

Transportation and Export Report for 12 March 2020

Ocean Freight Insights and Comments:

It was not a good week in any market; equities were down, crude oil down, interest rates lower and the same trend applied to Dry-Bulk markets. The technical charts indicate that everything is oversold but that is not preventing things from slipping further. Lower fuel rates will help vessel operators a bit, but cargo volumes are still lagging shipping capacity and the longer-term outlook is not positive. Cheap oil however is giving crude oil tankers a boost as that market looks for additional storage capacity.

BALTIC DRY-BULK PANAMAX INDEX CHANGES

Panamax Ocean Freight Indices				
12-Mar-2020	This Week	Last Week	Difference	Percent Change
P2A : Gulf/Atlantic - Japan	16797	17855	-1,058	-5.9%
P3A - PNW/Pacific - Japan	6154	7386	-1,232	-16.7%
S1C -USGULF-China-So.Japan	21150	21133	17	0.1%
P7- Trial- Miss. River - Qingdao	41807	43110	-1,303	-3.0%
P8- Trial- Santos - Qingdao	29290	31871	-2,581	-8.1%

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

Four weeks ago:	\$5.75-\$6.00
Three weeks ago:	\$5.80-\$5.90
Two weeks ago:	\$5.50-\$5.70
One week ago:	\$5.25-\$5.45
This week	\$4.50-\$4.75

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

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

Panamax Market Spreads to Asia -China					
12-Mar-2020	PNW	GULF	Bushel Spread	MT Spread	Advantage
CORN	0.96	0.69	0.27	\$10.63	PNW
SOYBEANS	1.02	0.64	0.38	\$14.96	PNW
OCEAN FREIGHT	\$22.50	\$42.00	.50-.53	\$19.50	April

Recent Reported Vessel Fixtures:

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

Soybean Panamax USG to Spain is running \$18.00/mt.

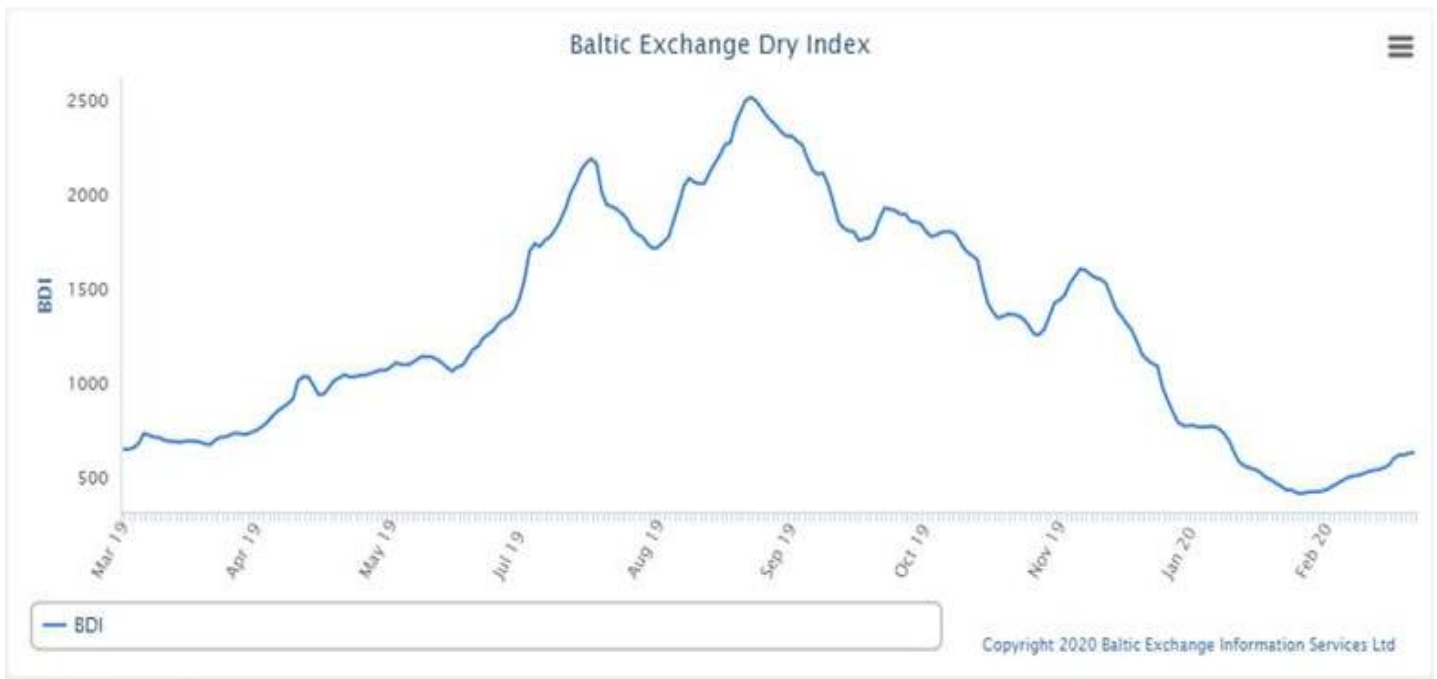
Soybean Brazil to Spain at about \$21.00/mt.

30,000 mt Corn Northern Brazil to Vera Cruz, Mexico \$18.00-\$18.50/mt .To U.S. E/C about \$20.00-20.75/mt

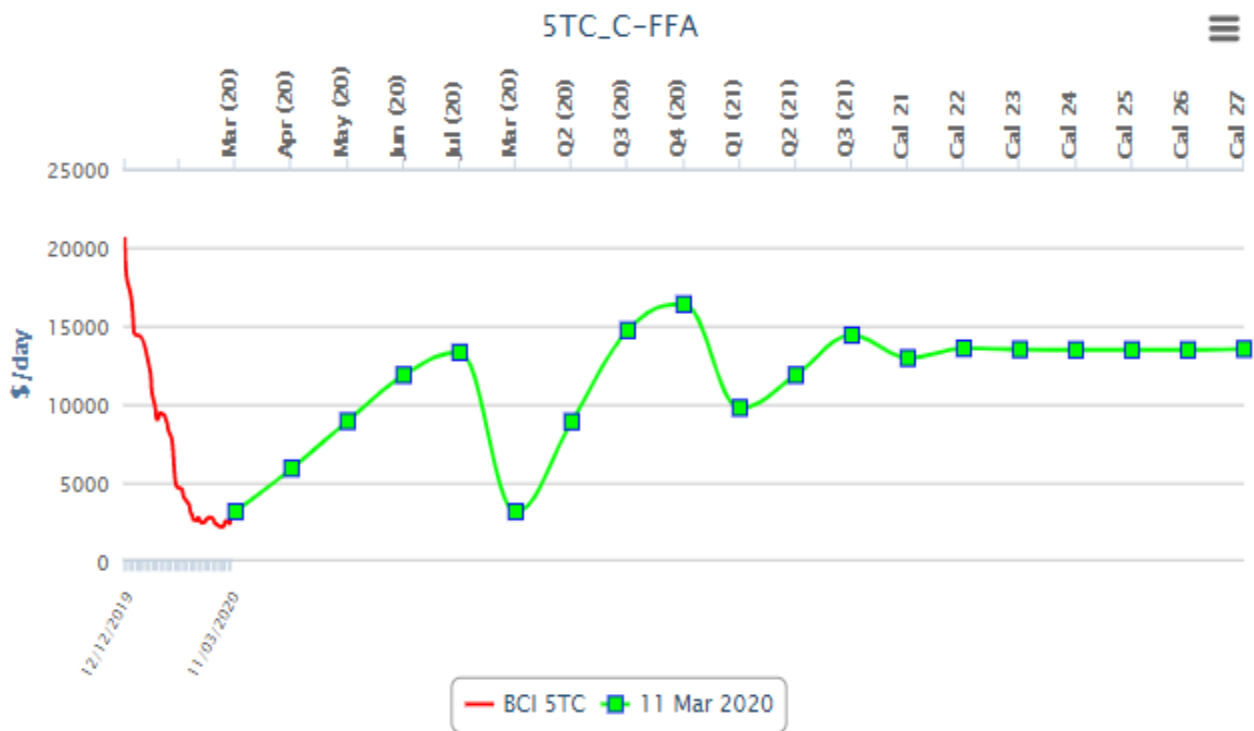
Route and Vessel Size	Current Week USD/MT	Change from previous week	Remarks
55,000 U.S. Gulf-Japan	\$43.25	Down \$0.50	Handymax \$44.0 mt
55,000 U.S. PNW- Japan	\$23.25	Down \$0.50	Handymax \$24.50 mt
66,000 U.S. Gulf – China	\$42.00	Down \$0.50	North China
PNW to China	\$22.50	Down \$0.50	
25,000 U.S. Gulf- Veracruz, México	\$16.00	Down \$0.25	3,000 MT daily discharge rate
30-36,000+ U.S. Gulf- Veracruz, México	\$13.25	Down \$0.25	Deep draft and 6,000 MT per day discharge rate.
30-38,000 U.S. Gulf- <u>East Coast Colombia</u> From Argentina	\$18.25 \$32.50	Down \$0.75	<u>West Coast Colombia at \$26.50</u> USG to E/C 50,000 mt at \$15.50
43-45,000 U.S. Gulf - Guatemala	\$27.50	Down \$0.75	Acajutla/Quetzal - 8,000 out
26-30,000 U.S. Gulf – Algeria	\$33.50 \$34.00	Down \$0.50	8,000 mt daily discharge 3,000 mt daily discharge
26-30,000 US Gulf-Morocco	\$33.75	Down \$0.50	5,000 discharge rate
55-60,000 U.S. Gulf –Egypt PNW to Egypt	\$25.50 \$25.50	Down \$0.50	60,000 -55,000 mt Romania- Russia- Ukraine \$12.00 -\$11.50 -\$12.00 France \$16.25
60-70,000 U.S. Gulf – Europe – Rotterdam	\$13.75	Down \$0.75	Handymax at +\$1.75 more
Brazil, Santos – China Brazil, Santos – China Northern Coast Brazil	\$31.50 \$30.00 \$34.00	Down \$1.00	54-59,000 Supramax-Panamax 60-66,000 Post Panamax Upriver No. Brazil Plus -55,000 mt Plus \$7.50/mt
56-60,000 Argentina/Rosario- China Deep Draft	\$34.00	Down \$1.00	Upriver with BB Top Off \$38.50

