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GENERAL COMMENTS

U.S. DDGS prices are higher this week following a large decrease in production due to last week's cold snap. Ethanol and DDGS production is expected to recover soon, however, helping refill the supply pipeline. Spot prices are expected to firm in March with better barge movement and loadings in locations disrupted by recent cold weather. The DDGS/cash corn ratio rose to 118 percent, up from last week and above the three-year average. The DDGS/Kansas City soymeal ratio climbed to 0.53, up from the prior week and above the three-year average of 0.43.

Merchandisers and brokers report that export business has been slower this week with notable pressure in the CIF market. Spot offers for barges CIF NOLA are down \$17/MT this week while FOB Gulf offers are down \$14/MT for March and down \$3-5/MT for Q2 positions. Brokers again note the bid/ask spread has been wide this week with wide-ranging traded prices.

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DDGS Price Table: February 25, 2021 (USD/MT) (Quantity, availability, payment and delivery terms vary)						
Delivery Point Quality Min. 35% Pro-fat combined	March	April	May			
Barge CIF New Orleans	300	313	312			
FOB Vessel GULF	324	319	313			
Rail delivered PNW	329	325	324			
Rail delivered California	336	334	329			
Mid-Bridge Laredo, TX	326	324	318			
FOB Lethbridge, Alberta	303	300	299			
40 ft. Containers to South Korea (Busan)	N/A	N/A	N/A			
40 ft. Containers to Taiwan (Kaohsiung)	N/A	N/A	N/A			
40 ft. Containers to Philippines (Manila)	N/A	N/A	N/A			
40 ft. Containers to Indonesia (Jakarta)	355	360	360			
40 ft. Containers to Malaysia (Port Kelang)	355	360	360			
40 ft. Containers to Vietnam (HCMC)	355	360	360			
40 ft. Containers to Japan (Yokohama)	N/A	N/A	N/A			
40 ft. containers to Thailand (LCMB)	355	360	360			
40 ft. Containers to China (Shanghai)	N/A	N/A	N/A			
40 ft. Containers to Bangladesh (Chittagong)	N/A	N/A	N/A			
40 ft. Containers to Myanmar (Yangon)	355	360	360			
KC Rail Yard (delivered ramp)	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Elwood, IL Rail Yard (delivered ramp)	281	279	278			

Source: World Perspectives, Inc. *Prices are based on offer indications only; terms of delivery, payment and quality may vary from one supplier to another, impacting the actual value of the price.

OCEAN FREIGHT MARKET

To quote John Maynard Keynes, "Markets can remain irrational longer than you can remain solvent". Last week was a record week for the FFA paper markets with 88,198 lots traded, 54% of which were Panamax. This was an all-time record volume for FFA markets. Both volume and weekly volatility exceed even the wild days of 2007-08. In addition to general market enthusiasm, it was evident that a "market squeeze" has been taking place as paper trading was more volatile than physical markets. At the week's end, Panamax paper rates were up 165% for the current year.

One may ask: is this rate structure sustainable? Market fundamentals have not changed, but market optimism certainly has. Volatility remains king and it has become a very bumpy ride. There is still an imbalance in vessel supply in the Atlantic versus Pacific, with short supplies in the Atlantic. This will eventually correct itself as the spread between oceans is way out of alignment.

March Capesize vessels are down to \$10,850 with Q2 at \$15,000 and Q3 at \$19,000. The March Panamax market is sitting at \$19,500 with Q2 at \$17,000. Aside from this week's changes in market spreads, the interesting feature is that Panamax rates continue to outshine Capesize. Historically, Capesize vessels would command a 2.0-2.5 premium over Panamax vessels.

