



Sugar #11 and #5 : prices

**December: a bad end to 2014, and little hope for the beginning of 2015...**

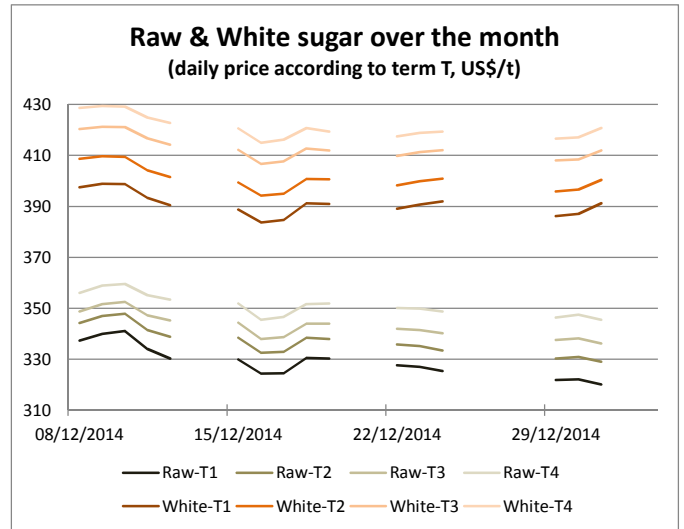
Sugar lost almost 5% (for raw) and 3% (for white) during December on the world market, to a low that had not been reached for 5 years when expressed in US\$. On the first term (March), raw sugar entered January below 14.5cts/lb (320US\$) and white sugar around 390US\$ (p.1).

After a short break in November, currencies (especially Euro and Real) strongly lost value at the beginning of the month, compared to the dollar. Almost 2.70 Reals were needed to buy 1 US\$ at the end of the month whereas 2.50 Real were enough in October (p. 7). Thus, the decrease in value of sugar is less significant when expressed in Real or in Euro, but remained at -3% during the month for both currencies (p. 3). Speculators once again left the market at a level hardly reached before (p. 2).

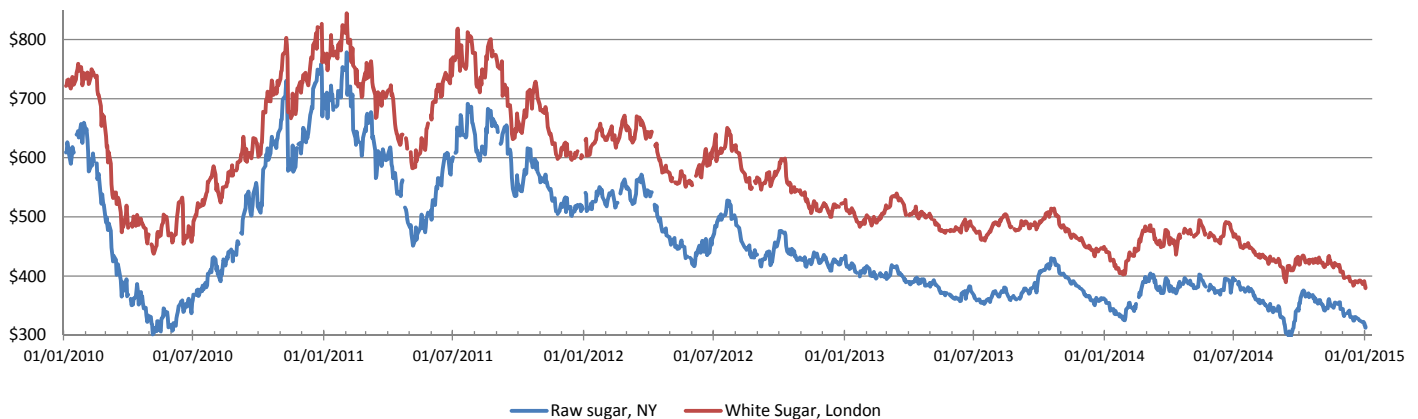
And analysts are not confident for the future. There is still great uncertainty about currencies and oil. And sugar analysts estimate that 2015 will remain a difficult year. FOLicht published, in early January, that *"The reason for the bearish sentiment is no big secret as the world sugar market has seen four consecutive seasons of surplus. While we have forecast a fractional deficit for 2014/15 in our first projection of the world balance in late October it is evident that the usual margin of error of the first forecast also leaves open the possibility of another surplus during the current season."*

Sugar is not alone: oil again lost more than 10% (p. 4), like ethanol in the US (although corn in Chicago stopped its decline, p. 5). Wheat and soybeans limited the loss (p. 5).

