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## Indicative ICE 11 Prices

Season	AUD/MT*	Weekly Change
2024	634.47	-1.39%
2025	599.32	-0.53%
2026	577.77	-0.34%
2027	568.64	-0.13%

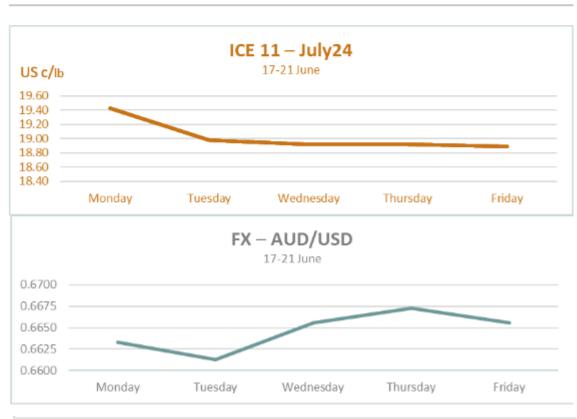
<sup>\*</sup> These figures are indicative of available ICE 11 prices as at 24 June 2024 and reflect the weighted average AUD/mt price.

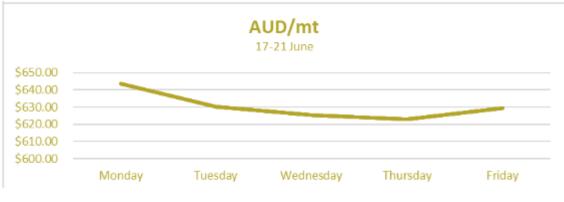
The prices have been adjusted to include Over-the-Counter margin fees charged by banking institutions and so may differ from daily prices quoted by the ICE 11 Exchange and/or other Marketers of Growers' Economic Interest in Sugar. Values also do not account for any adjustments resulting from local Grower-Miller pricing arrangements.

- Overview: The raw sugar futures market stabilised last week, with higher lows achieved amid expectations that the current Brazil harvest will produce less cane and sugar than initially anticipated. The prompt July 2024 contract traded from a low of 18.81 USc/lb on the Monday, up to a high of 19.43 USc/lb on the Thursday, before closing the week at 18.94 USc/lb.
- Brazil: While the latest Williams Brazil Sugar Line Up report showed another reduction of sugar tonnes waiting to be loaded, the number of ships in line increased. For the week ending 19 June, the vessel count increased by 5 to 74 ships, while the lineup volume decreased by 5% to 2.97 million tonnes of sugar. Sugar exports in May increased by 17%

year-on-year to 2.81 million tonnes, which is likely due to the earlier start for mills this year.

- July expiry: With the first contract of the 2024 season expiring on Friday 30 June, the market will focus on the size and destinations of its delivery.
   While open interest in the market is still larger than average, the July contract typically delivers less than the other ICE 11 futures contract.
   Brazil is likely to be the biggest deliverer of sugar at expiry, however Argentina is also tipped to unload some sugar due to a recent increase in production.
- Commitment of Traders: The latest Commitment of Traders report
  printed another reduction in net-short contracts which is representative of
  recent market activity. As of 18 June, speculators held a position of
  54,055 lots net short, a reduction of 17,600 from the previous report.





## Currency

- Overview: The Aussie dollar continued to rise slowly with a strengthening outlook. The AUD traded from a low of 65.85 US cents on the Monday, to a high of 66.79 US cents on the Thursday.
- Inflation: In the 12 months to May, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) surged by 4%, surpassing economists' predictions of a 3.8% increase.
  The trimmed mean core measure, which eliminates the impact of volatile items to provide a clearer picture of underlying inflation trends, climbed to 4.4%, up from 4.1% in the previous month. This increases the risk of another rate hike and also should strengthen the AUD as it is expected that the US will cut rates before Australia.

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