Source: O'Neil Commodity Consulting

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Bulk Freight Indices for HSS — Heavy Grain, Sorghum and Soybeans* February 25, 2021

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Route and Vessel Size	Current Week (USD/MT)	Change from Previous Report	Remarks				
55,000 U.S. Gulf-Japan	\$57.50	Up \$3.50	Handymax \$59.00 MT				
55,000 U.S. PNW- Japan	\$32.25	Unchanged	Handymax \$33.00 MT				
66,000 U.S. Gulf - China	\$56.00	Up \$3.00	North China				
PNW to China	\$31.00	Unchanged	North China				
25,000 U.S. Gulf - Veracruz, México	\$24.50	Up \$0.50	3,000 MT daily discharge rate				
30-36,000+ U.S. Gulf - Veracruz, México	\$21.00	Up \$0.50	Deep draft and 6,000 MT per day discharge rate.				
30-38,000 U.S. Gulf - Colombia East Coast Colombia From Argentina	\$29.00 <u>\$28.00</u> \$40.50	Down \$1.00	West Coast Colombia at \$42.00				
43-45,000 U.S. Gulf - Guatemala	\$35.00	Down\$1.00	Acajutla/Quetzal - 8,000 out				
26-30,000 U.S. Gulf – Algeria	\$40.00	Up \$1.75	8,000 MT daily discharge				
	\$42.50		3,000 MT daily discharge				
26-30,000 US Gulf - Morocco	\$39.50	Down \$1.00	5,000 discharge rate				
55-60,000 U.S. Gulf –Egypt PNW to Egypt	\$42.50 \$41.50	Up \$2.00	60,000 -55,000 MT -Egypt Romania- Russia- Ukraine \$16.00-\$16.50 -\$17.00 France \$22.00				
60-70,000 U.S. Gulf – Europe, Rotterdam	\$20.00	Unchanged	Handymax at +\$1.75-\$2.00 more				
Brazil, Santos – China	\$46.50		54-59,000 Supramax-Panamax				
Brazil, Santos - China	\$46.00		60-66,000 Post Panamax				
Northern Coast Brazil - China	\$47.00	Down \$1.00	Upriver No. Brazil Plus -55,000 MT Plus \$7.50/MT				
56-60,000 Argentina/Rosario- China, Deep Draft	\$52.25	Down \$1.00	Upriver with BB Top Off Plus \$3.75 MT				

Source: O'Neil Commodity Consulting

^{*}Numbers for this table based on previous night's closing values.



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LATEST EXPORT FIGURES

Calendar Year (January-December):

	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	CY 2020	CHANGE YTD (%)	CHANGE YTD (MT)
World Total	11,308,964	11,027,217	11,799,279	10,810,389	10,958,333	1%	147,944
Mexico	1,907,573	2,184,385	2,012,746	2,028,684	1,741,873	-14%	-286,811
Vietnam	1,153,660	308,356	1,246,899	1,203,135	1,287,324	7%	84,189
Korea, South	889,190	960,916	1,139,457	1,247,483	1,269,980	2%	22,497
Indonesia	355,355	728,185	843,582	913,928	940,891	3%	26,963
Thailand	753,381	739,453	1,016,581	574,380	840,446	46%	266,066
Turkey	789,613	1,417,099	887,129	577,364	789,049	37%	211,685
Japan	314,561	473,528	465,962	516,947	462,987	-10%	-53,960
Canada	518,272	707,259	664,483	643,982	392,221	-39%	-251,761
Ireland	255,958	347,360	396,265	277,440	288,796	4%	11,356
Philippines	161,224	137,935	196,418	261,970	283,805	8%	21,835
China	2,341,650	371,667	192,174	179,049	280,852	57%	101,803
New Zealand(*)	71,408	183,857	250,081	208,571	261,413	25%	52,842
Taiwan	216,738	255,019	220,547	242,815	241,475	-1%	-1,340
Colombia	181,762	207,653	220,222	200,615	209,962	5%	9,347
Israel(*)	176,902	257,972	276,156	212,153	195,748	-8%	-16,405
Egypt	141,440	138,414	193,254	142,591	193,938	36%	51,347
Morocco	165,841	250,419	190,682	223,352	189,550	-15%	-33,802
Bangladesh	35,602	117,010	150,788	160,873	165,931	3%	5,058
United Kingdom	162,250	213,394	323,780	180,625	121,609	-33%	-59,016
Costa Rica	84,896	89,413	77,142	92,651	86,807	-6%	-5,844
Honduras	42,338	44,618	53,526	62,508	75,218	20%	12,710
Guatemala	46,684	52,224	66,435	73,214	69,982	-4%	-3,232
Spain	195,132	297,687	213,717	103,369	64,670	-37%	-38,699



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Marketing Year (September-August):

