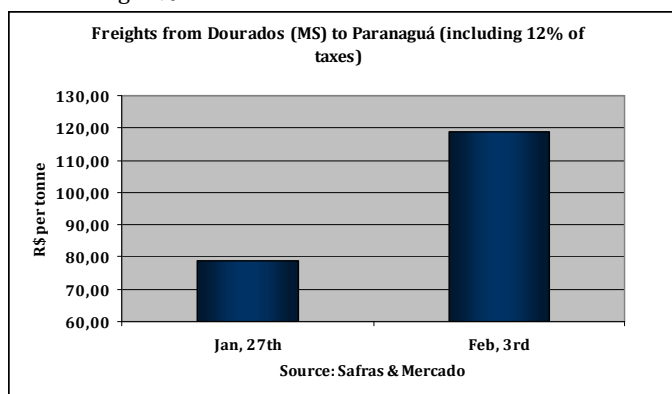


Freights at the main soybean producer location to Paranaguá Harbour, the main harbour to export agricultural products, have raised during the week. Interesting to notice that Mato Grosso do Sul (MS) freights have raised more than the others, due to the large volume of soybeans heading to Paranaguá.

Weekly Soybean Freights Evolution to Paranaguá Brazilian Real (R\$) per tonne			
	Feb, 3 rd	Jan, 27 th	%
Cascavel	78,75	55,70	41%
Londrina	55,30	43,00	29%
Ponta Grossa	33,00	24,50	35%
Rondonópolis	145,00	136,00	7%
Primavera	155,00	148,00	5%
Sorriso	190,00	180,00	6%
Dourados*	118,75	79,00	50%

* including 12% taxes



There is already a large amount of soybeans stocked at the port. Since this crop is expected to be record, more cargos may overload it, what may turn freights even higher.

This week, Conab, the National Supply Council, has divulged its estimate for the 2009/10 crop. According to them, the soybean production in the season is expected to be 66.73 mln tonnes, 11.2% higher than 2007/08 season, the highest one ever. The number is close to the one estimated by USDA on its World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates (WASDE).

The productivity in Mato Grosso state (MT) is projected to raise to the highest level ever. It is expected to harvest over 55 bags per hectare. This is due to transgenic seeds which are now adapted to the Centre South weather conditions. However, it is said that the first harvest was lower than expected.

Brazilian Agriculture Ministry, Reinhold Stephanes, said that the government and the producers are worried about the tendency of a fall in prices.

Harvest in Brazil is now at 12% complete, 7% above the 5 year average for the period according to a market reading of a private source. Last week it was 10%. We may notice that in MT harvest is 26% complete (14% above 5Y AVG) and in Goiás (GO) it is 28% (18% above 5Y AVG).

Harvest Soybean Evolution in Brazil % of planted area				
	Feb 12	Feb 5	Feb, 12 2009	5Y AVG
Paraná	8	6	8	4
Mato Grosso	26	22	16	12
Mato Grosso do Sul	8	4	9	4
Goiás	28	20	10	10
São Paulo	7	3	3	1
Minas Gerais	5	2	1	0
Brazil	12	10	8	5

Source: Safras & Mercado