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GENERAL COMMENTS

USDA reported DDGS prices averaged \$138 per short ton in the August 23 National Weekly Ethanol Report. Prices were down \$1 from the previous report and down \$12 from the previous month.

The DDGS/cash corn ratio was 1.06, up from 1.05 last week. The DDGS/KC soybean meal ratio was 0.41, unchanged from last week.

The EIA reported U.S. ethanol production averaged 1,071 thousand barrels per day (tbpd) the week ending August 23. This was down 27 tbpd (2.5%) week-over-week and up 64 tbpd (6.4%) with production this time last year. The 4-week average production was 1,077 tbpd, down 10 tbpd from last week. Prices decline slightly as production remains above 1 million barrels per day for the 15th consecutive week.





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DDGS Price Table: August 28, 2024 (USD/MT) (Quantity, availability, payment, and delivery terms vary)							
Delivery Point (Quality Min. 35% Pro-fat combined)	September	October	November				
Barge CIF New Orleans	161	171	176				
FOB Vessel Gulf	174	186	184				
Rail Delivered PNW	211	226	224				
Rail Delivered California	215	230	227				
Mid-Bridge, Laredo, TX	220	236	233				
FOB Lethbridge, Alberta	185	198	196				
40 ft containers to South Korea (Busan)	253	271	268				
40 ft containers to Taiwan (Kaohsiung)	255	273	270				
40 ft containers to Philippines (Manila)	292	313	310				
40 ft containers to Indonesia (Jakarta)	277	296	293				
40 ft containers to Malaysia (Port Kelang)	270	289	286				
40 ft containers to Vietnam (HCMC)	259	277	275				
40 ft containers to Japan (Yokohama)	261	280	277				
40 ft containers to Thailand (LCMB)	267	286	283				
40 ft containers to China (Shanghai)	239	256	253				
40 ft containers to Bangladesh (Chittagong)	N/A	N/A	N/A				
40 ft containers to Myanmar (Yangon)	270	289	286				
KC Rail Yard (delivered ramp)	178	191	189				
Elwood, IL Rail Yard (delivered ramp)	155	166	164				
Source: Reuters/Decision Innovation Solutions and Polaris Analytics and Consulting.							

Notes: Prices are based on offer indications only. Quoted prices are believed to reflect current market conditions but may vary from actual offers. Terms of delivery, payment and quality may vary from one supplier to another, impacting the actual price.



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OCEAN FREIGHT MARKET

The Canada Industrial Relations Board ordered the Canadian railroads (Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Kansas City) and the Teamsters Union to resume operations last Thursday. The order came late in the day after the two railroads locked out the Teamsters earlier in the day. The railroads indicated they will appeal the decision to have the union negotiate a new labor contract.

The Houthi terrorist organization continues to disrupt vessel transits through the Red Sea and around the Arabian Peninsula. Because of their actions attacking vessels and threatening crews and cargo, vessel owners and operators are avoiding the Red Sea and Arabian Peninsula. Instead they are using the longer route around the Cape of Good Hope between Asia, Europe and the Mediterranean Sea. Vessel owners and operators are planning to use the longer route indefinitely.

It is late summer across the Northern Hemisphere and low water in various river systems are disrupting inland logistics. The Mississippi River has seen its water levels on the upper reaches fall and could lead to light loadings and slower transits. Barge rates are already surging higher in navigation concerns, improved demand and a relatively small fleet of barges. Conditions in the Rhine River are causing barge operators to light load and restrict barge transits. Not to be left out, an on-going drought across northwest Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia and inland Peru has led to low water conditions. Barge traffic is limited with light loadings and inaccessibility to various reaches of the rivers. This is making it more costly to barge corn to export positions across the Northern Arch.

The Baltic Dry Index was mostly unchanged this week, down 4 points to an index of 1,755 and is 60.4% higher than one year ago. The Baltic Capesize Index held the BDI together, gaining 95 points or 3.4% for the week to 2,883 points. BCI is 156.7% higher than it was one year ago. The Baltic Panamax Index pulled the BDI lower, dropping 9.2% for the week to an index of 1,350. The Baltic Supramax Index was nominally higher to 1,316 for the week.

