Transportation and Export Report for 16 July 2020

It was another mixed result week in freight markets. Dry-bulk freight markets were generally higher but not in all oceans and sectors. The Capesize market came off its highs and is now looking for new support. A logistical imbalance created a tightness in vessel supply in the North Atlantic Panamax and Supramax markets. This in turn helped to support Grain freight rates in the U.S. Gulf. But things will of course adjust/rebalance with time. Other physical markets were not a well-supported.

The Q3 market for Capesize vessels is now trading at close to \$18,000/day, Panamax vessels at \$11,400/day and Supramax vessels at \$10,400/day. These are all lower than three weeks ago but owners are hold out and hoping for a comeback.

BALTIC DRY-BULK PANAMAX INDEX CHANGES

Panamax Ocean Freight Indices								
16-Jul-2020	This	Last		Percent				
	Week	Week	Difference	Change				
P2A : Gulf/Atlantic - Japan	24950	23932	1,018	4.3%				
P3A - PNW/Pacific - Japan	11801	11860	-59	-0.5%				
S1C -USGULF-China-So.Japan	23950	21826	2,124	9.7%				
P7- Trial- Miss. River - Qingdao	43900	43650	250	0.6%				
P8- Trial- Santos - Qingdao	31050	31807	-757	-2.4%				

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

Four weeks ago: \$6.40-\$8.00 Three weeks ago: \$8.05-\$9.75 Two weeks ago: \$10.00-\$11.00

One week ago: \$9.25-\$10.50 This week \$8.00-\$8.90

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

Mississippi River: (10 elevators) 3-10 days (2 facilities not currently operating)

Miss. River Mid-Stream loaders: (6+ Rigs) 0-3 days
Texas Gulf (5 elevators) 1-12 days
Pacific Northwest: (9 elevators) 1-8 days

Panamax Market Spreads to Asia -China							
16-Jul-2020	PNW	GULF	Bushel Spread	MT Spread	Advantage		
CORN	0.95	0.88	0.07	\$2.76	PNW		
SOYBEANS	1.26	0.94	0.32	\$12.60	PNW		
OCEAN FREIGHT	\$21.00	\$41.50	.5256	\$20.50	August		

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 \$20.00/mt.

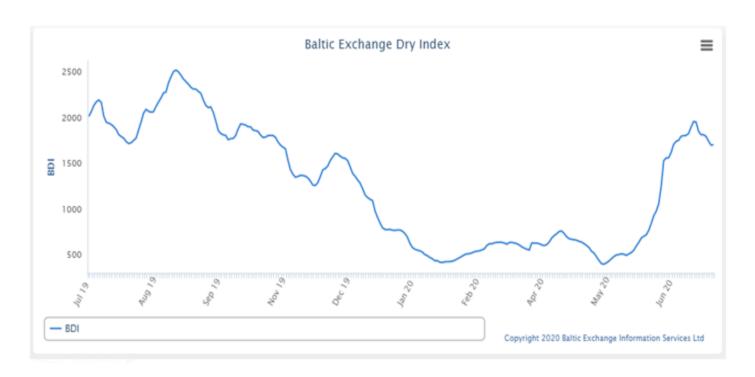
Soybean Brazil to Spain about \$23.00-23.5Dry0/mt.

30,000 mt Corn Northern Brazil to Vera Cruz, Mexico \$18.50-\$19.00/mt .To U.S. E/C about \$20.50-21.50/mt

