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August 2025

# PRICES REPORT

# INTRODUCTION

## Price indications in 12 categories

Price data is not easy to come by and can be very expensive to obtain by individual companies from market intelligence organisations. This is where BFA can help as a trade association.

BFA has undertaken extensive research to acquire price data relevant to furniture manufacturers. Some items are shown in actual prices while others show movements through indices.

Some data has been purchased by BFA, such as the fibre data under special license. The fibres chosen were those suggested to a previous BFA board member by certain Belgian mills.

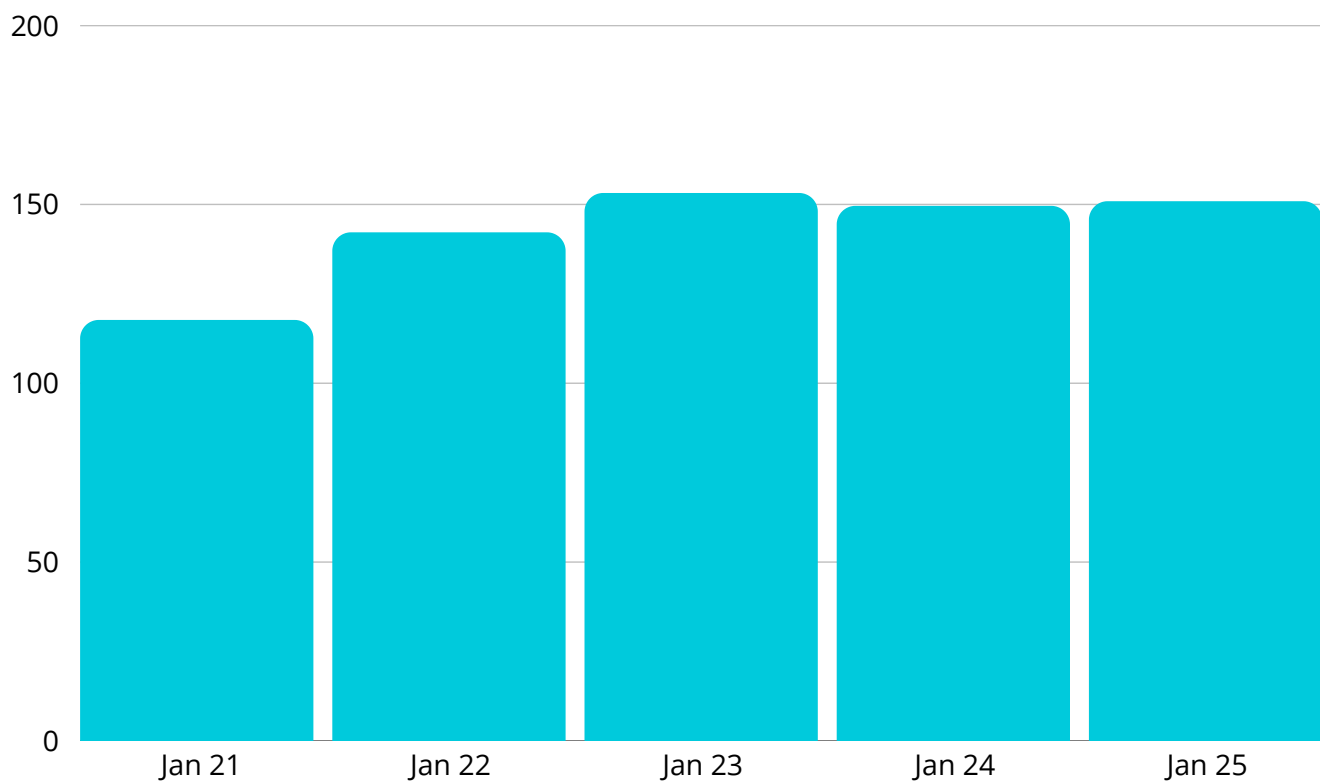
The Foam chemical data is another example of a special license that allows BFA members to use in negotiations with suppliers.

We realise that some items will not meet your exact needs but will nevertheless give you an indication of movements, up or down.

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# Furniture manufacturing costs



The Office for National Statistics has temporarily suspended producer price data for all sectors while it reviews its methodology.



0.9% Index

Annual change  
compared to same  
month last year



# Feathers

# FIBRES

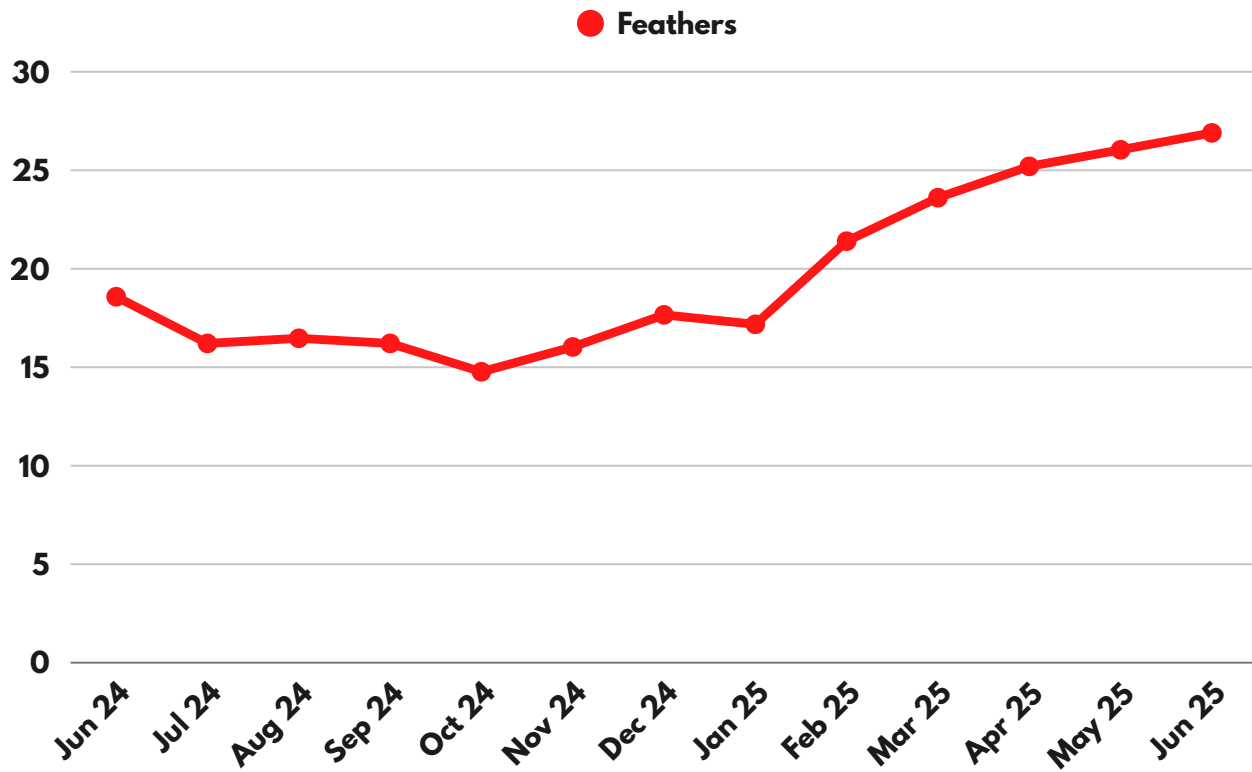
## Feather market

Down and feather price has been affected by a lack of labour in the sector, with lower consumption, high production costs, and a scarcity of raw materials, hindering market players. China is the major supplier to Europe.

Many feather are a by-product of the food industry. However, in countries like China, goose for example is being eaten less and less, which means that there are also fewer feathers available. Less supply, more scarcity... and therefore higher prices.

# Stuffing Raw Feathers - China

FOB - 85% duck - China - (US\$/kg)



44.8%

Annual change

# Fibres

Week ending 1 August 2025



# FIBRES

## Acrylic market - Overall

ACN markets in the Asia fluctuated weakly as demand remained moderated, with producers primarily focusing on selling in line with the market trend. Producers faced significant cost pressures. Spot prices in Europe edged down due to weak demand while export prices in USA jumped over 5% on demand cues.

ASF markets in Asia remained stable as cost of ACN remained relatively stable throughout the week, with a slight increase near the weekend. Downstream markets had weak orders and operated at low rate, and maintained rigid demand for ASF. In India, major producers rolled over their offers for August.

