



MONTHLY PRICE UPDATE

OILSEEDS, OILS AND MEALS

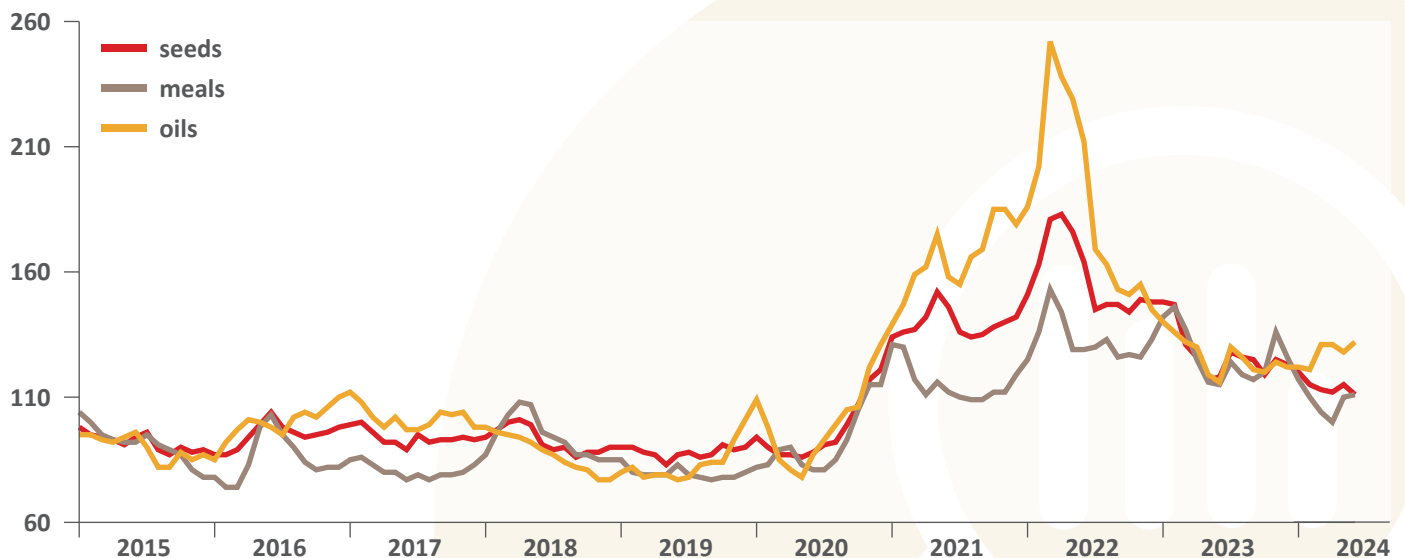
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In June 2024, the FAO price index for oilseeds declined by 4.5 points (3.9 percent) month-on-month and marked the lowest level since November 2020. By contrast, the oilmeal and vegetable oil price indices increased, up, respectively, 1.1 and 4.0 points (1.0 and 3.1 percent) from May. While the indices for oilseeds and oilmeals remained below their year-earlier levels, the vegetable oil index rose to 13.8 percent above its June 2023 reading.

The renewed decline of the oilseed index mainly reflected lower soybean and rapeseed prices, more than offsetting higher sunflower seed

quotations. After a short-lived rebound in May, international soybean prices declined by more than 5 percent in June, mostly underpinned by a favourable production outlook in the United States of America for the 2024/25 season. Moreover, protracted subdued import demand, outweighing the impact of firm uptake from the biofuel sector in the country, also weighed on soybean quotations. In South America, where harvesting operations concluded in June, despite localized production losses, ample supplies from the region also exerted downward pressure on world soybean values. In the meantime, international rapeseed prices contracted

Figure 1. FAO price indices for oilseeds, oils and meals (monthly values, 2014–2016=100)



Source: FAO's own elaboration, based on Oil World data.

