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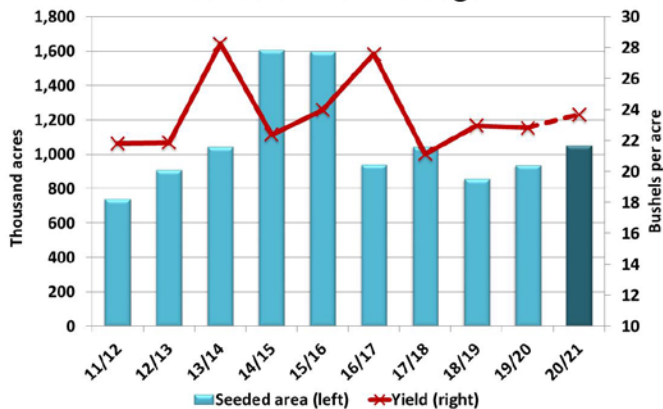
What is Happening Now:

- The sharp drop in the Canadian dollar is providing a boost for flax bids. Prices in the US (measured in Cdn \$) are rallying more sharply from the earlier lows.
- Country elevator stocks are low, with uncertainty about the quality and quantity of unharvested flax.
- China's pace of buying is still solid, although Canada's share has declined.
- Prices in Europe have seen some strength, and could encourage fresh buying activity.

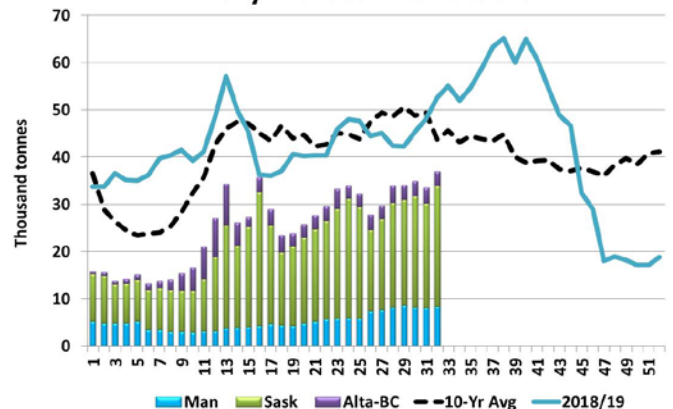
What to Watch For:

- A short-term dip in exports is possible due to Covid-19 issues, but may not last long.
- It looks like Russian flax exports may be limited for the rest of 2019/20, allowing more room for Canada.
- Canadian acreage forecasts for 2020 are variable, with AAFC up 19%, while others aren't as optimistic. Next year's supplies in Canada could remain limited.
- US 2020 acreage intentions will be announced at the end of March and could show a drop.