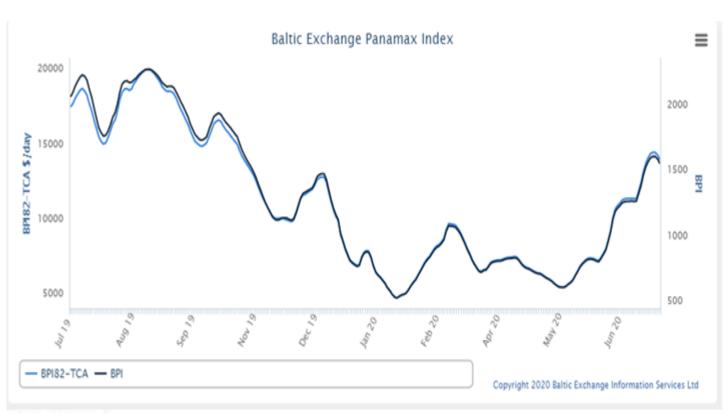
Route and Vessel Size	Current Week USD/MT	Change from previous week	Remarks
55,000 U.S. Gulf-Japan	\$42.50	Up \$0.50	Handymax \$43.00 mt
55,000 U.S. PNW- Japan	\$21.50	Up \$0.50	Handymax \$22.00 mt
66,000 U.S. Gulf – China	\$41.50	Up \$0.50	North China
PNW to China	\$21.00	Up \$0.50	North China
25,000 U.S. Gulf- Veracruz, México	\$16.75	Up \$0.25	3,000 MT daily discharge rate
30-36,000+ U.S. Gulf- Veracruz, México	\$14.00	Up \$0.25	Deep draft and 6,000 MT per day discharge rate.
30-38,000 U.S. Gulf- Colombia	\$18.75		West Coast Colombia at \$29.00
East Coast Colombia From Argentina	<u>\$28.50</u> \$32.50	Unchanged	USG to E/C 50,000 mt at \$16.00
43-45,000 U.S. Gulf - Guatemala	\$26.50	Unchanged	Acajutla/Quetzal - 8,000 out
26-30,000 U.S. Gulf – Algeria	\$38.50 \$39.25	Unchanged	8,000 mt daily discharge 3,000 mt daily discharge
26-30,000 US Gulf-Morocco	\$38.50	Unchanged	5,000 discharge rate
55-60,000 U.S. Gulf –Egypt	\$27.00		60,000 -55,000 mt
PNW to Egypt	\$27.25	Unchanged	Romania- Russia- Ukraine \$14.50-\$14.85 -\$14.75 France \$18.00
60-70,000 U.S. Gulf – Europe – Rotterdam	\$19.50	Up \$ \$1.50	Handymax at +\$1.75 more
Brazil, Santos – China	\$32.00		54-59,000 Supramax-Panamax
Brazil, Santos – China	\$31.50		60-66,000 Post Panamax
Northern Coast Brazil	\$35.00	Up \$0.50	Upriver No. Brazil Plus -55,000 mt Plus \$7.50/mt
56-60,000 Argentina/Rosario- China Deep Draft	\$36.00	Up \$0.50	Upriver with BB Top Off \$39.75

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

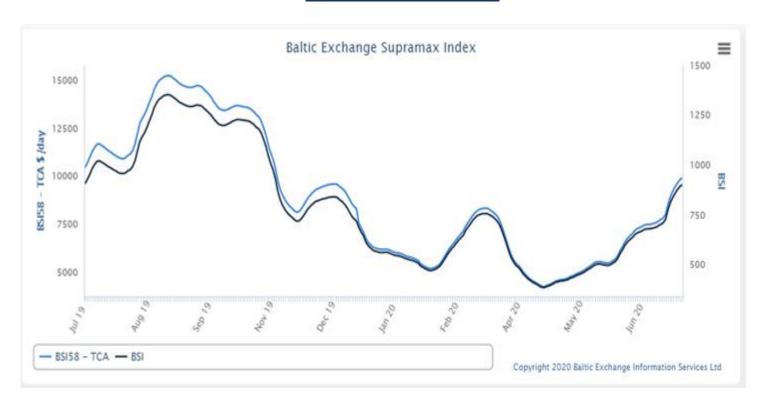
Baltic Dry Bulk Index.



