



OILSEEDS, OILS & MEALS **MONTHLY PRICE UPDATE ***

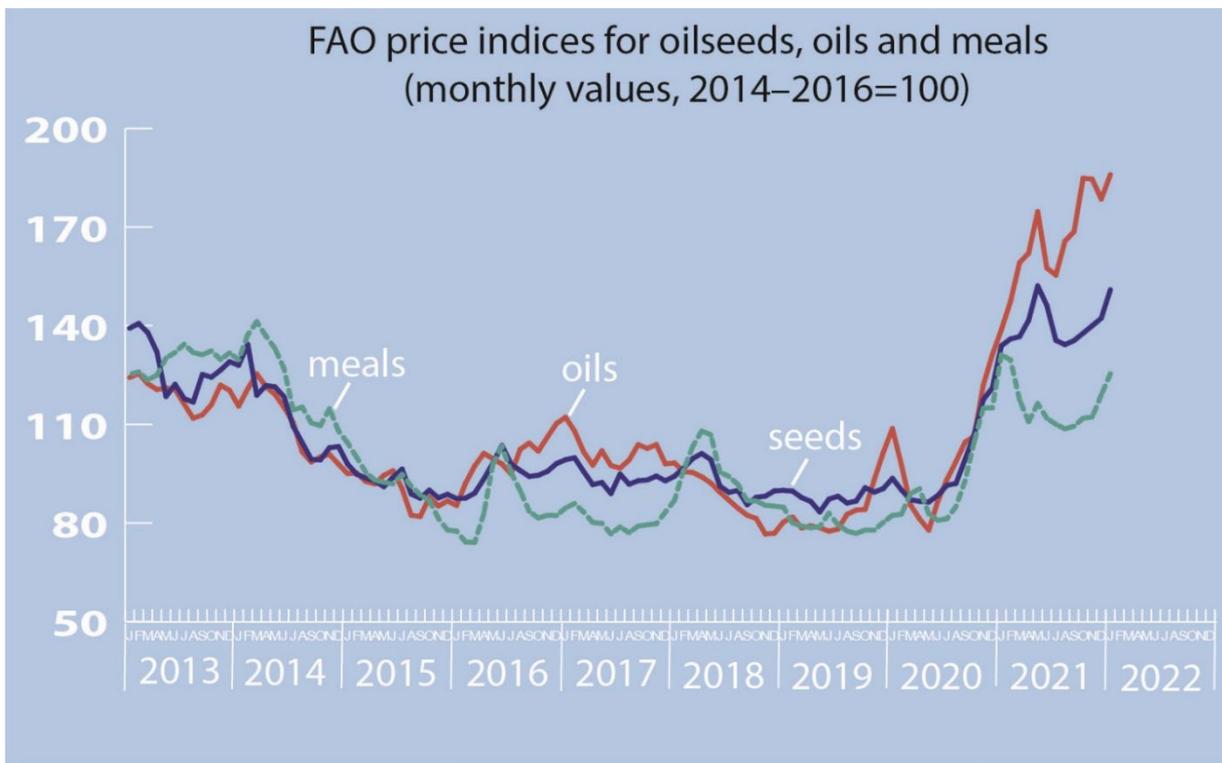
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The month of January saw all FAO price indices trailing the oilcrops complex increase from the previous month. The oilseed index rose for a fifth consecutive month, up 8.6 points (or 6.1 percent) from December 2021 and reaching its highest level since May 2021, while the price index for oilmeals also continued to increase, gaining 6.5 points (or 5.4 percent) from a month earlier. In the meantime, the vegetable oil index rebounded by 7.4 points (or 4.2 percent) in January to an all-time high. While the oilmeal index stood moderately below its level in the corresponding

month of 2021, the indices for oilseeds and vegetable oils remained markedly above their respective year-earlier levels.

