



QSL MARKET UPDATE



For week 10 - 16 Feb 2020

[View this email in your browser](#)

Weekly Market Overview

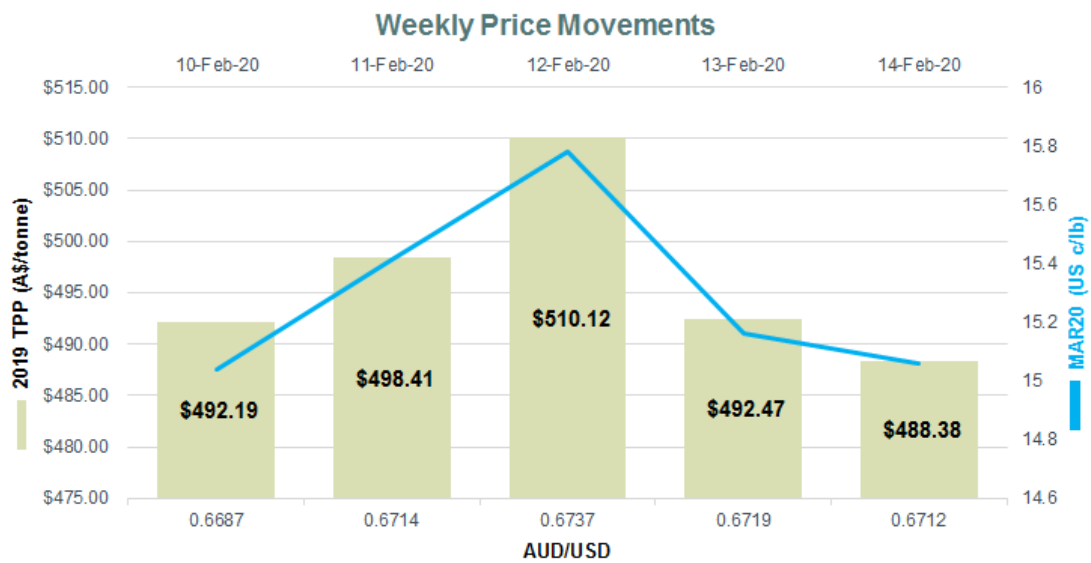
Indicative ICE 11 Prices

Season	AUD/MT*	Weekly Change
2019	488.38	-0.07%
2020	470.53	-1.28%
2021	448.86	-0.44%
2022	437.75	0.11%

**These figures are indicative of available ICE 11 prices as at 17 February 2020 and reflect the weighted average AUD/mt price. The prices have been adjusted to include Over-the-Counter margin fees charged by banking institutions and so may differ from daily prices quoted by the ICE 11 Exchange and/or other Marketers of Growers' Economic Interest in Sugar. Values also do not account for any adjustments resulting from local Grower-Miller pricing arrangements.*

Sugar

- The MAR20 ICE#11 contract rallied irrationally high in the first half of last week, peaking on Wednesday at 15.90 USc/lb before falling to its low on Friday at 14.89 USc/lb, eventually closing the reporting period at 15.06 USc/lb
- Key representatives of the sugar industry met at the Dubai Sugar Conference last week to discuss the industry outlook. The Thai crop remained the center of discussion as most members agreed how serious the short-term tightness is. This, along with the imminent MAR20 contract expiry, provided the basis for the current extremely volatile market movements. (Learn more about the hot topics in Dubai by reading our latest monthly market report, available by [clicking here](#)).
- Analysts acknowledged that world consumption is still steadily growing at approximately 1% per year.
- There was no surprising news for the market to digest, which leaves us waiting for final Thai crop figures and for Brazil to start harvesting.
- Speculators remained optimistic, added another 19,000 lots to their position to total 149,000 lots net-long, according to the Commitment of Traders report on Tuesday 11th February.



Currency

- The Aussie dollar traded above 67 US cents for most of the week, closing the week at 0.6712 AUD/USD as the market began to stabilise due to easing coronavirus fears. The number of new deaths and cases has reduced for a number of days in a row, with the World Health Organisation reporting a total of 71,429 cases, 1775 deaths and 6296 recoveries to date.
- The Aussie was boosted last Wednesday when the Reserve Bank of New Zealand surprised the market by maintaining their Cash Rate at 1%.
- Looking forward, the market continues to be at the mercy of coronavirus news in the short term, with limited Australian data of significance scheduled to be released.

Jargon Buster

What is a Rally?

A rally is the rapid increase in the price of an asset (e.g. sugar or AUD) in the market.

QSL is Australia's largest and most experienced raw sugar marketer.

This report contains information of a general or summary nature. While all care is taken in the preparation of this report, the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided in the document is not guaranteed. The update on marketing and pricing activity does not constitute financial, investment advice. You should seek your own financial advice. Nothing contained in this report should be relied upon as a representation as to future matters. Information about past performance is not an indication of future performance. QSL does not accept any responsibility to any person for the decisions and actions taken by that person with respect to any of the information contained in this report. You have received this email as you are subscribed to receive newsletters and other marketing material from QSL. We take your privacy very seriously. View our Privacy Statement on QSL's website. When you make enquiries of QSL or sign up for QSL news or information, you thereby consent to QSL collecting and using the personal information that you provide to QSL in the operation of QSL's business, which may include direct marketing. You may opt out of this service at any time if you no longer wish to receive any communications from us by using the unsubscribe function at the bottom of this email.



Copyright © 2019 QSL (Queensland Sugar Limited), All rights reserved.

You received this email because you are marketing with QSL or have expressed an interest in our services.

Our mailing address is:

QSL (Queensland Sugar Limited)
Level 12/348 Edward St
Brisbane, Queensland 4000

Australia

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)