

**Transportation and Export Report for 22 October 2020**

The Baltic Dry-Bulk indices are lower for the week. After a weak start during the first three days of the week, buyers finally showed up on Thursday to stop the slide and add a little support.

Daily hire rates for November Capesize vessels traded at \$19,000/day, up \$1,500 from the low.

December traded at \$17,000/day. Daily hire rates in the Panamax sector managed to rebound to \$11,000/day for November and \$10,800/day for December. Both markets remain inverted.

U.S. containerized grain exports continue to be robust. Logical backlogs remain at the LA/LB container hub, but container sales of grains are looking optimistic. The port of Long Beach just reported the busiest month and quarter in its 109-year history.

U.S. Grain export Fobbing margins remain excellent, and historically high, at \$.50-.65/bushel (\$18.40-\$25.60/mt). And this does not even include the vessel dockage fees being collected. Le bon ton roule !

**BALTIC DRY-BULK PANAMAX INDEX CHANGES**

Panamax Ocean Freight Indices					
22-Oct-2020		This Week	Last Week	Difference	Percent Change
P2A : Gulf/Atlantic - Japan	per day	19323	21391	-2,068	-9.7%
P3A - PNW/Pacific -Korea	per day	11585	12068	-483	-4.0%
S1C -USGULF-China-So.Japan	per day	22742	24953	-2,211	-8.9%
P7- Trial- Miss. River - Qingdao	per ton	40.300	41.071	-0.8	-1.9%
P8- Trial- Santos - Qingdao	per ton	29.379	29.921	-0.5	-1.8%

**Recent history of freight values for Capesize vessels of Iron-Ore from West Australia to South China:**

Four weeks ago:	\$7.95-\$8.65
Three weeks ago:	\$8.25-\$8.90
Two weeks ago:	\$10.45-\$11.00
One week ago:	\$8.00-\$9.20
This week	\$7.20-\$7.65

**US Vessel Line-Ups/Estimated vessel berthing delays at U.S. Export Grain Elevators:**

Mississippi River:	(10 elevators)	6-16 days (2 facilities not currently operating)
Miss. River Mid-Stream loaders:	(6+ Rigs)	0-6 days
Texas Gulf	(5 elevators)	0-10 days (3 facilities 3 days or less wait)
Pacific Northwest:	(9 elevators)	1-12 days (2 facilities at 2 days or less wait)

Panamax Market Spreads to Asia -China					
22-Oct-2020	PNW	GULF	Bushel Spread	MT Spread	Advantage
CORN	1.90	1.50	0.40	\$15.75	PNW
SOYBEANS	2.15	1.60	0.55	\$21.65	GULF
OCEAN FREIGHT	\$23.00	\$41.25	.46 -.50	\$18.25	November

**Recent Reported Vessel Fixtures:**

**\*\* Below rates are estimates for the nearby-30-day slots. 60-90 days forward rates will usually be higher.**

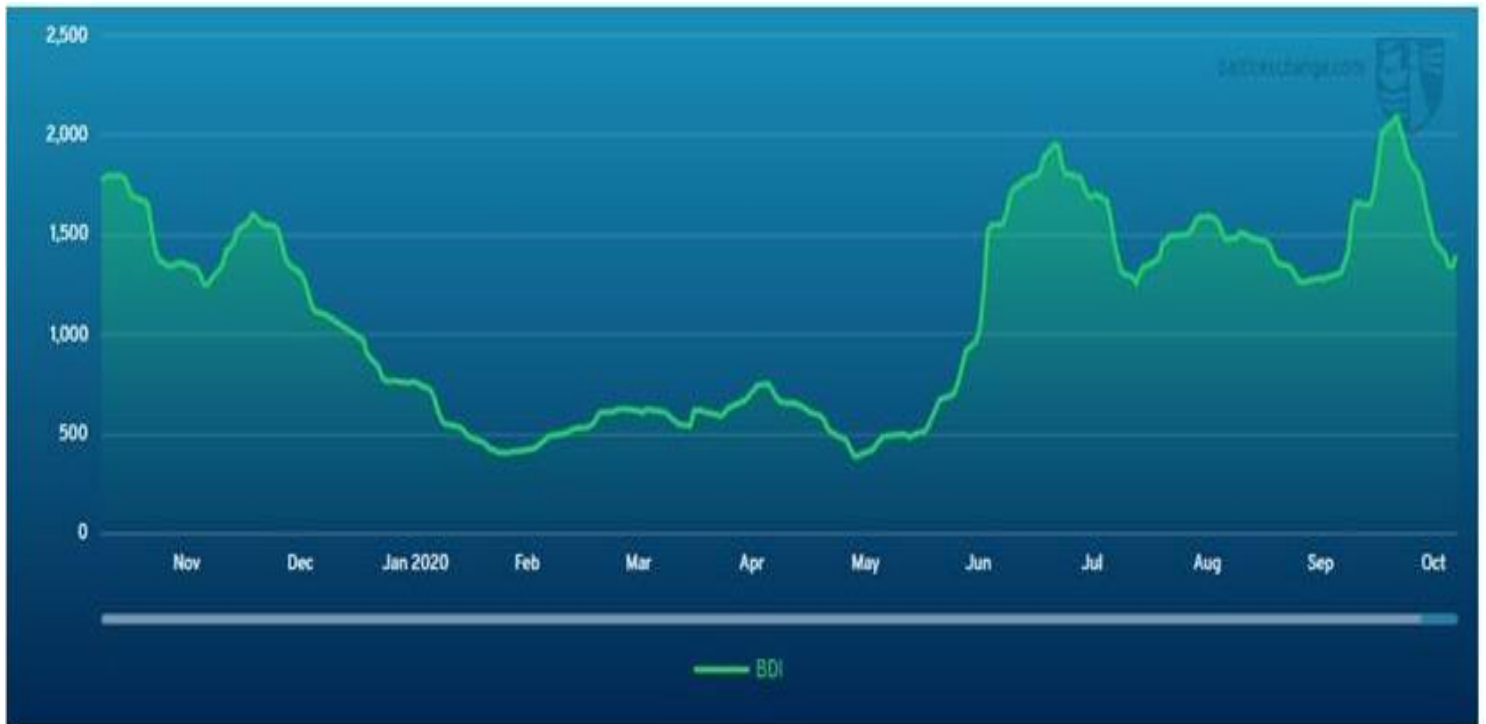
Soybean Panamax USG to Spain is running \$20.75-\$21.75/mt.

Soybean Brazil to Spain about \$23.75-24.75/mt.