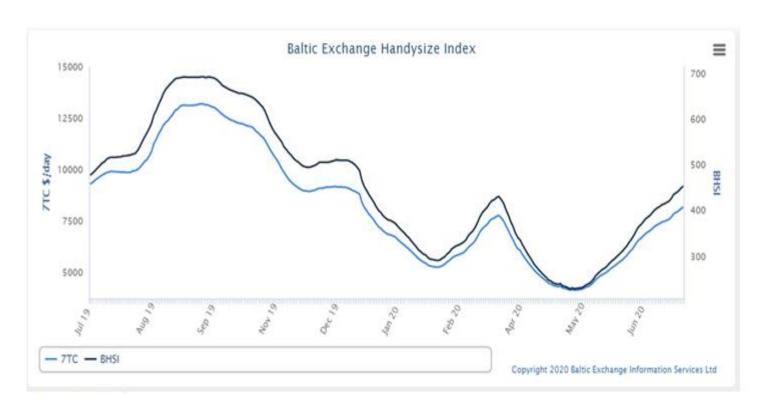
Baltic Panamax Index



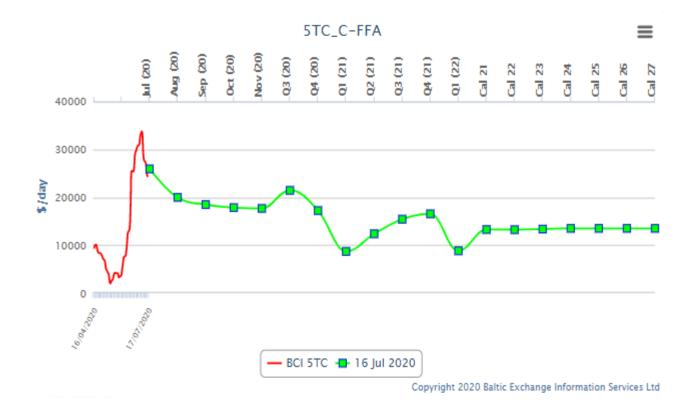
Baltic Supramax Vessel Index



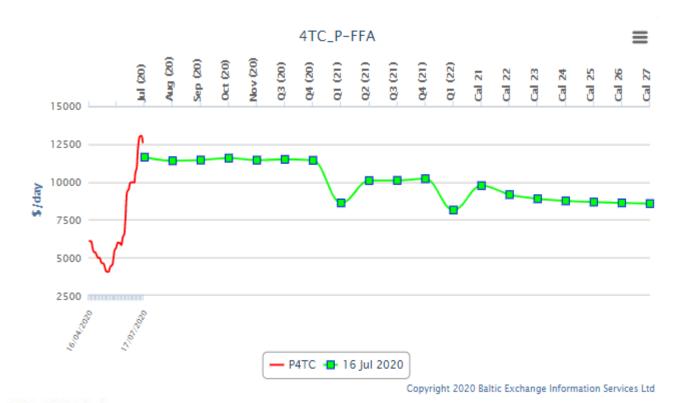
Baltic Handy Size Vessel Index



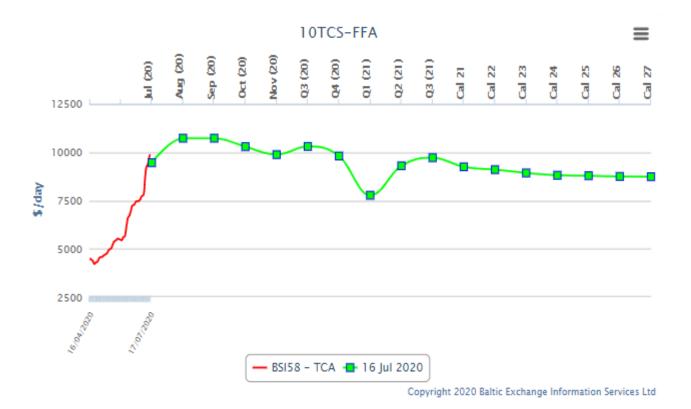
Capesize Forward Curve



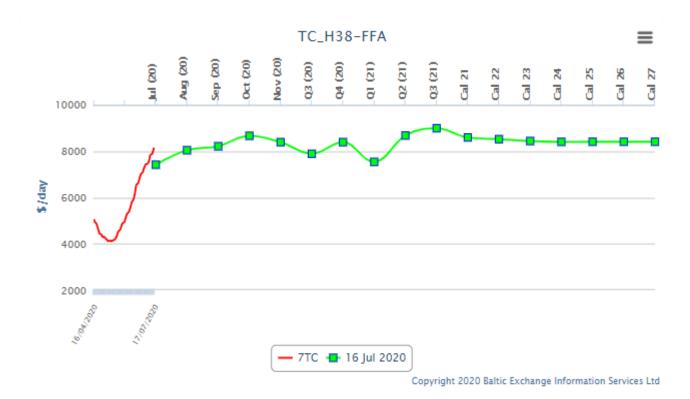
Baltic Panamax Forward Curve Chart



Supramax Dry-Bulk Forward Curve



Baltic Handy Size Forward Curve



YAMAMIZU Index



China Import Dry Bulk Freight Index 2020-07-16								
Description	Size MT	Cargo/Vessel Size	Unit	Rate	Change			
Composite Index			Point	850.56	-10.18			
Iron ore Freight Index			Point	887.98	-16.28			
Dampier(West Australia)-Qingdao (China)	170000/10%	Iron ore	\$/ton	7.765	-0.198			
Soybean Freight Index			Point	911.31	-6.77			
Santos(Brazil)—North China	60000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	30.879	-0.321			
Tacoma(West America)—North China	60000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	20.964	-0.071			
Mississippi(US Gulf)—North China	66000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	41.5	-0.242			
