                     | -39.4%                    |
| MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol (FOB Gulf)               | -\$0.375      | -\$0.169           | \$0.350       | -15.1%                    | -36.3%                    |
| <b>Aromatics</b>  |               |                    |               |                           |                           |
| Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)                                   | \$1.468       | \$1.389            | \$2.698       | 5.7%                      | -45.6%                    |
| Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)                              | \$1.534       | \$1.476            | \$2.649       | 3.9%                      | -42.1%                    |
| Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)                              | \$1.534       | \$1.483            | \$2.641       | 3.4%                      | -41.9%                    |
| Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)                     | \$1.526       | \$1.469            | \$2.650       | 3.8%                      | -42.4%                    |
| Gasoline (FOB Gulf)                                       | \$1.168       | \$1.109            | \$1.811       | 5.3%                      | -35.5%                    |

Source: World Perspectives, Inc.

## Comparative Pricing for Fuels and Co-Products - \$/Liter

| Product                                     | Current price | Prior week average | Previous year | % change (week over week) | % change (year over year) |
|---|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Ethanol</b>                              |               |                    |               |                           |                           |
| Ethanol (FOB Gulf)                          | \$0.413       | \$0.370            | \$0.426       | 11.6%                     | -3.1%                     |
| Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)      | \$0.376       | \$0.373            | \$0.522       | 0.7%                      | -28.0%                    |
| Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)        | \$0.342       | \$0.340            | \$0.457       | 0.6%                      | -25.2%                    |
| Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread                  | \$0.034       | \$0.033            | \$0.065       | 2.0%                      | -48.1%                    |
| Gulf discount/premium from Santos           | \$0.038       | -\$0.003           | -\$0.096      | -1513.2%                  | -139.5%                   |
| Ethanol (FOB PNW)                           | \$0.424       | \$0.395            | \$0.444       | 7.4%                      | -4.6%                     |
| <b>MTBE</b>                                 |               |                    |               |                           |                           |
| MTBE (FOB Gulf)                             | \$0.314       | \$0.326            | \$0.519       | -3.5%                     | -39.4%                    |
| MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol (FOB Gulf) | -\$0.099      | -\$0.045           | \$0.092       | -15.1%                    | -36.3%                    |
| <b>"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)</b>    |               |                    |               |                           |                           |
| Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)                     | \$0.388       | \$0.367            | \$0.713       | 5.7%                      | -45.6%                    |
| Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)                | \$0.405       | \$0.390            | \$0.700       | 3.9%                      | -42.1%                    |
| Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)                | \$0.405       | \$0.392            | \$0.698       | 3.4%                      | -41.9%                    |
| Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)       | \$0.403       | \$0.388            | \$0.700       | 3.8%                      | -42.4%                    |
| Gasoline (FOB Gulf)                         | \$0.309       | \$0.293            | \$0.478       | 5.3%                      | -35.5%                    |

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**Market Outlook:** U.S. ethanol prices ended last week 12.1 percent higher and are continuing that trend in early week trading, up 3.9 percent through Tuesday's close. Midwest wholesale rack ethanol prices were higher to end last week and are up 6.9 percent through Tuesday's market close to their last quote of 42.04 cents/liter (159.14 cents/gallon).

