

FIS Pulp Paper Futures Weekly Report

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Market News

China

Chinese traders and BSK futures investors refrained from buying NBSK imports this past week due to low resale prices and BSK futures levels in the domestic market. Resale NBSK sold at RMB 6,500 per tonne, down RMB 58 from last week, equivalent to \$777 per tonne (excluding VAT and logistics costs). The most-traded September BSK contract fell RMB 54 per tonne from the previous week, settling at RMB 6,244 per tonne (\$750 per tonne, excluding VAT and logistics costs). Traders and investors found no incentive to buy NBSK imports, as offered prices were significantly higher than resale and futures prices. Nordic NBSK was offered at \$830 per tonne, lower than other sellers' \$850-870 per tonne, but buyers were uninterested. Canadian NBSK offers remained firm at \$850-870 per tonne, with counteroffers at \$800 per tonne being ignored. However, major end-users with long-term contracts were willing to pay \$830-840 per tonne. Canadian and Nordic NBSK were assessed at \$810-840 per tonne, unchanged from last week, with the midpoint steady at \$825 per tonne. Following a \$30 per tonne hike for South American BHK in May, producers are seeking another \$30 per tonne increase for June orders, with talks yet to begin. The May increase brought South American BHK prices to \$740-750 per tonne. The PIX BHKP China index settled at \$738.72 per tonne on Friday, up 1.62% from last week.

North American OCC

In May, North American pulp markets saw significant price increases due to tight supplies and steady demand. Key softwood and hardwood kraft grades rose by \$70-100/tonne. NBSK prices increased to \$1,690/tonne, up \$80/tonne, as buyers shifted from spot markets to contracts. Spot prices for NBSK hit \$900-940/tonne, a 17-month high. Several producers, including Thunder Bay Pulp and Paper, announced further price hikes for June, with NBSK rising by \$100/tonne and BEK by \$60/tonne. US BEK and BHK prices also rose by \$70-80/tonne, driven by supply disruptions at CMPC and Asia Pulp & Paper. Southern pine SBSK prices increased to \$1,620/tonne, up \$100/tonne, narrowing the gap with NBSK prices. Fluff pulp prices remained steady at \$1,890/tonne, with recent price hikes stalling. Overall, supply shocks and strong demand supported continuous price increases across the market.

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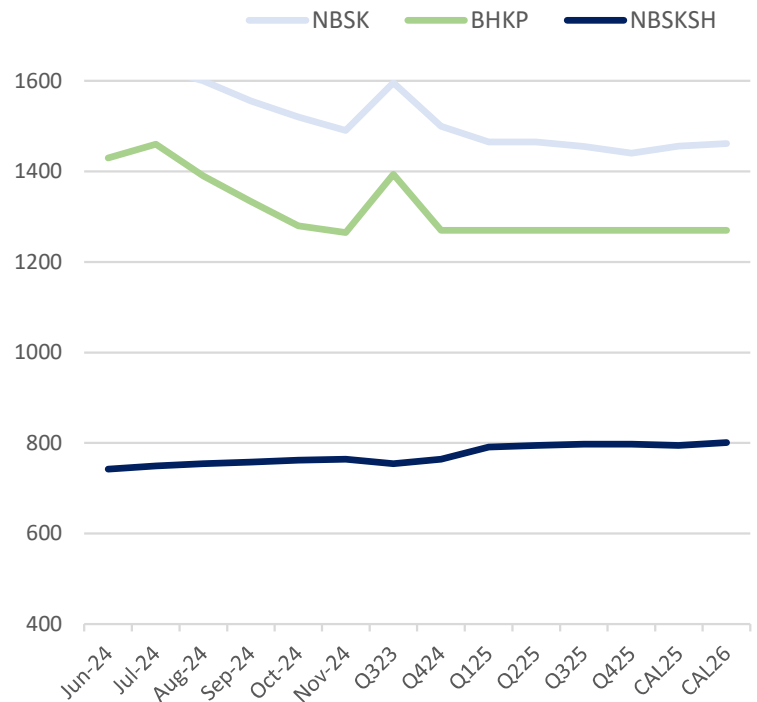
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NOREXECO:	Softwood		Hardwood	Paper									
	NBSK	NBSKSH	BHKP	Recycled									
Jun-24	1610	742	1430	149									
Jul-24	1630	749	1460	149									
Aug-24	1600	754	1390	149									
Sep-24	1555	758	1333	149									
Oct-24	1520	762	1280	151									
Nov-24	1490	764	1265	151									
Q323	1595	754	1394	149									
Q424	1500	764	1270	151									
Q125	1465	791	1270	151									
Q225	1465	795	1270	151									
Q325	1455	797	1270	151									
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