

EU Malting barley –the EU malting barley market is more or less unchanged from end of last year, maybe slightly weaker. It is still the same that there are some parcels which want or need to be sold and buyers are not really there. In the UK the quality issues have been managed quite well so far. Although we think for the future it will be more difficult as the good quality runs out. In Scandinavia there is more talk about germination issues which need to be monitored. The problems in the S&D are not solved yet.

Argentina – the harvest of wheat and barley is almost done. Wheat yields are about 10% below last year. Production estimates differ in a range between 17,5 -18 mio mt. Barley yields should be in line with last year with a production between 3,2-3,4 mio mt.

US – As expected the cbot wheat went up until 435 ct/bu driven by cold weather and winter kill concerns. The market takes a breather now but already very close to the support levels. As per weather forecast it gets a bit warmer, but remains dry. The weather story will accompany us for a while ...

EUR/USD – it has been a strong upwards movement since 28th of December 2017 from 1,1886 to almost 1,2100. The RSI indicator shows an overbought situation. It looks like we could see the euro going down below 1,20 again, but support levels are already at 1,1965/1,1975 and afterwards it could go up again. Above 1,2100 we see potential until 1,2400, which of course would make EU grain exports more difficult...

EUR/USD spot



Have a good start into the new year!