	Settling date	First week of December-14	Last week of December-14	Difference in currency	Difference in %
<b>White sugar</b> (sugar#5, London, \$/t)	Dec 14	395,8	385,8	-9,9	<b>-2,5%</b>
	Mar 14	406,7	395,1	-11,6	<b>-2,9%</b>
	May 15	418,7	407,1	-11,6	<b>-2,8%</b>
	Aug 15	426,9	416,3	-10,7	<b>-2,5%</b>
<b>Raw sugar</b> (sugar#11, NY, cts/lb)	Mar 14	15,26	14,45	-0,82	<b>-5,3%</b>
	May 15	15,60	14,85	-0,75	<b>-4,8%</b>
	Jul 15	15,83	15,18	-0,66	<b>-4,2%</b>
	Oct 15	16,18	15,60	-0,58	<b>-3,6%</b>
<b>Raw sugar</b> (sugar#11, NY, \$/t)	Mar 14	336,5	318,5	-17,97	<b>-5,3%</b>
	May 15	343,9	327,3	-16,6	<b>-4,8%</b>
	Jul 15	349,1	334,5	-14,5	<b>-4,2%</b>
	Oct 15	356,6	343,9	-12,8	<b>-3,6%</b>
<b>Premium</b>	Mar/Mar 15	70,2	76,5	6,3	<b>9,0%</b>

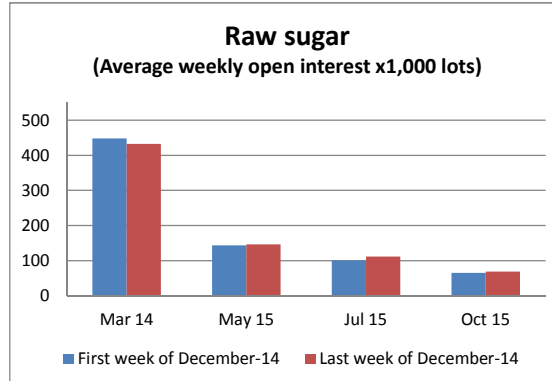
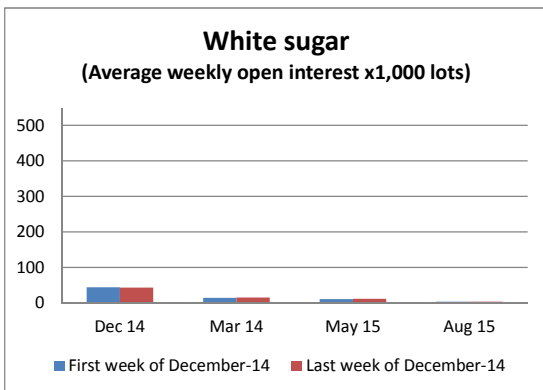