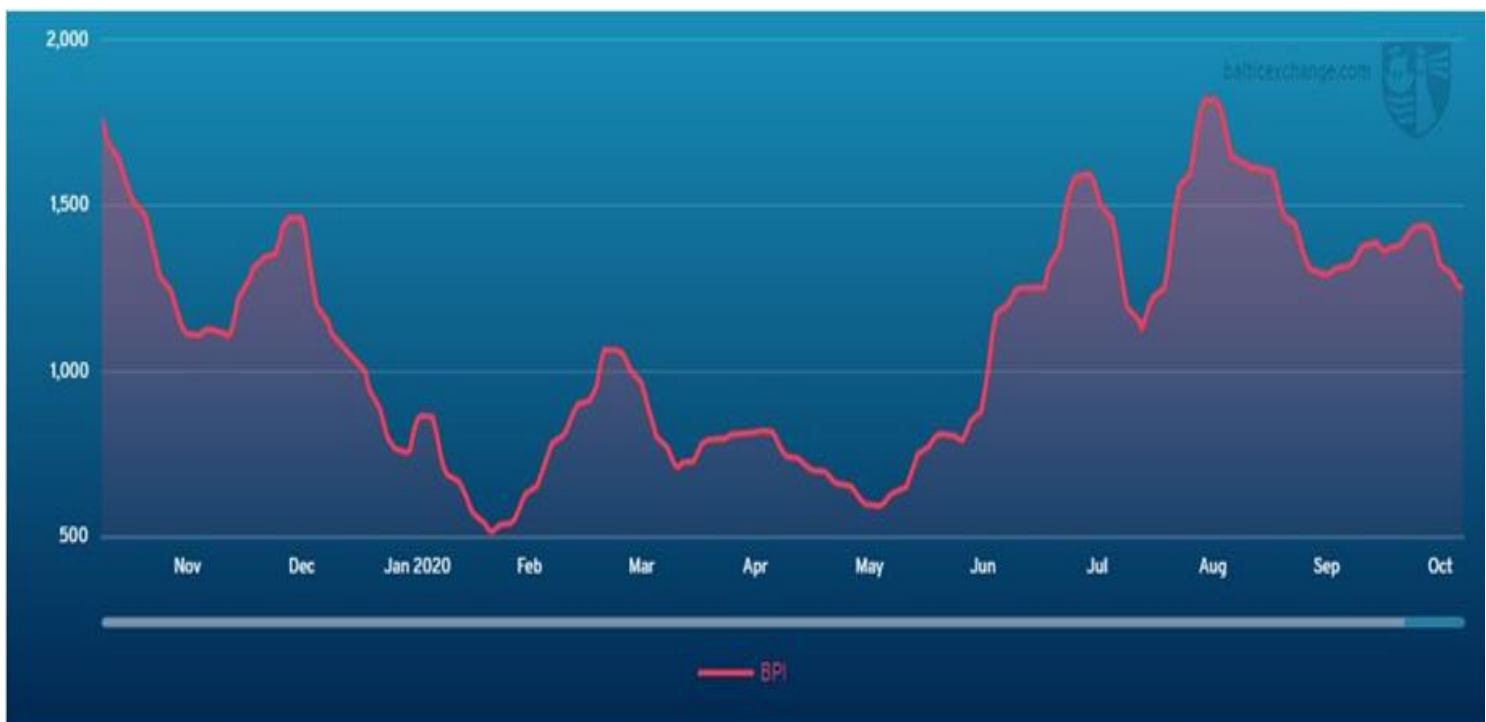
30,000 mt Corn Northern Brazil to Vera Cruz, Mexico \$18.25-\$19.25/mt .To U.S. E/C about \$21.00-22.00/mt

Route and Vessel Size	Current Week USD/MT	Change from previous week	Remarks
55,000 U.S. Gulf-Japan	\$42.50	Down \$0.50	Handymax \$44.75 mt
55,000 U.S. PNW- Japan	\$23.75	Unchanged	Handymax \$24.75 mt
66,000 U.S. Gulf – China	\$41.25	Down \$0.75	North China
PNW to China	\$23.00	Unchanged	
25,000 U.S. Gulf- Veracruz, México	\$17.25	Down 0.25	3,000 MT daily discharge rate
30-36,000+ U.S. Gulf- Veracruz, México	\$14.25	Down \$0.25	Deep draft and 6,000 MT per day discharge rate.
30-38,000 U.S. Gulf- Colombia	\$20.00	Down \$0.25	<u>West Coast Colombia at \$31.50</u>
<u>East Coast Colombia</u> From Argentina	<u>\$30.25</u> \$31.25		USG to E/C 50,000 mt at \$16.25
43-45,000 U.S. Gulf - Guatemala	\$28.75	Down \$0.25	Acajutla/Quetzal - 8,000 out
26-30,000 U.S. Gulf – Algeria	\$38.50 \$40.50	Down \$0.25	8,000 mt daily discharge 3,000 mt daily discharge
26-30,000 US Gulf-Morocco	\$39.75	Down \$0.25	5,000 discharge rate
55-60,000 U.S. Gulf –Egypt	\$27.50	Down \$0.50	60,000 -55,000 mt -Egypt
PNW to Egypt	\$28.50		Romania- Russia- Ukraine \$13.50-\$13.50 -\$13.75 France \$17.25
60-70,000 U.S. Gulf – Europe – Rotterdam	\$19.00	Down \$1.00	Handymax at +\$1.75 more
Brazil, Santos – China	\$31.50	Down \$0.25	54-59,000 Supramax-Panamax
Brazil, Santos – China	\$30.00		60-66,000 Post Panamax
Northern Coast Brazil	\$34.50		Upriver No. Brazil Plus -55,000 mt Plus \$7.50/mt
56-60,000 Argentina/Rosario- China Deep Draft	\$34.75	Unchanged	Upriver with BB Top Off Plus \$3.75 mt

