

Fertilizer Financial Markets Commentary/Curves NOLA FUTURES & SWAPS

UREA

Values on NOLA UREA futures are significantly higher today on futures with physical also trading up as traders turn more bullish in the Q3 and Q4 timeframes after the announcement of the most recent Indian tender as well as the higher corn values. In the futures market, Q4 was the main point of trading today, trading in a range of \$315-\$325 which is up \$15-\$25 above last done. Q3 values were also firmer with bids seen well into the \$300s. The catalyst for firmer markets were the announcement by the MMTC that they will host another tender closing May 4th with shipment until 21st of June as well as nearby corn futures going limit up for part of the day. Sentiment seems that it will continue to be bullish as we continue this spring season. Furthermore, values on physical were firmer today with 1H May barge trading at \$375 up \$5 from last done.

<u>UAN</u>

Values on UAN were slightly higher today as urea edges higher.

DAP

NOLA DAP markets saw sharp buyer support today with most market chatter centered around strength in the CME Corn market. Both the May and July corn futures contracts closed \$0.25 higher, and are trading near the highest levels in over six years. Fertilizer market participants see the strength in corn as bullish for phosphate needs moving forward as rallying corn prices could encourage higher corn plantings. The Q3 NOLA DAP futures strip traded three times today, once at \$542, once at \$540, and once more at \$545- last done for the Q3 strip was at \$528 on Thursday.

INTERNATIONAL FUTURES

India's MMTC announced a new urea purchasing tender today, despite some thinking we might see delays due to the domestic covid situation. Offers into the tender are due by May 4th, for shipments by June 21st. The shipment window is longer than expected based off previous tenders, but the paper market seemed to have otherwise already priced in the news last week, with limited immediate reaction. Values on AG paper were stable following the announcement – the May contract saw some trading late in the day at 345, where value was left at the end of last week. Elsewhere, participants were running the numbers on possible outcomes and staying out of the paper market. However, following a rally in Nola markets in the afternoon seession, 365 was paid for Q4 Brazil urea futures, significantly higher than buying interest had been seen previously.

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