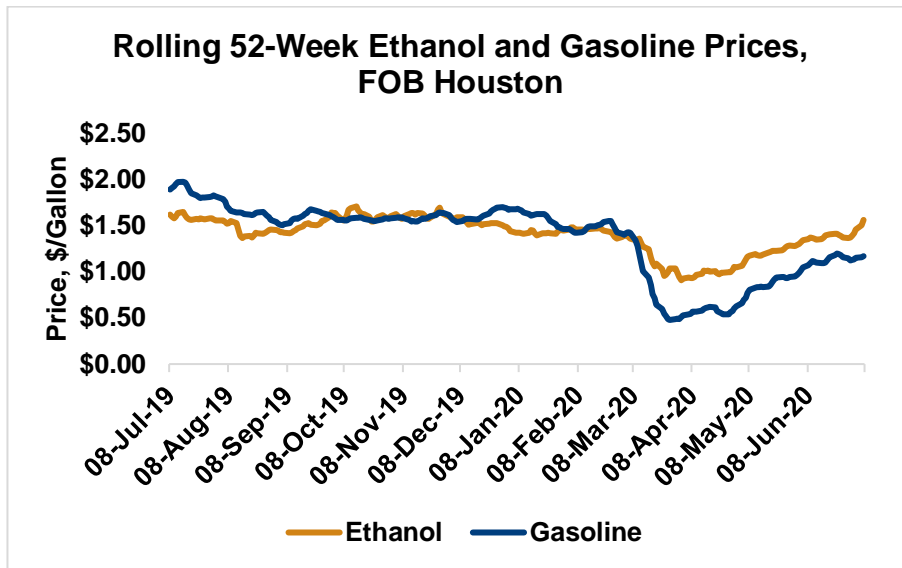
FOB Houston ethanol prices finished last week 0.3 percent higher and are up 11.6 percent through Tuesday's trading from Friday's close. FOB Houston ethanol prices are quoted at 41.33 cents/liter (156.46 cents/gallon). FOB Santos, Brazil anhydrous ethanol prices were lower last week; they are up in early week trading, rising 0.7 percent to 37.56 cents/liter (142.19 cents/gallon) through Tuesday's trading.

The FOB Gulf-Santos, Brazil ethanol spread has widened from last week's close through Tuesday's trading and is currently at 3.77 cents/liter (14.27 cents/gallon).

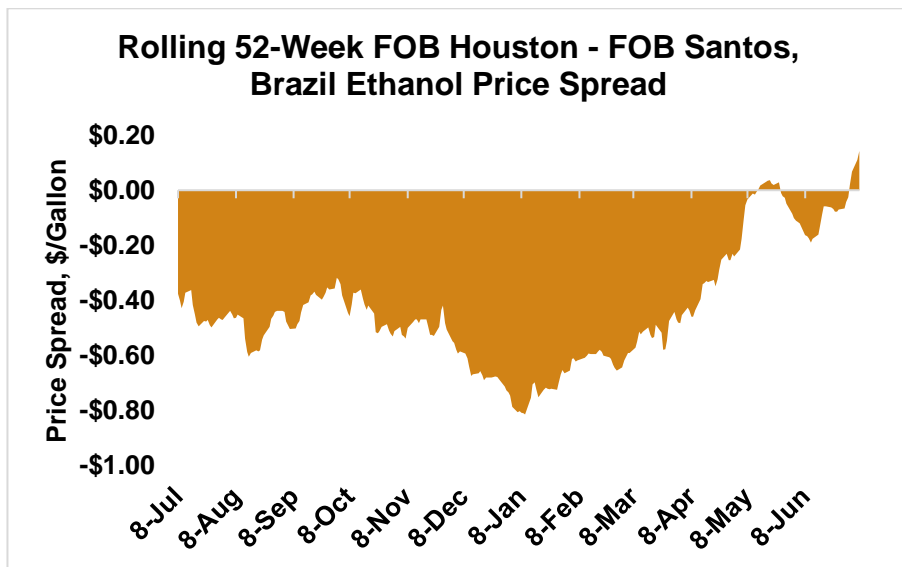
MTBE prices fell 3.6 percent last week and have extended those gains in early week trading, down 2.8 percent from Friday's close through Tuesday's trading. MTBE's premium to FOB Houston ethanol has decreased from last week's report and stands at -9.68 cents/liter (-36.64 cents/gallon).

BTX component prices were mixed last week but are higher through Tuesday's market close: Benzene is up 5 percent while Toluene is up 3.6 percent, and Xylene is up 3.2 percent. The estimated weighted average aromatic price is currently 40.17 cents/liter (152.06 cents/gallon), up from last Friday's close. The BTX-Houston ethanol spread narrowed last week, and the weighted average BTX price is -1.16 cents/liter (-4.4 cents/gallon) lower than the FOB Houston ethanol price.

