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Irkutsk Region in Russia declares emergency due to drought

A state of emergency has been declared in the Irkutsk Region due to severe drought conditions affecting four municipalities and causing widespread crop losses, according to a decree issued by the regional governor.

"Starting August 20, 2025, a regional emergency regime is declared in the Irkutsk Region," the decree states.

Regional authorities reported that both atmospheric and soil droughts have been recorded in the Balagansky, Nukutsky, Ust-Udinsky, and Ekhirit-Bulagatsky districts. As a result, crops on over 100 hectares of farmland have been destroyed.

COMMODITY AUCTIONS: RESULTS FOR 21.08.2025

Purchase

OOO "Customer No. 1"

Wheat class 4, 12.5% (excluding VAT) | 16,250 ₽/t | 300 t

OOO "Customer No. 1"

Wheat class 4, 12.5% (excluding VAT) | 16,517 P/t | 279 t

OOO "OZK Trading"

Wheat class 4, 12.5% (excluding VAT) | 16,700 P/t | 300 t

OOO "OZK Trading"

Wheat class 4, 12.5% (excluding VAT) | 16,415 P/t | 300 t

Investments in ports of southern Russia will exceed 500 billion rubles

At a meeting on the implementation of the national maritime policy along the Azov-Black Sea coast, participants discussed navigation safety, the development of maritime activities, the use of

the region's transport and transit potential, and the modernization and expansion of coastal infrastructure and port facilities.

The Azov–Black Sea basin is a key hub for the Russian economy and one of the country's main cargo transportation routes. In recent years, extensive efforts have been made to upgrade and expand port infrastructure. By 2030, around 20 projects worth more than 500 billion rubles are planned in the ports of Novorossiysk, Taman, Tuapse, Temryuk, and Yeysk. According to Nikolai Patrushev, the priority remains to integrate all ports of the Azov–Black Sea region into Russia's unified transport system and strengthen their role in both domestic and international trade.

Governor Veniamin Kondratyev emphasized that nine seaports are currently operating along the Azov–Black Sea coast, accounting for over 30% of Russia's total cargo turnover.

Feed grains: Ukraine feed wheat buyers cut bids

Ukrainian feed wheat prices weakened as buyers returned with lower bids, citing rain-related quality issues that boosted feed-grade supply. On Wednesday, bids stood at \$210/t fob Pivdennyi–Odesa–Chornomorsk (POC) for September-loading Handysize cargoes, \$4/t below Argus' previous assessment. Sellers lowered offers by \$2/t to \$220/t, leaving a \$10/t bid–offer gap.

In China, attention shifted to the imminent arrival of new-crop corn from the North China Plain, expected next week. Spot volumes are anticipated around 2,200 yuan/t (\$306.50/t), but prices could come under pressure if they fall below 2,100 yuan/t, potentially spurring stronger buying interest. Dalian Commodity Exchange corn futures, already at an eight-month low of 2,177 yuan/t, may also drop further with the new supply.

Meanwhile, U.S. exporters reported sales of over 225,000t of new-crop corn to Colombia and Mexico, the USDA confirmed Wednesday.

Rising costs pressure Black Sea exporters as shipowners demand higher rates

Azov & Black sea:

The Azov Sea market continues its upward trend, but freight negotiations remain challenging. Security inspections at Kerch are causing vessel delays, and the gap between charterers' offers and shipowners' demands has widened — with owners seeking up to \$10/t fiost more than charterers are willing to pay. As a result, some traders are pausing or reducing export volumes. Contrary to earlier expectations, freight rates are likely to rise further in the near term.

Baltic sea:

The coaster market is showing gradual recovery, while larger vessels are seeing stronger demand. Increased fertilizer shipments from Russian Baltic ports are supporting higher freight rates.

Caspian sea:

The Caspian freight market remains mostly stable with a slight upward bias. While cargo volumes from Astrakhan are low, this is balanced by vessel congestion in Iran and at Amirabad roads, which is keeping available tonnage limited. Active barley shipments along the Volga are supporting steady fleet utilization, while in Makhachkala, heavy rains have caused delays and reduced vessel availability. Export demand from Aktau is gradually rising, and the first grain shipments from Kazakhstan, expected in late August, may further boost activity.

