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agaSAAT® Market Report June 2026

Dear Readers,

Relatively long dry spells coupled with last month's low temperatures mean that many field crops have been very slow to develop. The situation in the fields varies greatly from growing region to growing region. We also need to keep an eye on global uncertainties and political developments. Harvesting season is still a long way off.

Pumpkin seeds

Prices for exports from China continue to rise. This is due to the sharp rise in sea freight costs as of 01.06.2026. Currently, we are again looking at up to US\$3,000.00 for a 20ft container – an increase of around 70% compared to last month. This is having an immediate impact on costs.

GWS A & AA grades Supplies are running low – the market will see a noticeable shortage until batches from the 2026 winter harvest start to arrive. Prices continue to rise, again due to the massive increases imposed by the shipping companies. We anticipate that prices will reach a new high in the long-term, even exceeding those we saw during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Organic pumpkin seeds

Options are dwindling here as well. EU-compliant organic GWS A/AA seeds are unavailable. The extremely expensive Skin Shine AA-grade goods can still be procured. Cultivation in Austria, in particular, is well behind schedule. Sowing had to be delayed considerably due to persistent night-time frosts. Now we need to pray for rain for the plants to flourish.

NATURLAND association goods: The new season has kicked off. Plots have been prepared and the majority are already secured under contract. It's now a case of waiting until harvest time to see what the fields will yield.

If you have any outstanding requirements, we recommend long-term hedging with contract farming. Please contact us as soon as possible to secure your plots in good time for the 2007 sowing season.



Blue poppy

A good 25% of the cultivation areas had to be replanted with summer poppies. At present, the rain needed for the plant's to grow properly is lacking. All we can do is wait and see how things develop. Based on seed sales, we can deduce that the amount of land under cultivation in Europe this year is around 10 – 15% less than last year. Special varieties such as our **agaBLUE®** remain consistently in demand.

The quality benefits of low morphine and codeine contents really pay off. If you still have purchasing needs, we can once again review possible options for supplying our **agaBLUE®** product, backed by the same trusted level of quality.

Organic poppy // EU Organic and NATURLAND

Now is a good time to think about covering your requirements for the next 6 – 12 months. It won't be long now until harvesting begins. Forecasts are average.

Prices at source vary from day to day. Alternatives include agaBLUE – cultivated under the NATURLAND label from the Netherlands – or EU organic goods from Germany or Flanders. Please contact as as soon as possible if you still need to cover your requirements.

Sesame seed

The market is stabilising thanks to agreed shipment tenders from Korea. Prices are significantly more stable compared to previous weeks. They are not currently expected to fall any further. The summer harvest is yet to start – however, volumes will be much lower compared to the main harvest at the end of the year. It is still too early to make say anything definitive about the quality and yields of the summer harvest.

NATURLAND sesame

The start of the summer harvest is still some weeks away. We await the first reports from the cultivation areas about the quantity and quality of the upcoming harvest.

We still advise covering your requirements until the end of the year as quantities from this year's harvest will not be available on the market before then.

Linseed

Prices remain high. Goods imported from Kazakhstan continue to be expensive due to the current cost of diesel. As a result, the price gap involved in switching to domestic cultivation is much smaller. The sustainable supply chain and short delivery routes are paying off. Our proprietary varieties, **agaSUZANNE®** and **agaGOLDFLAX®**, offer you a way to sustainably cover your requirements from local sources. Although they are also affected by rising costs, the percentage price increase is significantly slower than it is for raw material imports. Why not support domestic farming as well – we are on hand with advice and practical help if you want to switch up your recipes.

Organic linseed is following the trend seen in conventional goods

Sunflower seeds

The summer break and planned downtime in the hulling plants has begun. Some hulling plants have already ceased operations due to the current market situation and it will be September before they are able to supply any further quantities. Please check your requirement and stock planning as soon as possible to ensure that there will still be enough goods available. It is important to note that it will be over four months until the new harvest comes in. Initial offers from the new harvest are much higher than last year – we are expecting the high price level to carry over into the new 2026 harvest. The forecasts don't look particularly promising.

