

FIS Pulp Paper Futures Weekly Report

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Market News

China

In the Chinese pulp market, prices for BSK and BHK rose due to seller initiatives and improvements in pulp futures on the Shanghai Futures Exchange. Buyers seized arbitrage opportunities with BSK stocks bought previously at lower prices. Northern NBSK from Canada fetched \$730-740 per tonne, while Nordic NBSK remained steady at \$700-750 per tonne. Canadian producers are seeking price increases, offering NBSK at \$750-765 per tonne. Most producers, except Arauco, called for a \$30 per tonne hike for South American BHK for March, with Arauco maintaining its price at \$650 per tonne. Chinese buyers anticipate stable BHK prices, leading to increased purchases of unsold imports and domestically available resale BHK. As a result, South American BHK prices edged up to \$650-660 per tonne. The PIX BHKP China index settled slightly lower at \$653.49 per tonne.

North America

The North American pulp market has strengthened due to high demand from both spot and contract buyers. Several major producers, including Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries (Al-Pac), Eldorado, Klabin, and Suzano, have announced price increases of \$80/tonne for various pulp grades. This follows previous hikes by Paper Excellence (PE). Tightened supply conditions, attributed to factors like unplanned downtime and production slowdowns, have led to increased prices. Market sentiment has been affected by the closure of AV Terrace Bay mill and rumors of further closures. In the US South, a major mill is stockpiling supply ahead of an extended maintenance shutdown. Consequently, spot prices have risen, and buyers are struggling to negotiate lower prices. Looking ahead to March, price hikes are expected to continue, although global fluff market momentum is showing signs of weakening.

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Softwood

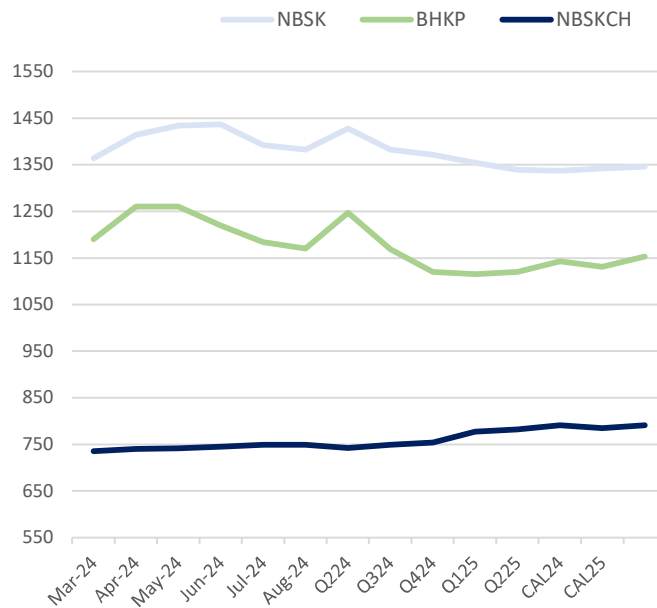
Hardwood

Paper

NOREXECO:	NBSK	NBSKCH	BHKP	Recycled
Mar-24	1364	735	1190	100
Apr-24	1414	740	1260	102
May-24	1434	741	1260	103
Jun-24	1437	745	1220	104
Jul-24	1392	749	1184	105
Aug-24	1382	749	1170	105
Q224	1428	742	1247	103
Q324	1382	749	1169	105
Q424	1372	754	1120	107
Q125	1354	777	1115	107
Q225	1339	782	1120	107
CAL24	1337	791	1143	107
CAL25	1342	785	1131	107
CAL26	1346	791	1153	107

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