	MY 17/18	MY 18/19	MY 19/20	SEP19-DEC19	SEP20-DEC20	CHANGE YTD (%)	CHANGE YTD (MT)
World Total	11,631,190	11,278,695	10,531,129	3,452,802	3,880,006	12%	427,204
Mexico	2,126,783	2,016,966	1,799,323	628,356	570,906	-9%	-57,450
Korea, South	1,177,720	1,190,000	1,221,249	390,229	438,960	12%	48,731
Vietnam	1,047,601	1,294,316	1,212,834	410,051	484,541	18%	74,490
Indonesia	809,469	971,736	908,302	302,173	334,762	11%	32,589
Thailand	945,404	724,888	871,608	209,852	178,690	-15%	-31,162
Turkey	1,170,598	498,947	601,596	120,513	307,966	156%	187,453
Japan	462,677	481,178	482,024	191,190	172,153	-10%	-19,037
Canada	653,998	701,578	425,093	167,661	134,789	-20%	-32,872
Philippines	163,693	242,381	283,793	101,540	101,552	0%	12
New Zealand(*)	227,074	202,115	280,817	106,404	87,000	-18%	-19,404
Ireland	383,232	339,843	256,634	87,297	119,459	37%	32,162
Taiwan	218,083	234,317	253,400	87,966	76,041	-14%	-11,925
China	160,715	178,169	205,002	78,249	154,099	97%	75,850
Colombia	202,317	195,446	204,056	92,191	98,097	6%	5,906
Morocco	211,588	218,396	202,162	74,930	62,318	-17%	-12,612
Egypt	245,526	79,936	169,839	64,113	88,212	38%	24,099
Israel(*)	290,831	250,648	168,251	16,696	44,193	165%	27,497
United Kingdom	177,559	362,848	135,149	30,930	17,390	-44%	-13,540
Bangladesh	145,617	178,891	125,425	38,621	79,127	105%	40,506
El Salvador	63,421	61,583	85,572	39,668	16,102	-59%	-23,566
Costa Rica	84,532	88,074	81,195	26,591	32,203	21%	5,612
Guatemala	48,840	75,909	70,879	26,861	25,964	-3%	-897
Burma	51,814	77,273	59,298	27,135	32,067	18%	4,932

NOTES:

- 1. Data Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics
- 2. (*) denotes a country that is a summarization of its component countries.
- 3. Users should use cautious interpretation on QUANTITY reports using mixed units of measure. QUANTITY line items will only include statistics on the units of measure that are equal to, grouped commodities. Or are able to be converted to, the assigned unit of measure of the grouped commodities.
- 4. Product Group: BICO-HS10

CHARTS BASED ON MOST RECENT DATA FROM FAS GATS DATABASE (DECEMBER 2020)

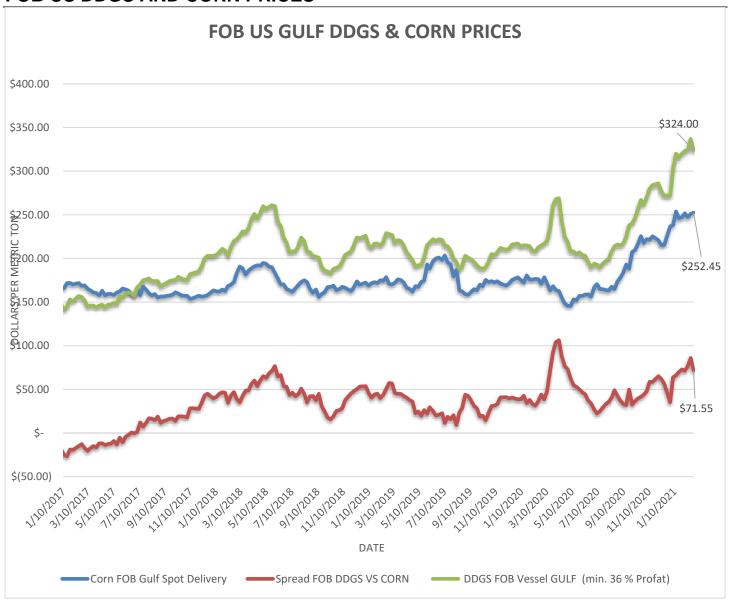
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