- **The above rate estimates reflect the 20-30-day forward ocean freight markets.**

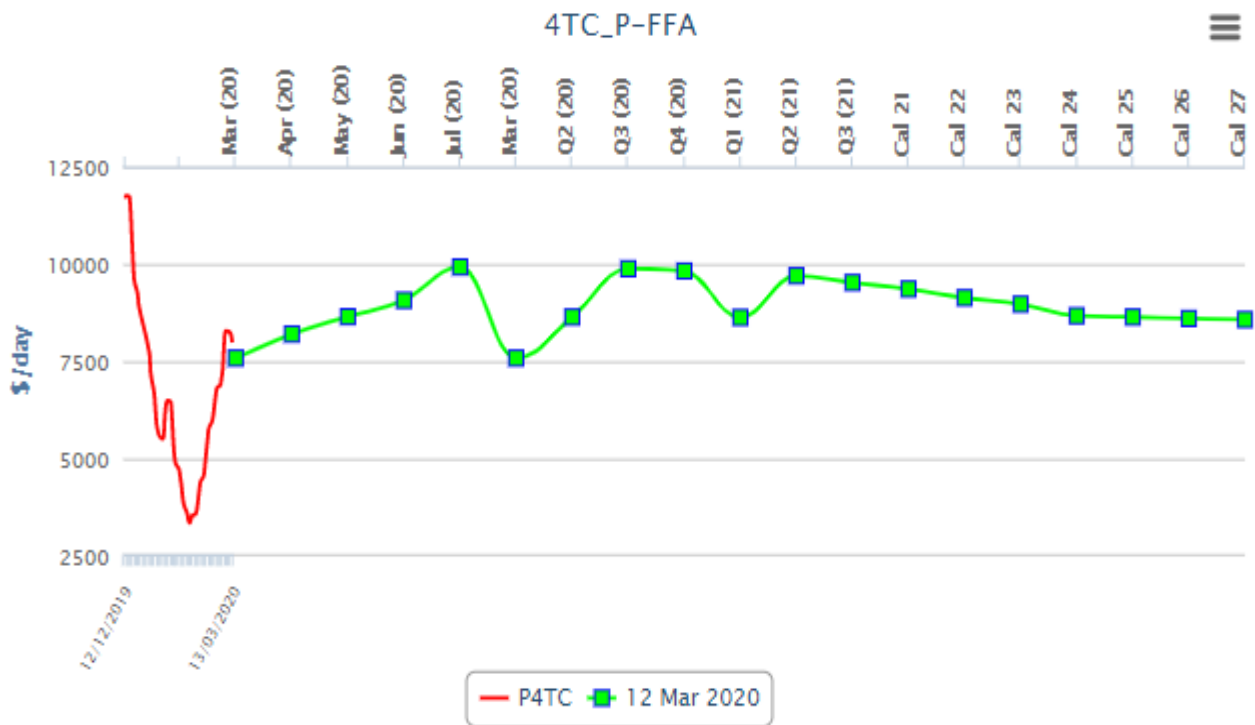
Baltic Dry Bulk Index.



