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Comparative Pricing for Fuels and Co-Products - \$/Gallon					
Product	Current price	Prior week average	Previous year	% change (week over week)	% change (year over year)
Ethanol					
Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	\$2.518	\$2.503	\$2.878	0.6%	-12.5%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$2.433	\$2.487	\$2.926	-2.2%	-16.9%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$2.145	\$2.198	\$2.606	-2.4%	-17.7%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.287	\$0.289	\$0.320	-0.6%	-10.3%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	\$0.085	\$0.016	-\$0.048	432.8%	-275.5%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$2.645	\$2.604	\$3.038	1.6%	-12.9%
Gasoline/Chemical components/additiv	es				
MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$2.465	\$2.445	\$4.270	0.8%	-42.3%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	-\$0.052	-\$0.058	\$1.393	0.2%	-29.8%
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$3.433	\$3.497	\$4.220	-1.8%	-18.6%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$3.560	\$3.580	\$4.774	-0.6%	-25.4%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$3.590	\$3.610	\$4.774	-0.6%	-24.8%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$3.562	\$3.587	\$4.706	-0.7%	-24.3%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$2.360	\$2.300	\$3.595	2.6%	-34.3%

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)
Ethanol					
Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	\$0.665	\$0.661	\$0.760	0.6%	-12.5%
Anhydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.643	\$0.657	\$0.773	-2.2%	-16.9%
Hydrous Ethanol (FOB Santos, Brazil)	\$0.567	\$0.581	\$0.688	-2.4%	-17.7%
Anhydrous - Hydrous Spread	\$0.076	\$0.076	\$0.085	-0.6%	-10.3%
Gulf discount/premium from Santos	\$0.022	\$0.004	-\$0.013	432.8%	-275.5%
Ethanol (FOB PNW)	\$0.699	\$0.688	\$0.803	1.6%	-12.9%
Gasoline/Chemical components/additive	es				
MTBE (FOB Gulf)	\$0.651	\$0.646	\$1.128	0.8%	-42.3%
MTBE Premium/Discount to Ethanol (FOB Gulf)	-\$0.014	-\$0.015	\$0.368	0.2%	-29.8%
"Aromatic" Octane Enhancers (BTX)					
Benzene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.907	\$0.924	\$1.115	-1.8%	-18.6%
Toluene NITN (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.940	\$0.946	\$1.261	-0.6%	-25.4%
Mixed Xylene (FOB U.S. Gulf)	\$0.948	\$0.954	\$1.261	-0.6%	-24.8%
Weighted Average Aromatic Price (BTX)	\$0.941	\$0.948	\$1.243	-0.7%	-24.3%
Gasoline (FOB Gulf)	\$0.623	\$0.608	\$0.950	2.6%	-34.3%

Source: World Perspectives, Inc.

FOB and Estimated CNF Ethanol Prices, <i>\$/MT</i>					
Product	Current price	Prior week average	Previous year	W/W % Change	Y/Y % Change
FOB Prices					
Ethanol, FOB U.S. Gulf	\$850.54	\$845.66	\$972.15	0.6%	-12.5%
Ethanol, FOB PNW	\$821.79	\$840.27	\$988.53	-2.2%	-16.9%
Ethanol, FOB Brazil	\$724.69	\$742.59	\$880.28	-2.4%	-17.7%
Estimated CNF Prices					
U.S. Gulf - EC Mexico	\$859.09	\$854.87	\$987.94	0.5%	-13.0%
U.S. Gulf - Brazil	\$879.03	\$876.52	\$1,006.21	0.3%	-12.6%
U.S. Gulf - Peru	\$893.96	\$890.40	\$1,020.83	0.4%	-12.4%
U.S. Gulf - W. Coast Cent. Am.	\$887.38	\$883.82	\$1,016.89	0.4%	-12.7%
U.S. Gulf - China	\$893.04	\$888.99	\$1,019.65	0.5%	-12.4%
U.S. Gulf - Europe	\$869.20	\$865.48	\$999.40	0.4%	-13.0%
U.S. Gulf - South Korea	\$933.87	\$930.66	\$1,057.98	0.3%	-11.7%
U.S. Gulf - Saudi Arabia	\$945.91	\$945.64	\$1,103.16	0.0%	-14.3%
U.S. Gulf - Philippines	\$957.61	\$954.56	\$1,072.87	0.3%	-10.7%
U.S. Gulf - Singapore	\$989.59	\$986.00	\$1,116.32	0.4%	-11.4%
U.S. Gulf - India	\$957.66	\$954.69	\$1,077.70	0.3%	-11.1%
U.S. Gulf - West Africa	\$869.48	\$865.80	\$1,000.36	0.4%	-13.1%
U.S. PNW - Singapore	\$910.27	\$929.56	\$1,080.26	-2.1%	-15.7%
U.S. PNW - S. Korea	\$896.58	\$916.56	\$1,065.56	-2.2%	-15.9%
U.S. PNW - Philippines	\$915.84	\$936.20	\$1,085.39	-2.2%	-15.6%
U.S. PNW - India	\$942.20	\$960.87	\$1,118.88	-1.9%	-15.8%
Brazil - Singapore	\$761.05	\$779.66	\$920.92	-2.4%	-17.4%
Brazil - S. Korea	\$834.92	\$854.69	\$983.98	-2.3%	-15.1%
Brazil - Europe	\$744.91	\$764.07	\$909.82	-2.5%	-18.1%
Brazil - China	\$769.20	\$787.97	\$930.04	-2.4%	-17.3%
Brazil - India	\$792.98	\$810.97	\$959.54	-2.2%	-17.4%