# FIBRES

## Acrylic market - Staple Fibre

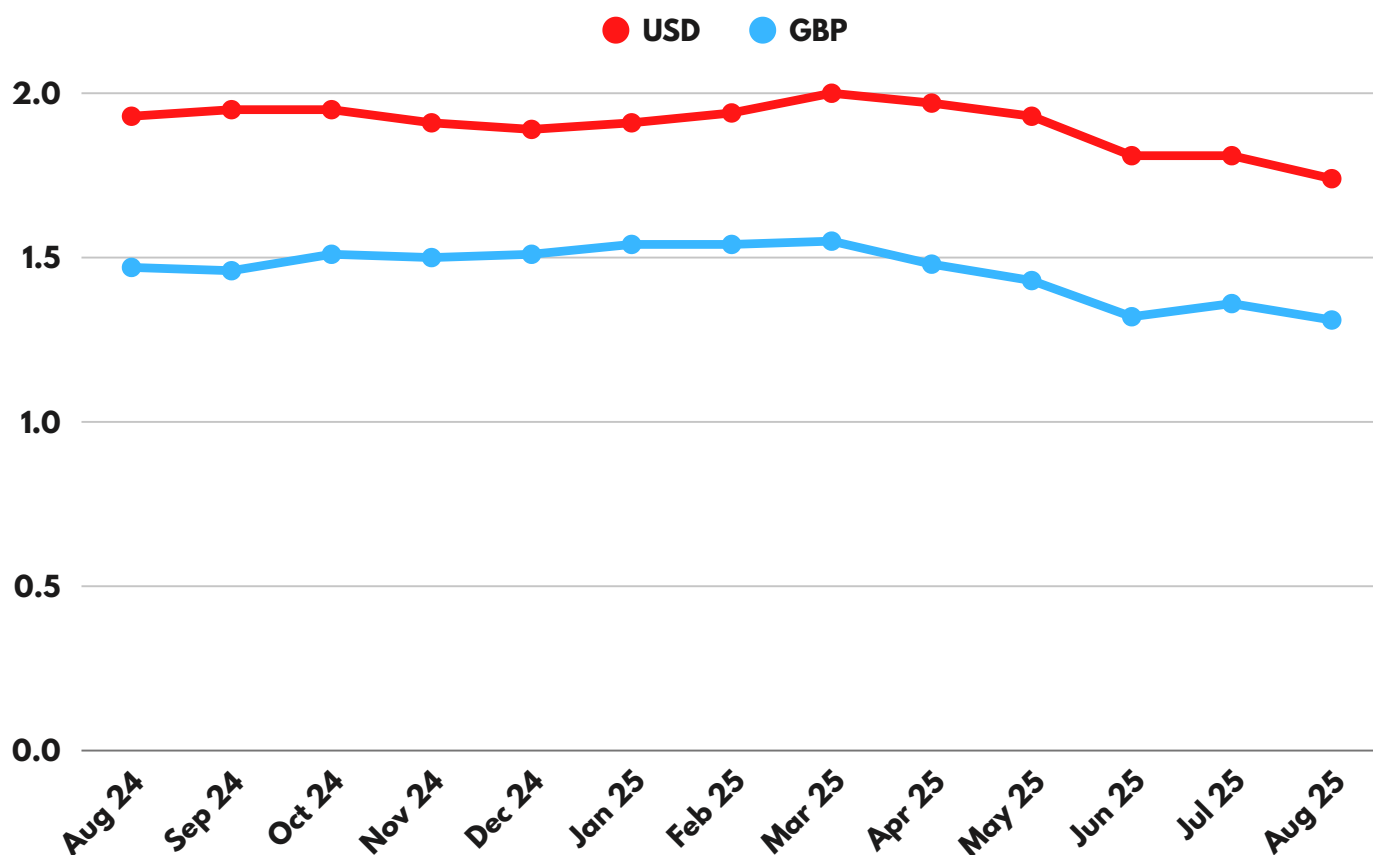
Acrylic staple fibre markets in Asia remained stable this week as prices of raw material acrylonitrile remained relatively stable throughout the week, with a slight increase near the weekend. However, this had a limited impact on acrylic fibre markets. Downstream markets faced weak orders, with some operating at low capacity. Most yarn producers maintained rigid demand for the fibre, and buying was subdued. Some acrylic fibre producers were operating at reduced rate to alleviate inventory pressure and maintained a price conscious approach. On the supply side, the weekly utilisation rate was stable at 64.7%.

In India, major producers rolled over their offers for August amid weak demand. Overall, the markets are expected to remain largely stable next week amid rigid demand.

Offers for Taiwan origin 1.5D acrylic fibre were stable at US\$2.02-2.10 a kg FOB Taiwan. In China, the CFR marker eased US cent 1 to US\$1.12 per kg while domestic prices of medium-length and cotton-type acrylic fibre 1.5D and 3D tow were lifted at the upper end to 12.50-13.95 Yuan a kg (US\$1.74-1.94 a kg, up US cent 1). In India, major producers' offers for August were at INR151.50-176.00 a kg (US\$1.73-2.01 a kg).

# Acrylic

Acrylic staple fibre - 1.5 denier/38 mommes – China Spot price  
US\$ / Kg



Annual change

# COTTON

## Cotton market - Overall

ICE cotton futures drifted moved lower, as soft demand, tariff uncertainty, and broader market pressure kept the market on the defensive. The October contract ended the week down 2%, while December finished down 3%. The Cotlook A, eased 0.9% after hitting a weekly high on Tuesday. In China, spot cotton prices fell. The CCI fell 1.9% while September futures were down 4%. In Pakistan, the KCA lowered its spot rate by 0.9%. In India, spot market followed the bearish international trend. Benchmark, Shankar-6 was cheaper by 0.2%.

Cotton yarn markets were subdued, with stable prices in India, continued softness in Pakistan, and cautious demand in China. In China, markets shifted back to calm, with prices easing. In Pakistan, yarn markets softened as seasonal cotton arrivals gained pace. In India, yarn prices returned to their earlier stable stage as US tariff negotiations took an unexpected geopolitical turn

# COTTON

## Cotton market - Spot market

Global spot benchmark, the Cotlook A, eased US cent 0.70 or 0.9% week on week to US cents 78.50 per pound. It had hit a weekly high of US cents 78.80 a pound on Tuesday and weekly low of US cents 77.95 a pound on Thursday.

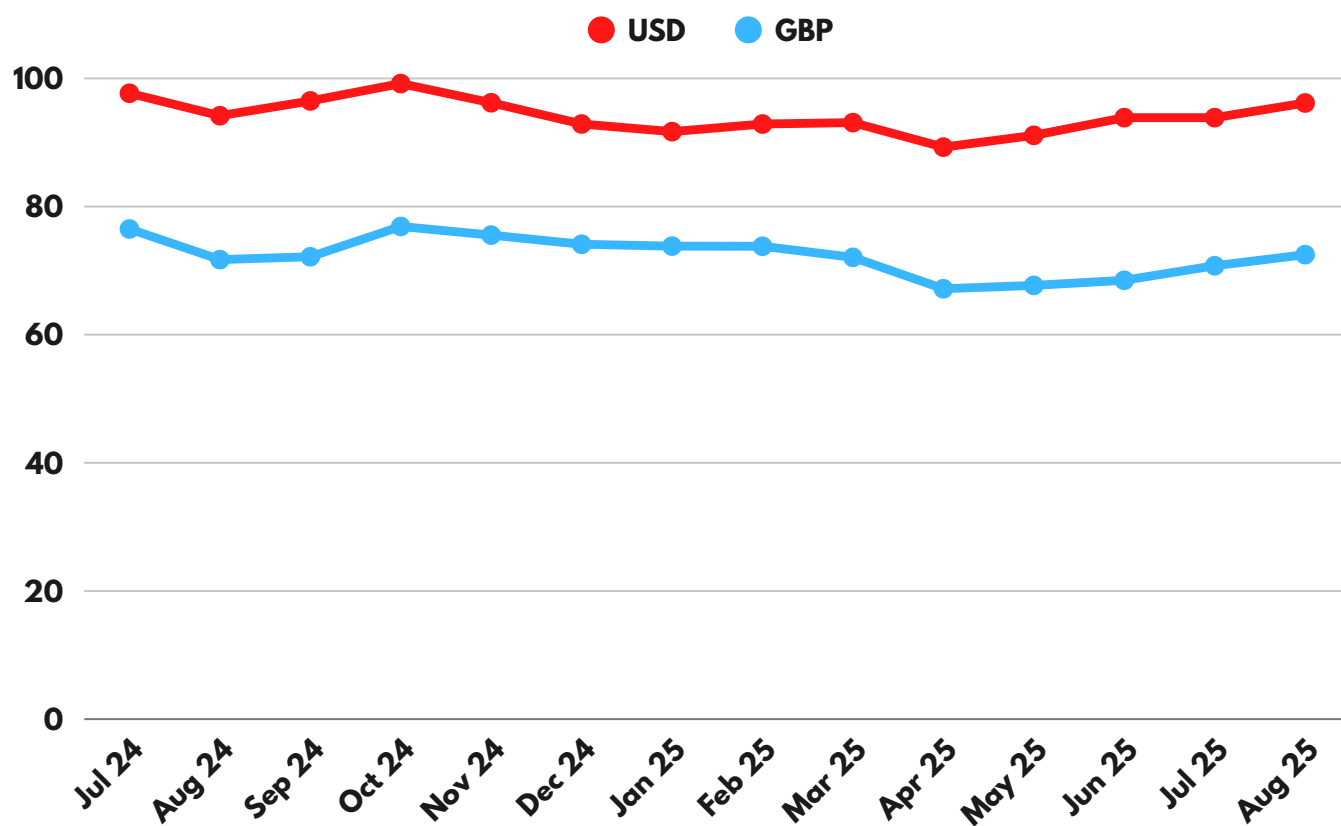
In China, spot cotton prices fell this week. The third round of tariff consultations between China and the US took place as scheduled, but the results fell short of expectations. Both sides agreed to a 90-day tariff extension, dampening bullish sentiment in the cotton market and sending prices sharply lower. With domestic demand in the off-season, textile producers had fewer orders, resulting in a relatively large drop in domestic prices. The China Cotton Index fell 1.9% or by 289 Yuan to 15,260 Yuan a ton (US cents 96 a pound) while September futures were down 4%. Cotton spot prices may fall next week.

