



### GENERAL OILS AND FATS COMPLEX

# Soybean Oil

At the end of week before last market participants were surprised by the USDA unexpectedly revising back the US soybean harvest brought about 0.6 million tons compared to the last estimate. This led to a significant price jump on the Chicago exchange. Processed volumes also fell short of expectations in the last 2 months. At the same time, demand from the biodiesel industry remains high.



#### **Sunflower Oil**

Prices remain firm despite a record harvest in the Ukraine and Russia. Farmers continue to be reluctant to sell larger quantities, as most of them are not directly dependent on cash flow due to the good proceeds from the wheat harvest. In Russia, the export tax levied by the state adds to this, which means that growers are only offered relatively low prices. This reduces the current interest in selling and ultimately means that the harvest pressure hoped for by



many market participants does not materialize. For these reasons, global sunflower oil production from September to December this year will be significantly behind that of the same period last year. This means that price levels will remain stable next year.

#### Rapeseed Oil

Production remains very limited and front dates are sold out. Demand from the biodiesel industry continues to support the high levels. Due to the high prices, the area under cultivation in the EU was expanded by about 7%.



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## **Vegetable Oils**

After many market participants have continued to hope for falling prices and have not yet made the necessary covers for the first and second quarters, firm prices are to be expected for these dates due to the high demand and the continued reduced supply. In addition, palm oil stocks remain relatively low and production is currently seasonally lower. Furthermore, the Coronarelated problem of harvest labour on the palm plantations has not been solved, and only when sufficient workers are allowed onto the farms again can there ultimately be an expansion of production. In the medium term this could then move global price levels downwards again. European refinery capacities are well utilised, so that front dates are sold out or traded at large premiums. Finally, the Euro, which is weaker against the US dollar, is also contributing to the firm price levels. Despite good crop prospects, sunflower oil and soybean oil continue to trade very firm. This is also due to production volumes falling short of expectations.

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#### **Almond Oil**

Due to the ongoing shipment issues out of LA, Long Beach, and Oakland total shipments are down worldwide. Crop receipts are down compared to last year as well. Thus, prices remain firm and are not moving. Buyers appear to be patient waiting for product to be shipped. Sellers are waiting to see how the 2021 crop looks.

#### Pistachio Oil

Big pistachio sellers decided to drastically increase pistachio prices last month and the market was in shock. After the price increase had been somewhat reverted the product is again moving. Closed shell is down this year meaning less kernels in the market. However, overall crop size is still looking very good and the demand remains very high.



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# Walnut Oil

Crop size is way down and thus prices are up 40% this year.



AMENDED SPECIFICATIONS

382020 Borage oil cold pressed

382320 Borage oil cold pressed organic

DE-ÖKO-001

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