Capesize Forward Curve

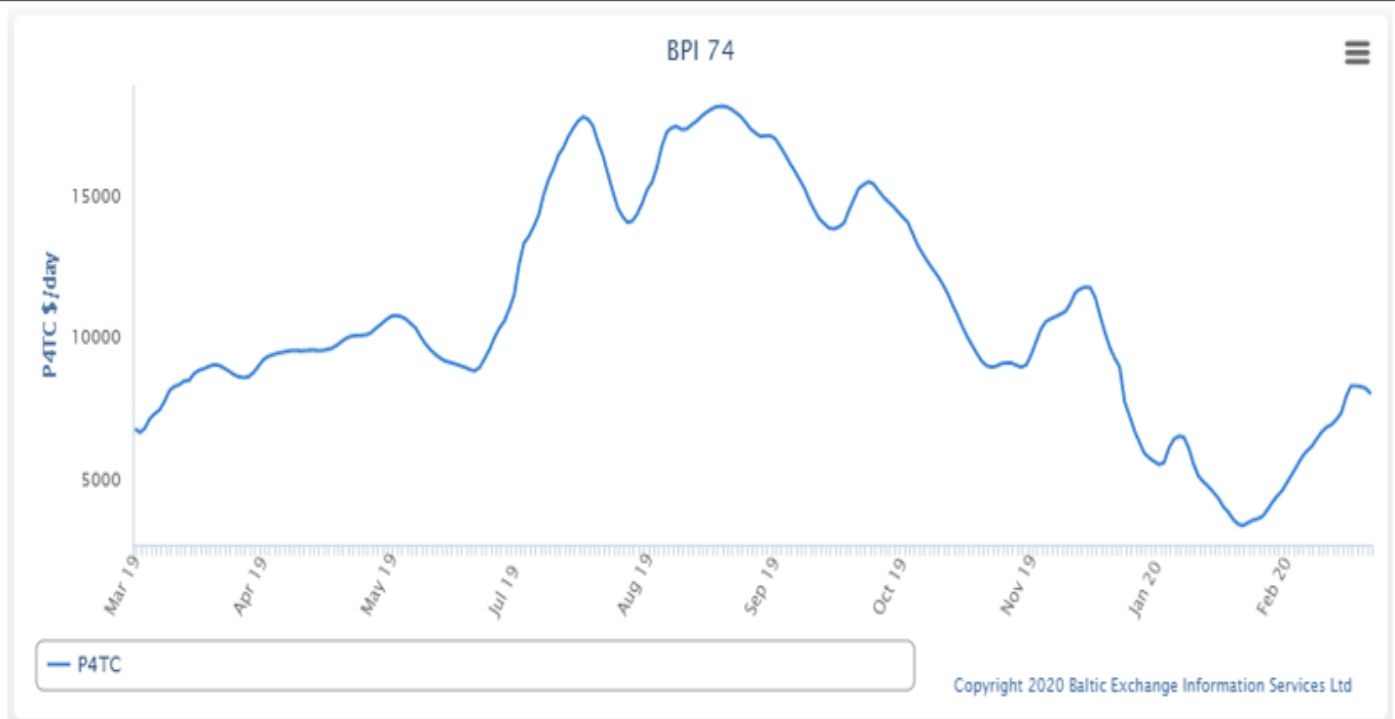


Baltic Panamax Forward Curve Chart



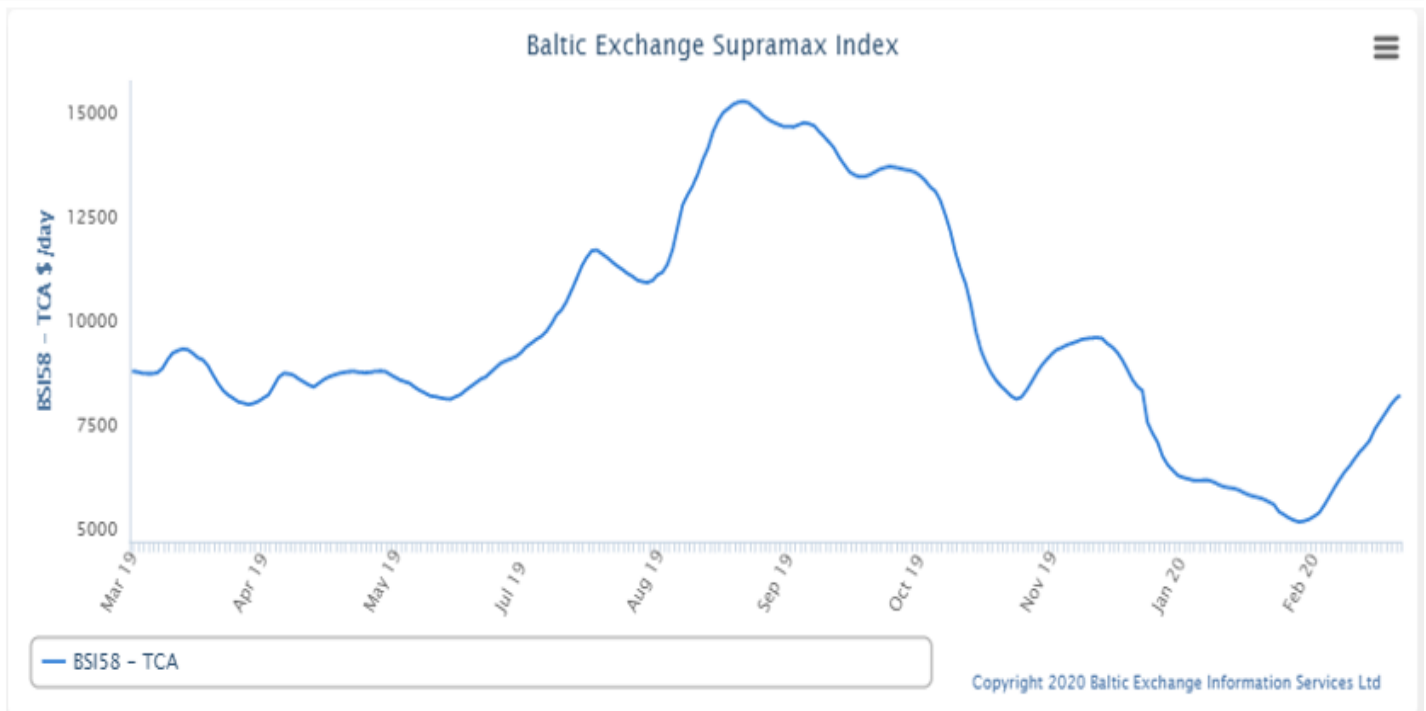
Baltic Panamax Index

Panamax

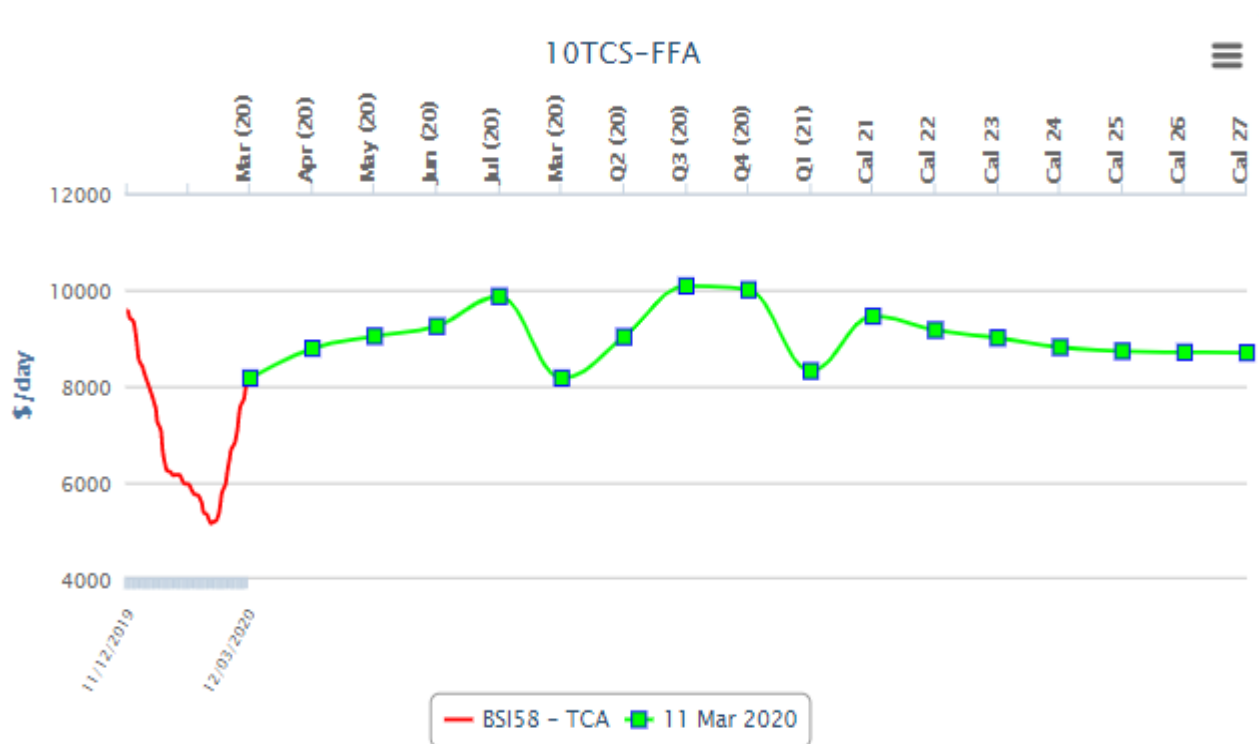


Baltic Supramax Vessel Index

Supramax

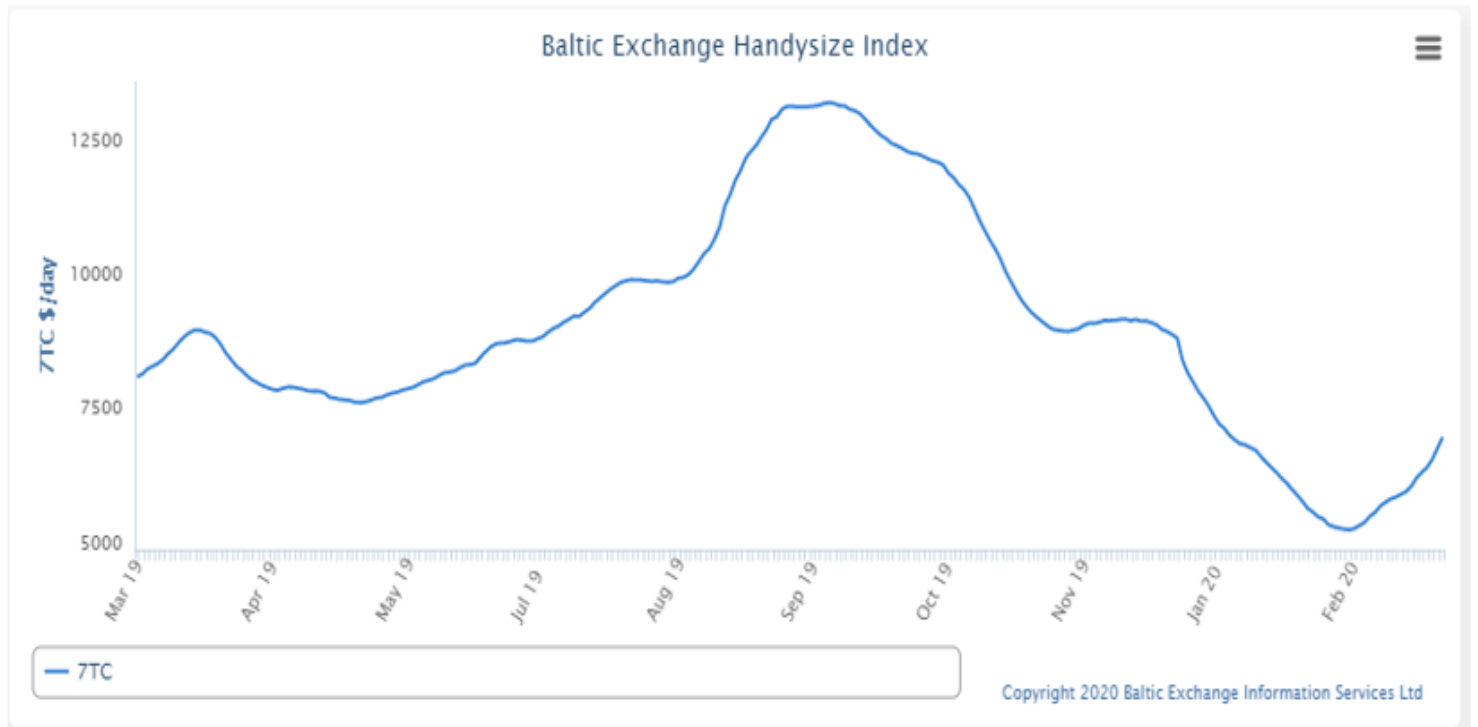


Supramax Dry-Bulk Forward Curve

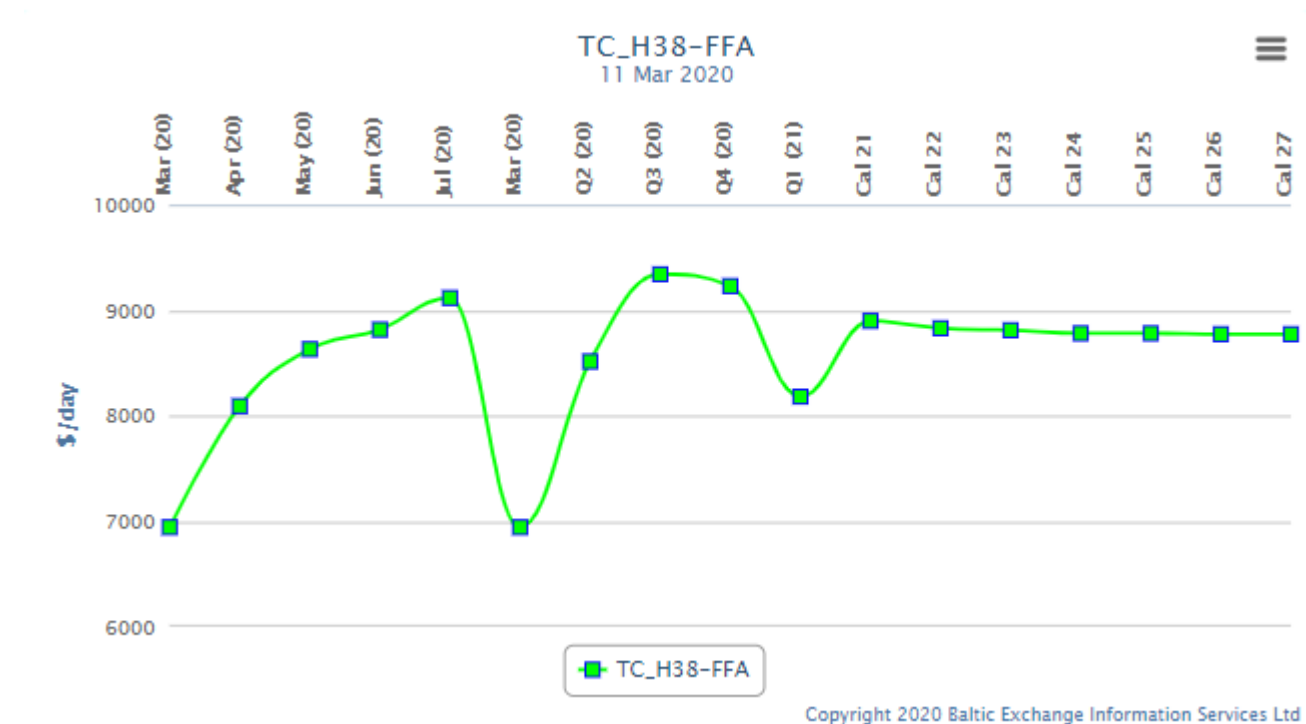


Baltic Handy Size Vessel Index

Handysize



Baltic Handy Size Forward Curve

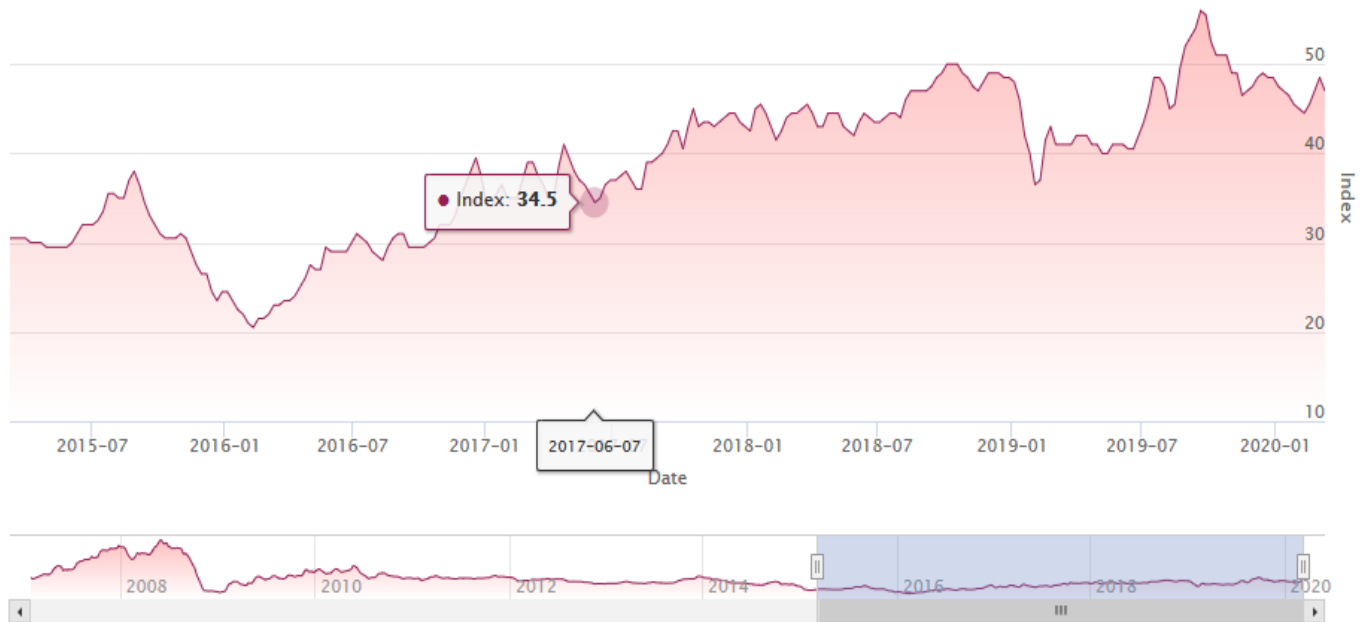


YAMAMIZU Index



Zoom **1m** 3m 6m YTD 1y 3y **5y** All

From 2015-03-11 To 2020-03-11



China Import Dry Bulk Freight Index 2020-03-12

Description	Size MT	Cargo/Vessel Size	Unit	Rate	Change
Composite Index			Point	666.43	-6.23
Iron ore Freight Index			Point	551.8	-10.05
Dampier(West Australia)-Qingdao (China)	170000/10%	Iron ore	\$/ton	4.503	-0.073
Soybean Freight Index			Point	903.92	-5.33
Santos(Brazil)—North China	60000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	29.768	-0.259
Tacoma(West America)—North China	60000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	22.219	-0.1
Mississippi(US Gulf)—North China	66000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	41.686	-0.121
Mississippi(US Gulf)—North China	55000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	43.692	-0.125