In Pakistan, the Karachi Cotton Association lowered its spot rate by PakRs100 to PakRs16,485 per maund (US cents 71 per pound) ex-Karachi. The local markets remained steady and the trading volume was satisfactory.

In India, spot market followed the bearish trend seen in the international market. However, due to limited supply, the decline was relatively limited. Despite this, overall sentiment remained bearish. Benchmark, Shankar-6 was cheaper by 0.2% or INR100 at INR57,000 per candy (US cents 83 per pound) this week. Meanwhile, the monsoon progressed well, which may result in a healthy crop.

# Cotton

Cotton - China Cotton Index - Futures US\$/Pound



2.1%



1.1%

Annual change

# NYLON

## Nylon market -Overall

CPL prices rose in China while they were stable in other markets. Benzene prices rose and recent increases in ammonia prices increased the overall costs. With some plants in China facing maintenance, producers maintained a price-supportive stance. Increase in supply slightly outpaced demand.

Polyamide or nylon chip markets rebounded slightly in China while others had a flat run. An increase in raw material prices boosted chip costs. Downstream users showed buying-on-trend sentiment and orders were filling as needed, leading to a slight upward shift in overall market negotiations.

NFY markets were stable in China as raw materials cost remained flat while and offers were up India. In China, CPL settled at a stable price, while chip prices increased slightly. Demand wise, demand for the textile nor apparel improved, with downstream orders lacking amid high grey fabric inventories.

# NYLON

## Nylon market - Filament yarns

Nylon filament yarn markets were stable in China as raw materials cost remained flat while and offers were up India.

In China, high-end caprolactam settled at a stable price, while prices of high-speed spinning low-viscosity semi-dull chips increased slightly. Supply was sufficient as the operating rate remained stable during the week, and mills faced inventory pressure. On the demand side, neither regional demand for the textile and apparel market improved, with downstream orders lacking, and grey fabric inventories was high and slow to be absorbed. Consequently, filament market trading remained subdued.

Overall, filament prices are expected to remain stable next week. Nylon staple fibre offers were stable as downstream purchasing sentiment was generally subdued.

In China, offers for nylon FDY70D/24F SD were rolled over at 12.30-12.80 Yuan a kg (US\$1.71-1.78 a kg) while DTY70/24Ds were stable at 13.80-14.30 Yuan a kg (US\$1.92-1.99 a kg). Cord fabric 1,260D offers were up at the upper end at 17.00-17.50 Yuan a kg (US\$2.36-2.43 a kg, up US cent 1). Nylon 1.5D staple fibre offers were stable at 11.50-11.80 Yuan a kg (US\$1.60-1.64 a kg).

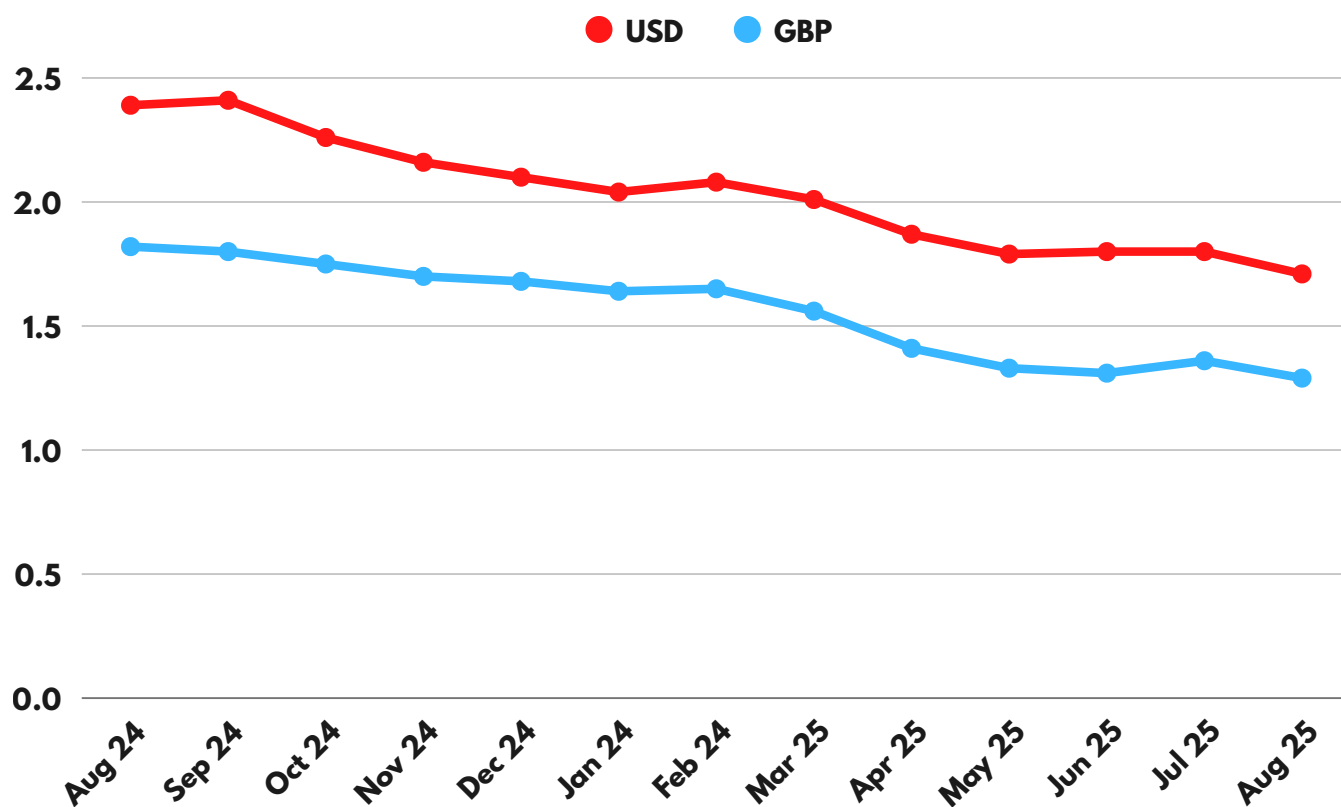
In Taiwan, offers were rolled over, with FDY100D/24 at US\$2.90 a kg and DTY100D/24 at US\$3.15 a kg.

In India, DTY70Ds prices were reduced by INR10 or US cents 14 to INR181 a kg (US\$2.07 a kg) and FDY70D raised INR5 or US cents 3 to INR192 a kg (US\$2.19 a kg) in Ahmedabad market.



# Nylon

Nylon filament fully drawn yarn 70 denier 24F SD - China US\$ / kg



-28.5%

Annual change

-29.2%

# POLYESTER

## Polyester market -Overall

MEG markets in Asia first surged and then fell back as macroeconomic support weakened sharply. Downstream polyester production saw minimal changes, maintaining weakening supply-demand structure. In Europe, spot truck prices were lowered following a decline in July contracts settlement.

PTA markets in Asia first rose and then fell to end the week downward. This was primarily due to cost support and continued anti-involutionary expectations, which mitigated the impact of ample supply. Downstream demand weakened slightly, and spot offers eased.

Polyester chips markets in Asia fluctuated primarily in a narrow range, driven by competition. Between mid-to-late July, polyester chip inventories in the downstream were low. Coupled with bullish expectations for August, active raw material procurement was predominant currently.

PFY prices were firm to up in Asian markets due to cost-driven factors, coupled with easing month-end selling pressure. Further, with declining inventory in China, strong buying sentiment persisted, leading to drop in low-priced supply. In India, raw material remained strong, prompting spot prices to rise.

PSF markets across China, India, and Pakistan held steady to down, with no sign of increases yet but rising oil prices and easing tariff concerns which could shift dynamics ahead. In China, prices declined as cost eased. In India, producers rolled over offers for August with no signs of improvement in demand.

Polyester spun yarn markets remained sluggish in China as cost fell. PSF prices fell, weakening cost support. The market was deep in the off-season, with poor orders and sales slowing down. In India, producers and spot prices were stable amid sluggish markets due to concerns over US tariff and penalty.

# POLYESTER

## Polyester market - Staple Fibre

Polyester staple fibre markets across China, India, and Pakistan held steady to down this week, with no sign of increases yet but rising oil prices and easing US tariff concerns could set the stage for a shift in dynamics weeks ahead.

In China, spot prices declined as cost of the raw material fluctuated downward, weakening support for polyester fibre. On the demand side, late July was still the textile off-season, and downstream production activity was low.

In Pakistan, producers rolled over their offers seeing cotton markets firming up after a long period. In India, producers kept offers for August unchanged with no clear signs of improvement in terminal orders entering August. Overall, prices are expected to continue to decline as cost is expected to decline slightly and downstream production is likely to remain low.