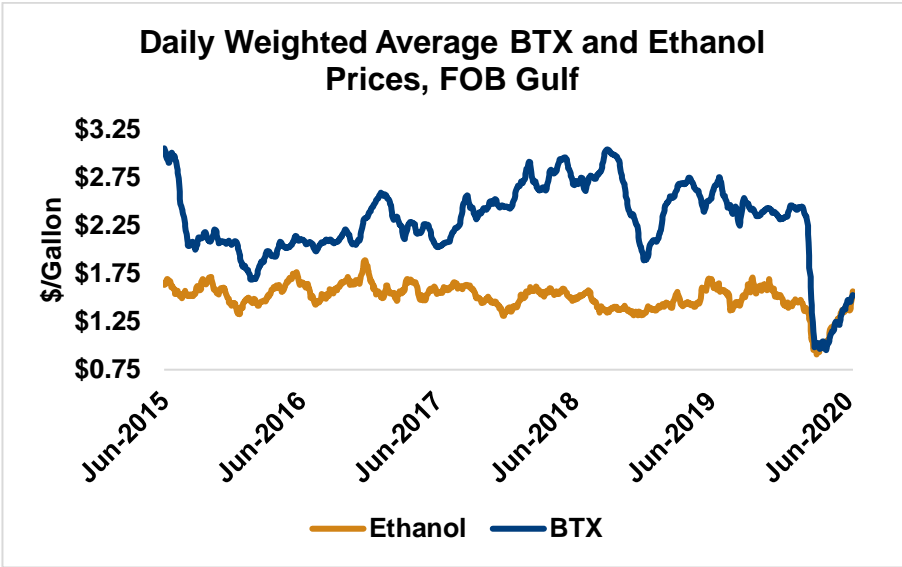
Gasoline and petroleum products were higher last week and are continuing that trend in early week trading. RBOB futures are up 1.3 percent to start the week while 84 octane RBOB (Houston) and 87 octane CBOB (U.S. Gulf) gasoline prices are up 1.1 and down 1.3 percent, respectively. WTI futures are 0.1 percent lower at \$40.62/barrel while Brent futures are up 0.4 percent to \$42.95/barrel, from Friday through Tuesday's close.



