

Dear client,

In this market report, we put our focus on the Bulgarian and USA crop progress and the current situation in China.

#### **CROP PROGRESS BULGARIA**

Crop is planted half of April/beginning of May and has grown to a height of about 20 cm. The last two weeks a lot of rain has fallen in Bulgaria, however the forecast is getting better since they expect more sunshine. It is too early for a good crop forecast, so we expect that we have to wait till half of July. At the moment the crop is still too young to talk about harvesting and quality expectations.

We still receive a lot of request for current crop Bulgarian striped sunflowers in-shells, but at the moment there is no stock available of these in-shells, until the new crop arrives. As an alternative we can still offer our Argentine striped in-shells which are located in Romania.

The availability and quality of the Bulgarian sunflower kernels is still very good. Also the confectionary kernels that we offer is still of a very good quality. The prices of the bakery and confectionary kernels are the last two weeks more or less stable.

#### **CROP PROGRESS USA**

Growers made good progress last week. In North Dakota, 29% of the crop is now planted, compared to just 13% last week. And in Minnesota, 38% of the crop is planted, compared to just 11% a week ago. Though, most reports mention that plantings still remains behind the five-year average. If you like to receive an offer for the current USA sunflower seeds, please send us a message.

#### **STOCK IN CHINA**

The stocks are still becoming smaller and smaller. We may expect prices to move up again the next weeks (keeping in mind that also the sea freight will rise). In November the new crop for confectionary grade will be available and Bakery in October. We keep you informed about the prices.

**Current prices Aldebaran Commodities.**

**BULGARIAN**

**Crop 2013 (May till and including August)**

Bulgarian Sunflower kernels bakery	EUR 660,- (ex works Bulgaria)
Bulgarian Sunflower kernels confectionary	EUR 1050,- (ex works Bulgaria)
Bulgarian Sunflower kernels chips	EUR 585,- (ex works Bulgaria)

**Crop 2014 (September till and including December)**

Bulgarian Sunflower kernels bakery	EUR 685,- (ex works Bulgaria)
Bulgarian Sunflower kernels chips bakery	EUR 600,- (ex works Bulgaria)

**MOLDOVIAN**

Confectionery black Sunflower seeds in shell (variety Lakomka 3.6 - 3.8+)	EUR 820,- (ex works Hungary)
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**ARGENTINE**

**Crop 2013**

Argentine Sunflower in-shells (striped) 20/64	USD 1020,- (ex works Romania)
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**Crop 2014 (May – June)**

Argentine Sunflower in-shells (striped) 16/64	USD 925,- (C+F Rotterdam)
Argentine Sunflower in-shells (striped) 20/64	USD 1165,- (C+F Rotterdam)
Argentine Sunflower in-shells (striped) 22/64	USD 1445,- (C+F Rotterdam)

**CHINESE**

**Crop 2013**

Chinese Sunflower in-shells (striped) 16/64	USD 1810,- (C+F Rotterdam)
Chinese Sunflower in-shells (striped) 20/64	USD 1835,- (C+F Rotterdam)
Chinese Sunflower in-shells (striped) 22/64	USD 1890,- (C+F Rotterdam)
Chinese Sunflower in-shells (birdfeed)	USD 1420,- (C+F Rotterdam)

Chinese Sunflower kernels confectionary	USD 1995,- (C+F Rotterdam)
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*Please contact us for prices to your destination.*

If you have any requests, please feel free to contact us. Any feedback on our market report is more than welcome as well.

Kindest regards,  
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