12 March 2020 U.S. FOB Vessel Export Market Values:

U.S. Yellow Corn (USD/MT) FOB Vessel				
#2 YC	GULF # 2 YC		PNW # 3 YC	
Max. 14.5% moisture	BASIS	FLAT PRICE	BASIS	FLAT PRICE
April	0.69	\$171.15	0.96	\$181.78
May	0.65	\$169.58	0.97	\$182.17
June	0.62	\$169.58	0.98	\$183.75
July	0.63	\$169.97	1.00	\$184.54
Aug.	0.68	\$171.45	1.03	\$185.23
Sept.	0.68	\$171.45	1.05	\$186.01

The Gulf spread between #2 & #3 YC is currently about .03 cents per bushel (1.18/mt)

SORGHUM (USD/MT) FOB VESSEL				
#2 YGS Fob Vessel	NOLA		TEXAS	
Max. 14.0% moisture	BASIS	FLAT PRICE	BASIS	FLAT PRICE
April	1.40	\$199.10	1.25	\$193.20
May	1.40	\$199.10	1.25	\$193.20
June	1.40	\$200.28	1.25	\$194.38
July	1.40	\$200.28	1.25	\$194.38
Aug.	1.40	\$199.79	1.25	\$193.89

Fob vessel Texas Gulf #2 Sorghum is about 110% the value of #2 Yellow Corn at NOLA. But trading at a 85% - 89% of corn to farmers in Western Kansas.

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

SRW Wheat	USD/MT	Fob Vessel	US Gulf	
	April	May	June	July
FOB U.S. GULF	\$227.99	\$226.89	\$221.10	\$219.27
Basis	1.15	1.12	0.95	0.90
WK	5.0550			.
WN	5.0675			
WU	5.1350			

12-Mar-2020	Close	This Week	Last Week.	Last Week.	Last Week	
CME Corn Futures	Bushel	MT.	Bushel	Bu. Diff.	MT	MT Diff.
May	\$ 3.6575	\$ 143.99	\$ 3.8175	(0.1600)	\$ 150.29	\$ (6.30)
July	\$ 3.6875	\$ 145.17	\$ 3.8275	(0.1400)	\$ 150.68	\$ (5.51)
Sept.	\$ 3.6750	\$ 144.68	\$ 3.8000	(0.1250)	\$ 149.60	\$ (4.92)
Dec.	\$ 3.7175	\$ 146.35	\$ 3.8375	(0.1200)	\$ 151.07	\$ (4.72)
Mar..	\$ 3.8175	\$ 150.29	\$ 3.9350	(0.1175)	\$ 154.91	\$ (4.63)
May	\$ 3.8650	\$ 152.16	\$ 3.9850	(0.1200)	\$ 156.88	\$ (4.72)

CBOT May. 2020 (CK20) CORN Futures Chart —



CME/CBOT May 2020 (WK20) SRW Wheat Futures Chart –



U.S. Soybean and SBM Markets Fob Vessel:

U.S. Yellow Soybeans (USD/MT) FOB Vessel				
# 2 YSB	U.S. Gulf #2 YSB		PNW #2 YSB	
14.0 % Moisture	Basis	Flat Price	Basis	Flat Price
April	0.64	\$339.32	1.02	\$353.29
May	0.66	\$340.06	1.02	\$353.29
June	0.62	\$340.89	1.00	\$354.85
July	0.66	\$342.36	1.02	\$355.58
Aug.	0.63	\$342.17	1.00	\$355.77
Soybean Futures				
May	\$ 8.5950			
July	\$ 8.6575			
Aug.	\$ 8.6825			
Sept.	\$ 8.6900			
Nov.	\$ 8.7300			
Jan.	\$ 8.7575			

U.S. SBM (USD/MT) FOB Vessel		
Fob U.S. Gulf Port	47.5 Pro. SBM	
max 12.5 % moisture	Basis	Flat Price
April	19.00	\$ 354.78
May	16.00	\$ 351.48
June	15.00	\$ 351.92
July	15.00	\$ 351.92
Aug.	15.00	\$ 351.92
SBM Futures		
SMK	302.80	
SMN	304.20	
SMQ	304.20	
SMU	304.50	
SMV	304.70	
SMZ	308.10	

CME May 2020 Soybean (SK20) Futures Chart:



CME May 2020 Soybean Meal (SMK20) Futures Chart



U.S. EXPORT STATISTICS: Report Activity as of Week Ending 27 February 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 '20- 21 (000 MT)
Corn	881.5	26,642.1	43,820	61%	1,473.6
Sorghum	71.9	1,738.8	3,050	57%	33.0
Soybeans	358.1	34,065.3	49,670	69%	343.5
Wheat	558.5	23,179.3	27,220	85%	427.1
Barley	0.0	49.1	110	45%	31.0

U.S. EXPORT INSPECTIONS:

Monday's report 09 March 2020 for the Export week ending 05 March 2020

	Export Inspections		Current Market Year YTD	Previous Year to Date	2019/20 YTD as Percent of 2018/19 YTD
	This Week	Previous Week			
Corn	829,865	896,221	14,947,795	26,611,680	56%
Sorghum	58,711	73,207	1,460,388	949,182	154%
Soybeans	572,416	672,174	30,130,673	26,858,270	112%
Wheat	415,548	656,160	19,228,487	17,625,944	109%
Barley	0	699	29,131	6,974	418%

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

U.S. EXPORT INSPECTIONS:

Monday's report 09 March 2020 for the Export week ending 05 March 2020

Last Week							
(Metric Tons)	YC	%	WC	%	Sorghum	%	Soybeans %
Lakes	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0 0%
Atlantic	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	22,042 4%
Gulf	527,513	66%	31,600	95%	55,500	95%	276,617 48%
PNW	124,563	16%	0	0%	0	0%	139,721 24%
Interior Export Rail	144,592	18%	1,597	5%	3,211	5%	134,036 23%
Metric Tons	796,668		33,197		58,711		572,416

Sorghum Shipments:	metric tons	
	10,000	Djibouti
	45,500	Ethiopia
	3,211	Mexico
	58,711	Total

White Corn	metric tons	
Shipments:	33,197	Mexico
	33,197	Total

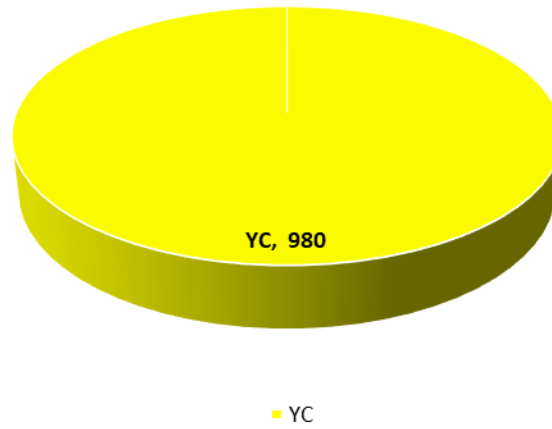
Export Inspection Highlights

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).*

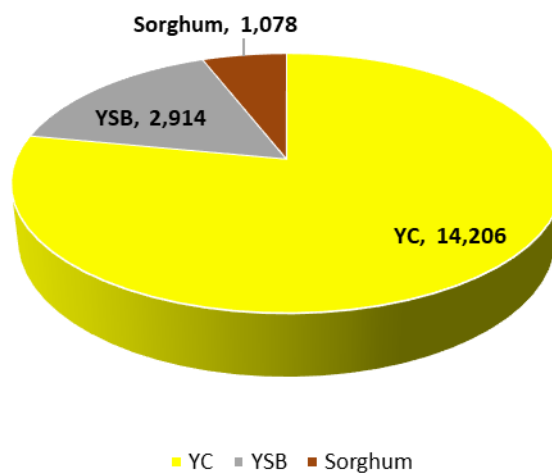
CONTAINER SHIPMENTS of GRAIN									
USDA Grain Inspections Report:		5-Mar-2020							
Last Week	metric tons								MT
	YC	WC	YSB	SRW	NS	SWH	HRW	Sorghum	TOTAL
China Main									0
China T	14,983		13,275						28,258
Hong Kong	1,346								1,346
Costa Rica									0
Indonesia			15,180						15,180
French Poly									0
Japan	612		2,151						2,763
Korea Republic	881		490	367					1,738
Nepal			4,359						4,359
Malaysia	857		6,416						7,273
Cambodia			318						318
Philippines			1,861						1,861
Thailand			16,527						16,527
Panama									0
Jordan									0
Bangladesh									0
Burma					367				367
Vietnam			8,152						8,152
Sub total	18,679	0	68,729	367	367	0	0	0	79,623
USDA Corrections/Additions to previous reports:									
China T									0
China Main									0
Hong Kong									0
Korea Rep.									0
Singapore									0
Japan									0
Philippines									0
Indonesia									0
Malaysia									0
Thailand			245						245
Vietnam									0
Saudi Arabia									0
Nigeria									0
Sub total	0	0	245	0	0	0	0	0	245
Mt. Grand Total	18,679	0	68,974	367	367	0	0	0	79,868
Number of containers	812	0	2,999	16	16	0	0	0	