Mississippi(US Gulf)—North China	55000/10%	Soybean	\$/ton	43.11	-0.12			

16 July 2020 U.S. FOB Vessel Export Market Values:

U.S. Yellow Corn (USD/MT) FOB Vessel									
#2 YC	GUL	F # 2 YC	PNW #3 YC						
Max. 14.5% moisture	BASIS	FLAT PRICE	BASIS	FLAT PRICE					
Aug.	0.88	\$164.66	0.95	\$167.41					
Sept.	0.90	\$165.44	0.98	\$168.59					
Oct.	0.85	\$166.33	0.95	\$170.27					
Nov.	0.87	\$167.12	0.97	\$171.05					
Dec.	0.88	\$167.51	1.00	\$172.23					
Jan.	0.82	\$169.18	0.93	\$173.51					

The Gulf spread between #2 & #3 YC is currently about .03 cents per bushel (1.18/mt) at USG but is out to .10/bushel in the PNW.

SORGHUM (USD/MT) FOB VESSEL								
#2 YGS Fob Vessel	N	OLA	TE	EXAS				
Max. 14.0% moisture	BASIS	FLAT PRICE	BASIS	FLAT PRICE				
Aug.	2.35	\$225.38	2.05	\$213.57				
Sept.	2.35	\$225.38	2.10	\$215.54				
Oct.	2.30	\$223.41	2.10	\$215.54				
Nov.	2.35	\$225.38	2.00	\$211.60				
Dec.	2.40	\$227.35	2.00	\$211.60				

Fob vessel Texas Gulf #2 Sorghum is about 130 % the value of #2 Yellow Corn at NOLA.