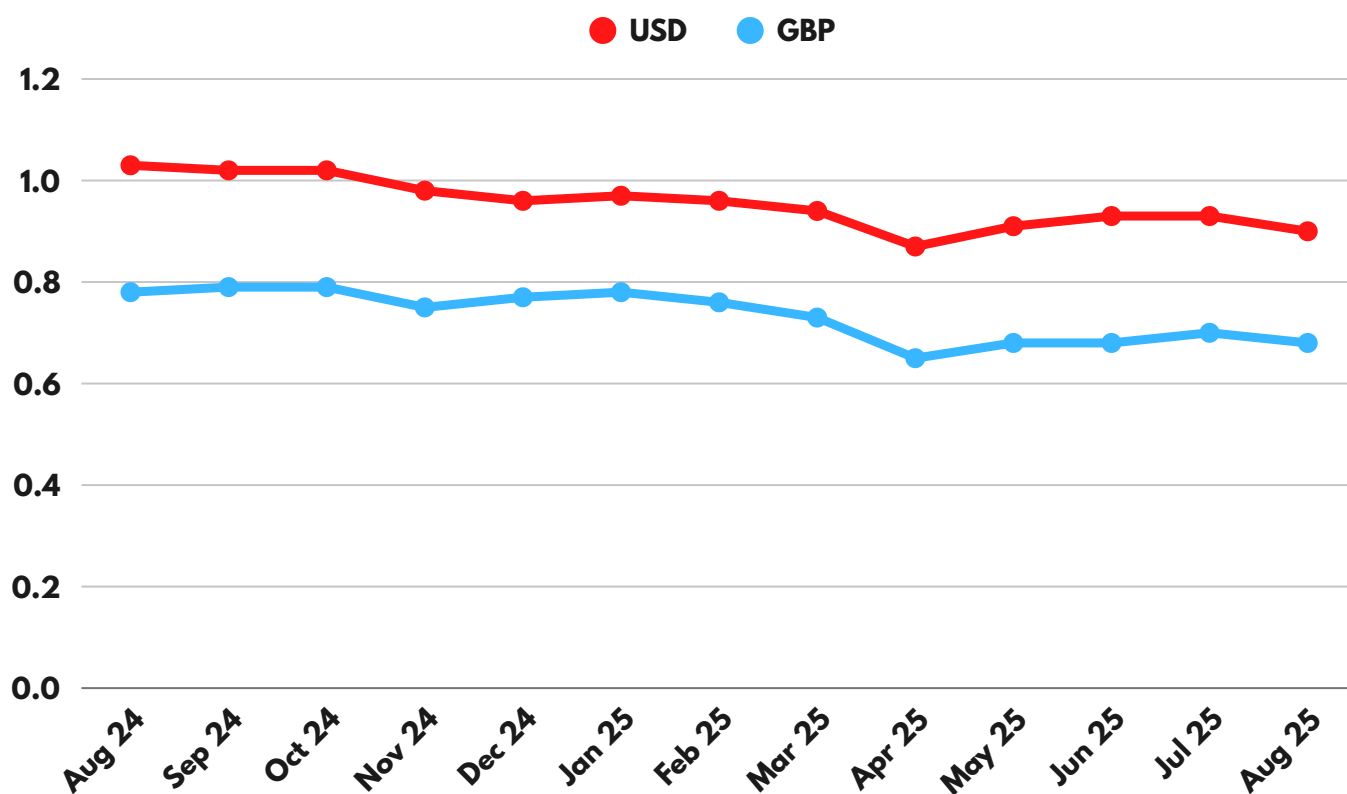
In China, offers for 1.4D direct-melt polyester staple fibre in Jiangsu and Zhejiang were down at 6.45-6.85 Yuan a kg (US\$0.90-0.95, down US cents 2) while the same in Fujian eased US cent 1 to US\$0.89-0.92 a kg. China FOB values were rolled over at US\$0.86-0.91 a kg.

In Taiwan, offers for 1.4D were stable at US\$1.15 a kg FOB.

In Pakistan, 1.2-1.4D PSF offers were at PakRs.338-340 a kg (US\$1.19-1.20 a kg). In India, producers kept their for H1 Augst unchanged at INR106.25 a kg (US\$1.21 a kg) for 1.2D and 1.4D to INR105.50 a kg (US\$1.21 a kg).

# Polyester

Polyester staple fibre; virgin, 1.4 denier/38 mommes, semi dull, delivered, China Spot price US\$/Kg



Annual change

# POLYESTER

## Recycled polyester market

Recycled fibre markets in Asia remained stable this week as buyers maintained purchases based on just-in-time needs and volume dipped. Cost support strengthened, and prices stopped falling. There was no significant improvement in demand across the downstream sectors, but demand in some home textile sectors improved moderately compared to the previous week, leading to slightly better production and sales of hollow and general fibres. While general fibre producers maintained selling mentality and, under cost pressure, maintained a certain degree of price protection.

The recycled fibre markets are expected to remain stagnant and consolidate next week.

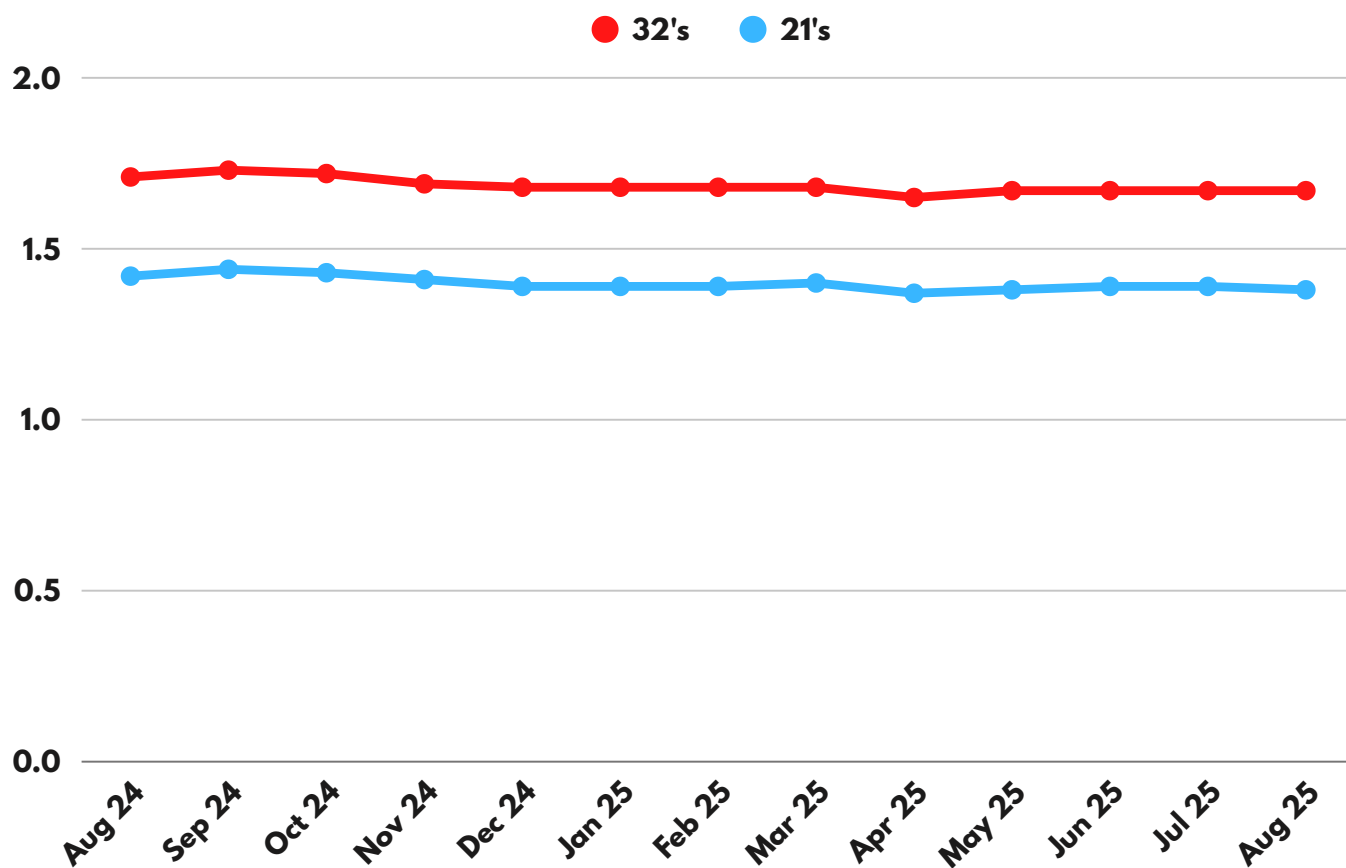
In the European recycled polyethylene terephthalate market, bale prices dropped in eastern Europe and Italy as market was under downward pressure for August. Holiday season absences and planned maintenance reduced trade. Eastern Europe colourless, green bales prices dropped this week while Italian colourless, mixed coloured bales dropped in monthly auctions while blue bales rose slightly.

In China, 1.5D virgin-like re-PSF prices were stable at 5.35-5.60 Yuan a kg (US\$0.74-0.78 a kg), while selling indications for 1.5D high-quality regular re-PSF were at 5.55-5.80 Yuan a kg (US\$0.77-0.81 a kg).

In Europe, Colourless flake prices were under pressure as one seller sold at Euro1,300 a ton FD NWE in July. Bids from some buyers were heard well below Euro1,300 a ton..

# Recycled polyester

Polyester recycled high quality- China Spot price - US\$/Kg



-2.3%

-2.8%

Annual change

# VISCOSE

## Viscose market - Overall

VSF markets in Asia remained largely stable, with limited demand momentum but tightening dissolving pulp supply and firmer yarn prices indicate a short-term shift upward the markets enter August. In China, most producers executed orders normally, and some reported still tight shipments.

VFY markets in China were stable with no change in prices while spot prices in India were lifted higher. In China, filament producers operated relatively steadily and market supply and demand fluctuations were limited. Producers and sellers faced no inventory pressure, keeping prices stable.

