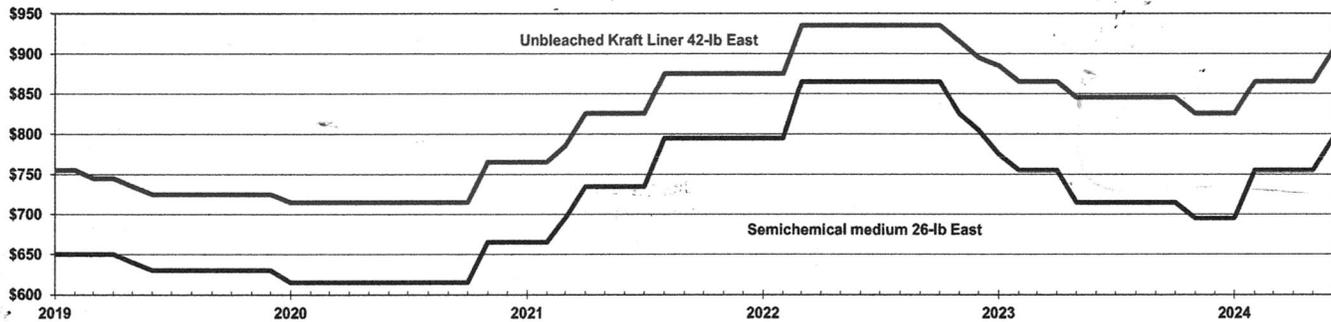


PRICE WATCH: Containerboard/Kraft Papers Domestic



Delivered, US\$ (unless otherwise noted)

		Current months			Year-to-year		
CONTAINERBOARD		Unit	Jun. 2024	May 2024	Apr. 2024	Jun. 2023	% chg.
DOMESTIC OPEN MARKET PRICE							
Unbleached kraft linerboard (42-lb)							
East	sh. ton	\$900 - 910 *	\$860 - 870 *	\$860 - 870 *	\$840 - 850	7.1%	
West	sh. ton	900 - 910 *	860 - 870 *	860 - 870 *	840 - 850	7.1	
High performance linerboard (35-/36-lb) ¹							
East	sh. ton	910 - 920 *	870 - 880 *	870 - 880 *	850 - 860	7.0	
Recycled linerboard (30-/31-lb)							
East	sh. ton	800 - 810 *	760 - 770 *	760 - 770 *	740 - 750	8.1	
West	sh. ton	800 - 810 *	760 - 770 *	760 - 770 *	740 - 750	8.1	
White top linerboard (42-lb)							
East	sh. ton	1,180 - 1,190 *	1,150 - 1,160 *	1,150 - 1,160 *	1,150 - 1,160	2.6	
West	sh. ton	1,180 - 1,190 *	1,150 - 1,160 *	1,150 - 1,160 *	1,150 - 1,160	2.6	
Corrugating Medium (26-lb semichemical)							
East	sh. ton	790 - 800 *	750 - 760 *	750 - 760 *	710 - 720	11.2	
West	sh. ton	790 - 800 *	750 - 760 *	750 - 760 *	710 - 720	11.2	
EXPORT LINERBOARD - Unbleached kraft							
175-g+ Southern Europe (CIF)	tonne	€ 560 - 590 *	€ 540 - 570 *	€ 510 - 550 *	€ 540 - 560	4.5	
175-g+ China (C&F) ²	tonne	555 - 595 *	535 - 575 *	535 - 575 *	560 - 580	0.9	
42-lb Laredo border/Mexico (FOB)	tonne	630 - 660 *	630 - 650 *	630 - 650 *	660 - 680	-3.7	
42-lb Central/South America (FAS)	sh. ton	530 - 550 *	530 - 550 *	490 - 520 *	510 - 550	1.9	
KRAFT PAPERS							
Unbleached ⁴							
Extensible multiwall sack, 50-lb	sh. ton	1,190 - 1,220 *	1,190 - 1,220 *	1,190 - 1,220 *	1,180 - 1,210	0.8	
Natural multiwall sack, 50-lb	sh. ton	1,040 - 1,050 *	1,040 - 1,050 *	1,040 - 1,050 *	1,020 - 1,030	2.0	
Converting bag, 30-lb	sh. ton	900 - 930 *	900 - 930 *	900 - 930 *	890 - 920	1.1	
Grocery bag, 50-/70-lb	sh. ton	860 - 890 *	860 - 890 *	860 - 890 *	850 - 880	1.2	
Bleached ⁴							
Grocery bag, 30-lb	sh. ton	1,170 - 1,200 *	1,170 - 1,200 *	1,170 - 1,200 *	1,120 - 1,150	4.4	

*Discounting has been reported below price shown.

1. Fastmarkets RISI launched assessments of 30-/31-lb recycled linerboard in September 2019. A two year synthetic history was compiled by Fastmarkets RISI economists to coincide with the launch. These historical prices are meant as indicative levels only and should not be considered formal Fastmarkets RISI assessments.

2. From January 2018 the reference to Hong Kong was removed. This is a change in location name, not in methodology. Price includes all China ports.

3. Future price increase announced by major producer (s) but not reflected in current data.

4. Net price assessments for US kraft papers were launched in July 2020. List price assessments were discontinued at the end of 2020.

With the launch of new assessments for recycled linerboard, and lower basis weight assessments, Fastmarkets RISI has removed the footnote to this table containing indicative differentials for other containerboard basis weights and grades. As we add new assessments to our portfolio, we believe this footnote is no longer relevant.

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PAPER, PACKAGING AND FIBER MARKET NEWS AND PRICES FOR NORTH AMERICA

Containerboard prices rise again in NA, this time by \$30, \$40 as demand still mixed and cost inflation called high

Domestic linerboard prices rose \$30/ton and \$40/ton in North America as producers again sought price relief from inflation, even as some buyers said demand wasn't strong enough to pay more for linerboard or corrugated boxes.

Levels for 42-lb unbleached kraft linerboard, 35-/36-lb High Performance linerboard, and 30-/31-lb recycled linerboard all rose \$40/ton, to \$900-910/ton delivered for the 42-lb, \$910-920/ton for 35-/36-lb, and \$800-810/ton for 30-/31-lb. White top linerboard also increased, by \$30/ton to \$1,180-1,190/ton. Corrugating medium rose \$40/ton to \$790-800/ton, the same increase amount as for the brown linerboards.

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North American boxboard prices across grades stay flat; URB producers announce second NA price hike

Pricing for all boxboard grades in the North American market were flat in June, according to the *Fastmarkets' PPI Pulp & Paper Week* pricing survey.

Several uncoated recycled boxboard (URB) producers, including Sonoco, Greif, Ox Industries, and Cascades, announced the second round of price increases within six months. All notices were either plus \$70/ton or at a range of \$50-70/ton higher, to be effective around mid-July.

The second round of price hikes was announced after the *P&PW* May pricing survey reflected a \$30/ton move upwards, the first move since the first round of increases early this year.

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NORPAC sets 2nd UFS price hike this year for NA amid high costs, reduced supply, and better demand

North Pacific Paper Corp (NORPAC) announced a second price increase on its uncoated freesheet (UFS) papers this year, industry contacts told *Fastmarkets' PPI Pulp & Paper Week* this week.

The company said in a June 14 letter to customers that it will increase the price of "UFS papers and all cutsizes papers, including private label cutsizes brands," by 5-7% effective with July 15 shipments.

NORPAC had announced a similar price increase of 5-7% on its UFS paper earlier this year effective on Apr. 15. All other UFS producers announced 5-7% UFS price increases for April in North America. Those increases saw phased-in price hikes over the course of April, May, and June,

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