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

SRW Wheat	USD/MT	Fob Vessel	US Gulf	
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FOB U.S. GULF	\$224.96	\$225.97	\$227.81	\$227.81
Basis	0.86	0.90	0.95	0.95
WU	5.2625			
WZ	5.2500			
WH	5.3000			

16-Jul-2020	Close	T	his Week	La	st Week.	Last Week.	La	st Week		
CME Corn Futures	Bushel		MT.		Bushel	Bu. Diff.		MT	M	T Diff.
Sept.	\$ 3.3025	\$	130.01	\$	3.4875	(0.1850)	\$	137.30	\$	(7.28)
Dec.	\$ 3.3750	\$	132.87	\$	3.5700	(0.1950)	\$	140.54	\$	(7.68)
Mar	\$ 3.4775	\$	136.90	\$	3.6675	(0.1900)	\$	144.38	\$	(7.48)
May	\$ 3.5425	\$	139.46	\$	3.7225	(0.1800)	\$	146.55	\$	(7.09)
July	\$ 3.5975	\$	141.63	\$	3.7550	(0.1575)	\$	147.83	\$	(6.20)
Sept.	\$ 3.5925	\$	141.43	\$	3.7600	(0.1675)	\$	148.02	\$	(6.59)

CBOT December 2020 (CZ20) CORN Futures Chart -





U.S. Soybean and SBM Markets Fob Vessel:

U.S. Yo	U.S. Yellow Soybeans (USD/MT) FOB Vessel								
# 2 YSB	U.S. Gu	olf #2 YSB	PNW	#2 YSB					
14.0 % Moisture	Basis	Flat Price	Basis	Flat Price					
Aug.	0.94	\$364.59	1.26	\$376.34					
Sept.	0.95	\$364.31	1.29	\$376.80					
Oct.	0.96	\$364.22	1.30	\$376.71					
Nov.	0.98	\$364.95	1.30	\$376.71					
Dec.	0.97	\$366.88	1.27	\$377.91					
Soybean Futures									
Aug.	\$ 8.9825								
Sept.	\$ 8.9650								
Nov.	\$ 8.9525								
Jan.	\$ 9.0150								
May	\$ 9.0700								
July	\$ 9.0300								

U.S. SBM (USD/MT) FOB Vessel							
Fob U.S. Gulf Port	47.5 1	Pro	. SBM				
max 12.5 % moisture	Basis		Flat Price				
Aug.	20.00	\$	347.40				
Sept.	20.00	\$	349.82				
Oct.	19.00	\$	351.59				
Nov.	18.00	\$	352.58				
Dec.	19.00	\$	353.68				
SBM Futures							
SMQ	295.10						
SMU	297.30						
SMV	299.90						
SMZ	301.80						
SMF	305.40						
SMK	306.90						

CME November 2020 Soybean (SX20) Futures Chart:





U.S. EXPORT STATISTICS: Report Activity as of Week Ending 02 July 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) (Wheat and Barley 2021/22)
Corn	369.4	42,508.7	45,090	94%	4,706.3
Sorghum	53.9	4,210.4	5,330	79%	593.0
Soybeans	991.7	45,994.8	44,910	102%	7,318.9
Wheat	337.2	7,560.2	25,860	29%	0.0
Barley	0.0	41.7	110	38%	0.0

U.S. EXPORT INSPECTIONS:

Monday's report 13 July 2020 for the Export week ending 09 July 2020

	Export	Inspections	C AMELA	D	2019/20 YTD as Percent of 2018/19 YTD (Wheat and Barley 2020/21 vs 2019/20)	
	This Week	Previous Week	Current Market Year YTD	Previous Year to Date		
Corn	902,623	1,034,335	35,183,325	43,171,660	81%	
Sorghum	71,265	58,365	4,139,435	1,770,258	234%	
Soybeans	483,331	560,655	37,861,230	38,719,589	98%	
Wheat	624,211	374,296	2,999,460	2,961,060	101%	
Barley	0	0	367	2,007	18%	

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

U.S. EXPORT INSPECTIONS:

Monday's report 13 July 2020 for the Export week ending 09 July 2020

Last Week								
(Metric Tons)	YC	%	WC	%	Sorghum	%	Soybeans	%
Lakes	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Atlantic	0	0%	0	0%	440	1%	2,546	1%
Gulf	505,298	56%	6,002	100%	70,153	98%	436,919	90%
PNW	251,949	28%	0	0%	0	0%	12,065	2%
Interior Export Rail	139,374	16%	0	0%	672	1%	31,801	7%
Metric Tons	896,621		6,002		71,265		483,331	