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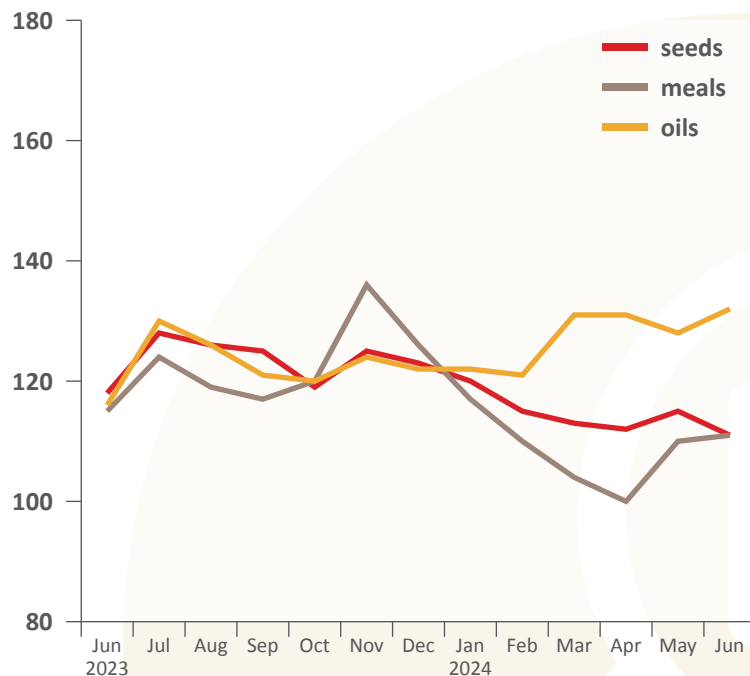
slightly, mainly reflecting largely conducive weather conditions for crop development in Canada. Towards the second half of June, however, rapeseed quotations recovered somewhat on lower crop prospects in the European Union, thus contained further price decline. By contrast, world sunflower seed prices rose for the second consecutive month, primarily underpinned by deteriorating weather conditions in parts of the Russian Federation, where yield potential is threatened by prolonged excessive dryness earlier in the year in the region.

With regard to oilmeals, the marginal increase of the price index was mainly driven by higher soymeal quotations. Albeit weighed by rising output amid ample global soybean supplies, international soymeal prices were supported by recovering global feed demand from the livestock industry. Meanwhile, prospects of tightening global supplies of sunflower meal in the 2024/25 season fuelled world prices of

the product, while rapeseed meal quotations also remained higher than their year-earlier levels.

As for vegetable oils, the moderate increase of the price index was driven by higher quotations across palm, soy and sunflower oils, while rapeseed oil prices remained stable compared to May. After declining for two consecutive months, international palm oil prices rebounded in June, mainly underpinned by a reviving global import demand due to increased price competitiveness. Meanwhile, world soy and sunflower oil prices continued to rise, underpinned, respectively, by firm demand from the biofuel sector in the Americas and declining export availabilities in the Black Sea region. As regards rapeseed oil, international prices stayed practically stable in June, but markedly above their year-earlier levels amid a tightening global supply outlook for the 2024/25 season.

Figure 2. FAO monthly price indices for oilseeds, oils and meals (2014–2016=100)



Source: FAO's own elaboration, based on Oil World data.

| | FAO price indices (2014–2016=100) ^a | | |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|
| | Oilseeds | Oilcakes/meals | Vegetable oils |
| Annual (Oct/Sep) | | | |
| 2012/13 | 131 | 129 | 120 |
| 2013/14 | 120 | 128 | 116 |
| 2014/15 | 95 | 99 | 93 |
| 2015/16 | 93 | 85 | 95 |
| 2016/17 | 95 | 81 | 103 |
| 2017/18 | 94 | 93 | 94 |
| 2018/19 | 88 | 81 | 80 |
| 2019/20 | 90 | 84 | 93 |
| 2020/21 | 133 | 115 | 149 |
| 2021/22 | 156 | 129 | 196 |
| 2022/23 | 134 | 127 | 133 |
| Monthly | | | |
| 2023 - June | 118 | 115 | 116 |
| 2023 - July | 128 | 124 | 130 |
| 2023 - August | 126 | 119 | 126 |
| 2023 - September | 125 | 117 | 121 |
| 2023 - October | 119 | 120 | 120 |
| 2023 - November | 125 | 136 | 124 |
| 2023 - December | 123 | 126 | 122 |
| 2024 - January | 120 | 117 | 122 |
| 2024 - February | 115 | 110 | 121 |
| 2024 - March | 113 | 104 | 131 |
| 2024 - April | 112 | 100 | 131 |
| 2024 - May | 115 | 110 | 128 |
| 2024 - June | 111 | 111 | 132 |
| ^a 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. | | | |
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