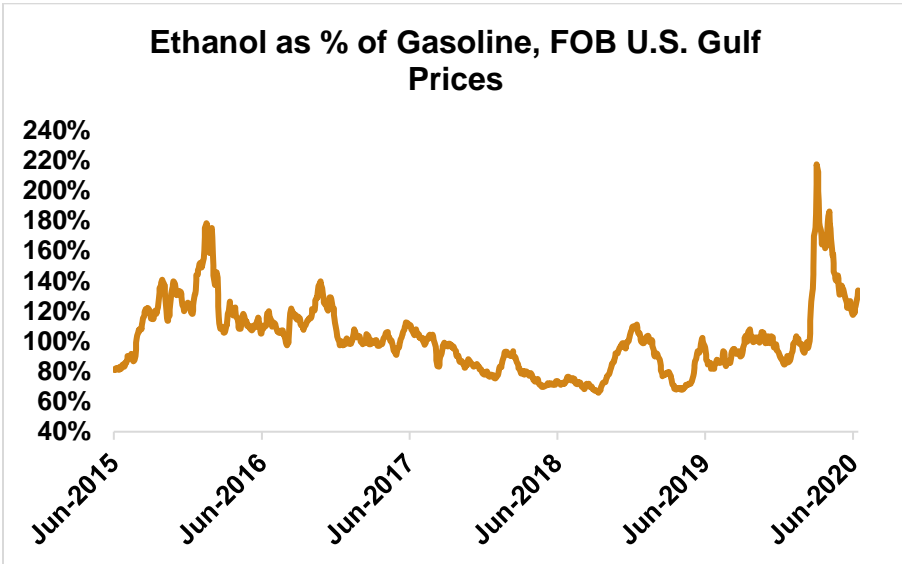
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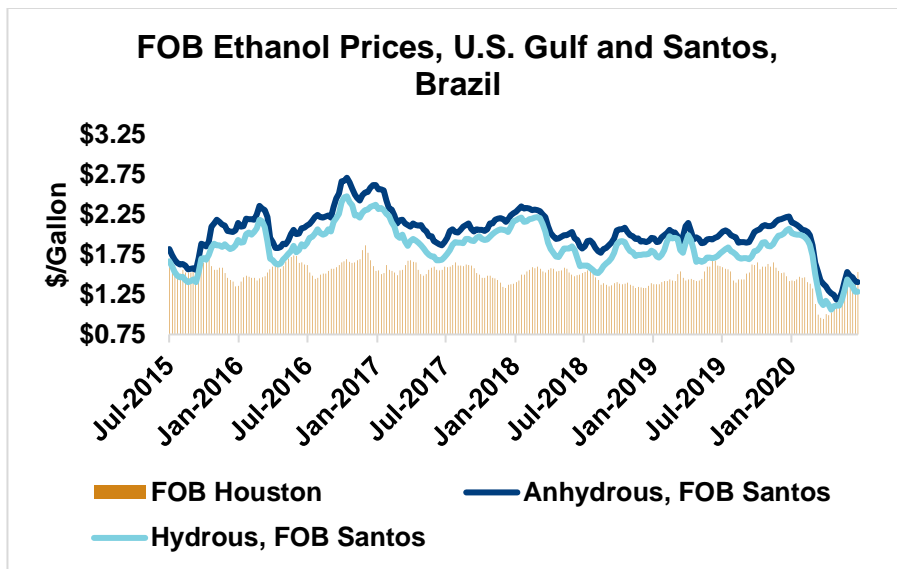
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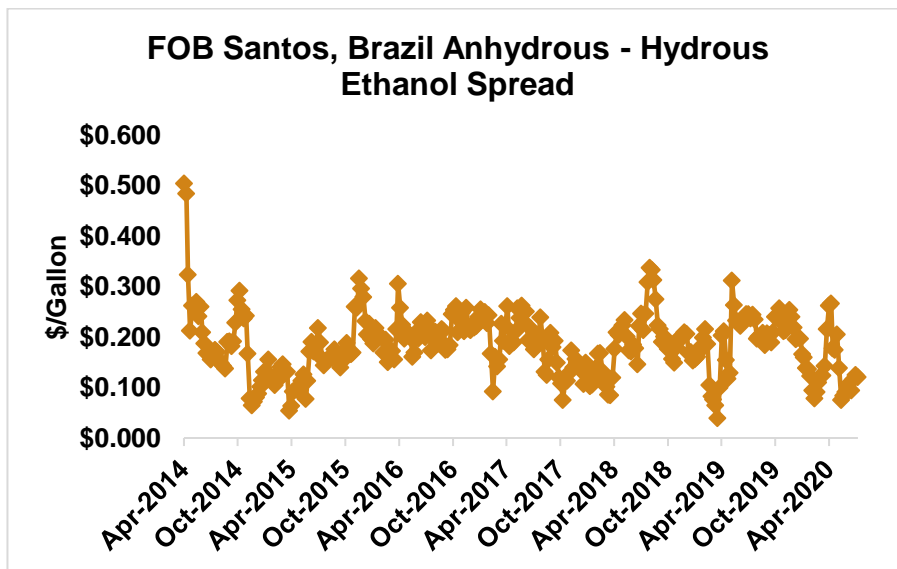
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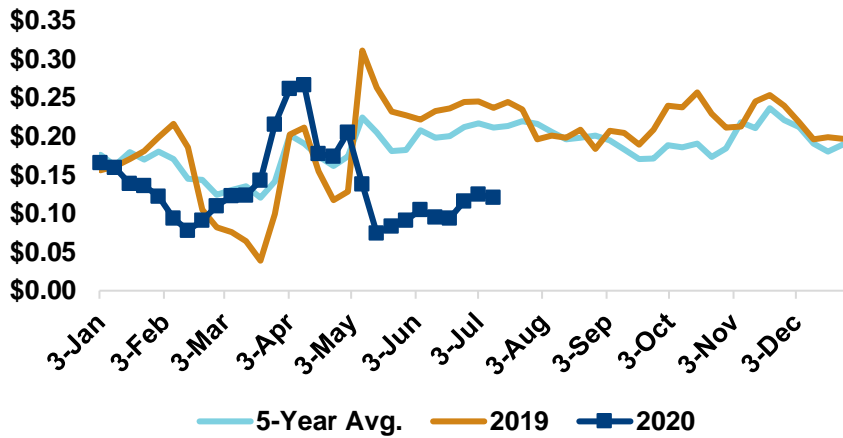