The U.S. Gulf to Japan route lost \$2.17 per metric ton or 3.6% for the week to \$58.22 per metric ton. This is the first time it has dropped below \$60 since early June. From the Pacific Northwest the rate shed 1.6% or \$0.42 per metric ton for the week to \$25.50 per metric ton. The spread between these key grain routes narrowed 5.1% or \$1.75 per metric ton to \$32.72 per metric ton. Both routes are quoted using vessels loaded with 55,000 metric tons.

To China the rate from the U.S. Gulf was \$47.95 per metric ton for the week, down \$1.46 per metric ton or 3.0%. From the PNW the rate was \$1.05 per metric ton or 4.1% lower to \$24.79 per metric ton this week. The spread on this route narrowed 6.3% or \$1.58 per metric ton to \$23.16 per metric ton. Both routes to China are quoted using vessels loaded with 66,000 metric tons.

Source: Decision Innovation Solutions & Polaris Analytics and Consulting



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Bulk Freight Rates for HSS – Heavy Grain, Sorghum and Soybeans* \$USD/MT								
Route and Vessel Size	28-Aug-24	21-Aug-24	Change					
55,000 U.S. Gulf – Japan	58.22	60.39	-2.17					
55,000 U.S. PNW – Japan	25.50	25.92	-0.42					
66,000 U.S. Gulf – China	47.95	49.41	-1.46					
66,000 U.S. PNW – China	24.79	25.84	-1.05					
25,000 U.S. Gulf – Veracruz, Mexico	21.00	21.00	0.00					
30-36,000 U.S. Gulf – Veracruz, Mexico	14.08	13.62	0.46					
35,000 US Gulf – Santa Marta, Colombia	17.50	17.40	0.10					
35,000 US Gulf – Buenaventura, Colombia	29.53	29.41	0.12					
39,000 Argentina – Buenaventura, Colombia	32.15	31.97	0.18					
39,000 Argentina – Cartagena, Colombia	32.66	32.48	0.18					
26-30,000 U.S. Gulf – Morocco	49.00	49.00	0.00					
55-60,000 U.S. Gulf – Egypt	32.00	31.00	1.00					
55-60,000 U.S. PNW – Egypt	51.00	51.00	0.00					
60-70,000 U.S. Gulf – Europe, Rotterdam	24.00	25.00	-1.00					
Brazil, Santos – China	41.58	42.01	-0.43					
Northern Coast Brazil – China	35.53	35.89	-0.36					
56-60,000 Argentina/Rosario – China Deep Draft	48.02	49.62	-1.60					

Source: Reuters; *Values for this table based on previous night's closing values.

Notes: Rates are based on offer indications only. Quoted rates are believed to reflect current market conditions but may vary from actual offers. Rates to Colombia have been updated with new routes and information.





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LATEST EXPORT FIGURES

Calendar Year (January-December):