Viscose spun yarn markets in Asia remained largely stable in the last week, with limited change in demand and cost suggesting a possible short-term shift entering August. In China, yarn markets remained moderately stable as cost of VSF stabilized. Downstream fabric performance was still weak.

# VISCOSE

## Viscose market - Staple Fibre

Viscose staple fibre markets in Asia remained largely stable, with limited demand momentum but tightening dissolving pulp supply and firmer yarn prices indicate a short-term shift upward the markets enter August. Downstream yarn trend was strong, and the demand for fibres was normal.

In China, most producers executed orders normally, and some reported still tight shipments. Downstream non-woven fabric market was tepid, but fortunately, there was certain rigid demand in the high-white viscose staple market. The operation rate this week was slightly up at 84.7% while the inventory at producers was down at 8 days' worth. The markets are expected to remain stable and unpressurized next week.

In China, spot prices for 1.5D were rolled over at 12.70 Yuan a kg (US\$1.76 a kg) and 1.2D at 13.00 Yuan kg (US\$1.81 a kg). Lyocell fibre offers were stable at 13.50 Yuan a kg (US\$1.87 a kg).

In Taiwan, offers for 1.5D were stable at US\$2.15 a kg FOB.

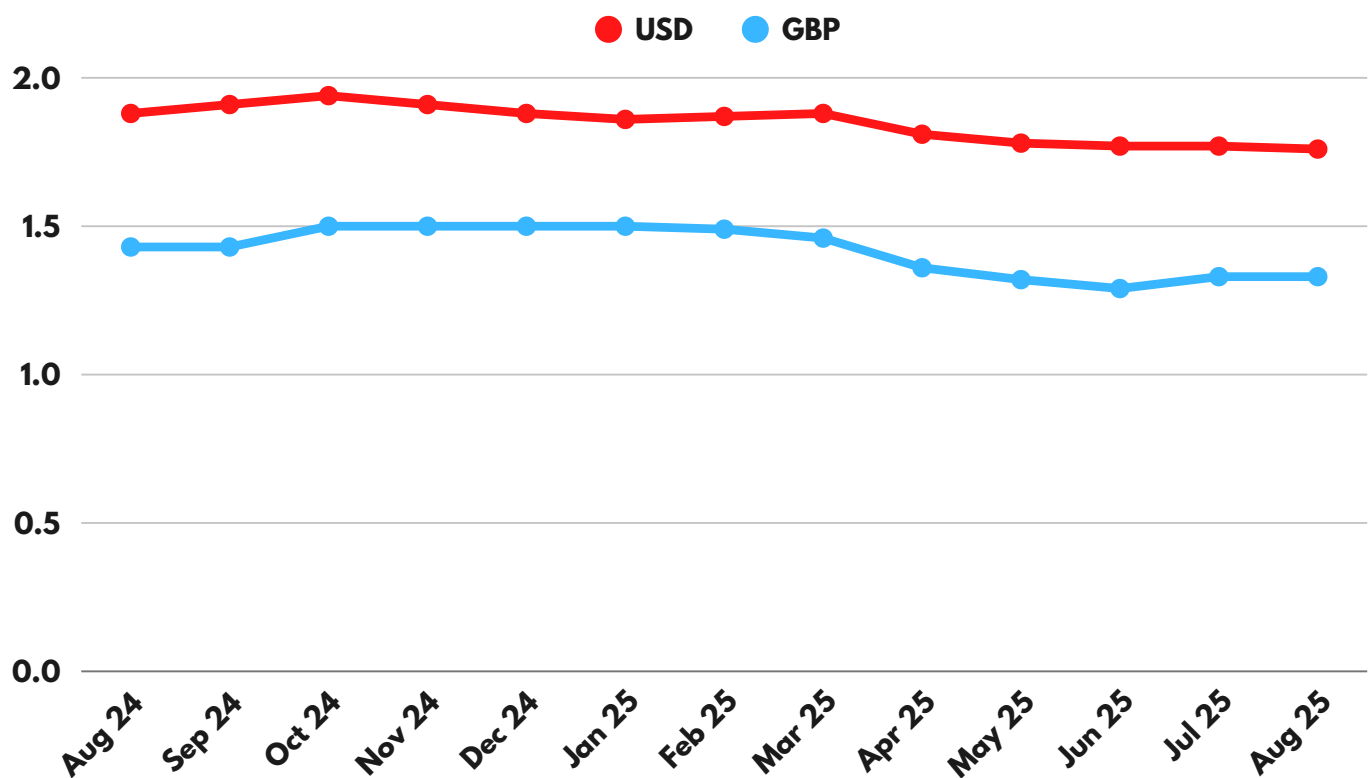
In Pakistan, offers were at PakRs395-405 a kg (US\$1.39-1.43 a kg).

In India, producers rolled over their offers at INR195-197 a kg (US\$2.23-2.25 a kg).



# Viscose

Viscose Staple Fibre – 1.5 Denier/38 Mommes Inclusive Of Federal And Local Taxes - US\$/Kg – China



Annual change

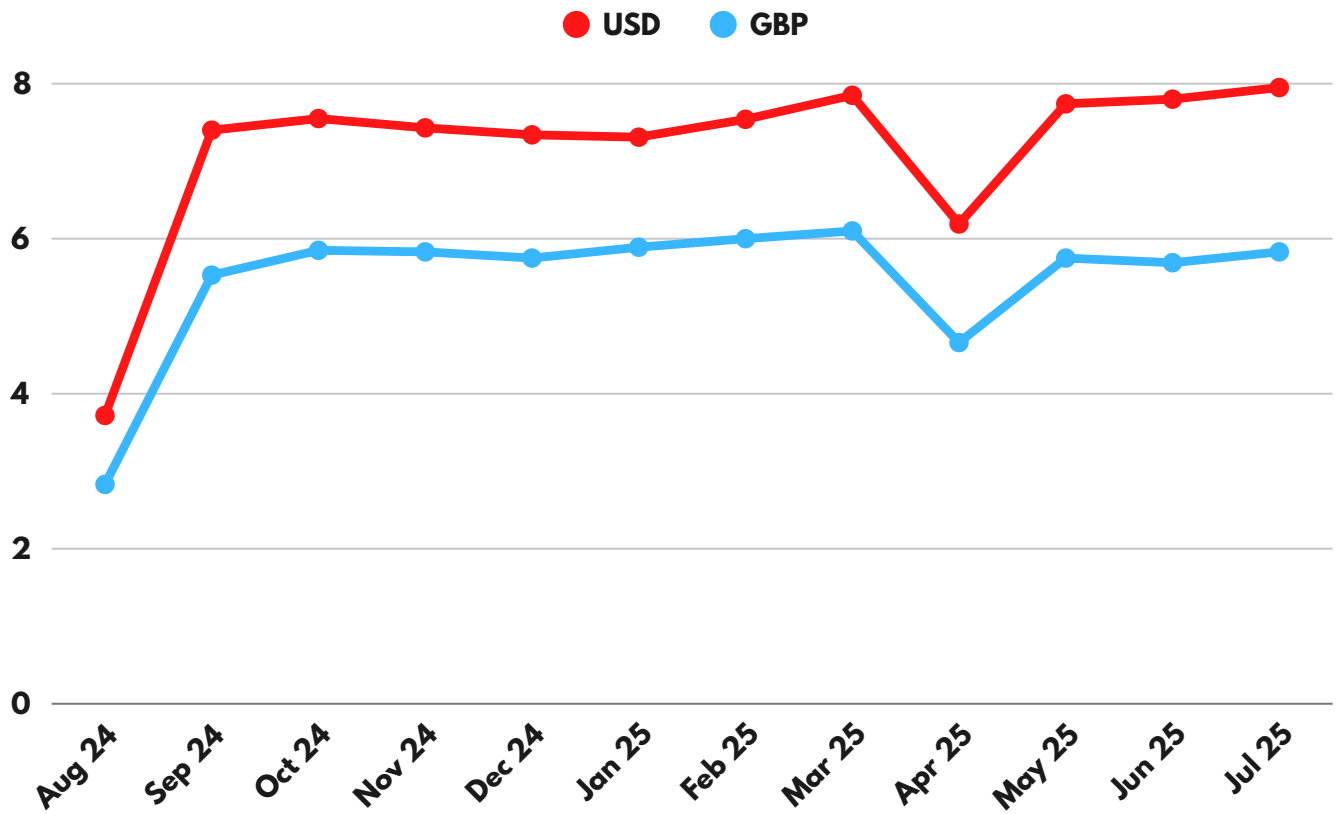
# WOOL

## Wool market

The markets are now in three weeks recess. Sales will resume on 19 August.

# Wool

Wool spot price Australia - spot price US\$/kg



6.4%

0.7%

Annual change

# Foam Chemicals

# FOAM CHEMICALS

## Foam chemical market

Soft foam polyether market was weak and volatile in early August. This was primarily due to a wide range of declines in raw material cyclopropane prices, weakening cost support for flexible foam polyether, and fluctuating seller offers.

In Europe, August contracts discussions could not be again held this week as many players were still away from their desks.

# POLYMERS

*Week ending 1 August 2025*

## Ethylene

Asian ethylene prices remained the same as Northeast was at US\$819-821 a ton CFR, and Southeast at US\$829-831 a ton CFR. In Europe, prices were up by US\$10 for FD at Euro804-806 a ton and import values at US\$814-816 a ton CIF. August ethylene contract settlement was down by Euro10 (US\$11) from July at Euro1,125 a ton (US\$1,286 a ton with FD NWE). In the US, ethylene spots declined by US cent 1 at US cents 25.25-25.75 a pound (US\$556-567 a ton).