## The Baltic Dry Freight Index



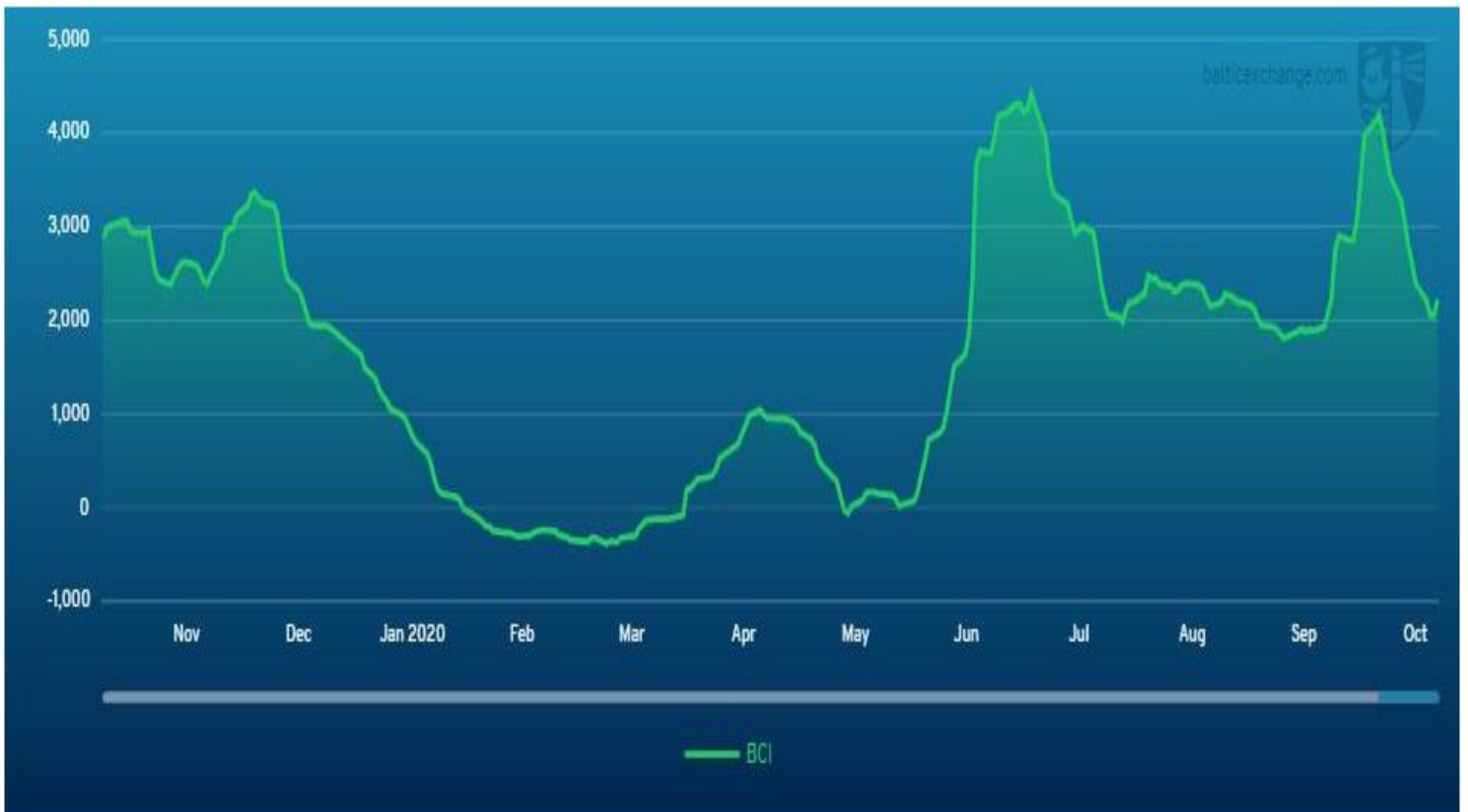
## Baltic Panamax Index



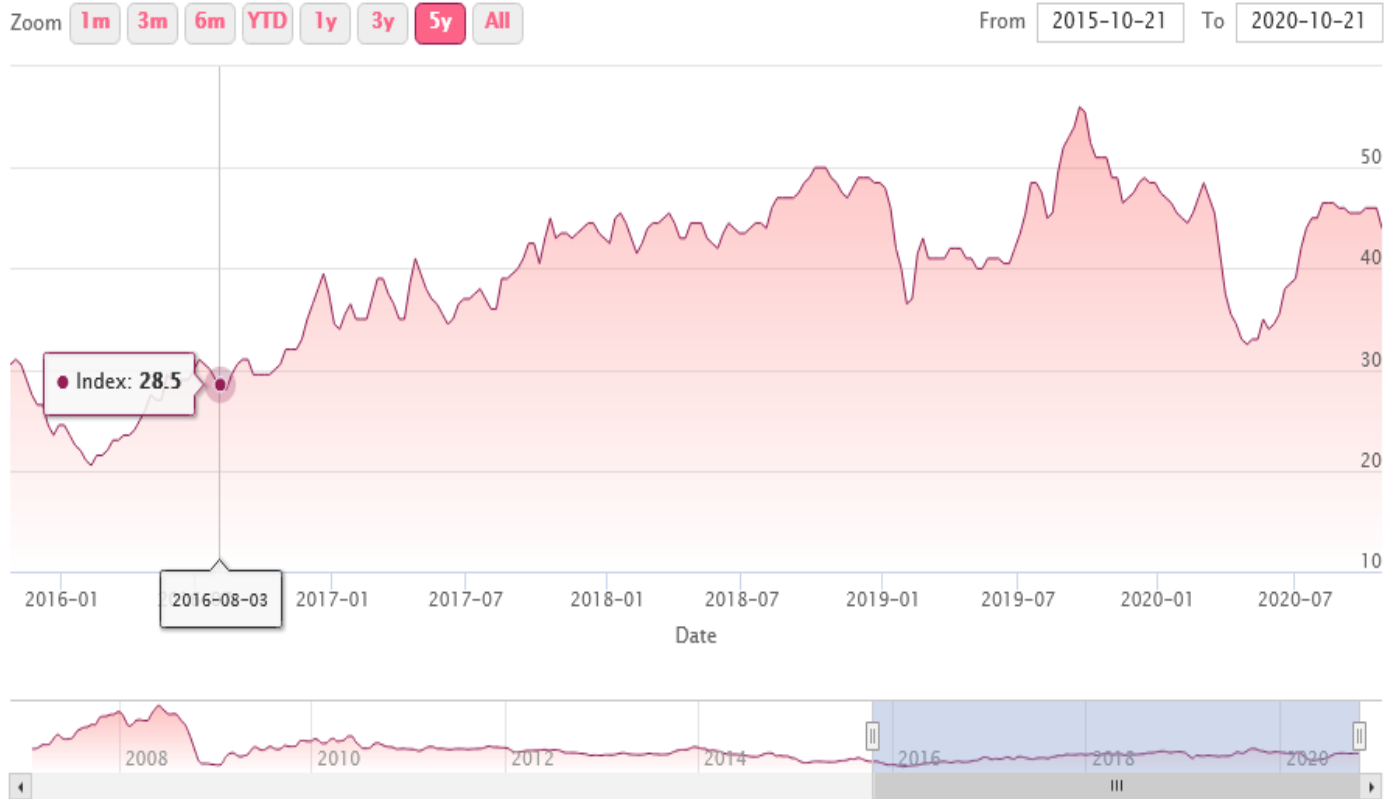
Baltic Dry-Bulk Ocean Freight Index- US Gulf- Japan



Capesize Market Chart



## YAMAMIZU Index



China Import Dry Bulk Freight Index					
2020-10-22					
Description	Size MT	Cargo/Vessel Size	Unit	Rate	Change
Composite Index			Point	844.59	22.29
Iron ore Freight Index			Point	853.57	44.33
Dampier(West Australia)-Qingdao (China)	170000/10%	Iron ore	\$/ton	7.642	0.519
Soybean Freight Index			Point	906.19	-0.98
Santos(Brazil)—North China	60000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	29.957	-0.029
Tacoma(West America)—North China	60000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	22.793	-0.007
Mississippi(US Gulf)—North China	66000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	41.158	-0.058
Mississippi(US Gulf)—North China	55000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	43.55	-0.07

**22 October 2020 U.S. FOB Vessel Export Market Values:**

<b>U.S. Yellow Corn (USD/MT) FOB Vessel</b>				
#2 YC	GULF # 2 YC		PNW # 3 YC	
Max. 14.5% moisture	BASIS	FLAT PRICE	BASIS	FLAT PRICE
<b>Nov.</b>	1.50	<b>\$222.92</b>	1.90	<b>\$238.67</b>
<b>Dec.</b>	1.48	<b>\$222.13</b>	1.85	<b>\$236.70</b>
<b>Jan.</b>	1.45	<b>\$221.74</b>	1.75	<b>\$233.55</b>
<b>Feb.</b>	1.25	<b>\$213.87</b>	1.70	<b>\$231.58</b>
<b>Mar.</b>	1.20	<b>\$211.90</b>	1.70	<b>\$231.58</b>
<b>Apr.</b>	1.10	<b>\$208.55</b>	1.45	<b>\$222.33</b>

The Gulf spread between #2 & #3 YC is currently about .03 cents per bushel (1.18/mt) at USG but is out to .06/bushel in the PNW.

<b>SORGHUM (USD/MT) FOB VESSEL</b>				
#2 YGS Fob Vessel	NOLA		TEXAS	
Max. 14.0% moisture	BASIS	FLAT PRICE	BASIS	FLAT PRICE
<b>Nov.</b>	3.35	<b>\$295.75</b>	3.05	<b>\$283.94</b>
<b>Dec.</b>	3.35	<b>\$295.75</b>	3.05	<b>\$283.94</b>
<b>Jan.</b>	3.30	<b>\$294.57</b>	3.00	<b>\$282.76</b>
<b>Feb.</b>	3.30	<b>\$294.57</b>	3.00	<b>\$282.76</b>
<b>Mar.</b>	3.30	<b>\$294.57</b>	3.00	<b>\$282.76</b>

Fob vessel Texas Gulf #2 Sorghum is about 128% the value of #2 Yellow Corn at NOLA.