Source: World Perspectives, Inc.

Note: estimated cost and freight (C&F) prices are based on information believed to be reliable and accurate. Estimates for some routes may be based on mathematical inference and not actual market offers. Terms of trade and market conditions may cause actual prices to vary from these estimates.

Market Outlook: U.S. ethanol prices ended last week 0.4 percent higher and continued that strength in early week trading and rose 0.8 percent through Tuesday's close. Midwest wholesale rack ethanol prices were lower to end last week but were up 1.2 percent through Tuesday's market close to their last quote of 67.53 cents/liter (255.61 cents/gallon).

FOB Houston ethanol prices finished last week 1.2 percent lower but are up 1 percent through Tuesday's trading from Friday's close. FOB Houston ethanol prices are quoted at 66.51 cents/liter (251.76 cents/gallon). FOB Santos, Brazil anhydrous ethanol prices were lower last week; they are down in early week trading, falling 2.2 percent to 64.26 cents/liter (243.25 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 2.25 cents/liter (8.51 cents/gallon).

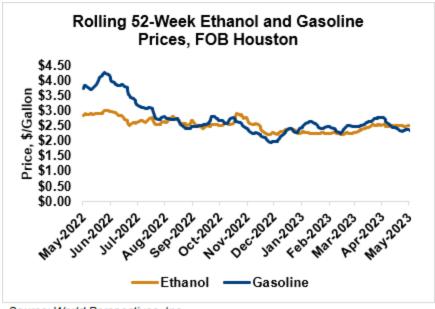
MTBE prices fell 3.3 percent last week but pared those losses in early week trading to gain 0.8 percent from Friday's close through Tuesday's trading. MTBE's premium to FOB Houston ethanol has decreased from last week's report and stands at -1.37 cents/liter (-5.18 cents/gallon).

BTX component prices were sharply lower last week and were weaker still through Tuesday's market close: Benzene was down 1.6 percent while Toluene was down 0.6 percent, and Xylene was down 0.6 percent. The estimated weighted average aromatic price is currently 94.12 cents/liter (356.29 cents/gallon), down from last Friday's close. The BTX-Houston ethanol spread narrowed last week, and the weighted average BTX price is 27.61 cents/liter (104.53 cents/gallon) higher than the FOB Houston ethanol price.

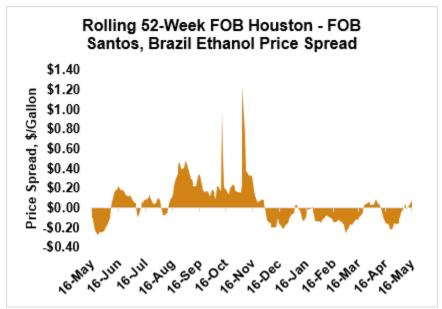
Gasoline and petroleum products were mostly higher last week and are still rising in early week trade. RBOB futures are up 2.2 percent to start the week while 84 octane RBOB (Houston) and 87 octane CBOB (U.S. Gulf) gasoline prices are up 2.2 and up 2.2 percent, respectively. WTI futures are 0.8 percent higher at \$70.61/barrel while Brent futures are up 1 percent to \$74.91/barrel, from Friday through Tuesday's close.