**Sugar#11 and #5 prices since January 2010**  
front term, US\$/t



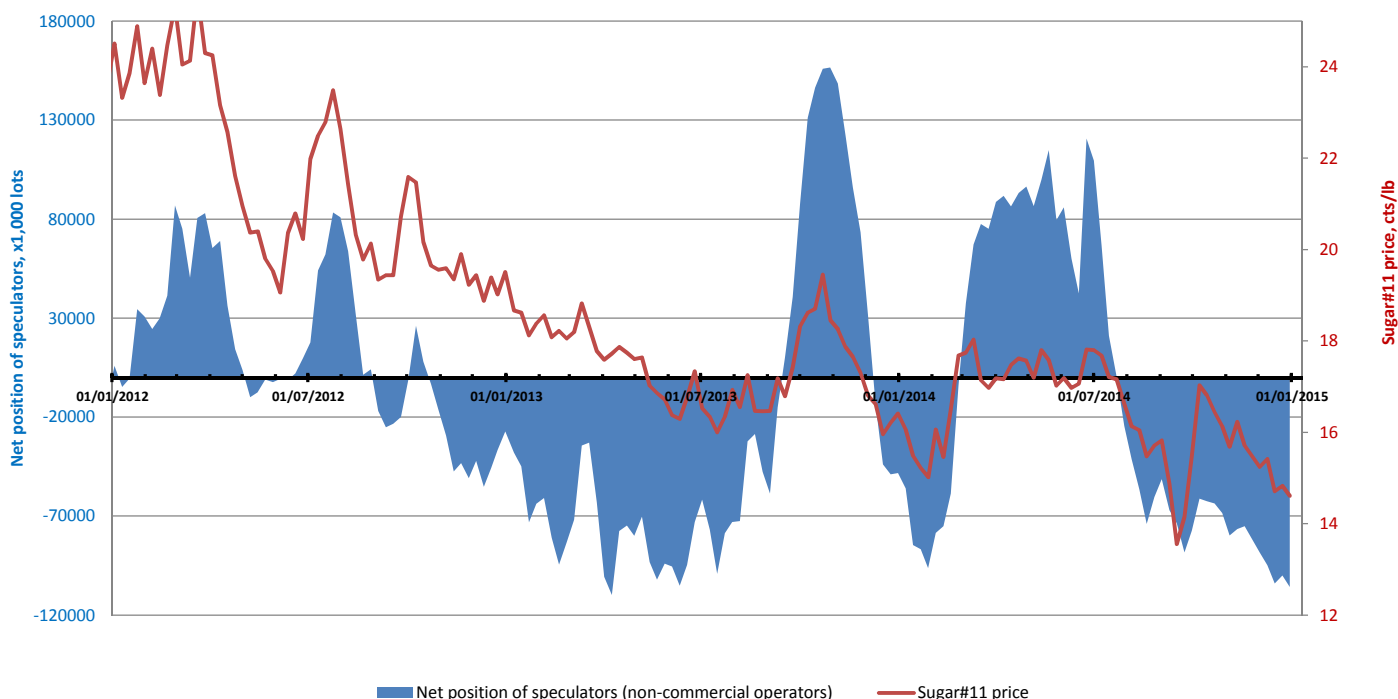


Sugar #11 and #5 : open interest & non-commercial operators positions



Term	Average weekly open interest per term (x1,000 lots)							
	White sugar (sugar#5, London, 1lot=50t)				Raw sugar (sugar#11, NY, 1lot=112,000lb=50.8t)			
	First week of December-14	Last week of December-14	Difference in currency	Difference in %	First week of December-14	Last week of December-14	Difference in currency	Difference in %
T1	43,3	42,8	-0,5	-1,1%	447,7	432,8	-14,9	-3,3%
T2	14,1	15,2	1,1	7,7%	143,8	146,8	2,9	2,0%
T3	10,0	11,2	1,2	11,8%	100,9	112,2	11,2	11,1%
T4	3,2	3,3	0,1	3,1%	65,0	69,2	4,2	6,5%
Total	74,5	77,0	2,5	3,4%	823,6	831,7	8,1	1,0%

### Net position of speculators on sugar#11 in New-York & front term prices





Sugar #11 : premium compared to Sugar#5 and prices in local currencies

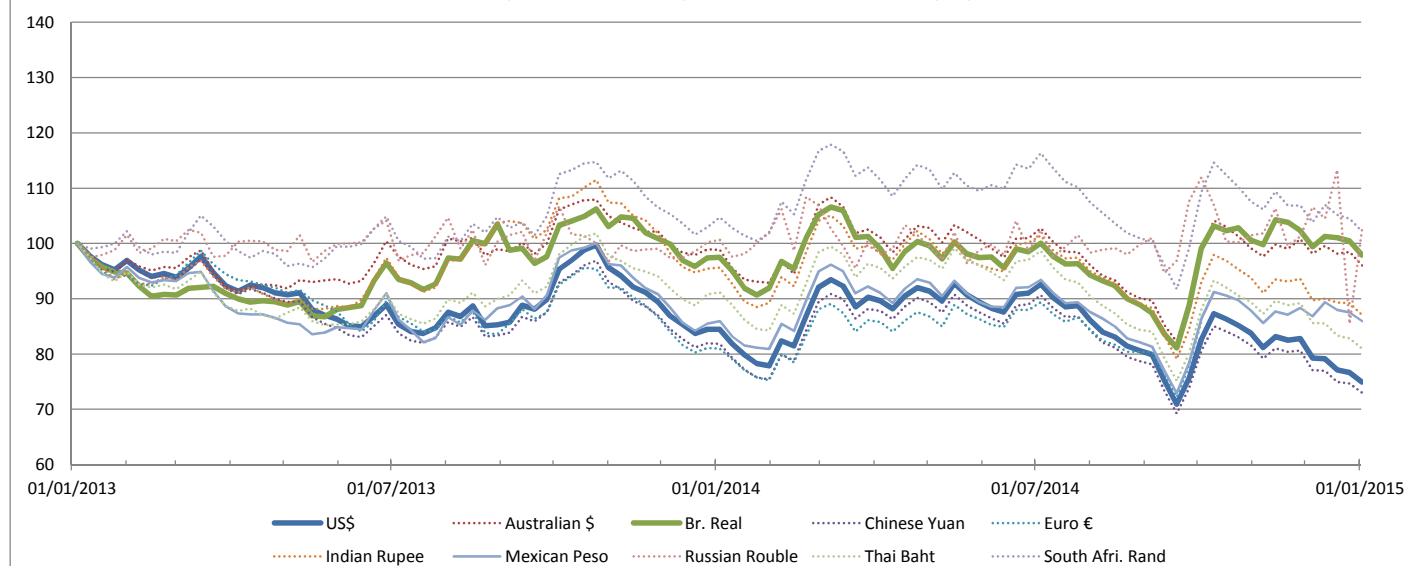
Front term white premium since January 2010

