Crude Palm Oil Weekly

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Market Commentary

Call of The Week:

Mildly Bearish

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Malaysian palm oil futures fell for a third straight session on Tuesday, when the market reopened after a holiday, weighed down by India's decision to raise its import tax on edible oils.

The benchmark palm oil contract for December delivery on the Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Exchange closed 40 ringgit, or 1.06%, lower at 3,735 ringgit (\$878.00) a metric ton.

The contract shrunk 2.2% last week.

Ukraine accused Russia on Thursday of using strategic bombers to strike a civilian grain vessel in the Black Sea waters near NATO member Romania, raising concerns over sunoil's supply.

India, the biggest importer of edible oils, imposed a 20% basic customs duty on crude palm oil, crude soyoil and crude sunflower oil from Sept. 14.

The move will effectively increase the total import duty on the three oils to 27.5% from 5.5% as they are subject to India's Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess and Social Welfare Surcharge.

Malaysia maintained its October export tax for crude palm oil at 8% and lowered its reference price, per a circular on the Malaysian Palm Oil Board website.

According to oil world report, export of crude palm oil plummeted to 174 Thd T in July, with most of the decline in shipments to India.

Seasonally high production exceeded net exports last month while domestic usage in Malaysia continued to trail the year-ago level, raising Malaysian palm oil stocks to a 6-month high of 1.88 Mn T as of end of August.

For the week, FCPO prices is expected to trade lower for the week as high Malaysian palm oil stocks and weak demand of main importing countries.

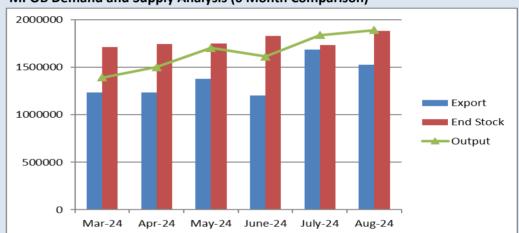
Fundamental Data

Malaysia Palm Oil Board Data ('000 tonnes)

	Aug-24	Jul-24	Diff.	MoM%	Aug-23	YoY%
Opening Stocks	1733	1829	-96	-5.25%	1734	-0.06%
Production	1894	1841	53	2.88%	1753	8.04%
Imports	9	10	-1	-10.00%	111	-91.89%
Total Supply	3636	3680	-44	-1.20%	3598	1.06%
Exports	1525	1689	-164	-9.71%	1222	24.80%
Dom Disapp	228	258	-30	-11.63%	251	-9.16%
Total Demand	1753	1947	-194	-9.96%	1473	19.01%
End Stocks	1883	1733	150	8.66%	2125	-11.39%
Stock/Usage	8.95%	7.42%			12.02%	
Ratio	0.33/6	7.42/0			12.02/0	

Source: MPOB/ Phillip Capital

MPOB Demand and Supply Analysis (6 Month Comparison)



Source: MPOB/ Phillip Capital

CPO Stock Level



Source: Bloomberg/ Phillip Capital



Source: Phillip Nova/Phillip Capital

Based on the daily chart, FCPO has broken the psychological support level of 3800. The price is going to test the next support level of 3730 before going to the previous low at 3605. For the week, FCPO might trading in the range of 3800 to 3650.



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