Liquid tanker rates are 3 percent lower on average this week with offers for Brazil to India seeing the largest gains (up 3 percent). Freight from the U.S. Gulf to Brazil saw the largest declines and is down 8 percent from last week. On average, tanker freight from the U.S. Gulf is down 4 percent this week while freight from the PNW has posted a 1 percent decline. Liquid tanker freight rates from Brazil are down 2 percent, on average, this week. Freight rates across all origins are 13 percent lower than this same week in 2022.

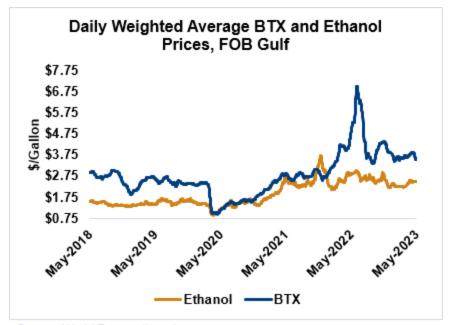
On a cost-and-freight (C&F) basis, offers are mixed this week with U.S. Gulf offers trading higher as gains in FOB ethanol prices offset lower freight rates. Conversely, C&F values from the U.S. PNW and Brazil are lower as both freight and FOB prices have fallen for these origins. Prices for ethanol C&F to Central America from the U.S. Gulf are up 0.4 percent this week and are down 12.7 percent from this same week in 2022. Values for PNW ethanol to Southeast Asia average \$907.56/MT this week, down 2.1 percent from the prior week but down 15.7 percent year-over-year. That compares to U.S. Gulf to Southeast Asia C&F prices that average \$960.36/MT and are up 0.3 percent from last week but are down 11.3 percent year-over-year. C&F prices for Brazilian ethanol to Southeast Asia are down 2.4 percent from last week.