## Polypropylene

In Europe, weak fundamentals weighed on August PP outlook. Players moved to the sidelines this week after concluding their July deals with rollovers to small decreases from last month. In Italy, stable to softer expectations prevailed in PP market. Players wrapped up their July business with rollovers to decreases compared to last month while stable to softer expectations came to the forefront for August. In Türkiye, PP sellers were under pressure as demand remains subdued heading into August. Demand stagnated amid financial difficulties and limited end-product orders

## Benzene

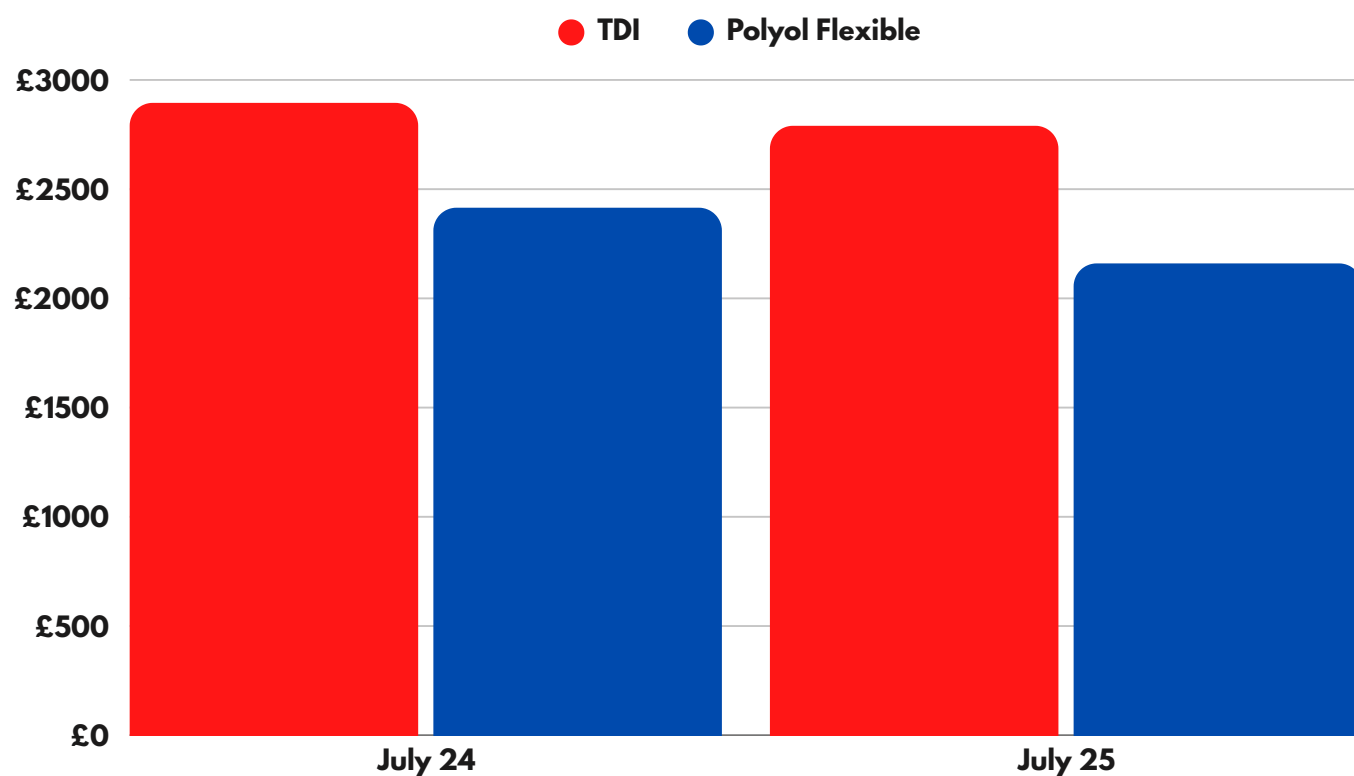
Asian benzene markers were down this week, with China CFR losing US\$8 at US\$757-758 a ton, and FOB Korea lost US\$6 at US\$744-745 a ton. In Europe, spot prices declined by US\$16 during the week for FOB Rotterdam at US\$739-740, but CIF values stayed the same at US\$764-766 a ton. August benzene contract was settled at Euro653 a ton (US\$746 a ton) FD NWE, up by Euro16 (US\$18) when compared with July. In the US, spot benzene prices declined by US cents 15 at 268.95-269.05 a gallon (US\$804 a ton) DDP USG.

## Styrene

The price of styrene fell again in August, this time by EUR 35/t. It remains to be seen whether the resins will follow suit. Producers' margins are already dangerously low. At most, only slight corrections are to be expected. Moreover, little stimulus is anticipated on the demand side in August. Since customers have abundant stocks at their disposal, there is little incentive for them to replenish their inventories. The industry is thus focusing on September and hoping for a surge in orders once the holiday season comes to an end.

# Foam chemicals

TDI & Polyol Flexible - Euro per M/T Western Europe Contract

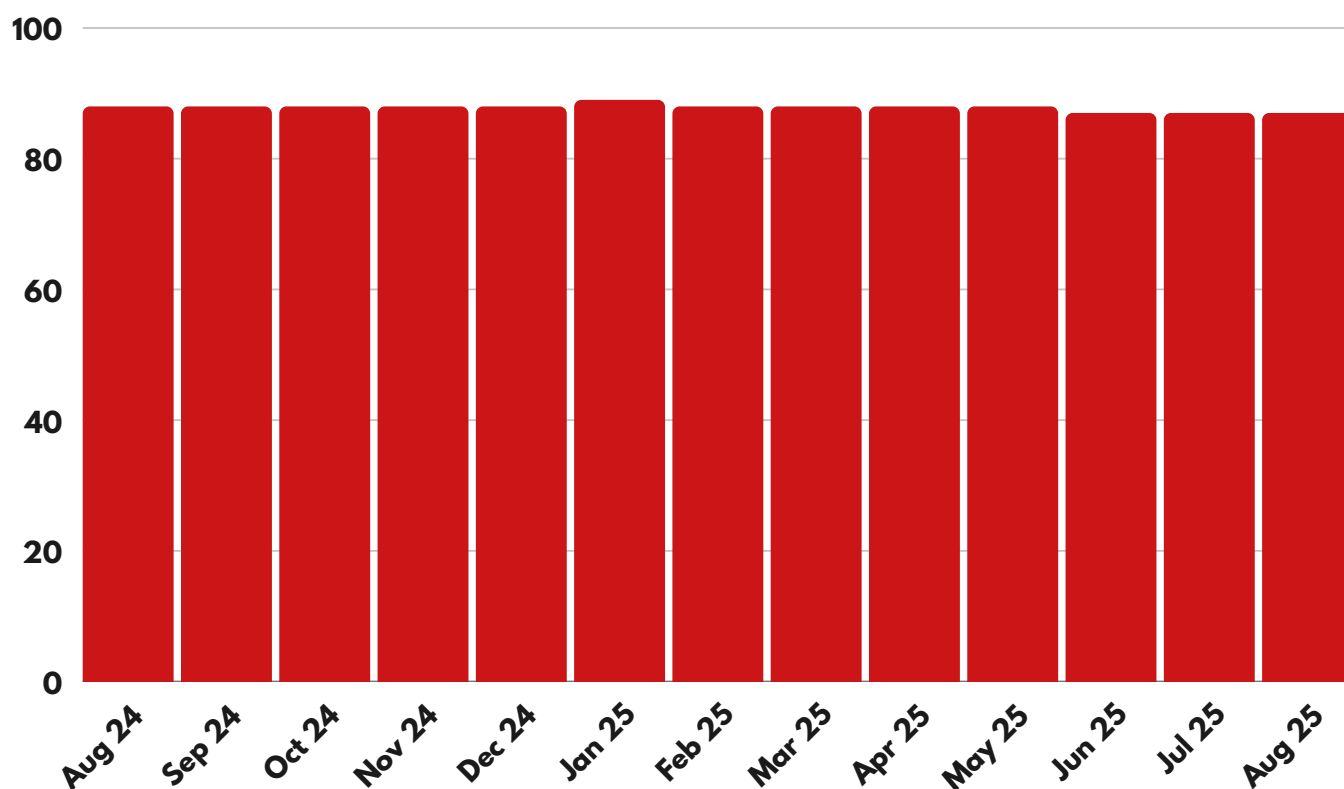


TDI: - 3.6% Annual change  
Polyol: - 10.6%



# Europe - Polyol flexible slabstock

Polyol flexible slabstock - Europe - Free delivery within 300 sq.km -  
Index Jan 2023 = 100. Price US\$2100