**U.S. SRW Wheat Fob Vessel at the Center U.S. Gulf**

<b>SRW Wheat</b>	<b>USD/MT</b>	<b>Fob Vessel</b>	<b>US Gulf</b>	
	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Jan.</b>
FOB U.S. GULF	\$282.10	\$282.10	\$282.10	\$280.63
Basis	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.40
WZ	6.2275			.
WH	6.2375			
WK	6.2275			

22-Oct-2020	Close	Close	Last Week.	Last Week.	Last Week	
CME Corn Futures	Bushel	MT.	Bushel	Bu. Diff.	MT	MT Diff.
Dec.	\$ 4.1625	\$ 163.87	\$ 4.0375	0.12500	\$ 158.95	\$ 4.92
Mar.	\$ 4.1825	\$ 164.66	\$ 4.0800	0.1025	\$ 160.62	\$ 4.04
May	\$ 4.1975	\$ 165.25	\$ 4.0925	0.1050	\$ 161.11	\$ 4.13
July	\$ 4.1925	\$ 165.05	\$ 4.0925	0.1000	\$ 161.11	\$ 3.94
Sept.	\$ 4.0025	\$ 157.57	\$ 3.9425	0.0600	\$ 155.21	\$ 2.36
Dec.	\$ 3.9650	\$ 156.09	\$ 3.9475	0.0175	\$ 155.40	\$ 0.69

### CBOT December 2020 (CZ20) CORN Futures Chart –



### CME/CBOT December 2020 (WZ20) SRW Wheat Futures Chart –



### U.S. Soybean and SBM Markets Fob Vessel:

<b>U.S. Yellow Soybeans (USD/MT) FOB Vessel</b>				
# 2 YSB	<b>U.S. Gulf #2 YSB</b>		<b>PNW #2 YSB</b>	
14.0 % Moisture	Basis	Flat Price	Basis	Flat Price
<b>Nov.</b>	1.60	<b>\$453.32</b>	2.15	<b>\$473.53</b>
<b>Dec.</b>	1.58	<b>\$452.03</b>	2.15	<b>\$472.98</b>
<b>Jan.</b>	1.55	<b>\$450.93</b>	2.15	<b>\$472.98</b>
<b>Feb.</b>	1.55	<b>\$445.97</b>	2.10	<b>\$466.18</b>
<b>Mar.</b>	1.50	<b>\$444.14</b>	2.10	<b>\$466.18</b>
<b>Soybean Futures</b>				
<b>Nov.</b>	\$ 10.7375			
<b>Jan.</b>	\$ 10.7225			
<b>Mar.</b>	\$ 10.5875			
<b>May</b>	\$ 10.5500			
<b>July</b>	\$ 10.5575			
<b>Aug.</b>	\$ 10.4600			

<b>U.S. SBM (USD/MT) FOB Vessel</b>		
Fob U.S. Gulf Port	<b>47.5 Pro. SBM</b>	
max 12.5 % moisture	Basis	Flat Price
<b>Nov.</b>	42.00	<b>\$ 467.90</b>
<b>Dec.</b>	42.00	<b>\$ 467.90</b>
<b>Jan.</b>	40.00	<b>\$ 458.09</b>
<b>Feb.</b>	40.00	<b>\$ 446.40</b>
<b>Mar.</b>	39.00	<b>\$ 445.30</b>
<b>SBM Futures</b>		
<b>SMZ</b>	\$ 382.40	
<b>SMF</b>	\$ 375.50	
<b>SMH</b>	\$ 364.90	
<b>SMK</b>	\$ 356.80	
<b>SMN</b>	\$ 353.60	
<b>SMQ</b>	\$ 348.00	



### CME January 2021 Soybean (SF21) Futures Chart:



### CME December 2020 Soybean Meal (SM20) Futures Chart



## U.S. EXPORT STATISTICS: Report Activity as of Week Ending 08 October 2020

### Thursday-Weekly U.S. Export Sales

Commodity	New Sales (000 MT)	YTD Export Commitments **(000 MT)	Total Projected Export Program for Year (000 MT)	Percent of Export Projection	Total Sales for Next Marketing Year '21-22 (000 MT)
Corn	674.6	26,503.0	59,060	45%	206.0
Sorghum	0.0	2,935.2	6,600	44%	136.0
Soybeans	2,779.6	43,235.3	59,880	72%	60.0
Wheat	607.4	15,049.2	26,540	57%	127.0
Barley	0.0	42.0	130	32%	0.0

### U.S. EXPORT INSPECTIONS:

Monday's report 19 October 2020 for the Export week ending 15 October 2020

	Export Inspections		Current Market Year YTD	Previous Year to Date	2020/21 YTD as Percent of 2019/20 YTD
	This Week	Previous Week			
Corn	911,012	838,849	5,455,972	3,087,556	177%
Sorghum	74,655	192	537,631	250,162	215%
Soybeans	2,173,521	2,396,908	11,518,836	6,493,771	177%
Wheat	239,688	514,649	10,677,374	10,079,048	106%
Barley	0	1,896	9,020	8,625	105%

For further Export Sales details: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/export-sales/esrd1.html>

### U.S. EXPORT INSPECTIONS:

Monday's report 19 October 2020 for the Export week ending 15 October 2020

Last Week							
(Metric Tons)	YC	%	WC	%	Sorghum	%	Soybeans %
Lakes	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	69,430 3%
Atlantic	7150	1%	0	0%	612	1%	58,433 3%
Gulf	722,327	81%	13,980	99%	73,995	99%	958,978 44%
PNW	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	931,780 43%
Interior Export Rail	167,459	19%	96	1%	48	0%	154,900 7%
Metric Tons	896,936		14,076		74,655		2,173,521