The latest rise of the oilseed index mainly reflected higher soybean, rapeseed and sunflowerseed values. International soybean prices increased for a third month in a row, primarily underpinned by deteriorating crop prospects in South America. Prolonged hot and dry conditions across major growing regions in southern parts of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay

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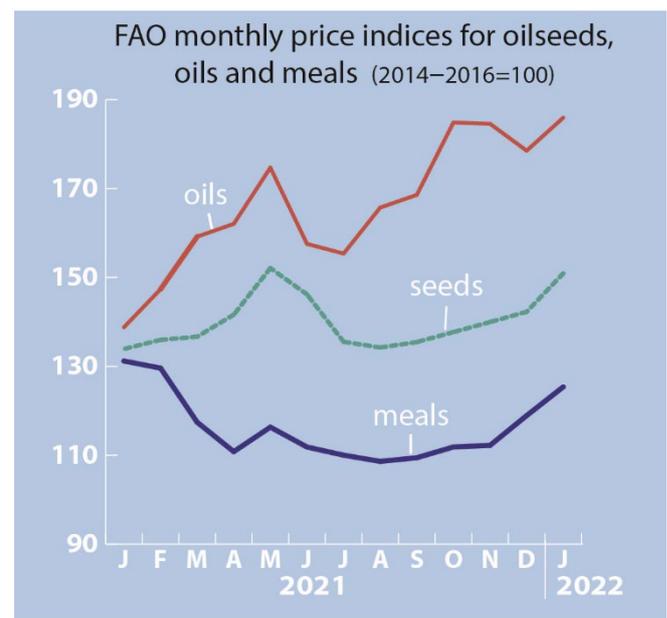
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have negatively affected the production outlook in these countries. Although beneficial rainfall was registered towards late January in the region, particularly in Argentina, it was insufficient to reverse the adverse impact of drought on soybean yields. Meanwhile, reports of larger-than-expected crushings in the United States of America (the United States) provided additional support to soybean values. As for rapeseed, international prices rose uninterruptedly for sixth successive months to all-time highs in January, buoyed by robust demand and lingering global supply tightness, which was aggravated by expectations of heavy production losses in Canada only partially compensated by a bumper harvest in Australia. In the case of sunflowerseed, world quotations rose marginally, sustained by limited market supplies due to ongoing reserved farmer selling activities in the Black Sea region.

As for the FAO price index for oilmeals, its continued strength broadly stemmed from higher soymeal values, the leading component of the index. International soymeal prices rose to eleven-month highs in January, chiefly underpinned by concerns over reduced supplies. Besides the aforementioned degrading soybean production outlook in South America, protracted logistic constraints in Argentina continued to disrupt shipments from the world's top soymeal exporter.

With regard to vegetable oils, the rise of the index reflected higher quotations for palm, soy, rapeseed and sunflowerseed oils. After a short-lived drop in December 2021, international palm oil prices rebounded in January, largely fuelled by

concerns over a possible reduction in export availabilities from Indonesia, as the country tightened export controls in a bid to contain rising domestic prices. Subdued output in Malaysia due to unfavourable weather and persisting migrant labour shortages further underpinned palm oil prices. World soyoil quotations also recovered, supported by robust import purchases, particularly from India, as well as prospective demand growth from the biodiesel sector in the United States. In the meantime, rapeseed and sunflowerseed oil prices were buoyed by, respectively, lingering supply tightness and surging global import demand. Rising crude oil prices also lent support to international vegetable oil values.



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	FAO price indices (2014–2016=100) *		
	Oilseeds	Vegetable oils	Oilcakes/ meals
Annual (Oct/Sep)			
2009/10	100	109	92
2010/11	133	159	102
2011/12	133	143	111
2012/13	132	120	129
2013/14	120	116	128
2014/15	95	93	99
2015/16	93	95	85
2016/17	95	103	81
2017/18	94	94	93
2018/19	88	80	81
2019/20	90	93	84
2020/21	133	149	115
Monthly			
2020 - October	107	106	105
2020 - November	117	122	115
2020 - December	121	131	115
2021 - January	134	139	131
2021 - February	136	147	130
2021 - March	137	159	117
2021 - April	142	162	111
2021 - May	152	175	116
2021 - June	146	158	112
2021 - July	136	155	110
2021 - August	134	166	109
2021 - September	135	169	109
2021 - October	138	185	112
2021 - November	140	185	112
2021 - December	142	179	119
2022 - January	151	186	125

* FAO's price indices are based on the international spot prices of five selected seeds, ten selected vegetable oils and five selected cakes and meals. The indices are calculated using the Laspeyres formula; the weights used are derived from the export values of each commodity for Source: FAO, based on Oil World data

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