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Indicative ICE 11 Prices

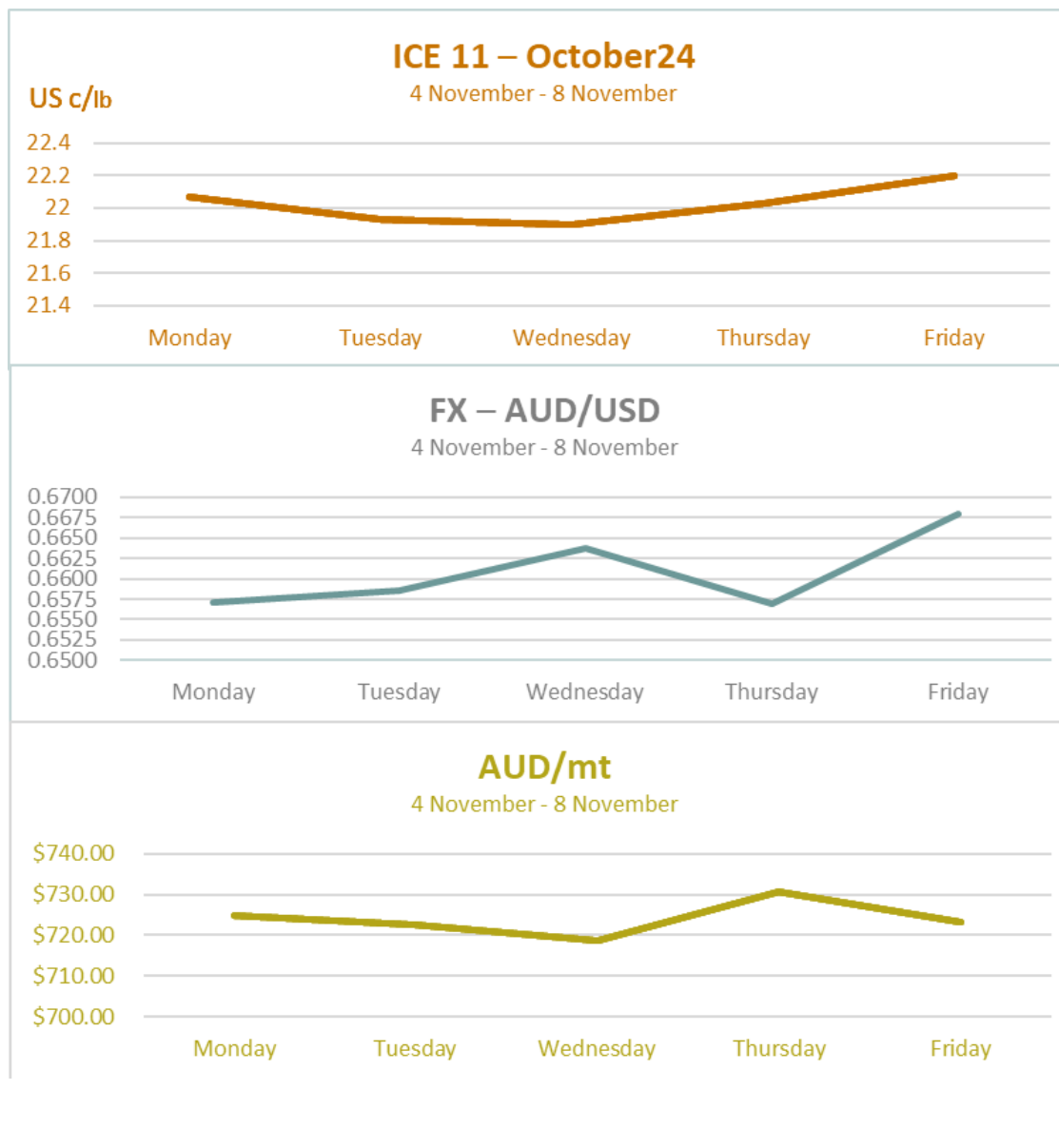
Season	AUD/MT*	Weekly Change
2024	721.93	-0.39%
2025	645.62	+1.14%
2026	601.08	+2.90%
2027	584.18	+4.03%

** These figures are indicative of available ICE 11 prices as at 11 November 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:** Last week the prompt March 2025 ICE 11 contract traded between a low of 21.58 USc/lb on the Monday and a high of 22.49 USc/lb on the Thursday, before closing the week at 21.82 USc/lb. Since then, the prompt contract has fallen below both the 40-day and 50-day moving averages, adding technical weakness to the market.
- **Brazil:** The latest UNICA report for the second half of October showed that 27.17 million tonnes of cane had been harvested and 1.79 million tonnes of sugar produced for the fortnight, with a sugar mix of 46.12%. Season to date, 566 million tonnes of cane has been harvested, yielding 37.38 million tonnes of sugar at a 48.61% sugar mix. So far only 38 mills have ceased operations for the season, fewer than anticipated and likely due to delays caused by wet weather. The final

sugar production for the season is projected to reach around 39.5 million tonnes. On the weather front, the drought in São Paulo appears to have ended, with substantial rainfall recorded in late October and early November. Some areas have received up to 450mm over the past four weeks, which bodes well for next year's crop.

- **India:** Harvesting in India is now underway with mills in Western Uttar Pradesh the first to start for the season. The key cane-growing state of Maharashtra will likely wait to commence its campaign until after a local election later this month.
 - **Commitment of Traders:** A mild week for traders saw the raw sugar market move very little, with the most recent Commitment of Traders report showing speculators held a net long position of 19,209 contracts as of 5 November, representing a reduction of just 715 contracts week-on-week.
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Currency

- Overview:** Foreign exchange markets experienced extreme volatility in both the lead-up to and post the US presidential election. The AUD initially dropped to a low of 65.13 US cents as it became apparent that Donald Trump would likely emerge victorious before unexpectedly rallying to 66.88 US cents the day after the election, posting the single largest intraday gain recorded by the AUD in 24 hours this year.
- United States:** Donald Trump's victory, along with Republican wins in the Senate and the House of Representatives, offers a strong

foundation for the incoming president to advance his economic agenda. The 2017 tax cuts are expected to be extended beyond 2025, with likely reductions in corporate taxes to stimulate private domestic demand. However, the president-elect's approach to tariffs remains uncertain and the AUD responded quickly, dropping below 66 US cents and trending downward in anticipation of Trump's policies.

- **The Federal Reserve:** As anticipated, last week the Federal Reserve (Fed) implemented its second interest rate cut in its ongoing easing cycle, reducing rates by an additional 25 basis points. This adjustment brings the target range down to 4.75-5.00%. The move reflects the Fed's ongoing efforts to stimulate economic growth and address potential challenges amid evolving financial conditions.

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