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

2020 YTD Container Shipments to China Main



2019 Container Shipments to China Main



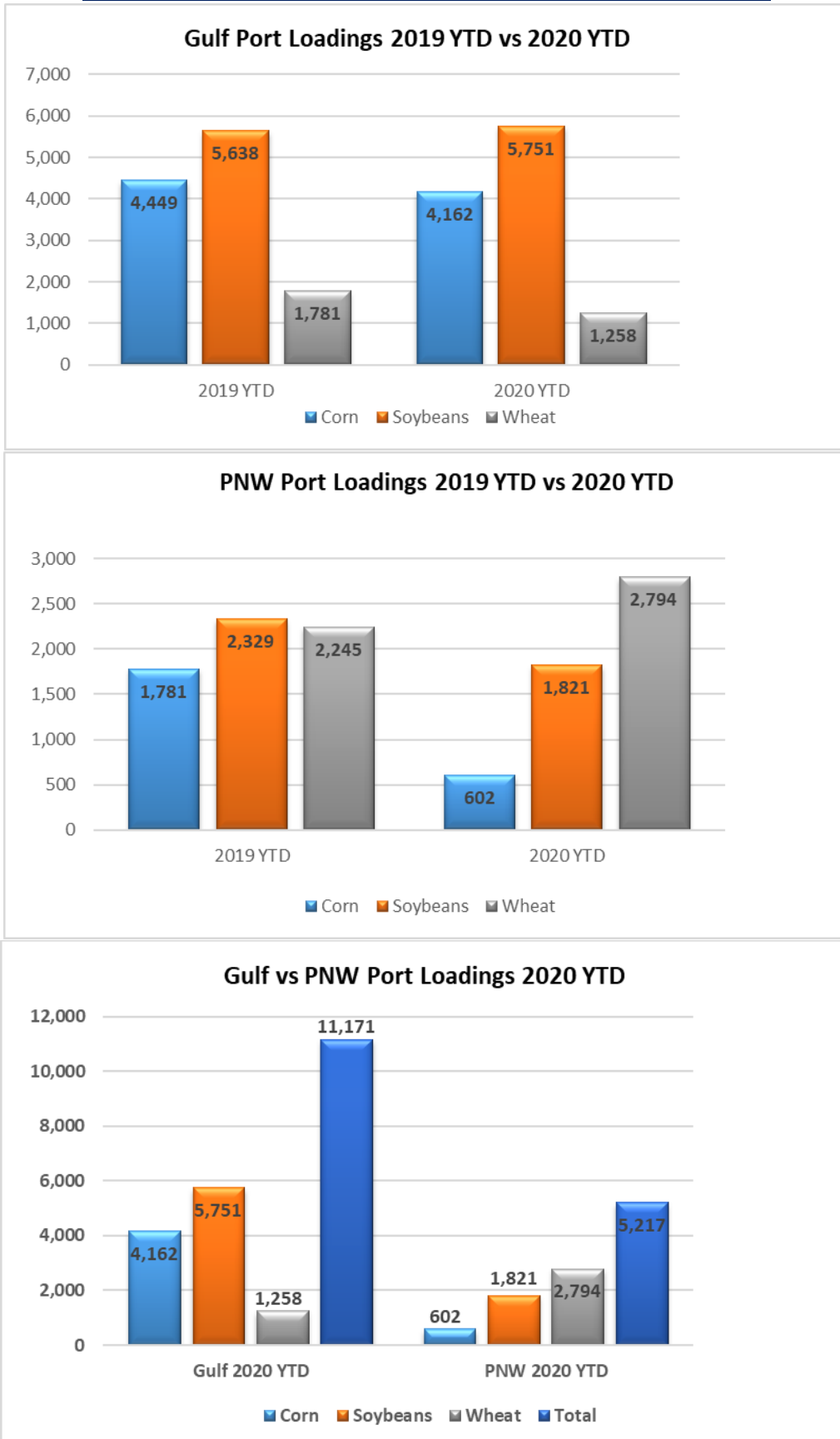
Grain Inspections for Export by U.S. Port Regions:
U.S. Gulf and Pacific Northwest 2019 YTD vs. 2020 YTD

PORT LOADINGS US Gulf				
(1,000 MT)	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	TOTAL
GULF				
2019 YTD	4,449	5,638	1,781	11,868
2020 YTD	4,162	5,751	1,258	11,171
2020 as % of 2019	94%	102%	71%	94%

PORT LOADINGS US PNW				
(1,000 MT)	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	TOTAL
PNW				
2019 YTD	1,781	2,329	2,245	6,355
2020 YTD	602	1,821	2,794	5,217
2020 as % of 2019	34%	78%	124%	82%

PORT LOADINGS GULF vs. PNW				
(1,000 MT)	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	TOTAL
2020 Gulf YTD	4,162	5,751	1,258	11,171
2020 PNW YTD	602	1,821	2,794	5,217
TOTAL	4,764	7,572	4,052	16,388
Gulf Percentage	87%	76%	31%	68%
PNW Percentage	13%	24%	69%	32%

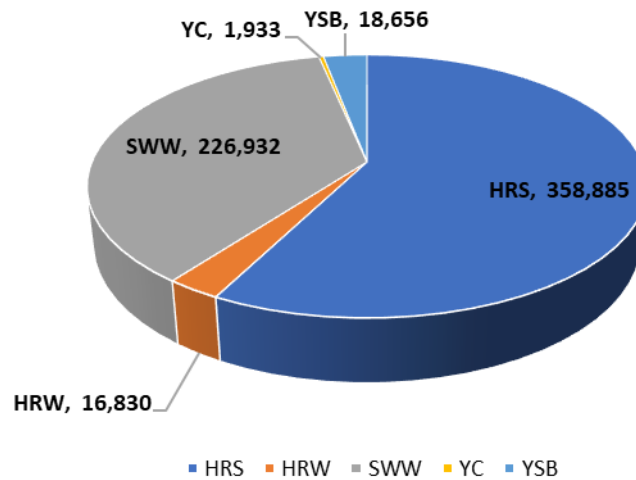
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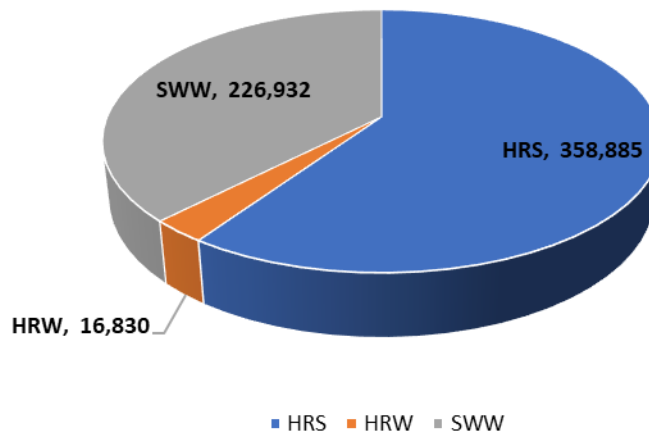
Source: USDA-data