Front term, US\$/t



Price Changes since January 2010

Front term, in local currencies, from a Basis 100 on the 01/01/2010

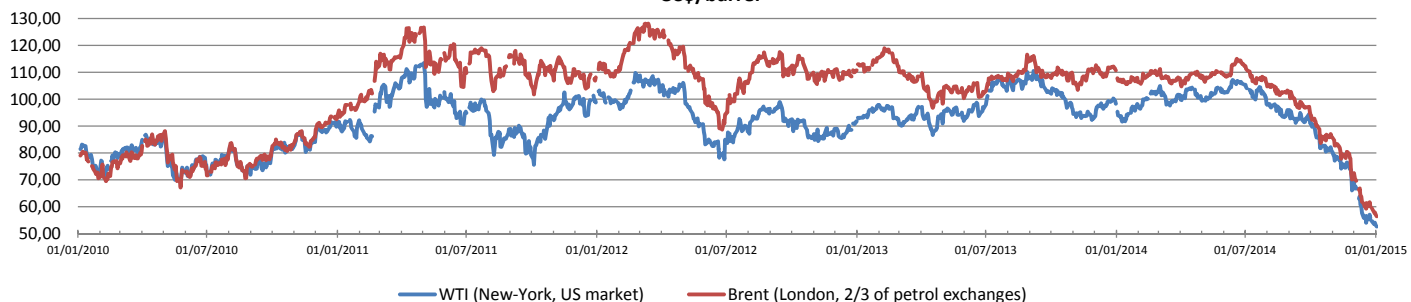


Currency	Sugar#11 Front term			
	First week of December-14	Last week of December-14	Difference in currency	Difference in %
US \$	336,51	318,54	-17,97	-5,3%
Australian \$	405,82	391,21	-14,61	-3,6%
Brazilian Real	880,15	850,95	-29,19	-3,3%
Chinese Yuan	2 061,81	1 955,00	-106,81	-5,2%
European €	271,86	262,88	-8,98	-3,3%
Indian Rupee	20 899,38	20 217,83	-681,55	-3,3%
Mexican Peso	4 887,56	4 699,00	-188,56	-3,9%
Russian Rouble	18 432,07	18 320,75	-111,33	-0,6%
Thai Bhat	11 052,23	10 466,87	-585,36	-5,3%
South African Rand	3 869,59	3 696,22	-173,37	-4,5%

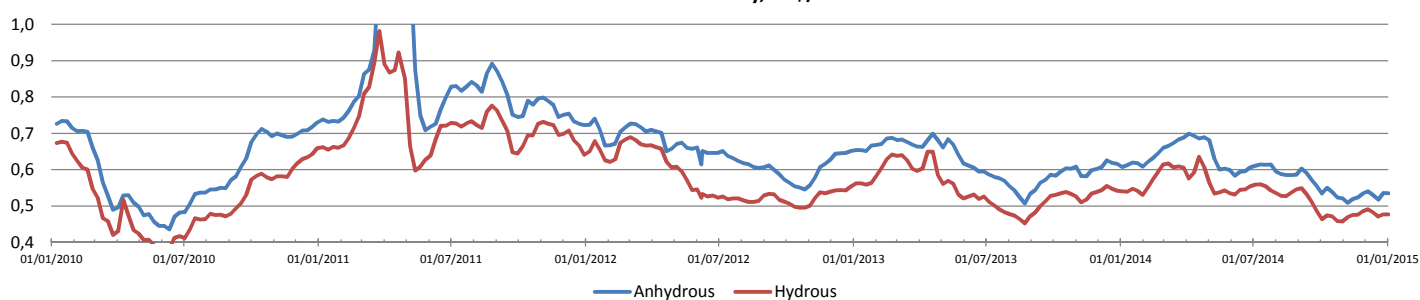


Energy markets : ethanol, crude oil & gasoline

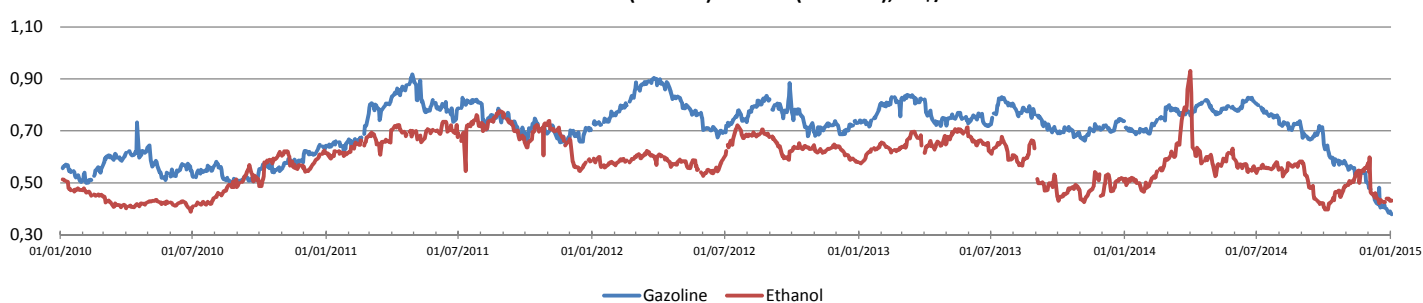
Crude oil prices since January 2010  
US\$/barrel



Focus on BRAZIL : Ethanol in Sao Paulo since January 2010  
Price Ex-distillery, US\$/l



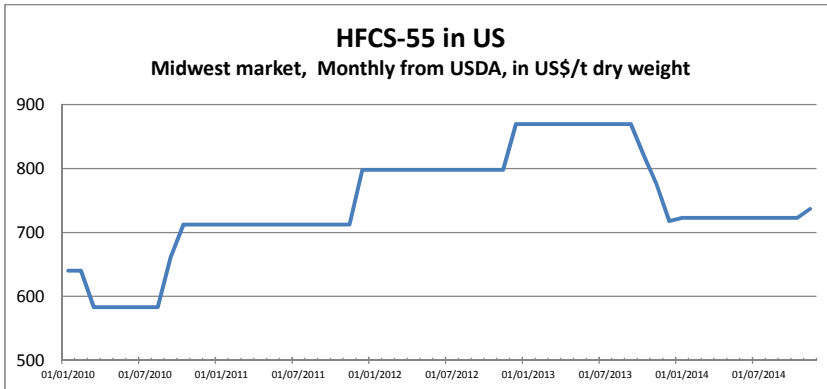
Focus on USA : Ethanol & Gazoline prices since January 2010  
Front term CBOT (Ethanol) & RBOB (Gazoline), US\$/l