Far East:

The Far East freight market remains stable, but export activity is relatively slow.

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European rapeseed oil: Prices rise across the curve

FOB Dutch mill rapeseed oil (RSO) prices strengthened on Wednesday, lifted by limited farmer selling and higher prompt biodiesel values in northwest Europe.

- Prompt 5–40 days loading rose €9/t to €1,044/t, with September–October bids at €1,040/t and offers at €1,048/t.
- November–January (NDJ) edged up €2.50/t to €1,039/t, based on trades at €1,038–1,040/t.
- February-April (FMA) gained €4/t to €1,042/t, while May-July (MJJ) also increased €5/t to €1,042/t, both closing with bids/offers at €1,039-1,045/t.

Despite weakness in competing vegetable oils, RSO was supported by rising biodiesel margins and persistently low farmer sales, prompting sellers to lift offers.

Jordan cancels wheat, barley buy tenders

Jordan's trade ministry (MIT) cancelled its wheat tender for at least 100,000t that closed on Tuesday, extending its recent run of cancellations. Offers were submitted by CHS, Cargill, Al Dahra, Aston, and Ameropa, but no purchase was made.

MIT has not booked wheat through a tender since 1 July. A new tender was issued today for 100,000–120,000t of milling wheat for October–November shipment, scheduled to close on 26 August.

Barley

Jordan's trade ministry (MIT) cancelled its latest tender to purchase at least 100,000t of feed barley for shipment between late September and early November, market participants said.

Bunge, Olam, and Ameropa submitted offers, but no deal was concluded. Jordan has not secured feed barley through tenders since the end of May.

| Grains, oilseeds and veg oils tenders | | | | | | | |
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| Buyer | Issued | Closes | Status | Cargo | Shipment/delivery | Notes | |
| Jordan's MIT | 20- Aug | 26-Aug | Open | 100,000-120,000t milling wheat | Oct-Nov | cfr | |
| Japan's MAFF | 19- Aug | 21-Aug | Open | 118,219t milling wheat | Oct-Nov | US - 59,110t, Canada - 28,520t and Australia 30,580t | |
| Jordan's MIT | 14- Aug | 20-Aug | Cancelled | 100,000-120,000t feed barley | 2H Sep-1H Nov | cfr | |
| Jordan's MIT | 13- Aug | 19-Aug | Cancelled | 100,000-120,000t milling wheat | Oct-Nov | cfr | |
| Jordan's MIT | 7-Aug | 13-Aug | Cancelled | 100,000-120,000t feed barley | 2H Sep-1H Nov | cfr | |
| Jordan's MIT | 6-Aug | 12-Aug | Cancelled | 100,000-120,000t milling wheat | Oct-Nov | cfr | |

Global vegoils: China palm olein prices fall

China's palm olein cfr prices declined, following weakness in soybean oil (SBO) and rapeseed oil (RSO) markets.

Prices for September shipment fell to \$1,122.5/t from \$1,140/t, pressured by lower SBO futures amid concerns over reduced US biofuels demand ahead of an EPA ruling on refinery exemptions and blending requirements.

RSO futures also retreated as China eased concerns over Canadian canola imports and with reports of Australian rapeseed trades for Q4 delivery, which could alleviate supply tightness.

Despite weaker prices and negative import margins, some buyers remained active, booking 18,000t of palm olein from southeast Asia for November shipment in anticipation of future price gains.

China soybeans: Demand weakens

China's soybean demand slowed this week as higher Brazilian prices curbed buying interest.

Only 2–4 October-shipment cargoes from Brazil were booked at 285–290¢/bu cfr over November CBOT, along with some March-loading purchases at around 125¢/bu cfr over March futures. Most Chinese buyers have already covered October needs and are waiting for price declines before making further deals.

Brazilian farmers sold about 700,000t of soybeans overnight—below last week's 1mn t/d average. Weaker Chinese demand pressured cfr premiums for both Brazilian and US Gulf beans, though US exporters were mostly inactive.

Market sources suggest China may restart reserve sales after October, totaling 3mn-6mn t. To replenish these stocks, China may turn to Argentina or the US, since Brazilian beans are less suitable for reserves because of higher moisture levels.