Sorghum Shipments: metric tons

612	Thailand
69,807	China Main
4,188	Madagascar
48	Mexico
74,655	Total

White Corn metric tons

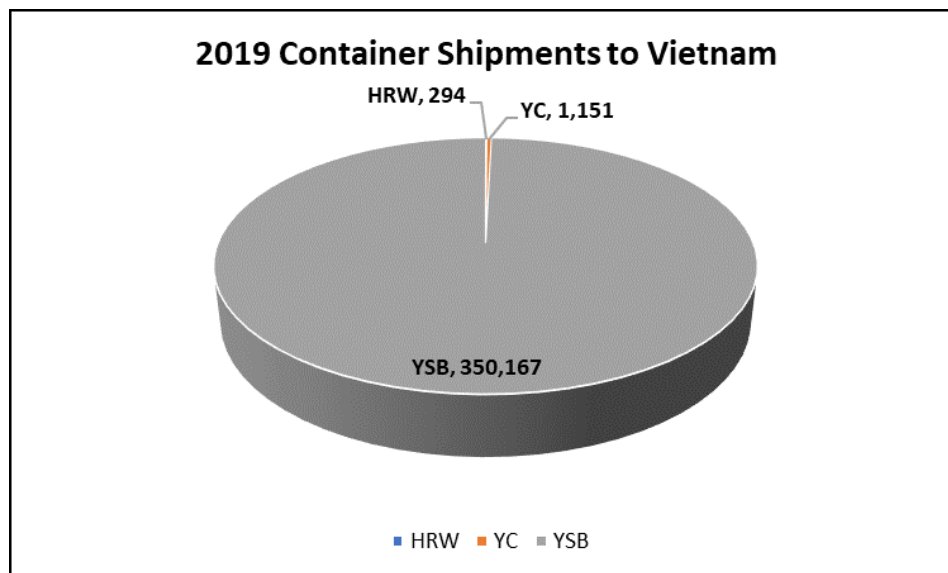
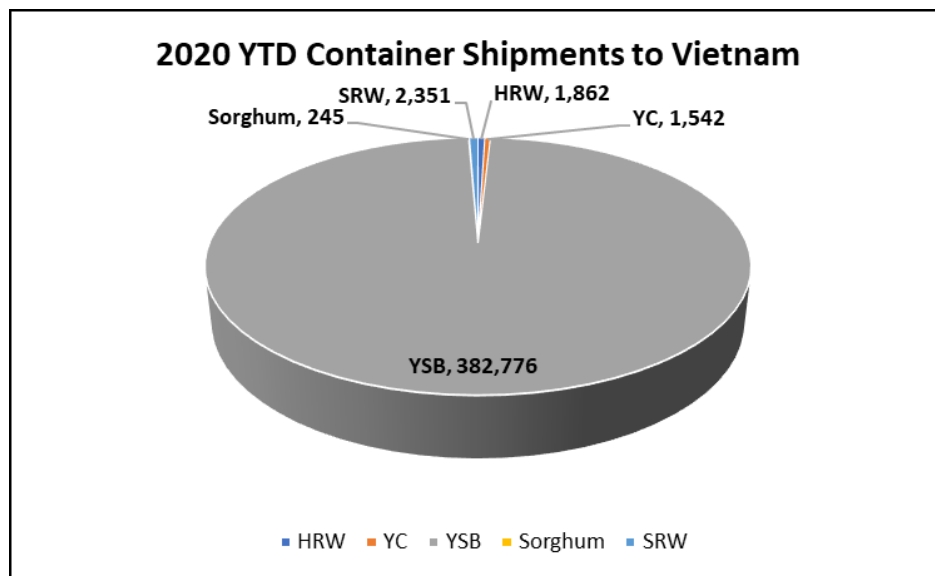
Shipments:	2,930	Japan
	11,050	Venezuela
	96	Mexico
	14,076	Total

## Export Inspection Highlights

**Data sheet below:** *USDA weekly export inspections report with corrections to the last three weeks' grain export inspections reports. (This usually covers a 2-5-week prior time frame).*

CONTAINER SHIPMENTS of GRAIN									
USDA Grain Inspections Report:		8-Oct-2020							
Last Week	metric tons								MT
	YC	WC	YSB	SRW	NS	SWH	HRW	Sorghum	TOTAL
China Main			9,989						9,989
China T	14,567		38,009						52,576
Hong Kong	882								882
Costa Rica									0
Indonesia			29,756	49					29,805
French Poly									0
Japan			1,027						1,027
Korea Rep.	24		686	392					1,102
Nepal			2,303						2,303
Malaysia	1,028		6,147	588					7,763
Ireland									0
Philippines			807						807
Thailand			3,992						3,992
Switzerland									0
India									0
Bangladesh									0
Burma									0
Vietnam			11,702	196					11,898
Sub Total:	16,501	0	104,418	1,225	0	0	0	0	122,144
USDA Corrections/Additions to previous reports:									
China T			4,677						4,677
China Main			6,638						6,638
Hong Kong									0
Korea Rep.									0
Cambodia			563						563
Japan									0
Philippines			416						416
Indonesia			1,004						1,004
Malaysia			4,384						4,384
Thailand			2,173						2,173
Vietnam			2,914						2,914
Jordan									0
Costa Rica									0
Sub Total:	0	0	22,769	0	0	0	0	0	22,769
<b>Mt. Grand Total</b>	<b>16,501</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>127,187</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>144,913</b>
Number of Containers	717	0	5,530	53	0	0	0	0	

Jan - Dec 2019 Annual Totals versus 2020 Jan.-Dec. YTD Total Container Shipments (in MT)



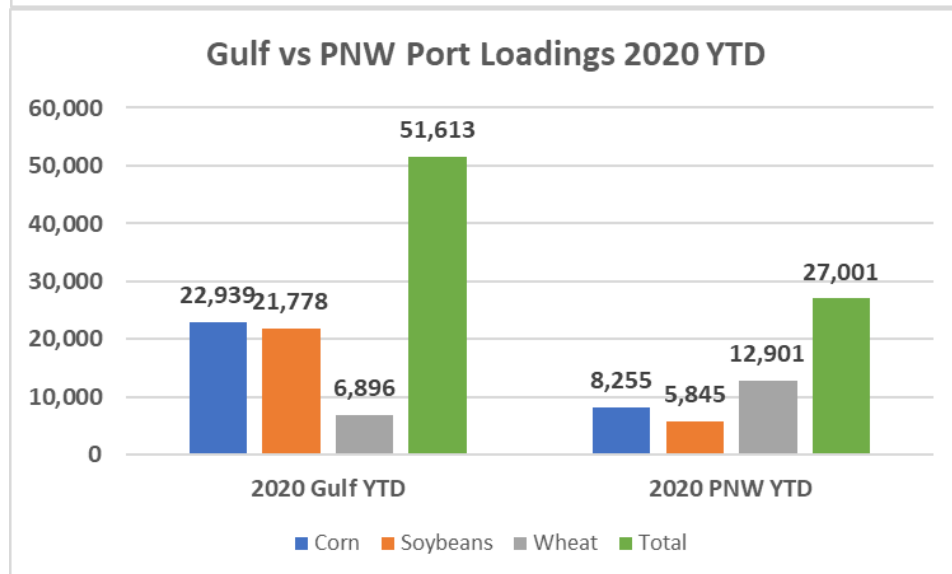
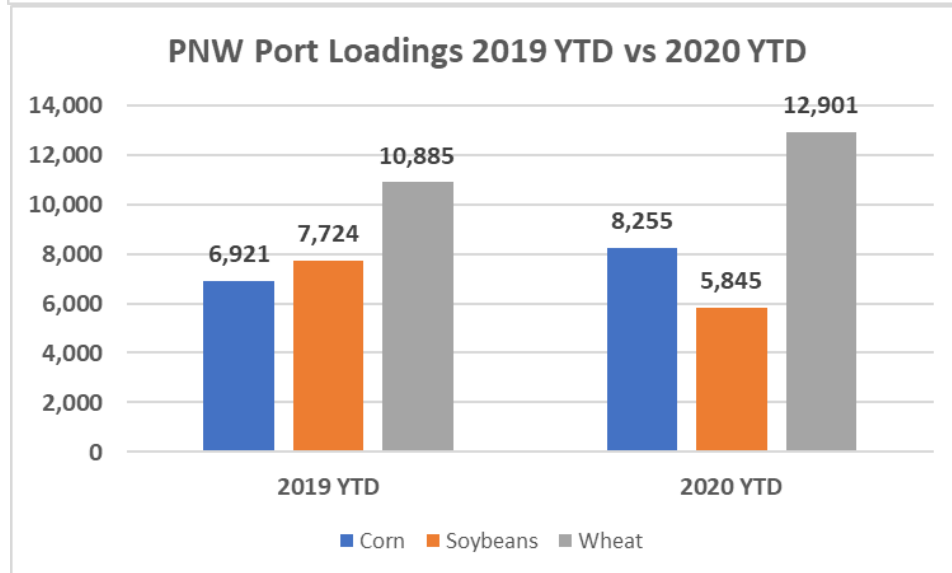
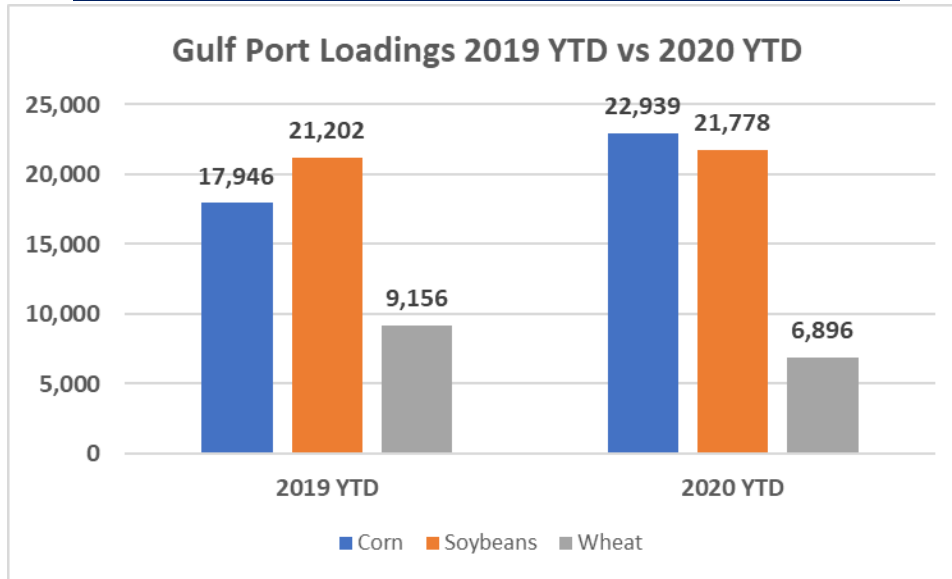
Grain Inspections for Export by U.S. Port Regions:  
U.S. Gulf and Pacific Northwest 2019 YTD vs. 2020 YTD