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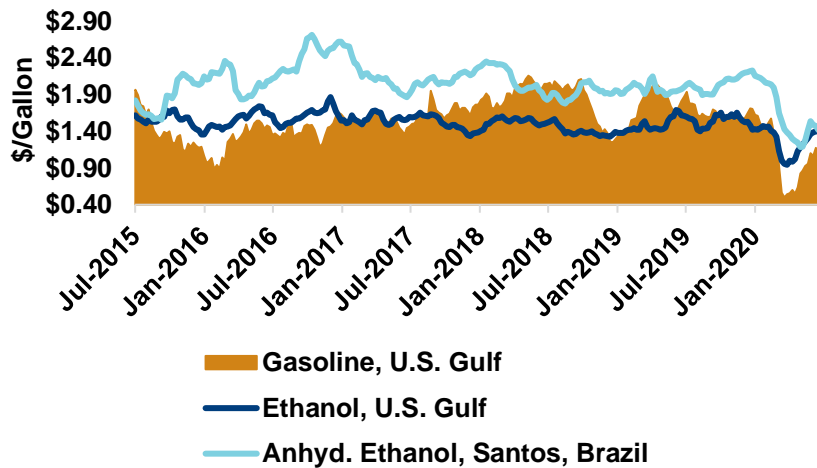
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### Seasonal Trends in Brazil's Anhydrous - Hydrous Ethanol Spread