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

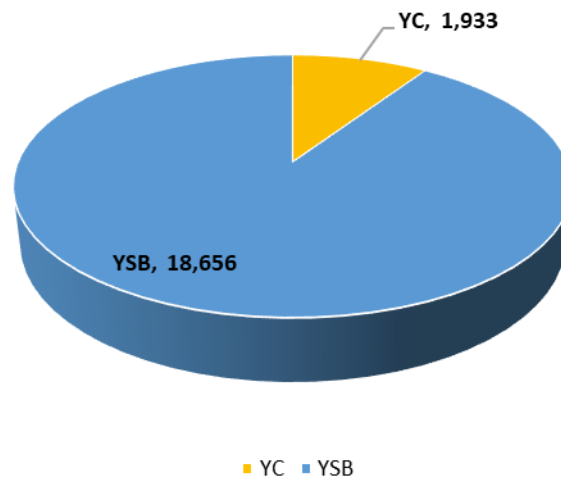
2020 YTD Exports to Philippines



2020 YTD Exports to Philippines by Vessel

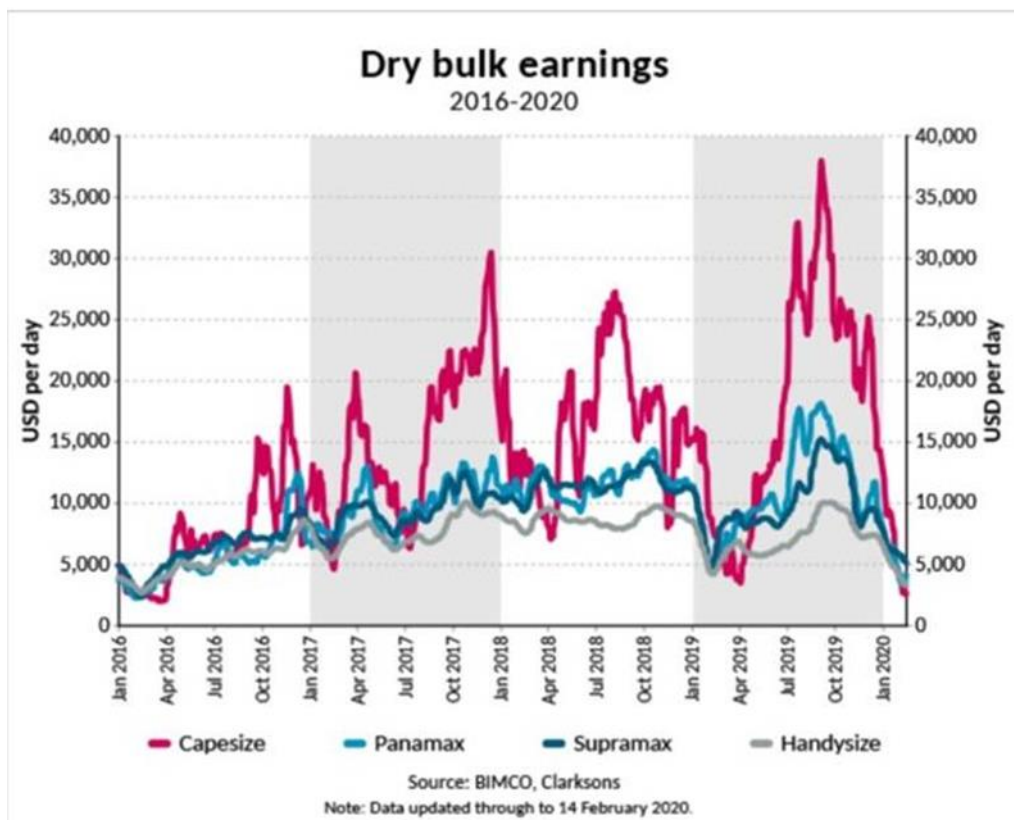
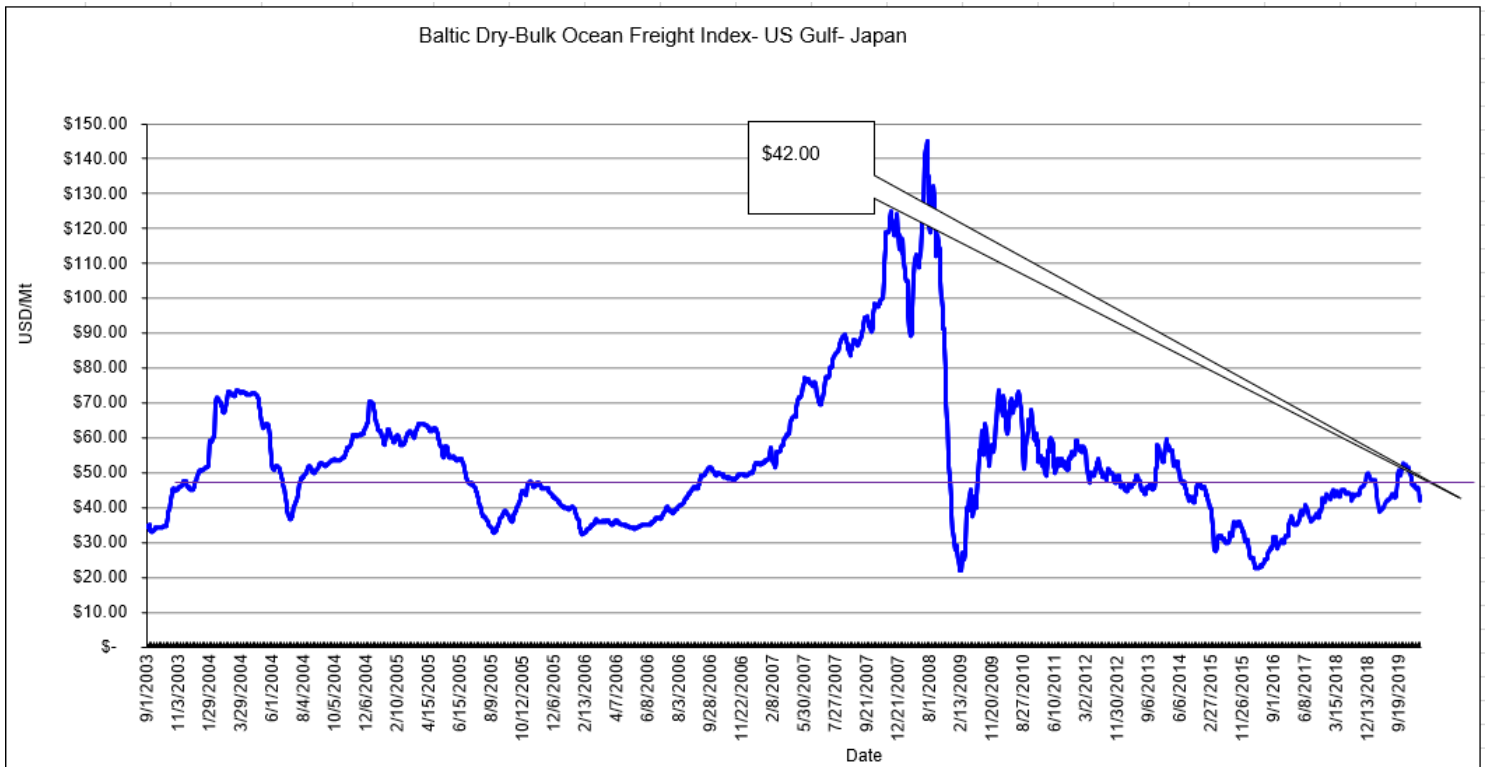