<b>PORT LOADINGS US Gulf</b>				
(1,000 MT)	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	TOTAL
<b>GULF</b>				
2019 YTD	17,946	21,202	9,156	48,304
2020 YTD	22,939	21,778	6,896	51,613
2020 as % of 2019	128%	103%	75%	107%

<b>PORT LOADINGS US PNW</b>				
(1,000 MT)	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	TOTAL
<b>PNW</b>				
2019 YTD	6,921	7,724	10,885	25,530
2020 YTD	8,255	5,845	12,901	27,001
2020 as % of 2019	119%	76%	119%	106%

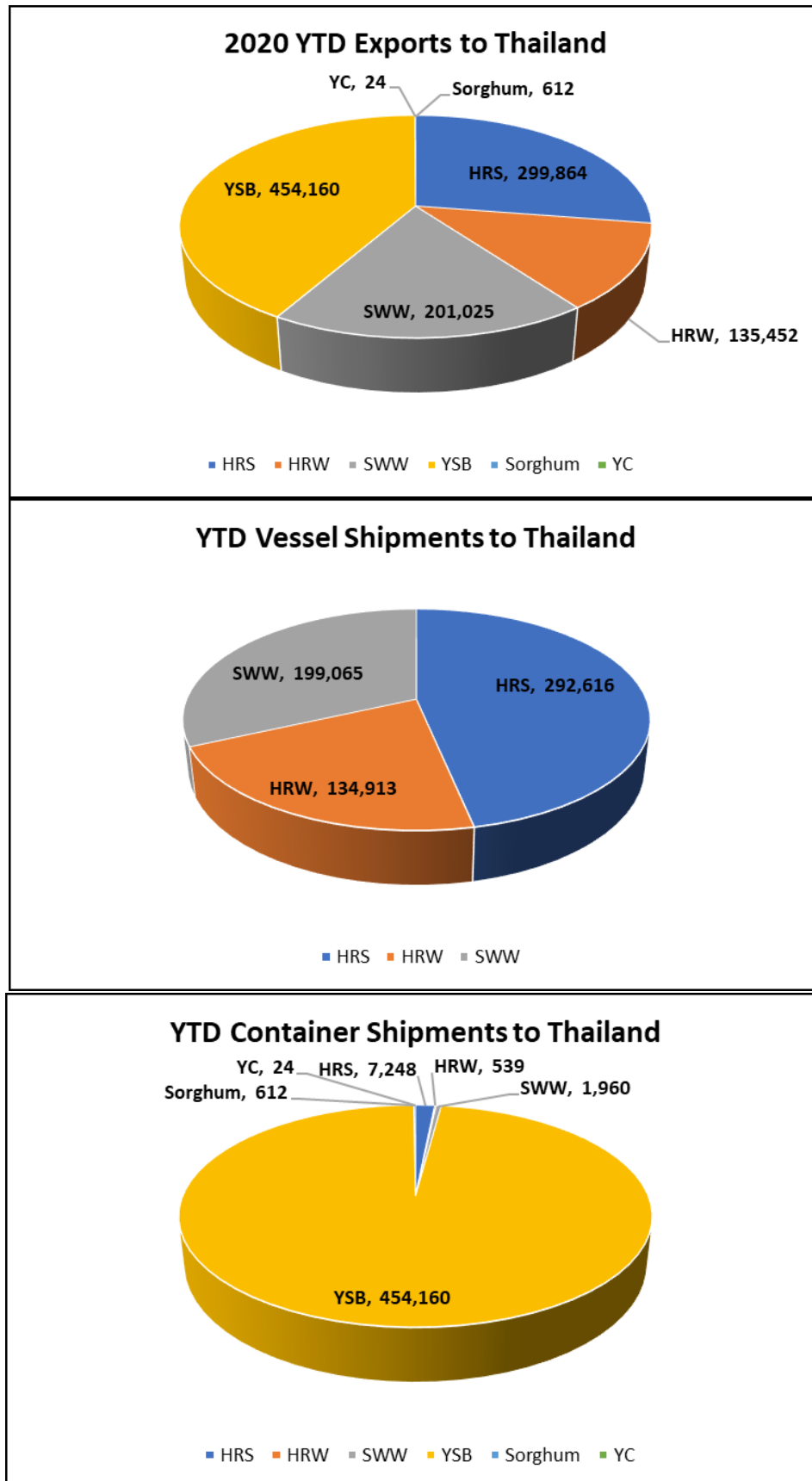
<b>PORT LOADINGS GULF vs. PNW</b>				
(1,000 MT)	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	TOTAL
2020 Gulf YTD	22,939	21,778	6,896	51,613
2020 PNW YTD	8,255	5,845	12,901	27,001
TOTAL	31,194	27,623	19,797	78,614
<b>Gulf Percentage</b>	74%	79%	35%	66%
<b>PNW Percentage</b>	26%	21%	65%	34%

Grain Inspections for Export by U.S. Port Regions (1,000MT):  
U.S. Gulf and Pacific Northwest 2019 YTD vs. 2020 YTD



Source: USDA-data

2020 YTD Total Grain Exports reported by USDA (in MT)



\*Please keep in mind that USDA does not report DDGS sales

## Shipping News

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More severe congestion at LA-Long Beach expected as import surge shows no sign of letting up [joc.com/port-news/term...](http://joc.com/port-news/term...)



