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Butter/Butteroil - Europe

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Prices for European butter have slid lower, while the price range for butteroil has contracted, moving up at the bottom of the range and down at the top. Industry sources suggest that demand for packaged butter is lower, driven down by an active holiday season and hot temperatures. Block butter trading is also quiet. Contracted butter volumes are moving steadily, but there is little new business reported. The price expectations for buyers and sellers have not yet converged for future business. Butter production is down week to week, with high temperatures eroding levels of milk production and milk fat components. As a result of lighter demand, butter stocks have grown.

Western Europe, 82% Butterfat, Free on Board - Port Butter  
Price Range - \$/MT: 6,775 - 7,875

Western Europe, 99% Butterfat, Free on Board - Port Butteroil  
Price Range - \$/MT: 7,650 - 9,600

Information for the period July 11 - 22, 2022, issued biweekly

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EU butter production during January-May 2022 is estimated at 898,000 MT, a decrease of 3.0 percent from January-May 2021 according to CLAL data made available to USDA. Among some of the top butter producers, January - May 2022 butter production and the percentage change compared with January-May 2021 are Germany, 206,934 MT, -4.1 percent; France, 183,360 MT, -0.1 percent; Ireland, 104,480 MT, -1.5 percent; and Poland, 100,910 MT, -1.1 percent.

Butter and other fats exports from the EU27 January - May 2022, 112,000 MT, increased 5.9 percent from January - May 2021 according to CLAL data made available to USDA. Main destinations January - May 2022, quantity, and percent change from last year are United Kingdom, 25,762 MT, +62.44 percent; United States, 15,526 MT, -3.92 percent; and China, 7,392 MT, -25.89 percent.

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