Sorghum Shipments: metric tons

70,642

China Main 623 Mexico

71,265 Total White Corn metric tons

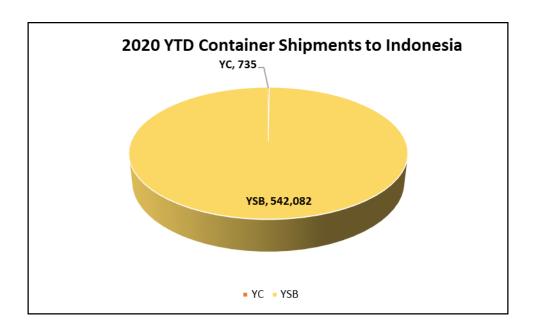
Shipments: 6,002 Japan

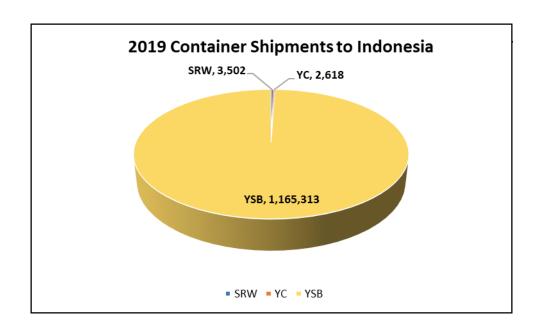
Total 6,002

Export Inspection Highlights

<u>Data sheet below:</u> 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).

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USDA Grain Inspections Report: 9-Jul-2020									
Last Week	metric tor	ns							MT
	YC	WC	YSB	SRW	NS	SWH	HRW	Sorghum	TOTAL
China Main	955							49	1,004
China T	5,214		2,643						7,857
Hong Kong	367								367
Costa Rica									0
Indonesia			18,609						18,609
French Poly									0
Japan			806						806
Korea Rep.	220								220
Nepal									0
Malaysia	416		3,134						3,550
Cambodia									0
Philippines			1,274						1,274
Thailand			2,741						2,741
Morocco									0
Italy									0
Bangladesh									0
Burma									0
Vietnam			2,594						2,594
Sub Total:	7,172	0	31,801	0	0	0	0	49	39,022
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USDA Corrections/Addition	ons to previ	ous report	ts:						
China T	1,368								1,368
China Main								514	514
Hong Kong	122								122
Korea Rep.	122								122
Cambodia									0
Japan			563						563
Philippines			73						73
Indonesia			11,041						11,041
Malaysia									0
Thailand			24						24
Vietnam			734						734
Jordan									0
Nigeria									0
Sub Total:	1,612	0	12,435	0	0	0	0	514	14,561
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Mt. Grand Total	8,784	0	44,236	0	0	0	0	563	53,583
Number of Containers	382	0	1,923	0	0	0	0	24	,





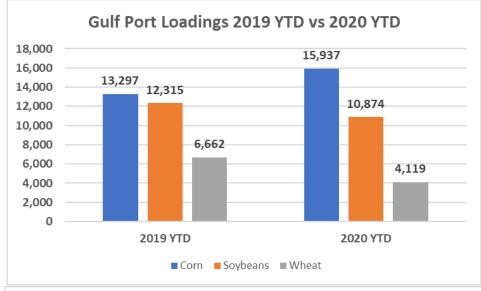
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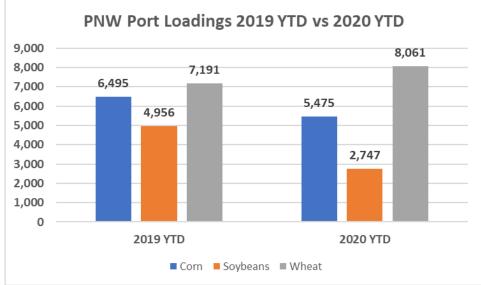
PORT LOADINGS US Gulf				
(1,000 MT)	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	TOTAL
GULF				
2019 YTD	13,297	12,315	6,662	32,274
2020 YTD	15,937	10,874	4,119	30,930
2020 as % of 2019	120%	88%	62%	96%