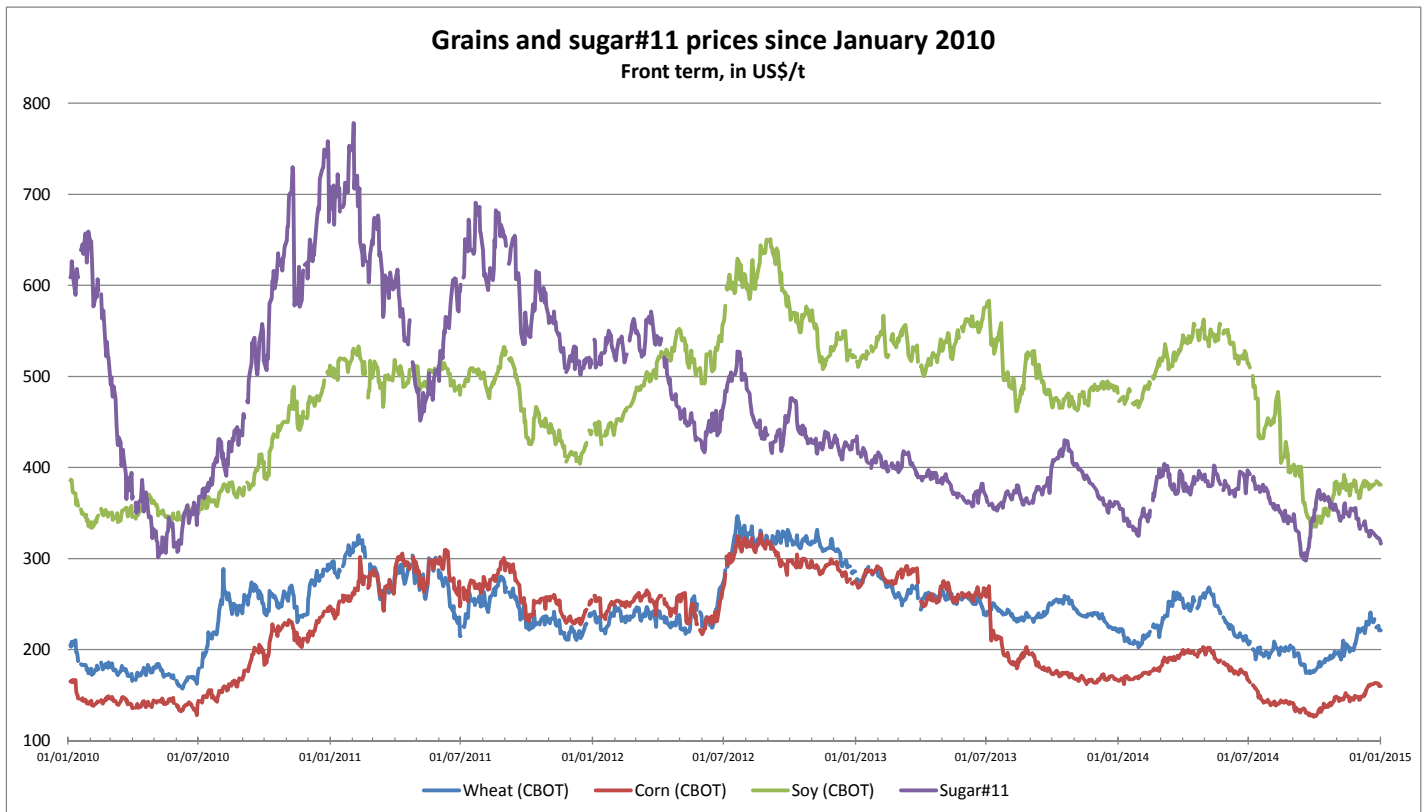
		First week of December-14	Last week of December-14	Difference in US\$	Difference in %	
Oil	WTI, US\$/barrel	61,11	53,33	-7,78	-12,7%	
	Brent, US\$/barrel	64,56	57,28	-7,28	-11,3%	
Gazoline	RBOB, US\$/l	0,44	0,38	-0,05	-12,4%	
Ethanol	In Brazil (ex. dist.)	US\$/l (Anh., S. Paulo)	0,53	0,54	0,01	1,1%
		US\$/l (Hydr., Sao Paulo)	0,48	0,48	0,00	-1,0%
	In USA (CBOT)	US\$/gal	1,70	1,64	-0,07	-3,9%
		US\$/l	0,45	0,43	-0,02	
	In Europe (T2 Rtdam)	€/l	0,45	0,46	0,01	2,6%
US\$/l		0,56	0,56	0,00	0,5%	



