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MONTHLY PRICE UPDATE *

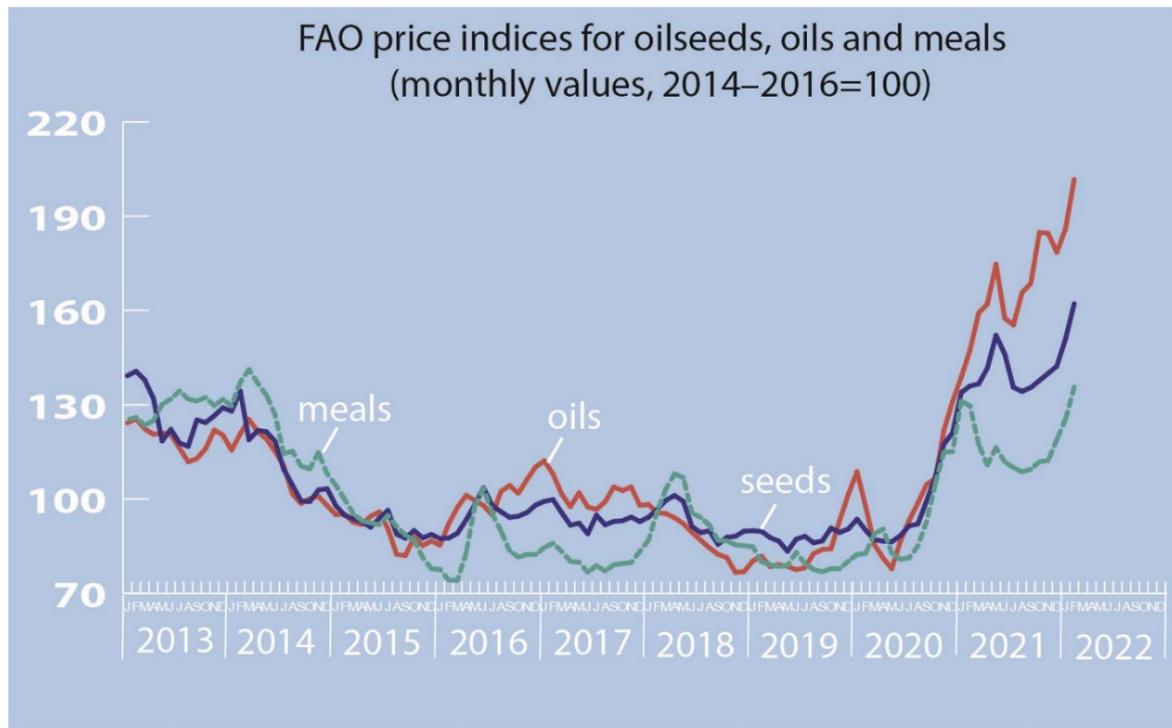
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The month of February saw all FAO price indices trailing the oilcrops complex continue to increase. The oilseed and oilmeal indices both rose for the sixth consecutive month, increasing by 11.2 and 10.2 points (or 7.4 and 8.1 percent), respectively. In the meantime, the vegetable oil index climbed to a new record high, up 15.8 points (or 8.5 percent) month-on-month. All three indices fared above their respective year-earlier levels, particularly in the case of vegetable oils.

The persistent strength of the oilseed index mainly reflected higher soybean and sunflowerseed

prices, whereas rapeseed values declined moderately. In February, international soybean quotations increased for the fourth month in a row and marked nine-year highs. In South America, despite some beneficial precipitation received in parts of Brazil and Argentina towards late February, overall dryness continued to affect production outlook negatively. Moreover, soybean prices also received support from subdued new crop sales from local farmers in South America, in expectation of further price increases due to deteriorating crop prospects. Noticeably, while poor crush margins in China

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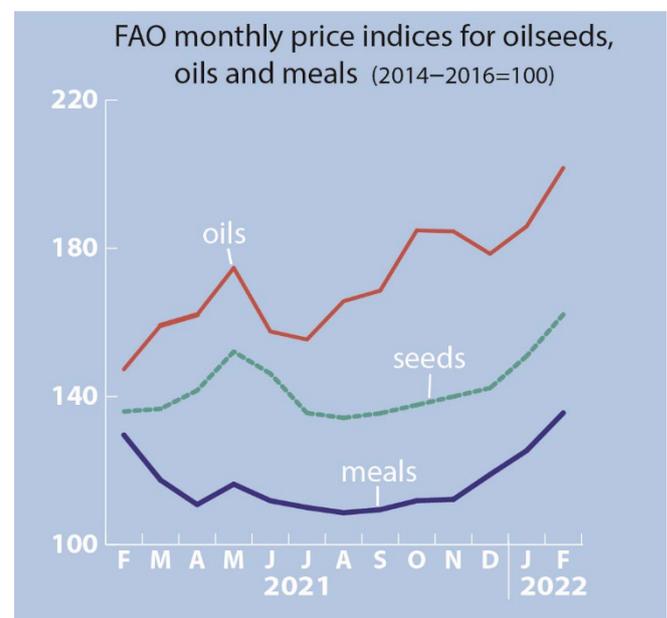
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contained their purchases of South American soybeans, the importers were reportedly shifting attention to supplies from the United States of America for both 2021/22 and 2022/23 crops, thanks to competitive prices. In the case of sunflowerseed, international prices increased for a second consecutive month, marking eight-month highs, primarily underpinned by concerns over possible repercussions on sunflowerseed supplies linked to the conflict in Ukraine. Indeed, Ukraine and the Russian Federation together produce over half of global sunflowerseed. As for rapeseed, world quotations registered a drop in February after rising uninterruptedly for six months amid tight global supplies.

With regard to the price index for oilmeals, the continued increase in February chiefly stemmed from higher soymeal values. This was largely driven by supply-side concerns, as lower-than-expected soybean harvests in South America would translate into reduced domestic crushings and smaller soymeal export supplies, particularly in Argentina, the world's leading soymeal exporter.

As for the vegetable oil, the price index hit a new record high in February, mostly reflecting rising palm, soy, and sunflower oil prices. International palm oil prices increased for a second consecutive month, fuelled by sustained global import demand

that coincided with reduced export availabilities from Indonesia, the world's top palm oil exporter. In the meantime, world soyoil values continued to rise on deteriorating soybean production prospects in South America. International sunflower oil prices also increased markedly, underpinned by concerns mentioned above over the disruptions in the Black Sea region, which could potentially lower exports. Noticeably, Ukraine and the Russian Federation account for about 80 percent of global sunflower oil exports. Surging crude oil prices also lent support to vegetable oil prices.



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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			
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
2022 - February	162	202	136
* 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 the 2014–2016 period.			
Source: FAO, based on Oil World data			

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