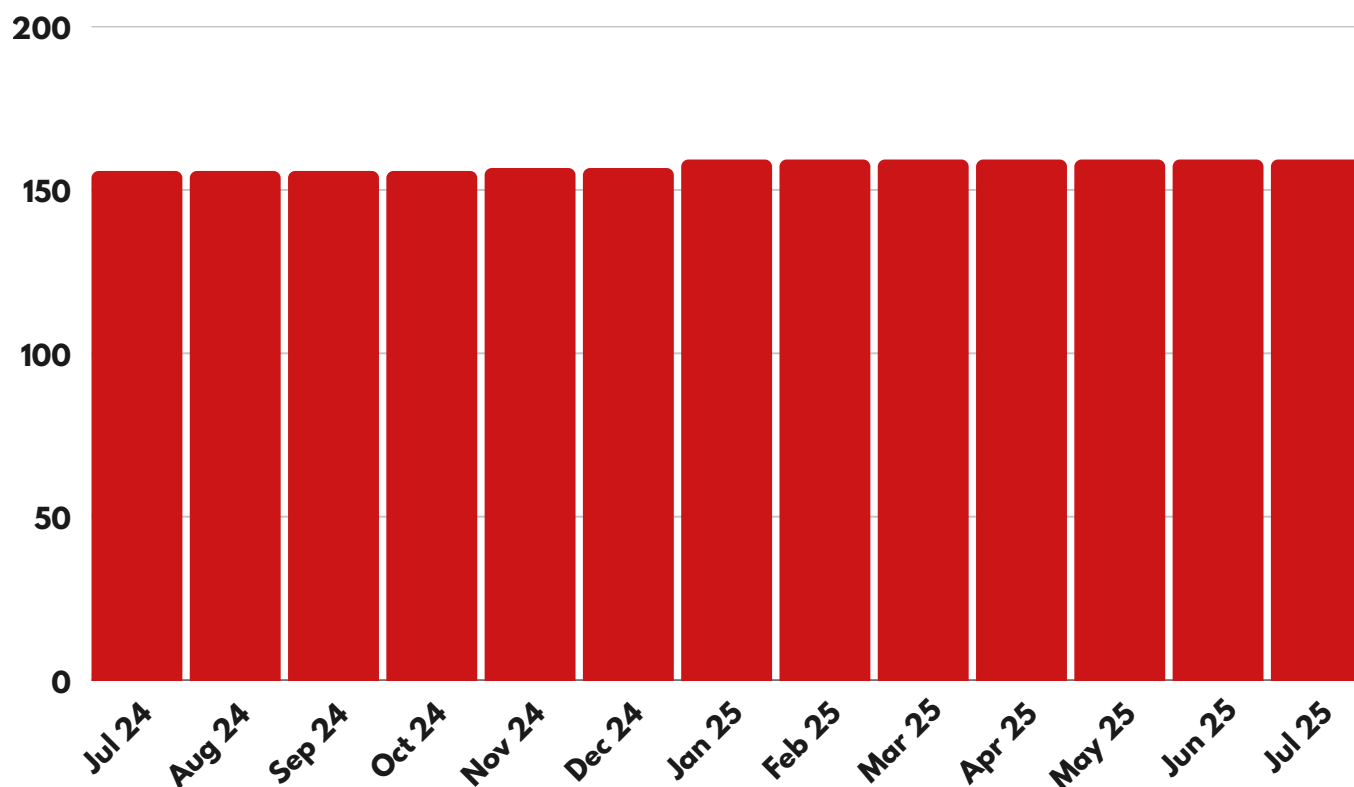
-1.1%

Annual change



# USA - Polyurethane Foam Formed & Slab Stock

Polyurethane Foam Formed and Slab Stock for Pillows, Seating, and Cushioning - index - Dec 2005 =100

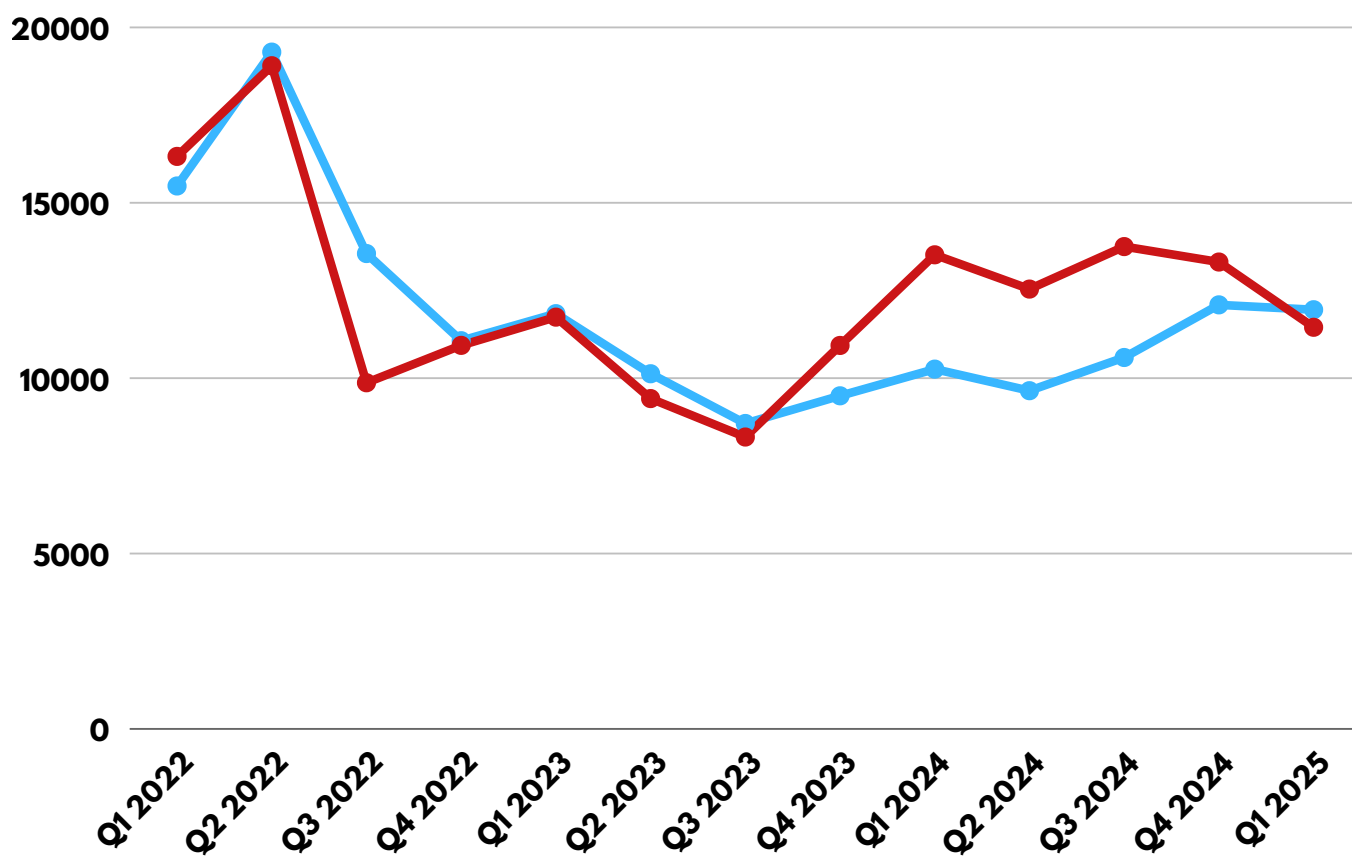


2.2%

Annual change

# Polymers - Ethylene & Propylene

Euro per ton - North West Europe - Free Delivery - Total price per quarter - averaged between high and low