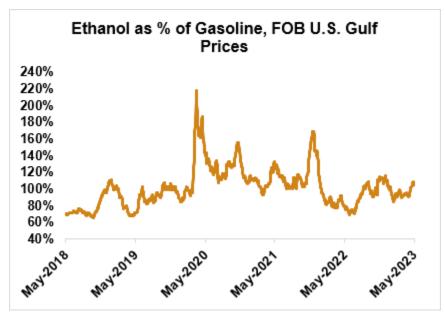
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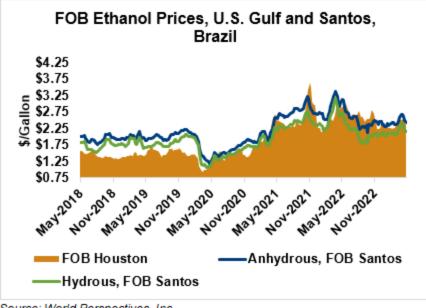
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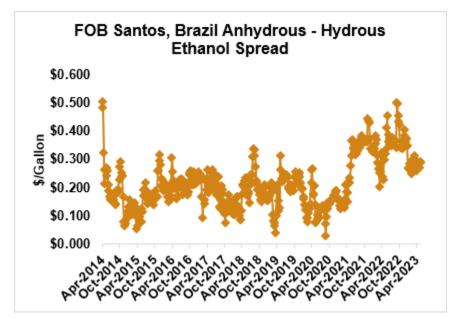
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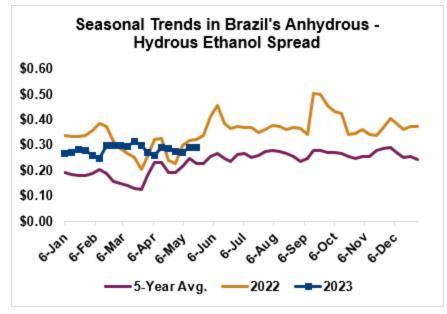
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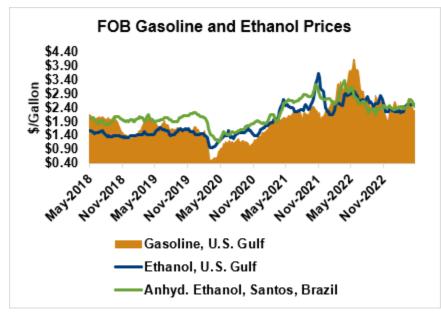
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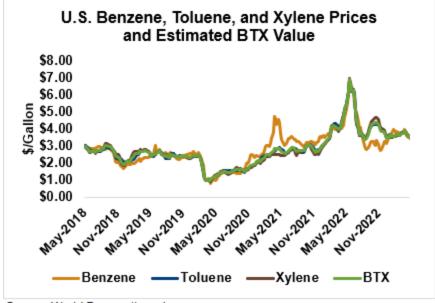
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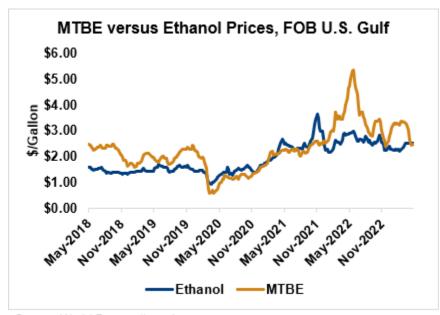
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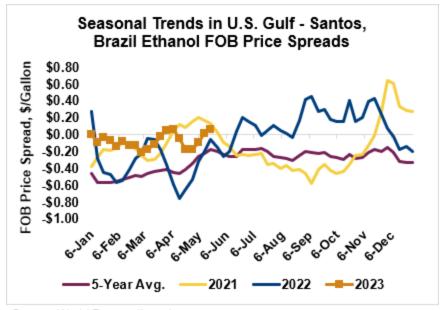
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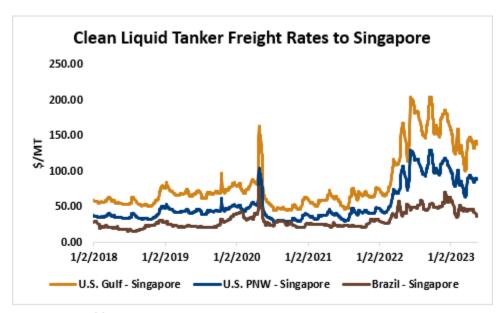
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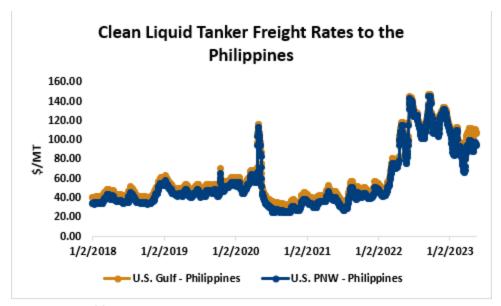
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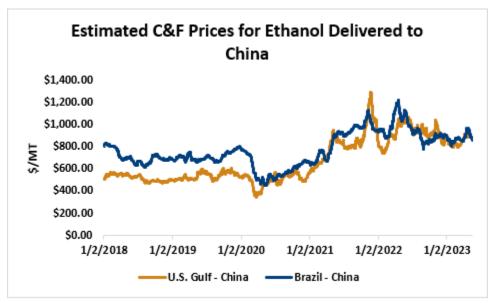
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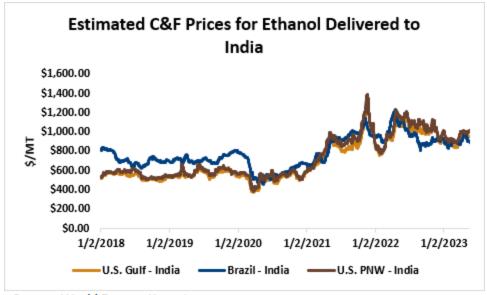
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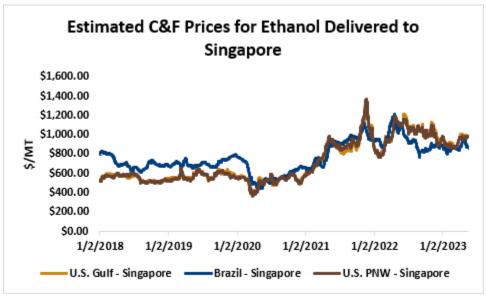
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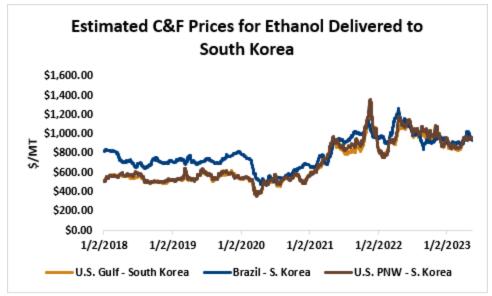
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Tariff Rates