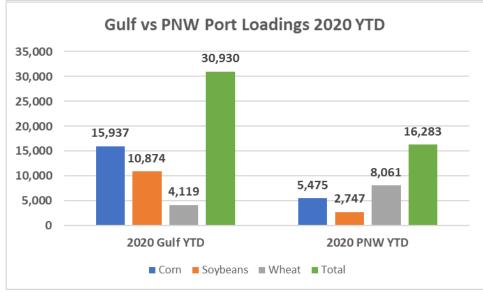
PORT LOADINGS US PNW				
(1,000 MT)	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	TOTAL
PNW				
2019 YTD	6,495	4,956	7,191	18,642
2020 YTD	5,475	2,747	8,061	16,283
2020 as % of 2019	84%	55%	112%	87%

PORT LOADINGS GULF vs.	PNW			
(1,000 MT)	CORN	SOYBEANS	WHEAT	TOTAL
2020 Gulf YTD	15,937	10,874	4,119	30,930
2020 PNW YTD	5,475	2,747	8,061	16,283
TOTAL	21,412	13,621	12,180	47,213
Gulf Percentage	74%	80%	34%	66%
PNW Percentage	26%	20%	66%	34%

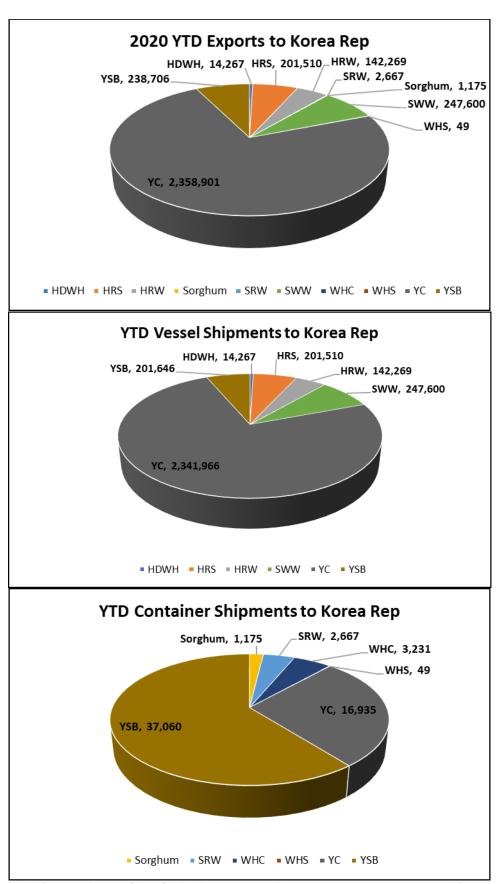
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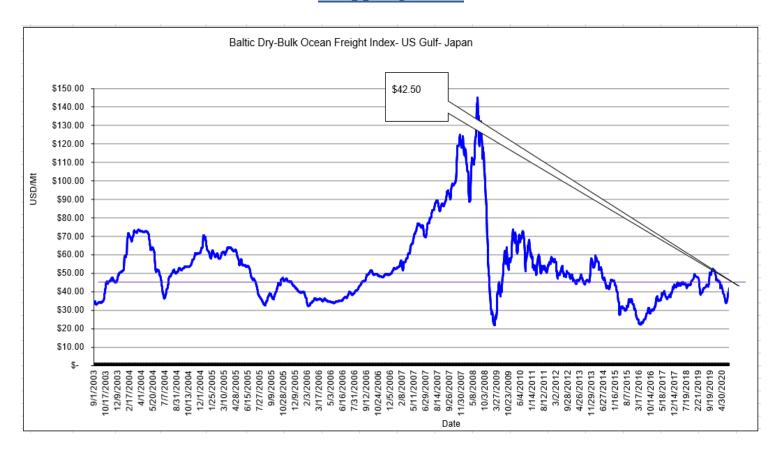




Source: USDA-data



Shipping News





A sea of red for #shipping stocks. Again. \$ASC -7% (...maybe that \$HAFNIA offer wasn't so bad after all?) and a special shout-out to \$SALT, which just hit a fresh 52-week low today.



