

Dear client,

In this particular market report we will put our focus on the Bulgarian, Argentine, Chinese and American sunflower market. Because of many updates on the peanut market, we also send our newest price update for peanuts below this report.

We are looking forward to your feedback and interest.

BULGARIA

The stocks of the Bulgarian kernels are getting less the last few weeks. The current crop is coming to his end because many companies close and finish producing kernels. It is getting harder to find good quality. Also we see that the prices of the kernels are going up but this is normal for this time of the year. Some company also have broken contracts because they just have not raw material to supply.

Current situation for the new crop seems to be positive; the weather is excellent for the crop to grow.

ARGENTINE

It is getting harder and harder to find good quality of Argentine striped sunflower in-shells. Especially the demand for the larger size like 22/64 and 24/64 is rising and because there are some seriously delays in the shipments from origin the current stocks located in Europe are getting more popular. Because the origin countries in East-Europe also have no stocks available the striped in-shells are getting rare. We believe that prices will rise further.

CHINA

The situation on the Chinese sunflower market has still not improved. Most of the 2013 crop has been sold out. Many suppliers are now only offering second grade sunflowers, on almost the same price levels then first grade. Conclusion about the Chinese sunflower market: fewer goods and higher freights..

USA

Despite rainy conditions, producers made good progress in planting sunflowers. In North Dakota, 97% of the sunflower crop is planted – that is ahead of both last year and the five-year average. USDA released its Planted Acreage report a few days ago. Planted area of sunflower in 2014 totals 1.71 million acres, up to 8 percent from 2013. Harvested area is expected to increase 11 percent from last year to 1.63 million acres. North Dakota had the largest percentage gain in total acreage from last year at 39%. Planted area of oil type varieties, at 1.34 million acres, is up to 5 percent from 2013, but is the third lowest since 1976.

Current prices Aldebaran Commodities.

BULGARIAN

Crop 2013 (May till and including August)

Bulgarian Sunflower kernels bakery	EUR 670,- (ex works Bulgaria)
Bulgarian Sunflower kernels confectionary	EUR 1030,- (ex works Bulgaria)
Bulgarian Sunflower kernels chips	EUR 600,- (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 3.8+ LG type striped in-shells (birdfeed)	EUR 820,- (ex works Hungary) EUR 470,- (ex works Moldova)
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ARGENTINE

Crop 2013

Argentine Sunflower in-shells (striped) 20/64	USD 980,- (ex works Romania)
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Crop 2014

Argentine Sunflower in-shells (striped) 16/64	USD 975,- (C+F Rotterdam)
Argentine Sunflower in-shells (striped) 20/64	USD 1270,- (C+F Rotterdam)
Argentine Sunflower in-shells (striped) 22/64	USD 1465,- (C+F Rotterdam)
Argentine Sunflower in-shells (striped) 24/64	USD 1525,- (C+F Rotterdam)
Argentine Sunflower in-shells (striped) 22/64	USD 1495,- (ex works Rotterdam)

CHINESE

Crop 2013

Chinese Sunflower in-shells (striped) 16/64	USD 1860,- (C+F Rotterdam)
Chinese Sunflower in-shells (striped) 20/64	USD 1900,- (C+F Rotterdam)
Chinese Sunflower in-shells (striped) 22/64	USD 1940,- (C+F Rotterdam)

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.

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