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"I believe we will see not only record high rates with the next contract rates, but unique and very different types of rates, demands of service, splits of allocation, expectation of better forecasting and reliability on both sides of the discussion"



Stephanie K Loomis on LinkedIn: High level of cargo r...  
One in 4 containers are being rolled - in some ports it's 1 in 3!! Service reliability is at a near record low. ...  
[linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com)



**Mena Commodities** ® @MenaCommodities · 7h

#GASC #Wheat 🇪🇬

GASC removes fees for dead insects found in imported wheat

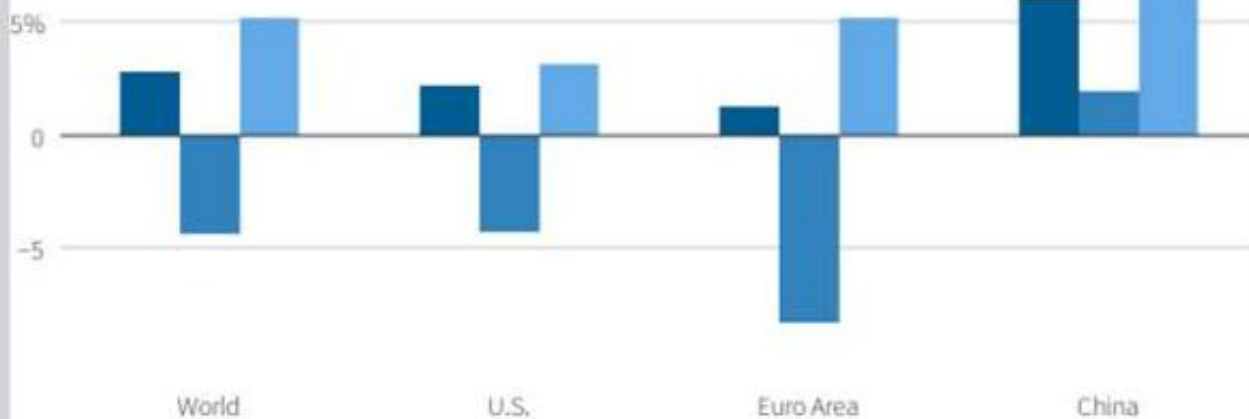
#Egypt, world's largest wheat buyer, will not charge sellers of imported wheat fees for sieving and fumigation if dead insects are detected in their cargoes during the sieving process. (@ReutersAg)

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## Global growth projections, real GDP

● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021



Note:  
Source: IMF

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Our [@portoflongbeach](#) just had the busiest month and quarter in its 109-year history. Even with trade uncertainty and a global recession, our Port continues to grow and to power our local and state economy. We are proud to be the nation's most sustainable port complex.



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"I want to say one word to you. Just one word." "Yes, sir." "Are you listening?"  
"Yes, I am." "Containers." (...maybe, maybe not, but worth a look...) [\\$CMRE](#)  
+9% [\\$DAC](#) +7%, [\\$TGH](#) +7% [#containers](#) [#shipping](#)



Container slots sell out, risking holiday 'shipageddon' - FreightWaves  
On a collision course: holiday timing, surging consumer demand, thin inventories, and capacity constraints for container liners and ports.  
[freightwaves.com](https://freightwaves.com)

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🇹🇷 Today the Turkish government removed import taxes from

wheat 🌾  
corn 🌽 &  
barley 🌾 in to reduce domestic prices.

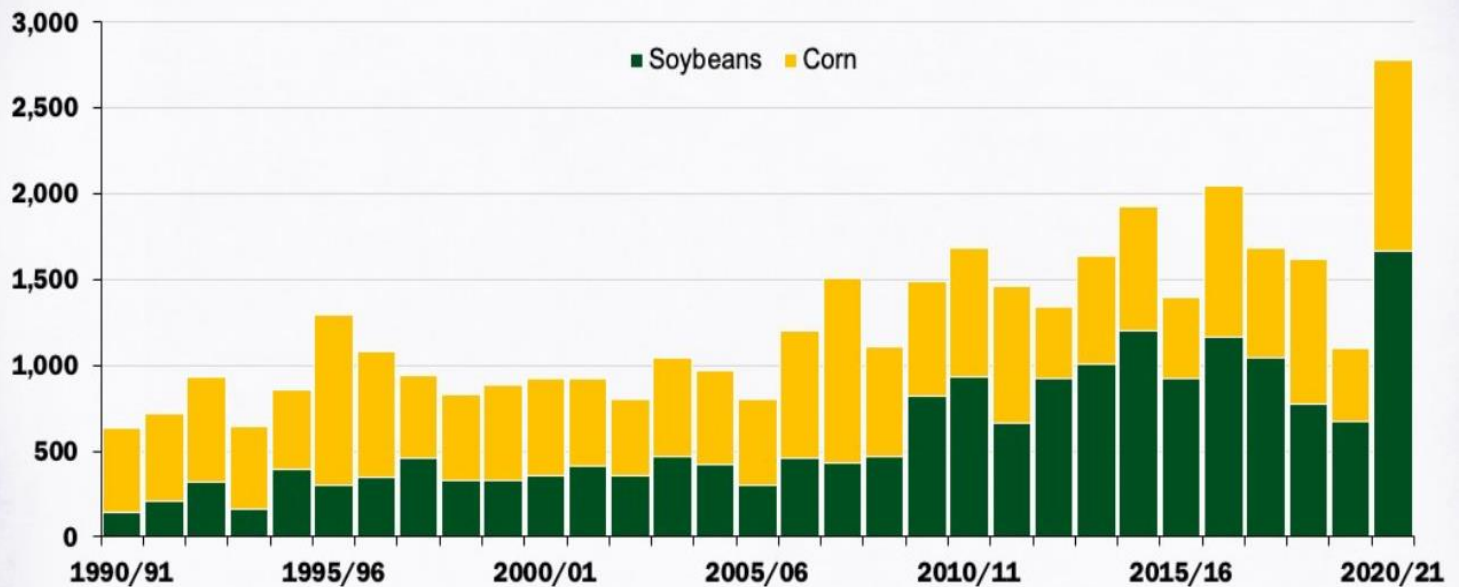
Zero import taxes on these 3 until 31 December 2020 !

