

# Fertilizer Financial Markets Commentary/Curves

#### UREA

Urea futures had yet another day of extraordinary gains and trade volume. Today alone, nearly 50,000 tons traded between the FEB and MAR contracts. FEB futures traded at \$303 a number of times in the morning, and the bulls push prices as high as \$308 by the afternoon. MAR futures were rangebound for the majority of the session, with numerous trades executed in the \$305-\$306 range, with one outlier trade executed at \$308. Physical urea was also higher today, with JAN barges trading in the \$297-\$300 range and MAR barges changing hands between \$302-\$305.

# UAN

UAN values were stronger today basis firmer UREA values but failed to traded. Bids were firmer with littler offer interest.

## DAP

DAP futures had an active session today, finding strong buying interest on the bullish USDA Supply & Demand report. DAP traders were only active in the later part of the afternoon, with the first trade executed for FEB at \$395. The market woke up quickly, and FEB traded again at \$397, \$398, \$402 and \$405 in little more than 3 hours time. Market participants seem to believe in The Farmer's ability to pay up later in the spring.

## **INTERNATIONAL FUTURES**

Prices surged higher on intl paper markets today. AG paper reached a milestone, trading \$300 for Feb and Mar futures in a package trade, with buying interest seen through that level on the follow. Value on Egypt paper meanwhile is now well and truly through \$300 and into the \$310-320s. We saw some brief selling interest around the \$320 mark for Feb-Apr throughout the day, which backed off following higher physical prices, up to \$323/mt fob. Buying interest remains firm on Brazil paper, however is yet to follow AG and Egypt up as significantly, with physical markets seemingly slower to react.

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	BID	ASK	MID	Δ
JAN	285	290	288	<b>1</b> 0
FEB	302	308	305	🔺 11
MAR	305	309	307	<b>1</b> 3
APR	295	305	300	<b>1</b> 0
MAY	280	290	285	<b>1</b> 5
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	BID	ASK	MID	Δ
JAN	140	147	144	<b>A</b> 3
FEB	158	165	162	<b>-</b> 1
<b>AAR</b>	167	174	171	<b>2</b>
APR	169	175	172	<b>A</b> 3
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JAN	393	400	397	▲ 9
FEB	403	410	407	<b>1</b> 7
MAR	398	408	403	<b>1</b> 4
APR	390	400	395	<b>6</b>

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