

## Fertilizer Financial Markets Commentary/Curves

## <u>UREA</u>

NOLA UREA futures continue to edge higher on the March contract but yet we've seen little movement in other months, in fact we see sellers more aggressive in the Q2 part of the curve signalling the market belief that we are going to see much backwardation in the market, similar to what we saw this past spring. Overall, March traded four times today at \$259 with profit takers eager to clip coupons before the holidays feeding the bulls. We continue to see activity in the nearby physical market with a few barges trading today for December, \$243-\$245, however the \$245 was never confirmed as traded. Buyers are willing to continuing to pay here, and it seems there is enough availability in December to meet that demand on barges.

## <u>DAP</u>

NOLA DAP futures were unchanged, but the market got a shock today when it was announced that the ITC made a mistake in their calculation of duty it would impose upon OCP's Phosphate Fertilizer product imported into the United States. The ITC stated they would lower the prelim duty to ~16% down from ~23%. The implications of these duties being adjusted are yet to be felt in the market given it is a holiday week and most traders seem checked out, but some in the market think it might be more bearish long term as OCP isn't paying as much of a duty as they were previously expected to pay.

## **INTERNATIONAL FUTURES**

Sentiment remains positive in intl urea markets, with physical business maintaining current price levels. Buying interest is evident across the futures complex, however buyers don't yet appear motivated to cross the spread and engage at appetising levels for sellers.

	DC	OMES	TIC	
	NOLA UREA			
	BID	ASK	MID	Δ
JAN	248	255	252	<b>1</b>
FEB	254	259	257	<b>1</b>
MAR	255	260	258	<b>—</b> 0
APR	253	260	257	<b>1</b>
IAY	240	247	244	***
NOLA UAN				
	BID	ASK	MID	Λ
JAN	129	138	134	0
FEB	138	142	140	
MAR	146	148	147	0
APR	137	144		
Q2	138	148		
<u><u>Q</u><sup>2</sup></u>	150	140	145	_ 0
	N	OLA E	DAP	
	BID	ASK	MID	Δ
JAN	392	396	394	<b>1</b>
	392	396	394	<b>—</b> 0
FEB				
FEB MAR	391	398	395	<b>—</b> 0

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