Before today taxes were

Wheat 🌾 45%  
Corn 🌽 25%  
Barley 🌾 35%

# RECORD Corn & Soybean Export Commitments

Accumulated & Outstanding Sales in Million Bushels



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Source: USDA FAS, Farm Bureau Calculations

**Bloomberg** @business · 1h

Diesel is being used more in ship fuel, but that's raising concerns it could turn into a sludge and overwhelm a ship's engine



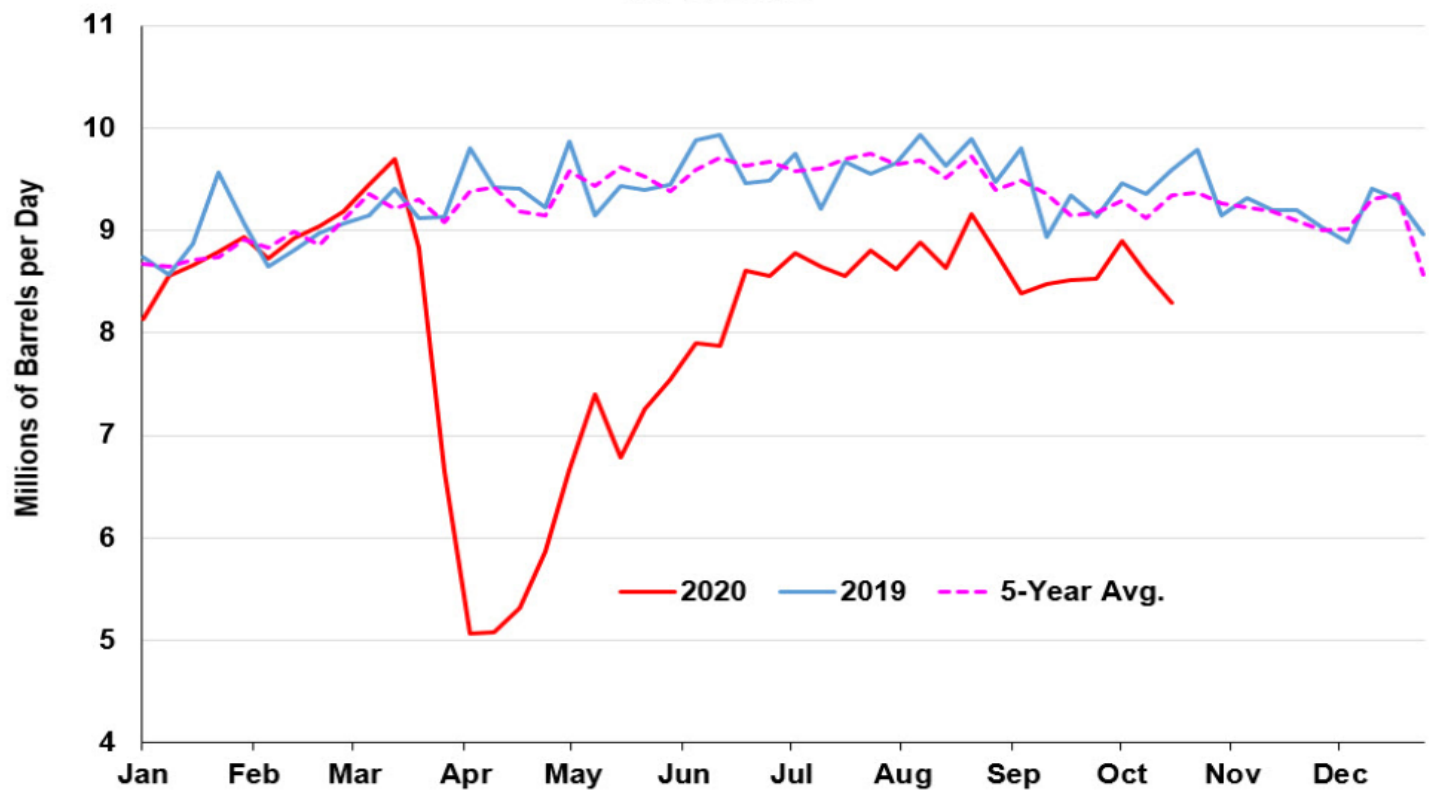
**More Diesel in Ship Fuel Raising Risk It Could Turn Into Sludge**

The shipping sector is providing an outlet for surplus oil products such as diesel that have swelled due to a virus-driven demand hit, but questions ...

[bloomberg.com](https://www.bloomberg.com)



# Implied Weekly Usage of Gasoline in the U.S., 01/04/2019 - 10/16/2020

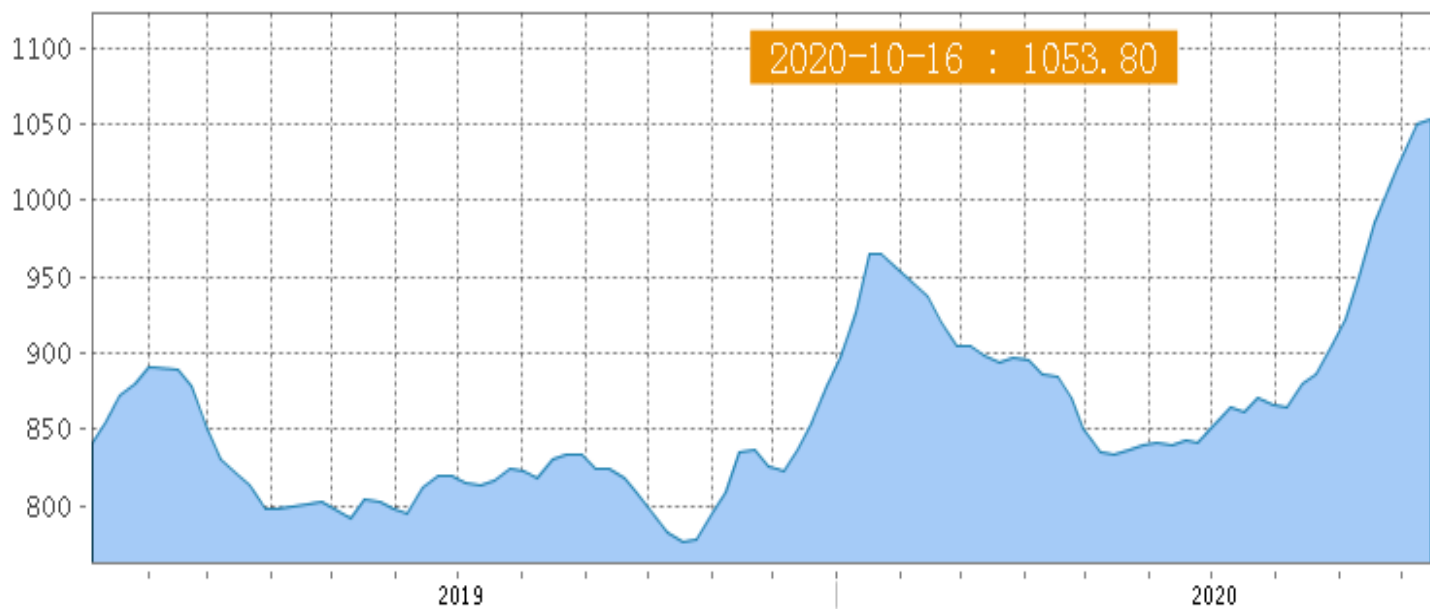


Source: EIA

## China Import Dry Bulk Freight Index



## China Containerized Freight Index



**U.S. RIVER BARGE FREIGHT**  
**Current Barge Freight for Placement Last Half November 2020**

Placement LH November 2020	% of		Corn	Soybeans-Wheat
	Tariff	MT	BU	BU
Upper Mississippi	Closed	\$ -	0.00	0.00
Illinois River (Pekin and South)	465	\$31.73	0.81	0.86
Mid-Mississippi	465	\$27.27	0.69	0.74
Lower Ohio	340	\$16.72	0.42	0.45
St. Louis	360	\$15.83	0.40	0.43

**Secondary Rail Car Market for car placement period: Last Half November 2020.**

Secondary Rail Car Market Placement LH. November 2020	BID USD	ASK USD	BID BU.	ASK BU.	BID MT	ASK MT
BNSF Shuttle Trains	\$ 300.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.18	\$ 2.95	\$ 6.89
UPRR Shuttle Trains	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.13	\$ 2.46	\$ 4.92

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