2020 YTD Exports to Philippines by Container



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

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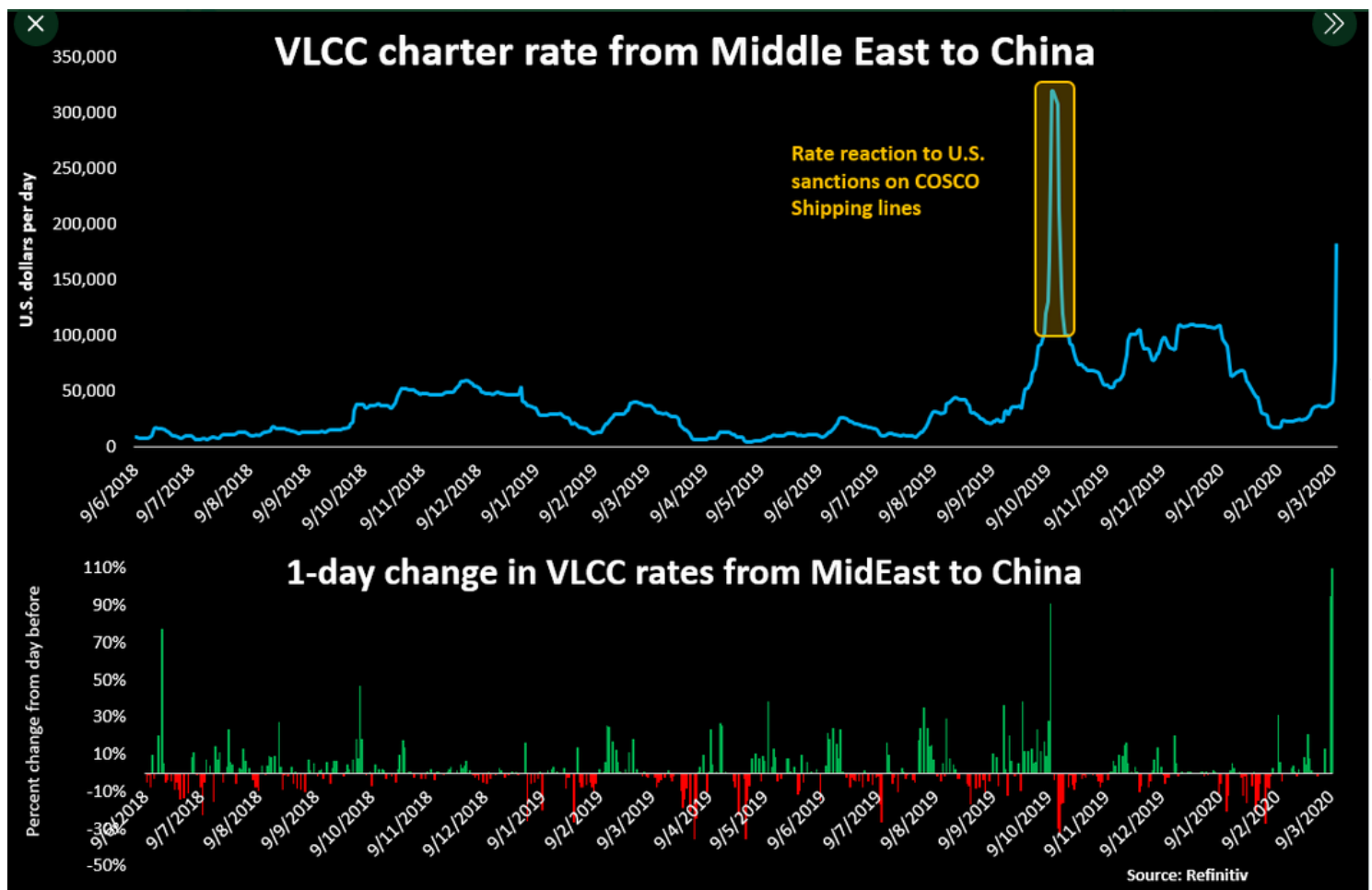


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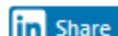
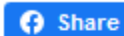
Crude Oil Tankers



COVID-19 Impact on Container Freight 'Subsiding Rapidly'

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The container freight market may already be past the worst of the impact of the COVID-19 virus outbreak on demand for boxships, according to marine analysis firm **Sea-Intelligence**.

"The weekly measurement of carriers' blank sailings out of China show that the coronavirus impact is now subsiding rapidly," the company said in an emailed research note Tuesday.

"The bulk of the blank sailings were announced during weeks 7 and 8.

"Weeks 9 and 10 have seen a clear tapering off in terms of new blank sailings, and the level of new announcements of blank sailings is back to the normal level.

"This means that carriers are seeing demand ramping back up to normal levels over the next few weeks."

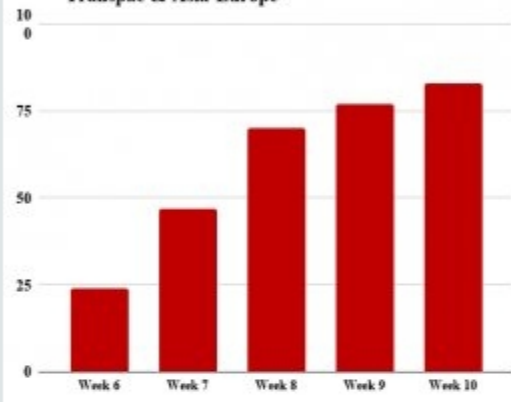
Week 10 of 2020 was the week that ended on March 8.

On Monday the **International Energy Agency** said it expected oil demand to return to "close to normal" in the second half of this year.

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Fig. 1: No. COVID-19 Blank Sailings announced, Transpac & Asia-Europe

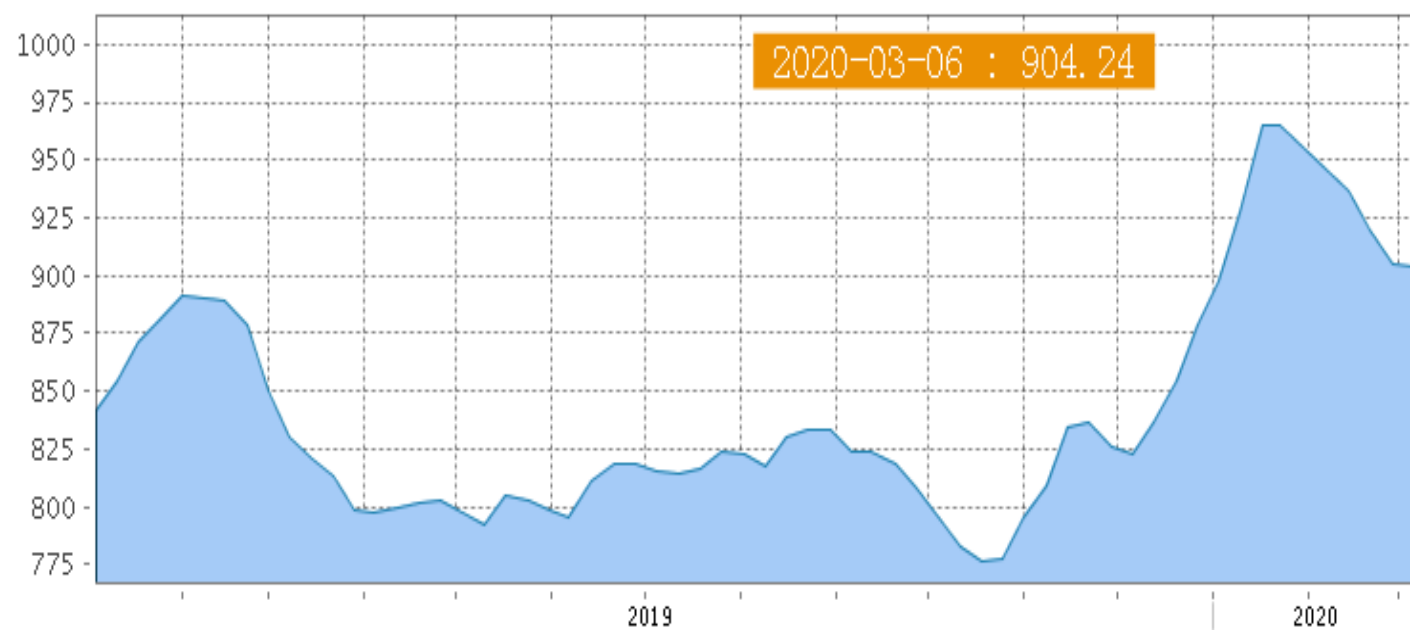


The growth in blank sailings because of the virus outbreak is slowing significantly. Image Credit: Sea-Intelligence

China Import Dry Bulk Freight Index



China Containerized Freight Index



U.S. RIVER BARGE FREIGHT
Current Barge Freight for Placement First Half April 2020

Placement FH April 2020	% of		Corn	Soybeans-Wheat
	Tariff	MT	BU	BU
Upper Mississippi	350	\$23.88	0.61	0.65
Illinois River (Pekin and South)	290	\$15.38	0.39	0.42
Mid-Mississippi	310	\$18.18	0.46	0.49
Lower Ohio	215	\$10.57	0.27	0.29
St. Louis	205	\$ 9.02	0.23	0.25

Secondary Rail Car Market for car placement period: First Half April 2020.

Secondary Rail Car Market Placement FH. April 2020	BID USD	ASK USD	BID BU.	ASK BU.	BID MT	ASK MT
BNSF Shuttle Trains	\$ (225.00)	\$ (125.00)	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (2.21)	\$ (1.23)
UPRR Shuttle Trains	\$ (150.00)	\$ (50.00)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (1.48)	\$ (0.49)

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