Grain markets : corn, soybeans, wheat, HFCS



Dry HFCS 55 monthly Price in USA			
	November-13	November-14	Difference in %
US\$/t	869,48	722,69	<b>-16,9%</b>
cts/lb	39,45	32,79	

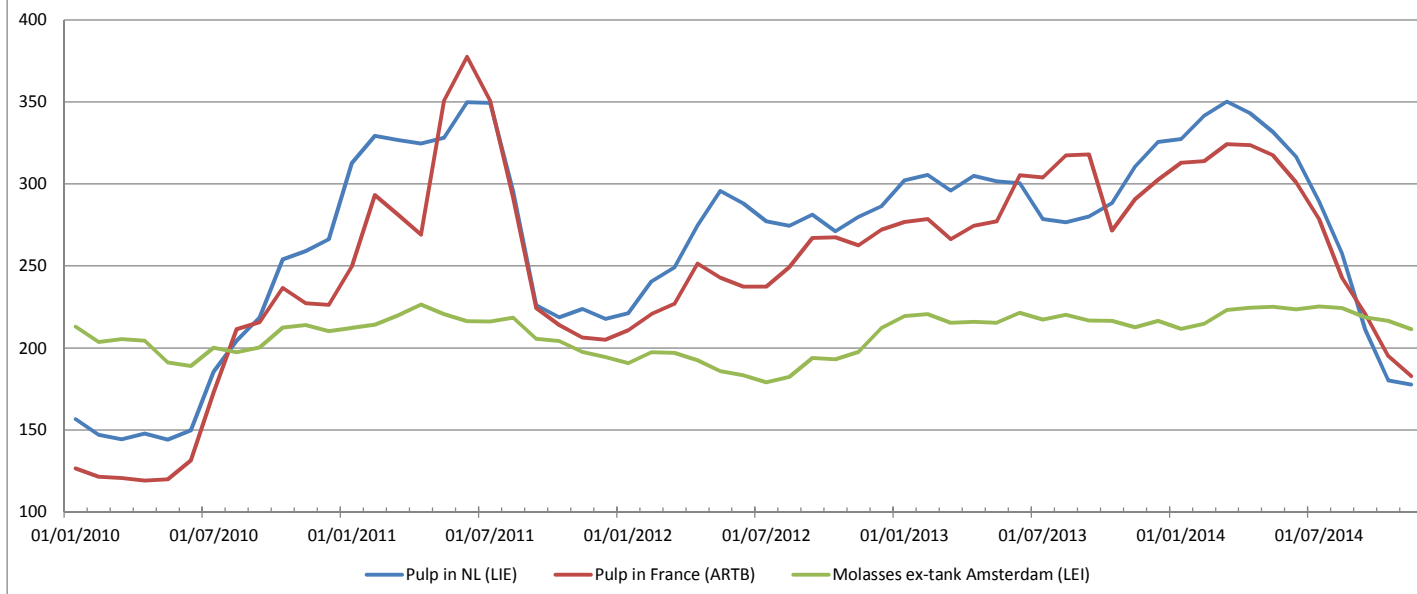


		Front term (CBOT)			
		First week of	Last week of	Difference in	Difference in
		December-14	December-14	currency	%
Corn	US\$/t	151,91	160,53	8,62	<b>5,7%</b>
	cts/bsl	385,85	407,75	21,90	
Soy	US\$/t	383,16	381,56	-1,60	<b>-0,4%</b>
	cts/bsl	1 042,90	1 038,55	-4,35	
Wheat	US\$/t	223,49	222,17	-1,32	<b>-0,6%</b>
	cts/bsl	608,30	604,70	-3,60	