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

Global Tariff Rates on U.S. Ethanol						
Country HS Code		Unit of	Rates of	of Duty	Notes	
Country	113 COLE	Quantity	General	Special		
Canada	Undenatured	\$/liter	0%	-	USMCA	
Callada	Denatured	\$/liter	0%	-	USINCA	
Brazil	Undenatured	\$/liter	16%	-	Effective February 2023, Brazil reinstated tariffs on U.S. ethanol that were	
DIAZII	Denatured	\$/liter	16%	-	previously lifted from March 2022.	
	Undenatured	\$/liter	65%		40% MFN rate + 25% Section 301 tariff	
China	Denatured	\$/liter	70%	VAT on imports of 13%.	30% MFN rate + 15% Section 232 tariff + 25% Section 301 tariff. Starting 2 Mar. 2021, importers may apply for tariff exemptions.	
Colombia	Undenatured	\$/liter	\$0.1997/gallon	-		
Colombia	Denatured	\$/liter	\$0.1997/gallon	-		
India	Undenatured	\$/liter	150%	_	Domestic ethanol supplied to OMC's for blending is subject to a combined Central and State GST of 5%.	
	Denatured	\$/liter	5%	_	Ethyl alcohol for other/industrial uses is subject to a combined Central and State GST of 18%.	
Philippines	Undenatured	\$/liter	0%	1%	1% additional duty imposed if imported ethanol is to be used for fuel-blending	
Гппррпез	Denatured	\$/liter	0%	1%	purposes under Philippine Fuel Ethanol Program.	
Peru	Undenatured	\$/liter	0%	VAT on imports of	U.SPeru Trade Promotion Agreement lowered U.S. import duties to 3%	
reiu	Denatured	\$/liter	0%	18%	(denatured) and 0% (undenatured). Denatured duty down to 0% in 2018.	
Korea, South	Undenatured	\$/liter	20%	VAT on imports of	KORUS	
Norea, South	Denatured	\$/liter	103%	10%	KUKUS	
Mexico	Undenatured	\$/liter	0%		USMCA	
WEXICO	Denatured	\$/liter	0%	-	USMCA	
Nigeria	Undenatured	\$/liter	70%	-		
Nigena	Denatured	\$/liter	20%	-		
United Arab	Undenatured	\$/liter	5%		GCC common external tariff.	
Emirates	Denatured	\$/liter	5%			

Tariff Rate Database: If you are interested in tariff rate data for U.S. export markets, click here.

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Additional Market Resources

USDA GAIN Reports				
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Argentina Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Argentina.			
Australia Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Australia.			
Brazil Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Brazil.			
Canada Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Canada.			
China Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in China.			
Colombia Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Colombia.			
Ethanol Industry Emerging in Ecuador (GAIN)	This report highlights Ecuador's emerging ethanol industry.			
EU-27 Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in the EU-27.			
EU-27: Biofuel Mandates in the EU by Member State in 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on the biofuel use mandates in the EU member states and supplements the EU-27 Biofuels Annual Report.			
India Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in India.			
Indonesia Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Indonesia.			
Japan Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Japan.			
Malaysia Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Malaysia.			
New Zealand Proposes Biofuels Mandate 2021 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview of New Zealand's proposed biofuel regulations.			
Peru Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Peru.			
Philippines Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in the Philippines.			
Portugal Biofuels Policy and Market 2020 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel policy in Portugal.			
Spain Biofuels Policy and Market 2020 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel policy in Spain.			
Thailand Biofuels Annual 2022 (GAIN)	This report provides an overview on biofuel use in Thailand.			