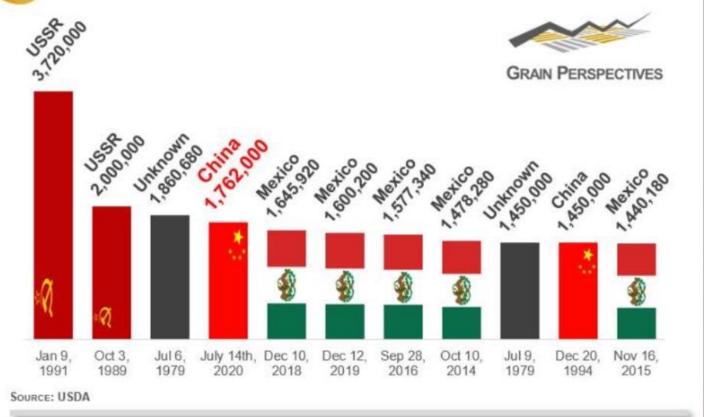
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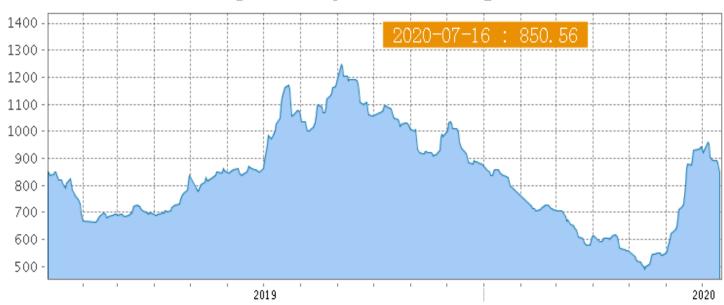
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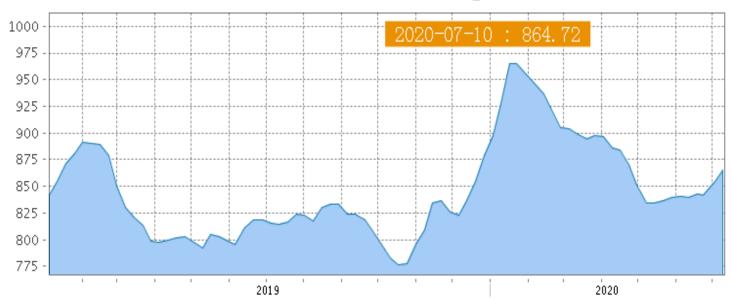




China Import Dry Bulk Freight Index



China Containerized Freight Index



<u>U.S. RIVER BARGE FREIGHT</u> Current Barge Freight for Placement Last Half August 2020

Placement LH August 2020	% of		Corn	Soybeans-Wheat
	Tariff	MT	BU	BU
Upper Mississippi	385	\$26.27	0.67	0.71
Illinois River (Pekin and South)	Closed	\$ -	0.00	0.00
Mid-Mississippi	335	\$19.65	0.50	0.53
Lower Ohio	290	\$14.26	0.36	0.39
St. Louis	260	\$11.44	0.29	0.31

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

Secondary Rail Car Market Placement LH. August 2020	BID USD		ASK USD		BID BU.		ASK BU.		BID MT		ASK MT	
BNSF Shutle Trains	\$	100.00	\$	175.00	\$	0.03	\$	0.04	\$	0.98	\$	1.72
UPRR Shuttle Trains	\$	-	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$	0.05	\$	-	\$	1.97

Best Regards,

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