Wheat: Competition tightens in destination markets

Competition among milling wheat sellers for southeast Asian markets intensified on Wednesday as tight US spot supplies supported prices, according to market participants.

US soft white winter (SWW) wheat offers for October shipment rose by about \$5/t, narrowing the price gap with Black Sea-origin 11.5pc wheat on a cfr Indonesia basis. Previously, US SWW had been offered at a \$5/t discount, traders said. Some Argentinian sellers also targeted the Indonesian market, matching US and Black Sea price levels.

In Morocco, competition increased as demand resurfaced for upcoming shipments. Sellers shifted to pricing against Euronext December futures rather than September, with French and Baltic 11.5pc wheat offered at around a €20/t premium to December contracts.

In Ukraine, local wheat prices edged lower due to weak demand and limited new fob buying interest, as most trader volumes are already committed to earlier sales. However, reduced farmer selling could help cushion further price declines.

Meanwhile, Russian wheat sellers mostly offered prices in the \$240s/t, though some floated levels as low as \$237/t, reflecting rising competition across origins.

CVB 12.5pc rationale

The Argus 12.5pc CVB spot price remained unchanged on Wednesday at \$240/t fob. Some sellers continued offering September-loading volumes at \$242/t fob, but buyer interest stayed limited. Market participants reported Romanian 12.5pc wheat for September shipment trading at around \$240/t fob this week.

Wheat futures underperformed due to abundant global supply and weaker Black Sea prices.

Robust export sales drive corn & soybean gains

Grain futures rose on Thursday, supported by strong US export sales of corn and soybeans, according to USDA data, while wheat lagged. Marex analyst Terry Reilly noted that sales were "supportive for new-crop corn and soybeans but neutral to bearish for wheat." Traders on the Pro Farmer Crop Tour also reported unexpected plant disease and dry soil conditions in parts of the US, raising concerns over yield potential.

Macro uncertainty ahead of Powell's speech

Commodity markets remain cautious ahead of Fed Chair Jerome Powell's speech on Friday, as fresh data signals strong US economic activity. The Trump administration continues to pressure the Fed to lower borrowing costs, adding volatility to market sentiment.

Wheat struggles amid supply concerns

Wheat futures underperformed, weighed down by ample global supplies and falling Black Sea cash prices. SovEcon raised its Russian wheat crop forecast, limiting upside potential. While CBOT December wheat managed to close slightly higher, corn and soybeans led the rally. Analysts at AgResource noted that "both bulls and bears are struggling for leverage in wheat."

Pro farmer crop tour findings

The Pro Farmer Crop Tour concluded Thursday in Rochester, Minnesota, with final yield estimates due Friday. Crop scouts indicated potentially lower US corn and soybean production than previously projected by the USDA. Ohio farmer Rob Geesling stated, "I don't think our numbers are going to be anywhere close to USDA."

Biofuel policy in focus

Traders are also watching developments on biofuel blending exemptions. Reports suggest the Trump administration may approve some refinery requests for waivers but not all, which could influence ethanol and soybean demand going forward.

Price and Data

| Description | Unit | Price | Date |
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| CORN UKRAİNE CPT POC SPOT | USD/t | 242- | 20.08.2025 |
| WHEAT 11.5PC UKRAİNE FOB POC SPOT | USD/t | 234↓ | 20.08.2025 |
| WHEAT 12.5PC RUSSİA FOB NOVOROSSİYSK SPOT | USD/t | 238↓ | 20.08.2025 |
| SOYBEAN OİL ARGENTİNA WATERBORNE FOB UPRİVER USD/T MONTH 1 – HOUSTON CLOSE | USD/t | 1.088,645↓ | 20.08.2025 |
| RAPESEED OİL FOB DUTCH MİLL RSO - LONDON CLOSE | USD/t | 1.039↑ | 20.08.2025 |
| SUNFLOWER OİL FOB NORTHWEST EUROPE 6 PORTS SPOT - LONDON | USD/t | 1.277,50↓ | 20.08.2025 |
| CLOSE | agent 40 | | |

[↓] Price dropped in comparison to last report.

†Price raised in comparison to last report.

-Price has not changed.

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