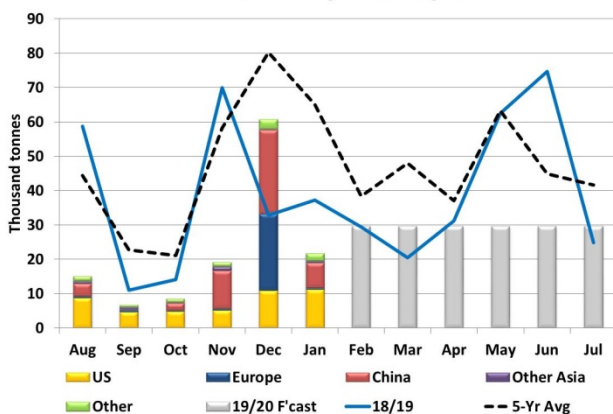
Canadian Flax Acreage



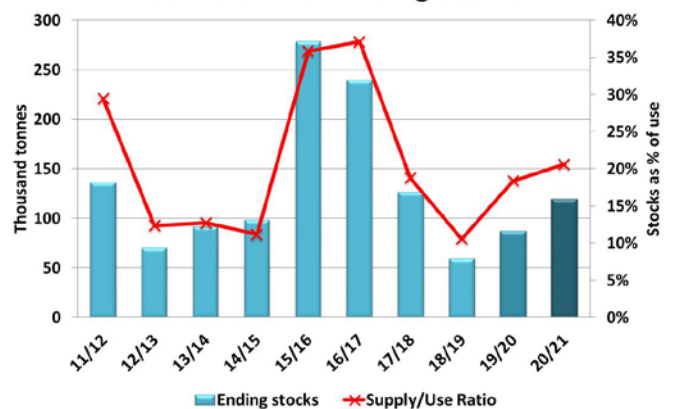
Primary Elevator Flax Stocks



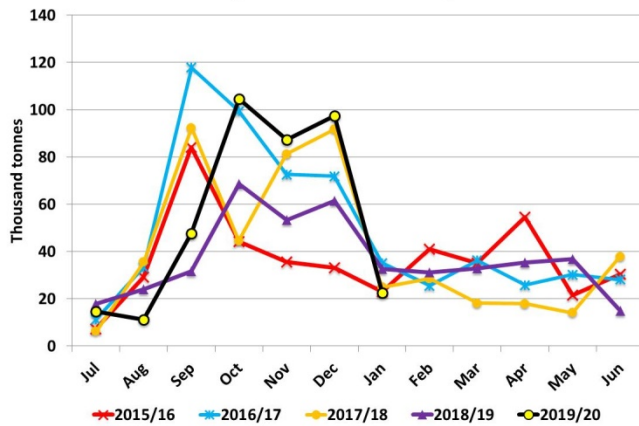
2019/20 Monthly Flax Exports



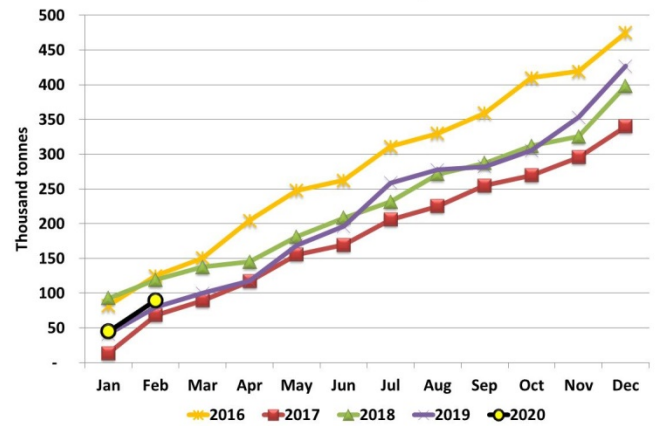
Canadian Flax Ending Stocks



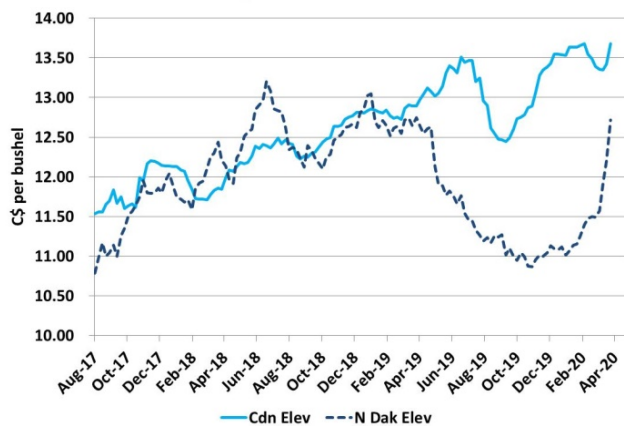
Monthly Russian Flax Exports



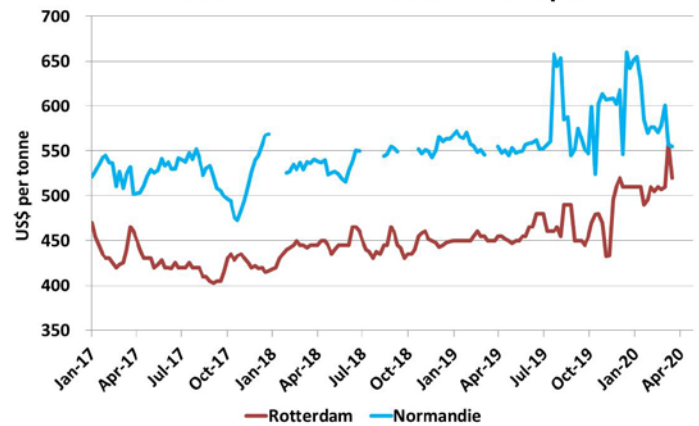
Chinese Linseed Imports



Average Posted Flax Bids



Linseed Prices - Western Europe



Latest Data:

Flax Price Indications

All values in US\$ per tonne

Type	Location	This week	Week Ago	4 Wks Ago	Year Ago
1C	Saskatoon	363	383	389	383
1C	Wpg, MB	353	370	383	389
#1	RedWing, MN	409	409	380	435
Golden	N Dakota	341	341	341	375
Linseed	NW Europe	520	559	510	450
Linseed	Ukraine	443	464	434	443
Linseed	Russia	480	480	480	500
Linseed	Kazakhstan	693	702	695	664
Linseed	Tianjin (offer)	693	702	695	664

Flax Movement

Quantities in tonnes

	Year-to-date	Last YTD	5-Yr Avg-to-date
Farm Deliveries	196,100	228,400	320,940
Elev Shipments	157,000	196,100	281,266
Commercial Stocks	45,200	57,200	76,750
Exports to:			
US	45,597	62,621	54,892
China	48,613	127,686	170,676
Europe	24,780	20,644	50,181
Other	13,080	12,847	15,773
Total	132,069	223,798	291,522