

Markets & Pricing 101



Simplifying the two commonly used pricing models for oils

“Board and Basis” vs “Flat Pricing”

Board and Basis pricing ties the cost of oil to a publicly traded commodity index such as the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), plus a fixed “basis” that covers processing, packaging, and logistics. This model allows buyers to take advantage of market dips or secure future pricing through hedging, offering flexibility for those who monitor commodity trends closely.

	What	Factors
Board	Cost of raw material	Trading rates at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) - current and future
Basis	Cost of processing	Current and projected refining, shrinkage, and shipping costs
Oils: Soybean, canola, cottonseed, palm		

Flat Pricing provides a single, all-inclusive cost per unit that remains fixed for a set period. It's simpler, predictable, and preferred by buyers who prioritize budget stability over market fluctuation.

	What	Factors
Flat Pricing	All combined: raw material + processing	Original source cost, refining cost, supply vs demand, seasonality, and shipping cost
Oils: Olive, avocado, corn, safflower, sunflower, peanut, and other organic oils		

Other Pricing Influences

Geopolitics: People at war are not available to farm, and nations trying to leverage diplomacy redirect exports to achieve political goals. These supply fluctuations result in price variations.

Weather: Conditions determine how much a region's crop yields and the quality of that yield, especially at planting and harvest times.

Shipping: Seasonal demand for material goods creates freight backups at major ports. Unexpected periodic increases in shipping times and costs are now part of the “new normal”.

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Example soybean meal futures chart – impacting future cost of soybean oil



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