



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

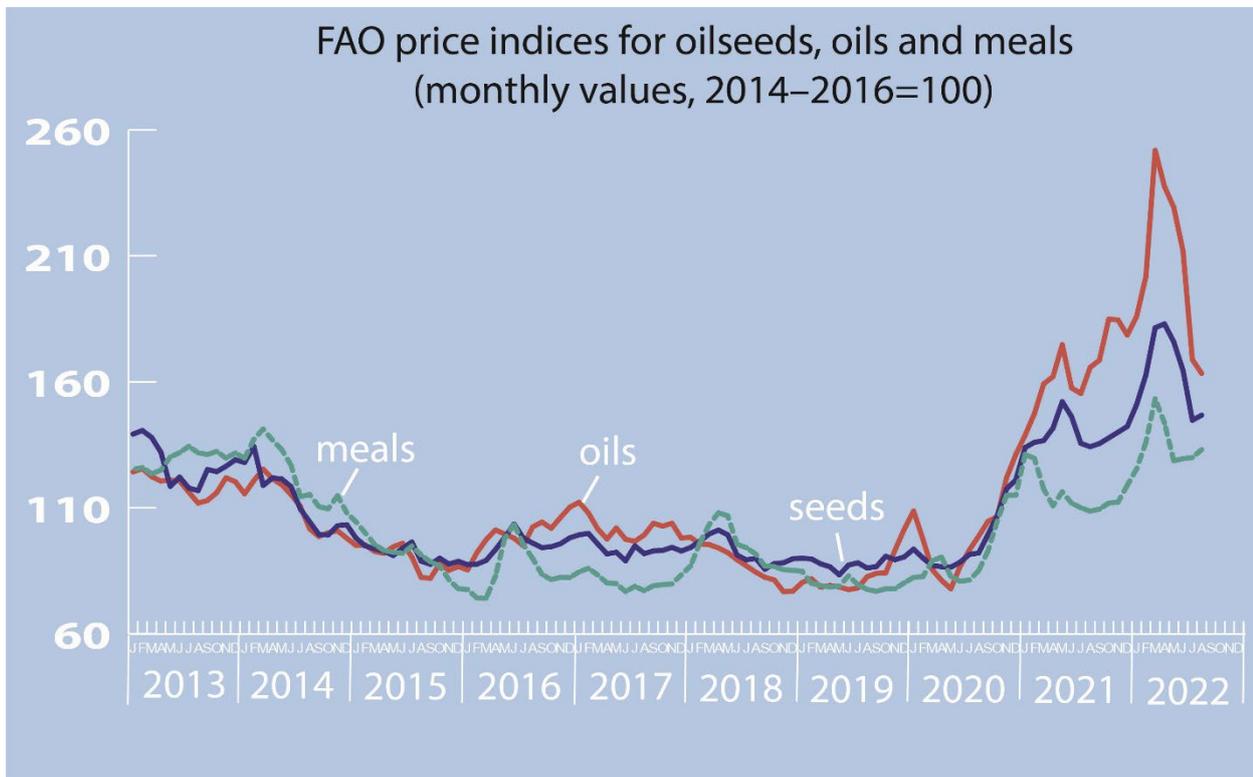
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In August, the FAO price index for oilseeds rebounded after declining for three consecutive months, up 2.1 points (or 1.5 percent), while the oilmeal price index remained steady, up 3.1 points (or 2.4 percent) month-on-month. Both indices stood markedly above their respective levels of the corresponding month last year. By contrast, the index for vegetable oils continued dropping for the fifth month in a row, shedding 5.5 points (or 3.3 percent) and pushing the index value slightly below its year-earlier level.

The fresh gain of the oilseed index mainly reflected higher soybean and sunflowerseed

quotations, more than offsetting lower rapeseed values. International soybean prices rebounded moderately in August after declining for three successive months, underpinned by: i) concerns over unfavourable weather conditions in parts of growing regions in the United States of America (United States); ii) sustained robust crushing activities in the United States thanks to profitable processing margins; iii) renewed global import purchases, particularly from China; and iv) reserved farmers' sales from Argentina, where many producers prefer keeping soybeans due to

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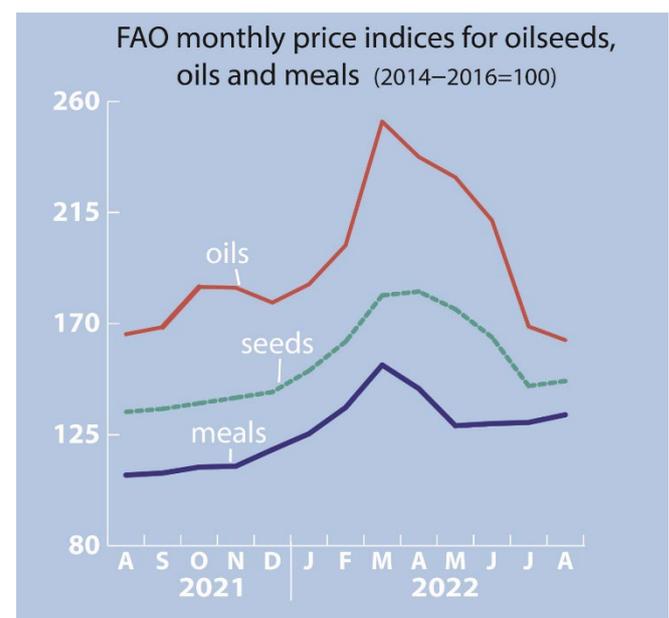
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unattractive prices amid national economic uncertainties. World sunflowerseed prices also strengthened, supported by concerns over deteriorating production prospects in the European Union (EU) owing to prolonged dry and hot weather conditions, as well as lingering uncertainties in Ukraine, where the sunflowerseed production could decline considerably due to the ongoing war. By contrast, international rapeseed prices kept falling for the fourth consecutive month. Besides positive production outlooks in Australia and Canada, the EU is expected to harvest an above-average crop, as the rapeseed benefitted from favourable conditions before the drought hit the region.

As for oilmeals, the price index rose steadily on the continued strength of world soymeal quotations. On the supply side, export availabilities from Argentina remain limited due to subdued farmer selling activities. From a demand perspective, soymeal prices received support from improving hog farming margins in China, the world's leading pork producer. Reduced feedgrain production and worsening pasture conditions due to dryness also resulted in higher protein meal demand in the EU.

The vegetable oil price index continued to decline, reflecting lower prices of palm, sunflower and rapeseed oils, which more than offset higher soyoil quotations. International palm oil prices fell for the fifth consecutive month in August, driven by increasing export availabilities from Indonesia,

mainly owing to lower export taxes, as well as seasonally rising outputs in Southeast Asia. In the meantime, world sunflower oil values declined on lingering subdued global import demand that coincided with the gradual resumption of shipments from Ukraine's seaports. International quotations for rapeseed oil also dropped in August due to prospects of ample supplies for the upcoming 2022/23 season. By contrast, world soyoil prices rebounded only moderately, mainly because of concerns over the impact of unfavourable weather conditions on soybean production in the United States and strong demand for biodiesel in Argentina.



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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 - 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	163	202	136
2022 - March	181	252	153
2022 - April	183	238	144
2022 - May	176	229	129
2022 - June	164	212	129
2022 - July	145	169	130
2022 - August	147	163	133
* 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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