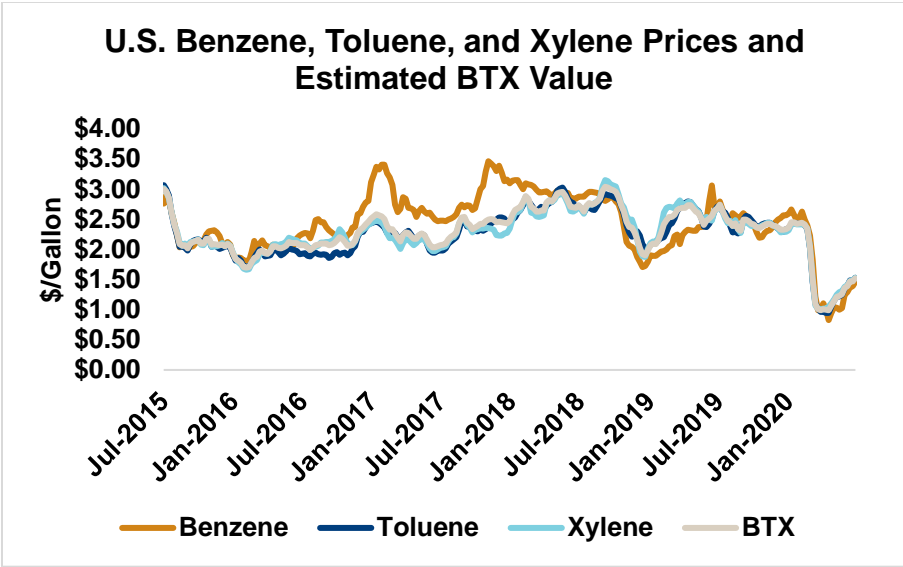


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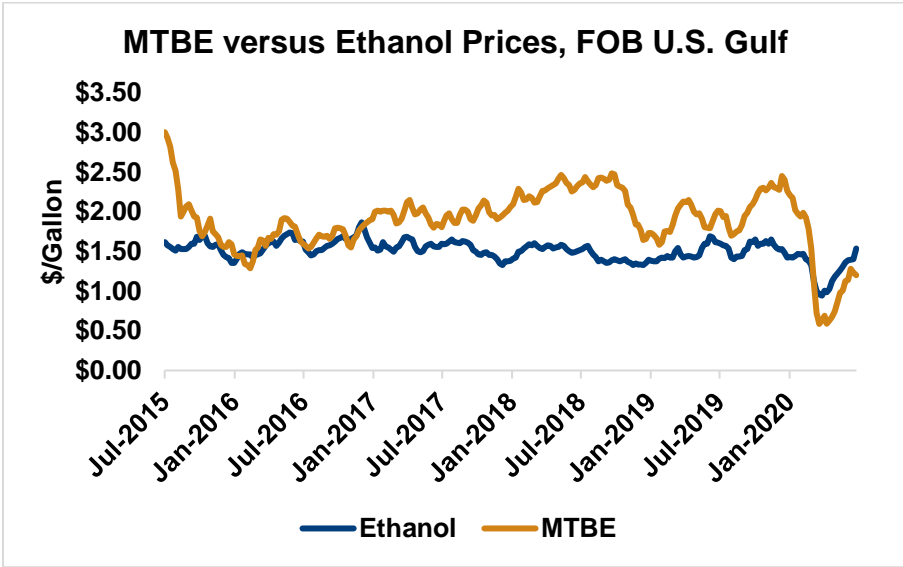
### FOB Gasoline and Ethanol Prices



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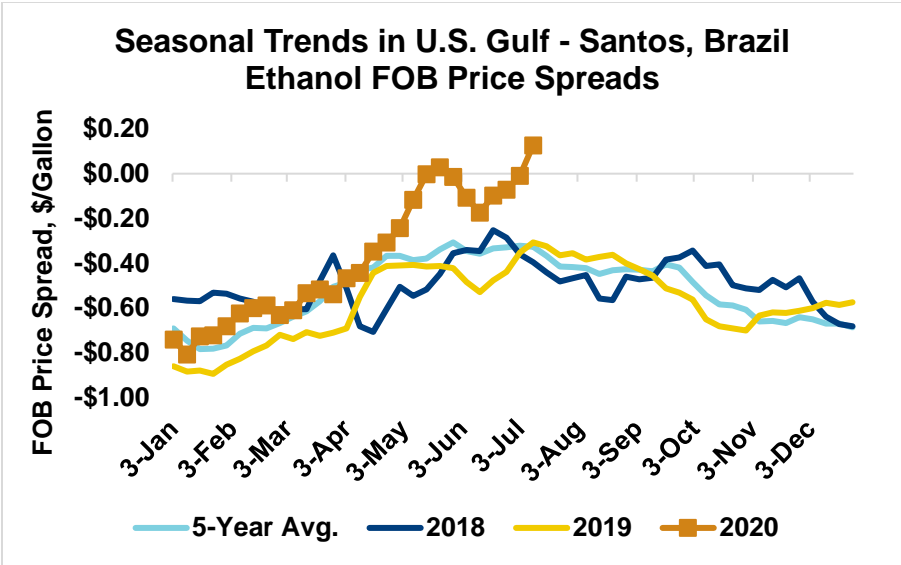