By-products : molasses and beet pulps

**Cane molasses and beet pulp since January 2010**  
In France and Netherlands, ex-tank, in US\$/t

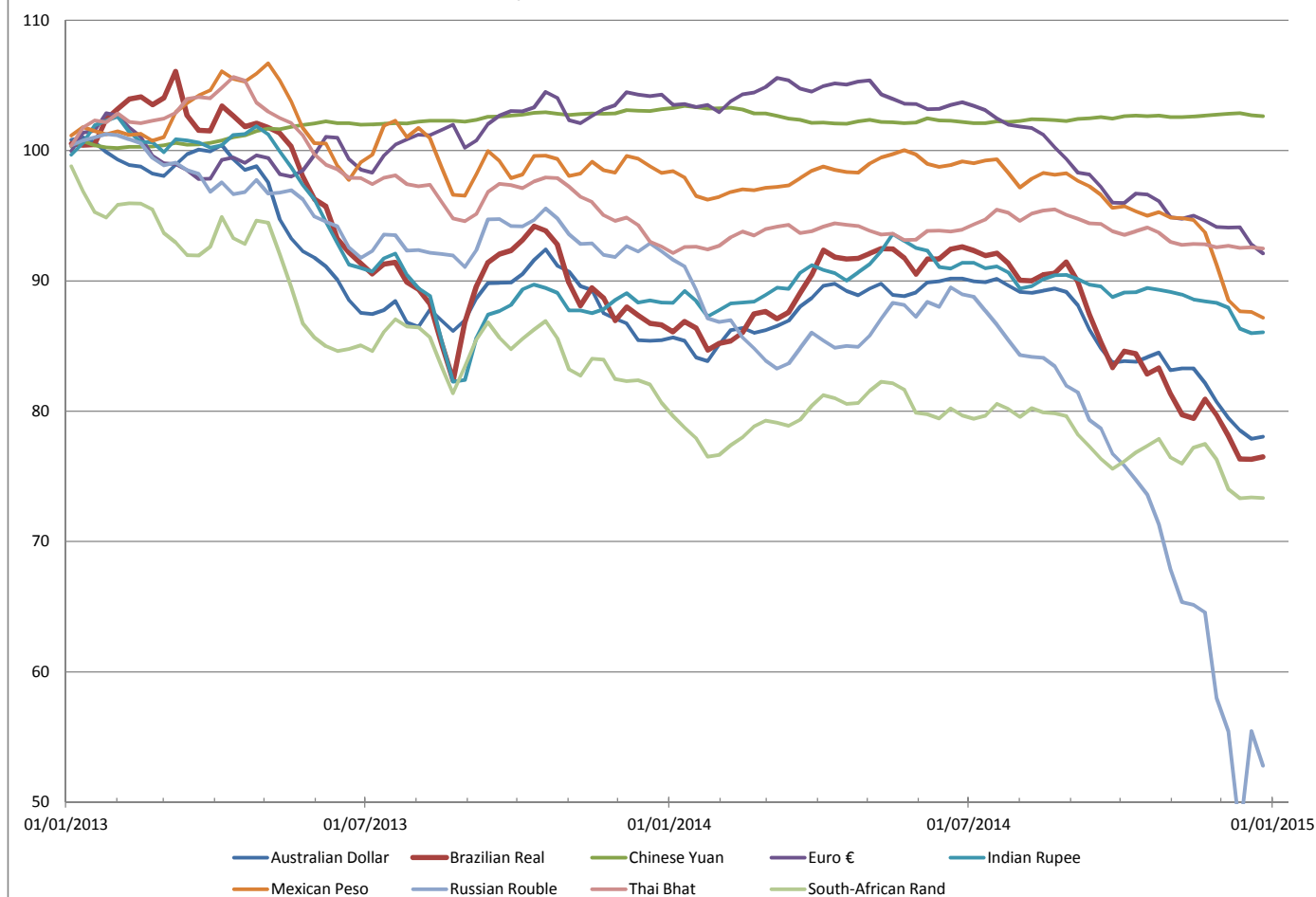


		By-products prices				
		October-14	November-14	Difference in currency	Difference in %	
Beet pulp pellets	NL	US\$/t	180,27	177,74	-2,54	<b>-1,4%</b>
		€/t	141,40	142,92	1,52	<b>1,1%</b>
	France	US\$/t	195,06	182,81	-12,25	<b>-6,3%</b>
		€/t	153,00	147,00	-6,00	<b>-3,9%</b>
Cane molasses (ex-tank Amsterdam)		US\$/t	216,54	211,41	-5,13	<b>-2,4%</b>
		€/t	169,85	170,00	0,15	<b>0,1%</b>



Exchange rates

**Currency changes, compared to US\$, since January 2013**  
Weekly based, basis 100 on the first week of 2010



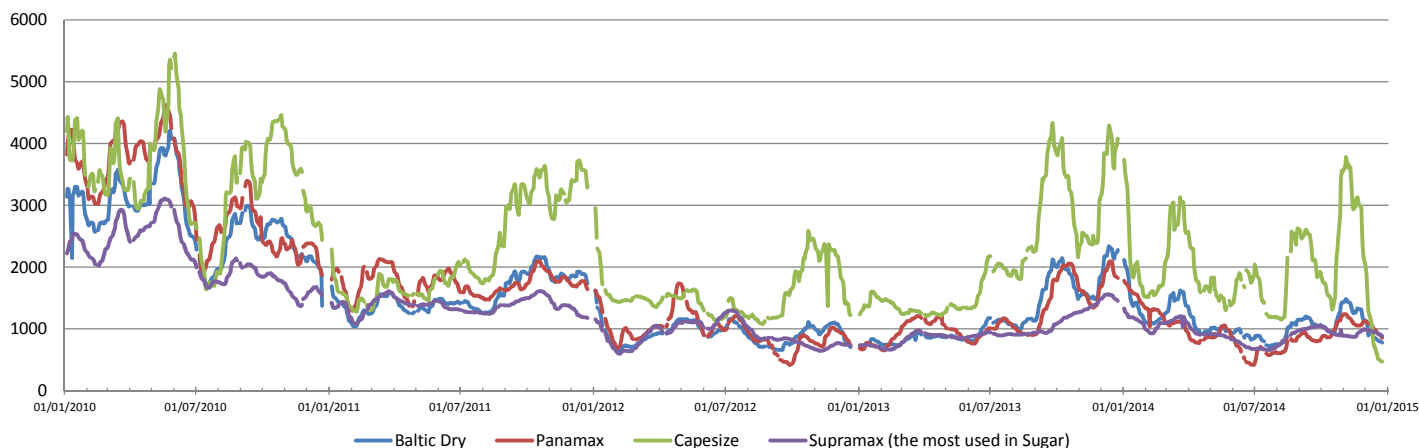
Currency	Value of 1 US\$			
	First week of December-14	Last week of December-14	Difference in currency	Difference in %
Australian \$	0,8292	0,8142	-0,0150	<b>-1,8%</b>
Brazilian Real	0,3823	0,3743	-0,0080	<b>-2,1%</b>
Chinese Yuan	0,1632	0,1629	-0,0003	<b>-0,2%</b>
European €	1,2378	1,2117	-0,0261	<b>-2,1%</b>
Indian Rupee	0,0161	0,0158	-0,0003	<b>-2,1%</b>
Mexican Peso	0,0689	0,0678	-0,0011	<b>-1,5%</b>
Russian Rouble	0,0183	0,0174	-0,0009	<b>-4,8%</b>
Thai Bhat	0,0305	0,0304	-0,0001	<b>-0,2%</b>
South African Rand	0,0870	0,0862	-0,0008	<b>-0,9%</b>





