

FIS Pulp Paper Futures Weekly Report

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Market News

China

Suppliers' attempt to raise NBSK prices by \$20 per tonne was hindered by Arauco's decision to keep its radiata pine prices unchanged in China on September 18. Falling BSK futures over the past two weeks slowed NBSK buying. On September 20, the most-traded January 2025 contract on the Shanghai Futures Exchange settled at RMB 5,774 per tonne, down RMB 40 from two weeks earlier, equivalent to \$710 per tonne (excluding VAT and logistics). Investors capitalized on a brief rise to RMB 6,100 per tonne earlier in September, leading to short-selling and further price declines.

Resale NBSK also fell, partly due to slumping BSK futures, which dropped RMB 75 to RMB 6,183 per tonne (\$757 per tonne, excluding VAT and logistics). NBSK import prices remained stable on Friday, with Canadian softwood at \$750-770 per tonne and Nordic softwood at \$740-765 per tonne, holding steady at a midpoint of \$756 per tonne.

While BSK prices remained firm, BHK continued to decline due to oversupply. Arauco's \$10 per tonne cut for South American BHK set the tone in China, where prices dropped to \$550-570 per tonne. The PIX BHKP China index settled at \$571.84 per tonne on Friday, down 0.14% from last week but still 3.36% higher than the previous year.

Europe

Margins softer levels have brought European end users back to the table from a hedging perspective. Looking at Cal'25 strips on both main grades. Price expectation differences between producers and end users remain, but certainly seem to be getting into tradeable ranges. The Cal'25 Norexeco marks look

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NOREXECO:	Softwood		Hardwood	Paper
	NBSK	NBSKSH	BHKP	Recycled
Sep-24	1581	713	1286	155
Oct-24	1535	715	1240	153
Nov-24	1515	716	1210	155
Dec-24	1495	727	1200	155
Jan-25	1500	728	1205	158
Feb-25	1500	729	1175	159
Q424	1515	715	1217	154
Q125	1500	728	1185	159
Q225	1500	733	1175	161
Q325	1495	734	1170	161
Q425	1495	730	1170	161
Q126	1471	730	1220	161
CAL25	1498	731	1175	161
CAL26	1500	733	1260	164

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