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# North Market Report

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## DRY FEEDS – WEATHER WORRIES & SUPPLY ISSUES

- Soymeal:** Concerns on the South American crop continue to be the key feature in the Soya market this week, leading to increases in prices across the board. The Argentinean government has estimated the Soya crop at between 43.5 and 45MMT, somewhat below current market expectations of 46-48MMT. Weather continues to be favourable in most areas of Argentina so the question now is whether these rains are able to restore yields in a key pollination period. Weather looks favourable over the next 10-14 day forecast but the rain is needed so close attention will be paid as to whether it actually arrives. Brazil continues to struggle with the backlog of ships waiting to load yet the anticipated switching of demand to the US hasn't yet materialised with weekly exports from the US at the lower end of market expectations. Markets have been expecting a significant uptake in US exports as a result of the Brazilian problems so we can expect a reaction if the evidence of this actually happening doesn't materialise. We maintain the view that having a cover of at least 25% is prudent given the nearby strength in the markets.



- Rapemeal/Distillers:** Crushers put the sold out signs up for February and March on rape meal on Friday, with very limited availability left for April. It's to be expected that there will be more to sell at some point, but it highlights the tightness we face for the rest of winter. Levels for the nearby months continued to increase through the week, but are relatively unchanged to slightly lower for the summer. Given the high levels we are seeing for the rest of winter, we may well see May become a premium month to the rest of summer so it may be sensible to look at requirements for early summer. Weather in Europe is warming so the concern over winter kill is falling, but shouldn't be forgotten. Nearby Distillers prices have increased further with no availability of EU Wheat Distillers until next week. Forward prices are unchanged and continue to attract small interest.



- Wheat:** Markets are slightly down on wheat over the week with little fresh news to take futures either way. Temperatures are improving throughout Europe easing fears of serious damage to crops. There are no offers from Russia export market due to logistical issues and a lack of farmer selling but it is still thought there is plenty of wheat to come out the Black Sea in the coming months. There appears to be building strength in the corn market as concerns grow on US end stocks and question marks over how much Ukraine has left to export. As we have seen in the past, a rally in corn can drag wheat higher but it seems for now that wheat is trading within a range with nothing of significance to take it one way or the other.





- **Fibres/Energies:** In general it is as you were this week with Soya Hulls remaining at the £134/£135 price and beginning to get some interest. Sweet Starch still looking competitive at the £166ex mark for the rest of winter. Wheatfeed is unchanged for the summer with pellets at £138 ex Manchester and £132 ex Midlands for May – September.

## MOIST FEEDS

- **Brewers Grains (DM 24%, CP 24, ME 11.7):** Sold out at present for the winter.
- **Pressed Pulp (DM 27%, CP 9, ME 13):** Few loads available for 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February then finished.
- **C☆ Traffordgold (DM 50%, CP 21, ME 13.4):** Limited availability Mar/Apr. Contact the office for details.
- **Vitagold (DM 35%, CP 36, ME 14.5):** Withdrawn

**BEST BUYS: Sweetstarch Jan-Apr, Soya Hulls Feb-Sept, Pressed Pulp**

Ex Port Guide Prices (price subject to change)

	January - April 12					Asa May - October 12					November – January 13				
	Liverpool	Hull	South Humber	Erith	Manchester	Liverpool	Hull	South Humber	Erith	Manchester	Liverpool	Hull	South Humber	Erith	Manchester
HiPro Soya	279	280	279			275	278	277			280	281	283		
Maize Gluten	185		183			W/D		w/d							
Palm Kernel	117		125			117		125							
Citrus Pulp Pellets	145					146									
Soya Hulls	137		140			138		138			141				
Rape Meal	POA	POA		175		158	155		156		161	151		154	
Wheatfeed Pellets			POA		POA			POA		POA			POA		POA

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