Rank	Partner	2020	2021	2022	2023	Jan - Jun 2023	Jan - Jun 2024	Change YTD (%)	Change YTD (MT)
-	World Total	10,922,732	11,574,305	10,935,851	10,784,841	5,093,049	5,872,527	13%	779,478
1	Mexico	1,732,282	2,382,780	2,230,829	2,196,756	1,045,211	1,314,108	20%	268,897
2	Korea, South	1,260,030	1,135,719	1,258,170	1,274,010	657,626	775,333	15%	117,707
3	Vietnam	1,282,022	1,436,934	1,280,660	1,092,173	411,591	471,471	13%	59,880
4	Indonesia	933,401	859,428	835,347	930,506	424,733	580,888	27%	156,155
5	Canada	397,588	772,794	967,600	740,261	315,252	333,234	5%	17,982
6	Turkey	790,455	847,526	422,882	625,830	366,965	331,686	-11%	-35,279
7	Japan	463,118	424,205	495,268	395,890	192,153	244,264	21%	52,111
8	Colombia	209,961	238,753	330,805	382,576	189,304	244,275	23%	54,971
9	Morocco	188,929	212,742	203,763	283,069	101,794	113,242	10%	11,448
10	Ireland	291,278	369,706	447,904	279,525	181,441	147,165	-23%	-34,276
11	China	270,261	453,072	175,045	261,956	104,080	155,745	33%	51,665
12	Taiwan	241,542	226,151	253,198	252,153	117,105	133,402	12%	16,297
13	Thailand	848,838	355,471	184,354	244,480	144,574	77,914	-86%	-66,660
14	Philippines	280,372	184,330	162,231	214,401	107,070	123,033	13%	15,963
15	Israel	196,975	207,053	169,451	176,753	105,352	75,425	-40%	-29,927
16	United Kingdom	121,609	125,528	132,030	171,361	55,521	85,654	35%	30,133
17	Spain	64,670	158,036	239,065	169,522	73,116	100,338	27%	27,222
18	Ecuador	55,625	49,762	104,443	164,196	87,687	47,408	-85%	-40,279
19	Bangladesh	164,517	139,351	107,061	116,755	43,897	79,696	45%	35,799
20	Costa Rica	83,807	84,749	81,612	94,420	51,020	44,296	-15%	-6,724
21	Honduras	75,218	68,640	85,824	92,988	45,955	52,672	13%	6,717
22	Guatemala	73,335	80,060	84,362	90,824	49,113	45,883	-7%	-3,230
23	Cambodia	42,923	40,515	35,277	78,772	16,973	35,819	53%	18,846
24	New Zealand	278,870	231,067	233,853	72,640	11,841	47,000	75%	35,159
25	Malaysia	50,122	50,747	55,437	53,992	23,070	28,650	19%	5,580
26	El Salvador	56,006	58,099	74,013	52,722	21,683	37,409	42%	15,726
27	Egypt	182,399	181,257	87,117	52,060	15,296	35,578	57%	20,282
28	Saudi Arabia	29,331	18,459	21,718	38,614	23,945	14,461	-66%	-9,484
29	Panama	15,993	30,155	22,505	27,711	12,820	12,727	-1%	-93
30	Tunisia	14,000	918	25,622	20,941	20,317	11,912	-71%	-8,405
31	Jamaica	7,680	20,878	21,852	20,706	9,481	6,002	-58%	-3,479
32	Portugal	10,449	18,200	23,138	20,517	20,517	17,000	-21%	-3,517
33	Peru	14,658	0	14,722	16,503	10,922	6,420	-70%	-4,502
34	United Arab Emirates	6,518	8,992	4,637	12,852	5,587	8,119	31%	2,532
35	Burma	64,274	25,701	13,567	11,687	4,046	5,160	22%	1,114
36	Pakistan	1,016	297	292	9,697	995	993	0%	-2
37	Oman	9,018	9,045	10,716	8,729	5,104	4,392	-16%	-712
38	Nicaragua	8,909	7,338	5,016	5,986	2,056	5,702	64%	3,646
39	Sri Lanka	27,626	24,635	12,988	5,432	1,569	6,017	74%	4,448



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Marketing Year (September-August):