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## Tariff Rates

| HS Codes   |   |
|------------|---|
| HS Code    | Description   |
| 2207106010 | Ethyl alcohol, <b>undenatured</b> , of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80 percent or higher, <b>for fuel use</b> . |
| 2207200010 | Ethyl alcohol and other spirits, <b>denatured</b> , of any strength, <b>for fuel use</b> .                            |

| Global Tariff Rates on U.S. Ethanol |             |                  |                 |  |   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| Country                             | HS Code     | Unit of Quantity | Rates of Duty   |  | Notes   |
|                                     |             |                  | General         | Special  |   |
| Canada                              | Undenatured | \$/liter         | 0%              | -  | NAFTA   |
|                                     | Denatured   | \$/liter         | 0%              | -  |   |
| Brazil                              | Undenatured | \$/liter         | 20%             | TRQ at 600 mn.liters on a quarterly basis at 20% tariff above the allowance. | Ethanol included in Brazil's list of exceptions; zero percent tariff on ethanol through December 31, 2021 per Resolution #92 (MDIC/CAMEX) |
|                                     | Denatured   | \$/liter         | 20%             |  |   |
| China                               | Undenatured | \$/liter         | 65%             | VAT on imports of 16%.   | MFN   |
|                                     | Denatured   | \$/liter         | 70%             |  | MFN   |
| Colombia                            | Undenatured | \$/liter         | \$0.1997/gallon | -  |   |
|                                     | Denatured   | \$/liter         | \$0.1997/gallon | -  |   |
| India                               | Undenatured | \$/liter         | 150%            | -  | Denatured: Customs duty of 2.5%, plus a 5% national GST (payable once product leaves production point of industrial application).         |
|                                     | Denatured   | \$/liter         | 3%              |  |   |
| Philippines                         | Undenatured | \$/liter         | 0%              | 1%   | 1% additional duty imposed if imported ethanol is to be used for fuel-blending purposes under Philippine Fuel Ethanol Program.            |
|                                     | Denatured   | \$/liter         | 0%              | 1%   |   |
| Peru                                | Undenatured | \$/liter         | 0%              | VAT on imports of 18%  | U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement lowered U.S. import duties to 3% (denatured) and 0% (undenatured). Denatured duty down to 0% in 2018. |
|                                     | Denatured   | \$/liter         | 0%              |  |   |
| Korea, South                        | Undenatured | \$/liter         | 20%             | VAT on imports of 10%  | KORUS   |
|                                     | Denatured   | \$/liter         | 103%            |  |   |
| Mexico                              | Undenatured | \$/liter         | 16%             | -  | NAFTA   |
|                                     | Denatured   | \$/liter         | 0%              |  |   |
| Nigeria                             | Undenatured | \$/liter         | 70%             | -  |   |
|                                     | Denatured   | \$/liter         | 15%             | -  |   |
| United Arab Emirates                | Undenatured | \$/liter         | 5%              | -  | GCC common external tariff.   |
|                                     | Denatured   | \$/liter         | 5%              |  |   |

**Tariff Rate Database:** If you are interested in tariff rate data for all U.S. export markets, please click [here](#).

## Additional Market Resources

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| USDA GAIN Reports   |  |                            |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| Title   | Description  | Link                       |
| Argentina Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)                                   | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Argentina.  | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| Australia Biofuels Annual 2018 (GAIN)                                   | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Australia.  | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| Brazil Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)                                      | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Brazil.   | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| Canada Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)                                      | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Canada.   | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| China Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)                                       | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in China.  | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| Colombia Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)                                    | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Colombia.   | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| Ethanol Industry Emerging in Ecuador (GAIN)                             | This report highlights Ecuador's emerging ethanol industry.  | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| EU-28 Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)                                       | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in the EU-28.  | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| EU-28: Biofuel Mandates in the EU by Member State in <b>2020</b> (GAIN) | This report provides an overview on the biofuel use mandates in the EU member states and supplements the EU-28 Biofuels Annual Report. | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| India Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)                                       | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in India.  | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| Indonesia Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)                                   | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Indonesia.  | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| Japan Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)                                       | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Japan.  | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| Malaysia Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)                                    | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Malaysia.   | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| Peru Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)  | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Peru.   | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| Philippines Biofuels Annual 2019 (GAIN)                                 | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in the Philippines.  | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
| Romania Biofuels Market Overview 2017 (GAIN)                            | This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Romania.  | <a href="#">Read here.</a> |
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