



BRAZIL: SUGAR AND ALCOHOL MARKETS

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1- Sugar Market: supply continues to be restricted.

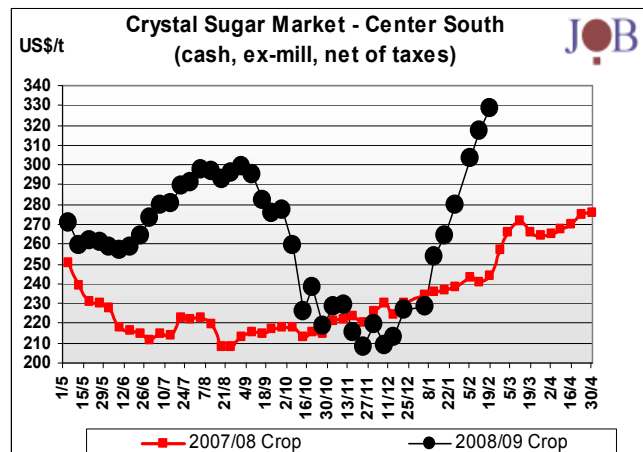
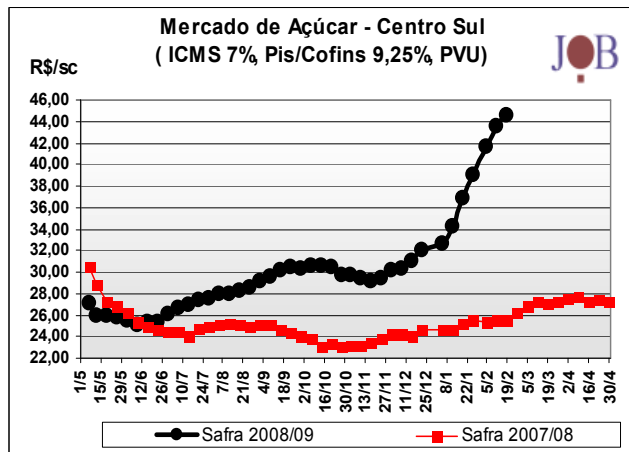
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	Present	Variation (1 week)
Exchange rate (R\$/US\$)	2.27	-1.3%

Sugar 50kg bags	Price (US\$/t) (1)	Variation (1 week)
Average – Center-South	328.7	3.6%
Average – Northeast	293.9	2.2%

(1) Wholesale price (cash; ex-mill; ex-packer or ex-distillery; net of taxes)

The cost of working capital used for discounting sales was 3,0% a month.



The sugar market last week reflected lower liquidity in its transactions. On the supply side we observed some restriction from the mills, although some intent to engage in volume sales was signaled, even though this was not generalized. As for the demand side, it was rather held back during the course of last week.

2- Alcohol Market: commercial “war” causes alcohol prices in the Center-South region to plummet.

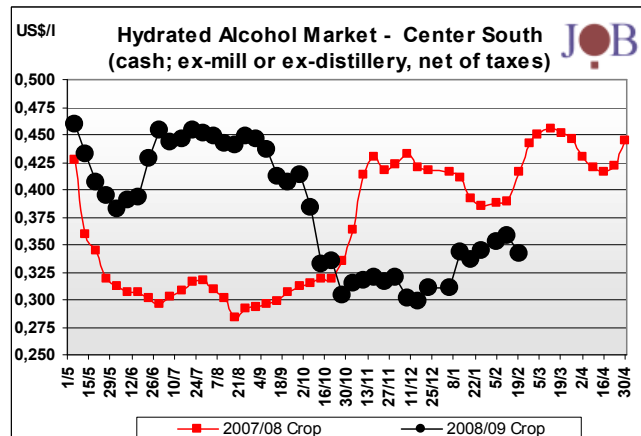
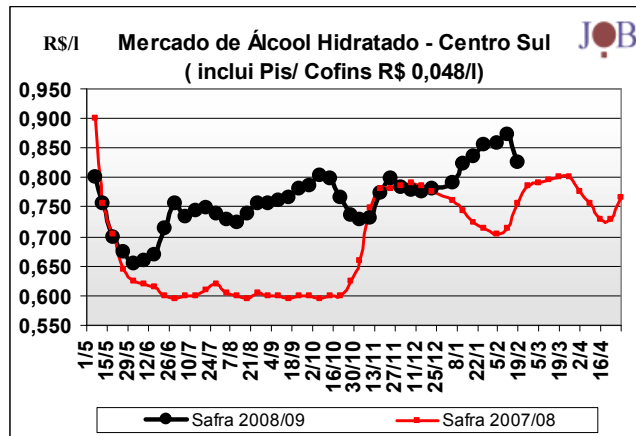
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Hydrated Alcohol	Price (US\$/l) (1)	Variation (1 week)	Equivalent prices – US\$/barrel / US\$ gallon (2)
Average – Center-South	0.342	-4.2%	54.4 / 1.30
Northeast	0.380	-1.5%	60.3 / 1.44
Anhydrous Alcohol	Price (US\$/l) (1)	Variation (1 week)	Equivalent prices – US\$/barrel / US\$ gallon (2)
Average – Center-South	0.378	-1.6%	60.0 / 1.43
Northeast	0.435	-0.2%	69.3 / 1.65

(1) Wholesale price (cash; ex-mill; ex-packer or ex-distillery; net of taxes)

(2) Exchange rate: R\$ 2.27/ US\$

The working capital cost used to discount transactions on credit was 3.0% per month.



The alcohol market posted a strong drop in prices during the course of last week, driven by a commercial “war” among the major players on the production side. The pressure of supply from several sources due to an environment of predatory competition drove prices increasingly downward.

The licensing of flex-fuel cars in Brazil reached approximately 163.5 thousand units in January 2009. This total equals 86.2% of the automobiles and light commercial vehicles licensed in the market. In the same month last year, approximately 179.8 thousand units were licensed. In other words, a 9% drop as compared to the same month of the previous year; however, relative to December 2008, the market is beginning to show some recovery.



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3- International Market - Sugar, Alcohol and Oil:

	Present	Variation (1 week)
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	(Average: 09/02/2009 to 13/02/2009) (March/09)	Variation
New York (¢/lb)	13.23	3.2%
London (US\$/t)	395	3.4%
Premium LO-NY (US\$/t)	103	4.1%

	(Average: 09/02/2009 to 13/02/2009) (March/09)	Variation
Crude Oil – WTI	36.9	-8.9%
Gasoline - NY	52.3 (1.25 US\$/gallon)	2.7%
Ethanol - CBOT	67.3 (1.60 US\$/gallon)	1.9%

Sugar has maintained its upward trend. The global supply deficit situation tends to provide support for the prices.

4 - Market and price perspectives in domestic market – Medium term:

Sugar Futures Markets - (Average weekly prices: 09th/February – 13th/February/09):

	“Cash”	mar/09	May/09	Jul-Aug/09	Oct/09
NY (¢/lb)	13,01	13,23	13,53	13,63	13,96
London (US\$/t)	-	395	390	386	384
Premium(LO-NY)(US\$/t)	-	103	92	85	76

Anhydrous Fuel Alcohol Futures Market - (Average weekly prices: 09th/February – 13th/February/09):

	“Cash”	Mar/09	May/09	Jul/09	Oct/09
Ethanol USA (US\$/gallon)	1,75	1,60	1,62	1,64	1,66
Ethanol USA (US\$/l)	0.463	0.424	0.427	0.433	0.438
Corn (US\$/bushel)	-	3.70	3.81	3.90	-



The Brazilian exchange rate evolution