Rank	Partner	2020	2021	2022	2023	Sep - Jun 2023	Sep - Jun 2024	Change YTD (%)	Change YTD (MT)
-	World Total	10,488,669	11,556,779	11,561,707	10,289,655	8,360,464	9,635,128	13%	1,274,664
1	Mexico	1,789,732	2,149,786	2,317,237	2,182,513	1,762,703	2,045,843	14%	283,140
2	Korea, South	1,209,824	1,167,465	1,241,612	1,226,783	1,078,762	1,243,696	13%	164,934
3	Vietnam	1,207,882	1,412,672	1,351,723	1,106,343	847,944	893,654	5%	45,710
4	Indonesia	905,812	888,866	931,411	836,189	628,553	879,025	28%	250,472
5	Canada	426,377	551,441	1,095,566	667,011	547,491	638,723	14%	91,232
6	Turkey	601,596	937,058	547,119	567,718	462,568	485,401	5%	22,833
7	Japan	482,063	472,580	471,449	415,305	339,776	372,472	9%	32,696
8	Ireland	259,117	334,647	460,228	349,801	323,634	219,082	-48%	-104,552
9	Colombia	209,611	268,732	295,860	326,012	286,811	398,346	28%	111,535
10	Taiwan	252,419	224,863	235,960	265,285	212,426	215,591	1%	3,165
11	Thailand	880,000	453,031	203,630	248,297	206,428	135,951	-52%	-70,477
12	Morocco	200,341	236,168	211,580	223,477	134,069	205,109	35%	71,040
13	China	196,858	363,453	346,901	206,352	168,784	276,053	39%	107,269
14	Philippines	281,426	234,061	152,466	203,221	167,597	194,740	14%	27,143
15	Spain	20,699	154,217	215,830	199,812	144,141	141,073	-2%	-3,068
16	Ecuador	56,408	51,222	90,220	151,108	120,216	93,025	-29%	-27,191
17	Israel	168,131	198,090	211,768	133,797	117,538	130,567	10%	13,029
18	United Kingdom	135,149	124,019	92,780	130,058	113,670	185,106	39%	71,436
19	New Zealand	282,083	265,692	244,845	100,214	69,415	77,000	10%	7,585
20	Bangladesh	124,516	199,306	107,666	90,504	61,959	124,009	50%	62,050
21	Guatemala	74,232	89,417	71,097	89,547	78,985	77,032	-3%	-1,953
22	Honduras	58,640	77,280	84,690	85,874	73,251	87,082	16%	13,831
23	Costa Rica	81,195	79,059	93,402	82,732	74,123	79,087	6%	4,964
24	El Salvador	79,572	55,444	70,769	53,959	43,684	58,173	25%	14,489
25	Saudi Arabia	23,287	18,904	8,917	50,837	44,860	23,153	-94%	-21,707
26	Malaysia	53,828	49,938	60,227	46,722	37,805	50,655	25%	12,850
27	Cambodia	37,021	41,892	44,829	40,717	27,696	84,597	67%	56,901
28	Tunisia	0	14,918	14,400	31,539	31,539	12,536	-152%	-19,003
29	Egypt	158,273	221,130	122,645	29,362	27,684	70,664	61%	42,980
30	Panama	16,985	22,527	26,281	27,351	22,864	23,131	1%	267
31	Portugal	4,949	23,700	23,138	20,517	20,517	17,000	-21%	-3,517
32	Peru	14,478	8,847	14,722	16,417	10,922	6,506	-68%	-4,416
33	Jamaica	12,476	14,595	25,936	13,680	13,680	17,227	21%	3,547
34	Oman	8,587	7,467	11,482	9,884	8,138	6,271	-30%	-1,867
35	Sri Lanka	27,751	28,110	10,565	8,967	7,549	8,462	11%	913
36	Burma	59,338	47,644	21,797	8,800	5,944	9,945	40%	4,001
37	United Arab Emirates	6,476	7,714	5,833	7,337	7,337	15,384	52%	8,047
38	Jordan	2,581	3,792	2,602	5,724	4,730	1,037	-356%	-3,693

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.

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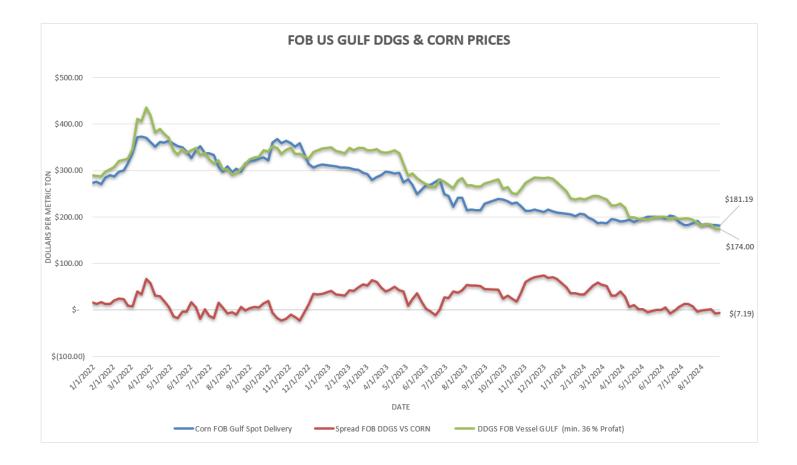
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