Organic sunflower seeds

Here as well, organic goods are following the trends seen in conventional commodities. Prices have gone up again compared to last month. We recommend long-term planning up to the end Q3 – hopefully, the 2026 harvest will be available by then.

If you need **NATURLAND-certified sunflower seeds**, please contact us as soon as possible. Quantities available from the previous harvest are already under contract. Here too, logistics and diesel surcharges are already being added to the prices agreed in the summer and autumn so that any deliveries can actually be made on time.

Chia

The market is fixed and availabilities in the spot market significantly limited. Planned shipments from South America currently have a lead time of up to 2 ½ months, so remember to take this into account when planning your future requirements. The latest harvest from Paraguay is now available to purchase but is already US\$250.00/mt more than last year.

Organic chia

Here too, we advise covering your requirements at least until the end of Q2 2026 from reliable sources. It will be some months before the first quantities of organic goods are shipped at sea. We expect the new harvest to be available from September 2026 at the earliest. In the meantime, we will just have to be patient.

Nigella / Black cumin

Harvesting in Egypt is yet to start. However, it will be some weeks yet before the first harvested samples are dispatched. Based on current market information, processors are expecting prices to fall to the level of the last offer price from the off-season. Whether this actually happens remains to be seen. The asking price for the 2026 harvest has been set and is significantly above last season's entry-level prices. Harvesting in Syria is still about 3 – 6 weeks away.

NEWS in 2026

agaSAAT sets new standards in cleaning, mixing & product safety

Combined cleaning & mixing line with AI-assisted foreign object detection

Efficient. Precise. Future-proof

Our new integrated cleaning and mixing line combines mechanical pre-cleaning, precise mixing technology, the optional addition of liquids and AI-based foreign object detection (optical sorter & X-ray) all in one continuous process.

Everything in one line for maximum process safety

- Multi-stage cleaning – sieving, aspiration, separation and metal separation for optimum raw material purity
- AI-assisted foreign object detection using the optical sorter & X-ray combi system
- Reliable cleaning – safely removes stones, glass, metal & other unwanted materials
- Precise mixing technology with the addition of liquids – integrated dosing of aromas, oils or functional liquids

Advantages at a glance

- Maximum product safety
- AI-based self-learning process
- Flexible recipe design
- High efficiency and throughput
- Gentle product treatment
- Compliant with organic and IFS standards

Technology you can trust

Our new line combines mechanical precision, digital intelligence and flexible recipe technology to give you raw materials that look clean, are uniform and proven to be safe.



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agaSAAT FOOD SAFETY program

Spring is coming fast – and pest population will increase again with rising temperatures, bringing the need for reprocessing seeds and spices back into focus. Stored product protection and quality assurance of the raw materials used are playing an increasingly important role for seeds, spices, and nuts. We also recommend quality assurance for goods meant for direct consumption (muesli) or sold in small packaging.

We offer a state-of-the-art gentle and sustainable solution to infestation problems. This is where the advantages of our established

agaSAAT FOOD SAFETY program come into play.

Seeds and spices are agricultural raw ingredients that become food – and therefore “credence products” – after preparation.

When temperatures rise, so does the risk of a pest infestation.

This is precisely where the agaSAAT FOOD SAFETY program comes in. It offers a comprehensive, all-inclusive package of services along with the know-how we have gathered from 30 years’ experience in our core areas of expertise. Our services are just as flexible as your requirements!

- Storage of goods in separate quarantine storage units
- Pressurised disinfection using natural carbonic acid (which can also be used on organic products) at our Neukirchen-Vluyn site
- agaSAAT fine cleaning (which can be done with a colour sorter and NIR technology if required) based on SORTEX processes at our high-tech cleaning facilities
- Packaging in sacks and big bags, loading onto pallets, labelling as per customer specifications
- Storage and stockpiling under temperature- and humidity-controlled IFS-FOOD conditions, carbon-neutral warehousing

If you have any questions or would like to request a tailored quote, please call us on +49 (0)2845-91460

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