Freight : Baltic indexes

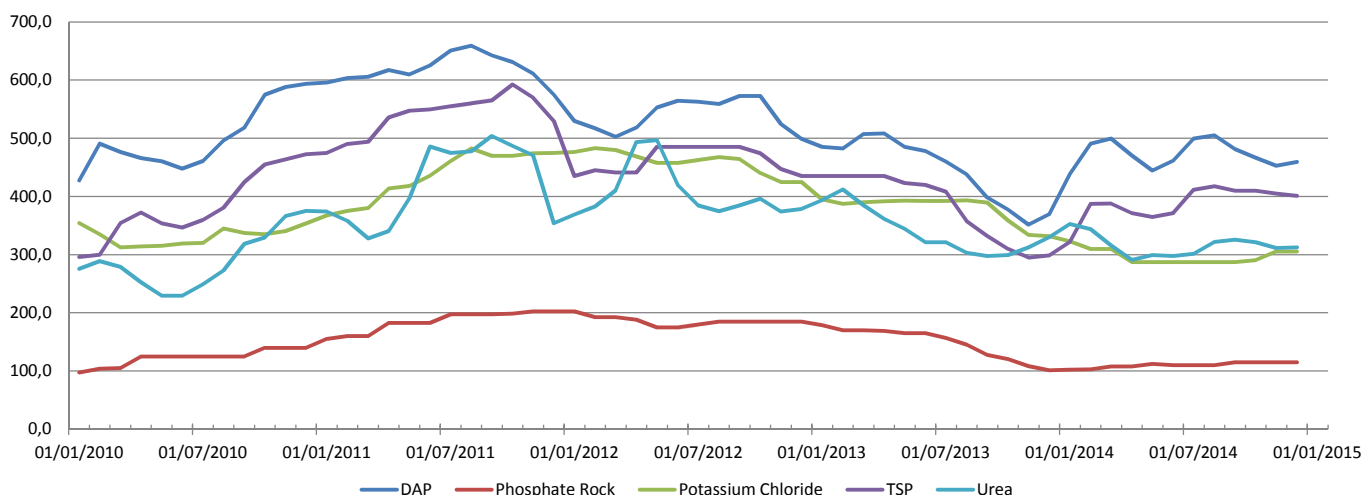
Freight indexes since January 2010



Index	Freight index (Baltic)			
	First week of December-14	Last week of December-14	Difference in index	Difference in %
Baltic Dry	909	780	-129	-14%
Baltic Supramax	960	886	-73	-8%
Baltic Panamax	1 044	850	-194	-19%
Baltic Capesize	972	470	-502	-52%

Fertilizers prices since January 2010

World bank, in US\$/t



*DAP* (diammonium phosphate), standard size, bulk, spot, f.o.b. US Gulf

*Phosphate rock* (Moroccan), 70% BPL, contract, f.a.s. Casablanca

*Potassium chloride* (muriate of potash), standard grade, spot, f.o.b. Vancouver

*TSP* (triple superphosphate), up to September 2006 bulk, spot, f.o.b. US Gulf; from October 2006 onwards Tunisian, granular, f.o.b.

*Urea* (Black Sea), bulk, spot, for 1985-91 (June) f.o.b. Eastern Europe; 1991 (July) onwards f.o.b. Black Sea (primarily Yuzhnyy)





Market overview : the grower dashboard

			First week of December-14	Last week of December-14	Difference	Difference in %
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US\$/t		223,49	222,17	-1,32		
<b>Ethanol</b>	EU spot	€/l	0,45	0,46	0,01	<b>2,6%</b>
		US\$/l	0,56	0,56	0,00	<b>0,5%</b>
	US	US\$/l	0,45	0,43	-0,02	<b>-3,9%</b>
	Brazil Anydr.	US\$/l	0,53	0,54	0,01	<b>1,1%</b>
<b>Oil</b>	Brent	US\$/barrel	64,56	57,28	-7,28	<b>-11,3%</b>
<b>Freight</b>	Supramax	Index	960	886	-73	<b>-7,6%</b>