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## Sesame Market Report 18.01.22

Dear Client,

Hereby we share with you our latest update about sesame seeds from Nigeria, India, Paraguay, Sudan, Ethiopia, Senegal, Mali and Mozambique.

### Nigeria

There is no official report and information coming out of Nigeria. From the information we collect from our local partners we can say that 2021 crop in Nigeria was about 180,000 MT and 100,000-130,000 MT is traded already, so about 50,000 is left. Some other sources talk about a shorter crop than 180,000 MT. Moreover, natural sesame seed prices in Nigeria have increased this week for about USD 30-50 per MT. We see prices for Benue type 98% at levels about 1570-1600 pmt CFR EMP. The reason is because China is active these days buying sesame from Nigeria because Port Sudan is not operating well.

In Hulled Sesame Seeds Nigeria is doing a very good job and European manufacturers are happy with the Nigerian hulled sesame quality. Market has come a little lower in the past month at about USD 2400 -2500 pmt CFR but now as natural sesame prices are increasing we expect hulled sesame prices to increase as well.

### India

At the moment India is not having a lot of stocks of sesame seeds. The main reasons are: 1. India, quantity wise, had not a good winter crop. 2. Imports of natural sesame seeds in India are getting more difficult since we see a lot of problems in the main sesame origins, we will analyse these issues in more details. Moreover, new summer crop is coming in by May/June. Our partners from India report that current sesame stocks are about 40,000 MT to 60,000 MT.

New summer crop is expected to be about 150.000 MT. Summer crop is not used for hulling its mostly used for oil production in China and S. Korea. But summer crop is also affecting indirectly the hulled sesame market.

Freight rates are also increasing for the trip India to Europe which does not really help the situation.

Hulled sesame seeds 99,98% are traded at about USD 2400 - 2475 CFR EMP.

### Paraguay

We do not see many offers from South America as 2021 crops are finished and we now wait to see new offers for the new crop. Paraguay is coming out in February. We expect shipments will start in March. We had some information that in Paraguay the weather was dry and this may affect the crop. Crop in Paraguay normally is about 30,000 MT out of which IP10 variety is about 7,000 -10,000 MT and K2 variety is about 20,000 MT.

### Sudan

Crop in Sudan was very good, it could be approximately 400,000 MT including all types of sesame, also Reddish Sesame. But their political instability has created huge problems in port Sudan. Operations has stopped for months in port Sudan and containers could not get shipped out. We now see some shipments getting out of port Sudan but not in a normal pace. Since Sudan's port is close supply of natural sesame seeds in the global market will be tight. When Sudan is not able to export, Chinese buyers turn to West Africa, e.g. Nigeria, and prices are moving upwards.

### Ethiopia

From Ethiopia some shippers had difficulties in shipping out containers because of the civil war that goes on and on for about a year now. There are other shippers though that can and did ship out natural sesame seeds to Europe. But

since 17/11/2021 Ethiopian origin needs a new health certificate (similar to Sudan regulation 2021/1900). Ethiopian shippers try to adapt to the new methods of sampling in order to issue the appropriate health certificate to Europe.

### **Senegal/Mali**

Borders are closed between Senegal and Mali so Mali cannot export any sesame at the moment. In Senegal there is natural mixed and brown sesame available but not much, there are about 2000 MT left in Senegal. Senegal exports sesame mostly to China.

### **Mozambique**

In Mozambique old crop is sold out. We expect new crop to be collected within June and shipment to begin around July. New crop is looking good similar to last year, 2020 crop. Mozambique is not a very big producing country, it produces about 100.000 MT to 120.000 MT which of 5.000 MT - 7.000 MT are getting hulled there.

Based on our information our opinion is that as long as port Sudan is not functioning well sesame seed prices will keep increasing as supply is really short. We don't expect port Sudan will start operating in a normal pace anytime soon as there are a very big number of goods waiting to get exported and on the other hand very few ships are coming in.

At the moment we have the following available:

\*SPOT → 714 x 25kg paper bags – Nigerian hulled sesame seed 99,98% crop 2021\*

\*AFLOAT ETA 23<sup>rd</sup> January Rotterdam → 738 x 25kg paper bags - Nigerian hulled sesame seed 99,98% crop 2021\*

Please contact us in case of a firm demand and we will offer you as per your needs. Either on FCA/DDP/CFR basis, and packaging as per your preferences.

Thank you in advance.

Kindest regards,

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