

Market Outlook COCOA

& COCONUT

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Coconut

Desiccated Coconut

Sales are still weak compared to previous seasons, though a slight improvement was in August compared to 2022.

Coconut Milk and Cream

An upwards price increase denoted due to deteriorating growing condition at source. However, weak global demand so far is keeping this category in check.

Coconut Oils

Prices remain flat but some announcement in the palm oil sector i.e. "Malaysia to double Palm Oil export to China amid EU import restrictions" may affect long term views.

Data Source: UNITED COCONUT ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILLIPINES

Cocoa

Cocoa Powder

Cocoa powder prices continues to increase but it has not yet taken a lot of pressure from cocoa butter.

Cocoa Butter

Butter ratios remain high at 2.25. Prices have reached astonishing levels; such high levels have been supported by spot buying.

Cocoa Terminal Bean Market

The cocoa market continue to be extremely volatile; bean price has hit 45-year record levels of approximately €3000/MT. Current outlook is that the cocoa derivative will be negative. Therefore, it will be interesting to see how cocoa powder responds to this and if it will ease the pressure off butter.

Coco Liquor

Demand for Cocoa Liquor continues to be strong and outright prices reflect the cocoa bean price trend.

Chocolate

With the increase in prices of Cocoa liquor and Cocoa butter, chocolate pricing has had further increases.

Global Food News :

- 1.Cocoa season 22/23 (Q4) is expected to be tight due to supply issues in West Africa. El - Nino rains being blamed for the current problems.
- 2.The government of Ghana has increased the minimum payment paid to cocoa farmers by 63% to prevent the beans from being smuggled into neighbouring countries for higher prices.
- 3.Cameroon has increased its cocoa farm-rate price by 25%
- 4.Cocoa beans have reached a 46 - year high due to the impact of the black pod disease.
- 5.Drought season in Panama may lower the number of vessels permitted through the canal.

Data Source: Food Forensics