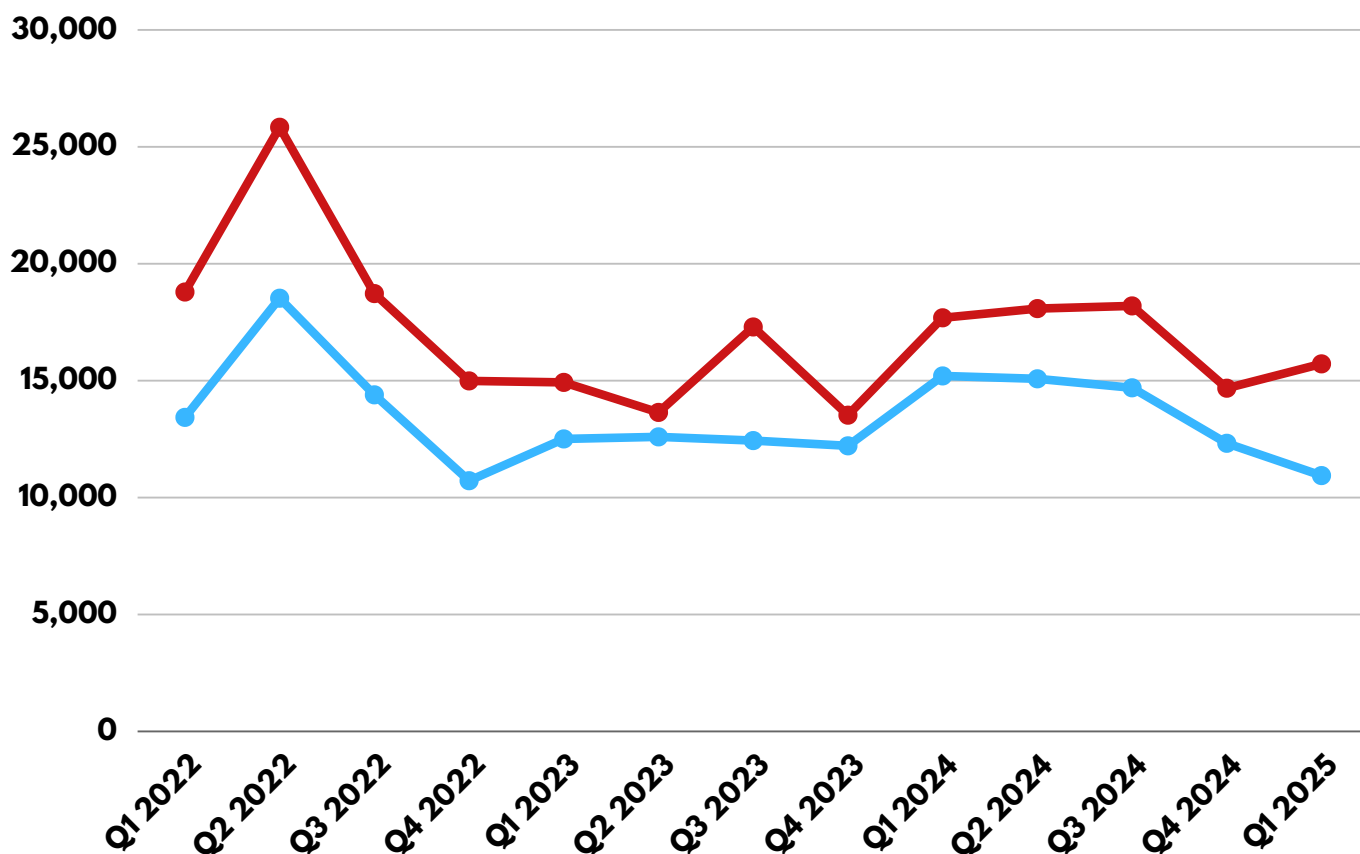




 Ethylene 16.5% Annual change  
 Propylene - 15.3% Quarterly



# Polymers - Benzene & Styrene

US\$ per ton - Rotterdam - Free Delivery - Total price per quarter - averaged between high and low



 Benzene - 28.0% Annual change  
 Styrene - 11.1% Quarterly



# Glass

# GLASS

## Glass market

The high cost of electricity and natural gas, which have a significant share in glass production costs, triggered production cuts in H2 2022.

Furthermore, end-customer demand also decreased due to the cost-of-living crisis.

Electricity and natural gas prices have now fallen significantly in the EU, which has reduced the cost of glass. Energy prices have fallen in the summer.

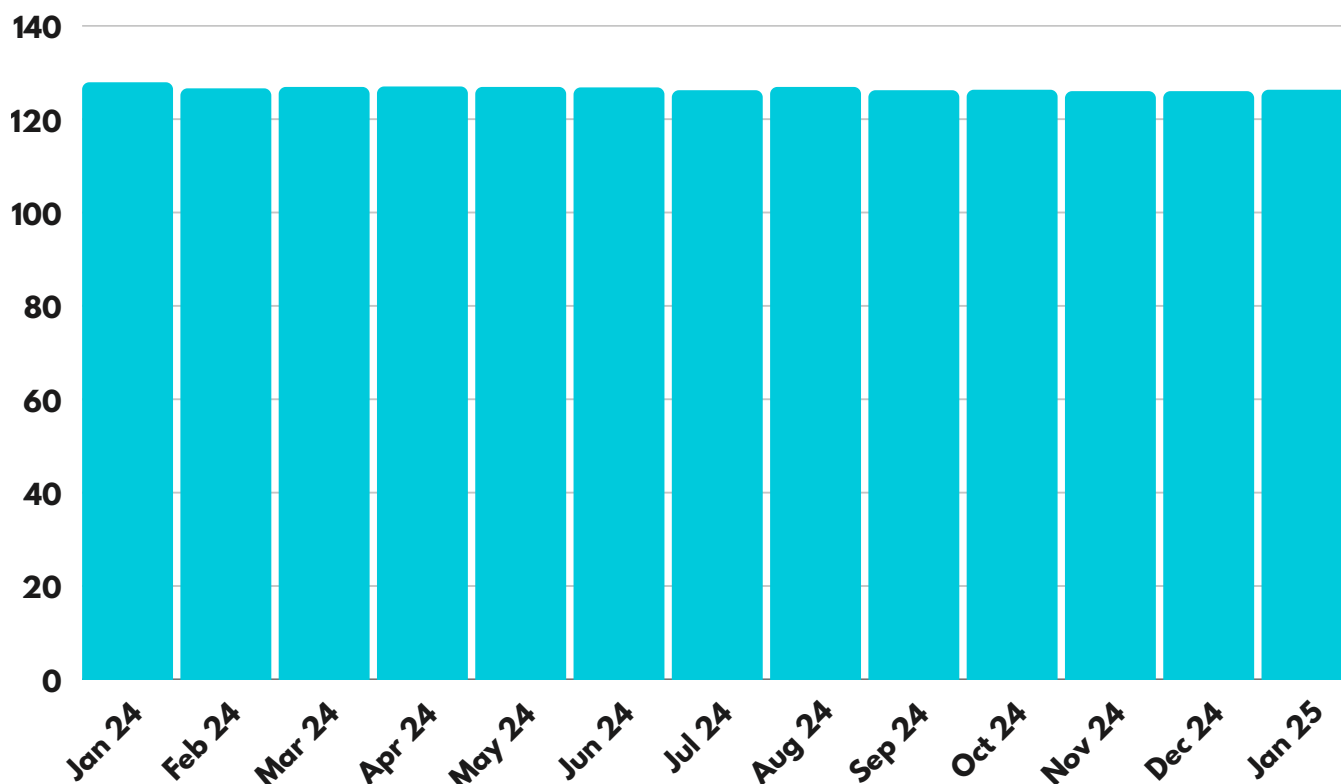
### **EU & USA Glass**

Trading Economics

USA

# Glass - UK

UK - Shaped and Processed Flat Glass for Domestic Market



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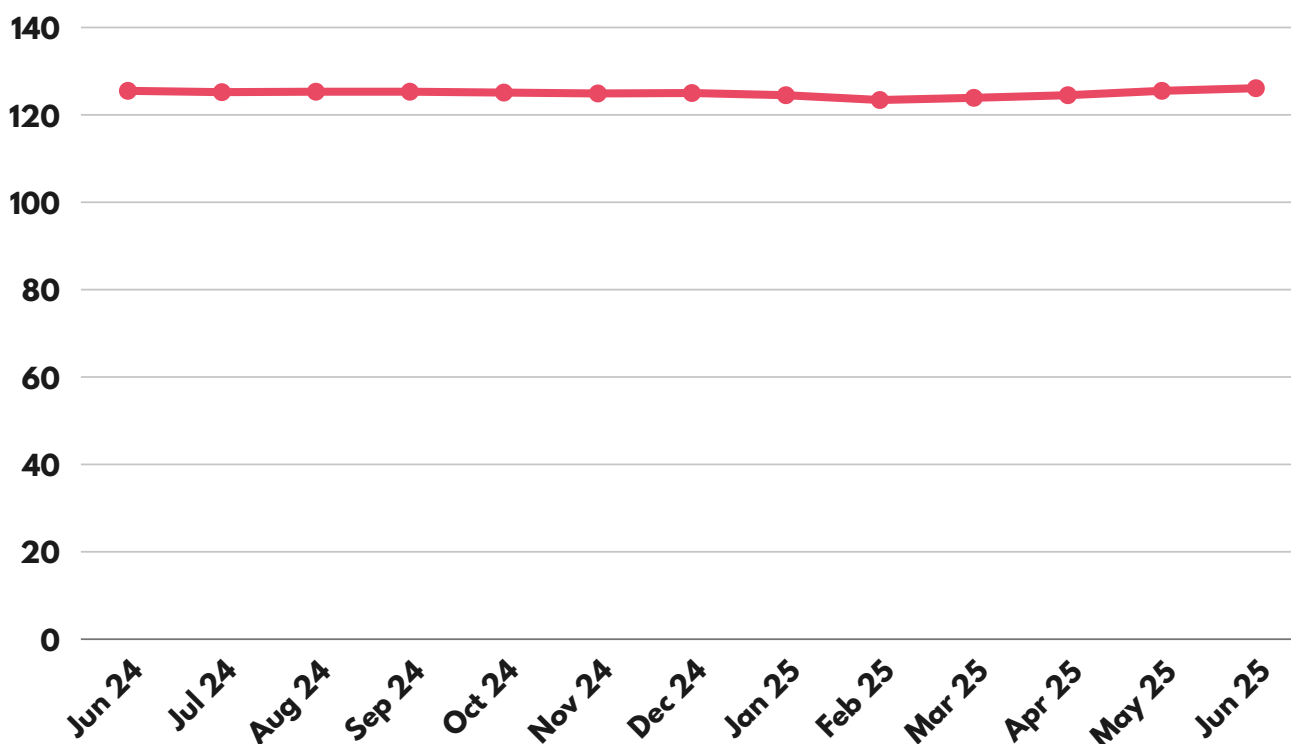


-1.3%

Annual change

# Glass - Euro Area

Producer price index, total, Euro area 20 (fixed composition) as of 1 January 2023, Monthly



0.7%

Annual change

# Hardwood



# HARDWOOD

## Hardwood market

German Oak prices are up on the year to April by 1.1% (Grade B) and up for Grade C by 0.5%.

Beech was up for Grade C by 8% but down for Grade B by 2.1%.

NEW - Spruce prices were up by 9.9% in June compared to that month in 2024.

Quartier 2 2025 - Pennsylvania - The volatility in prices continue in this marketplace. These are reported by Pennsylvania timber and logging companies, forestry consultants, and state land management agencies to the Pennsylvania State University.

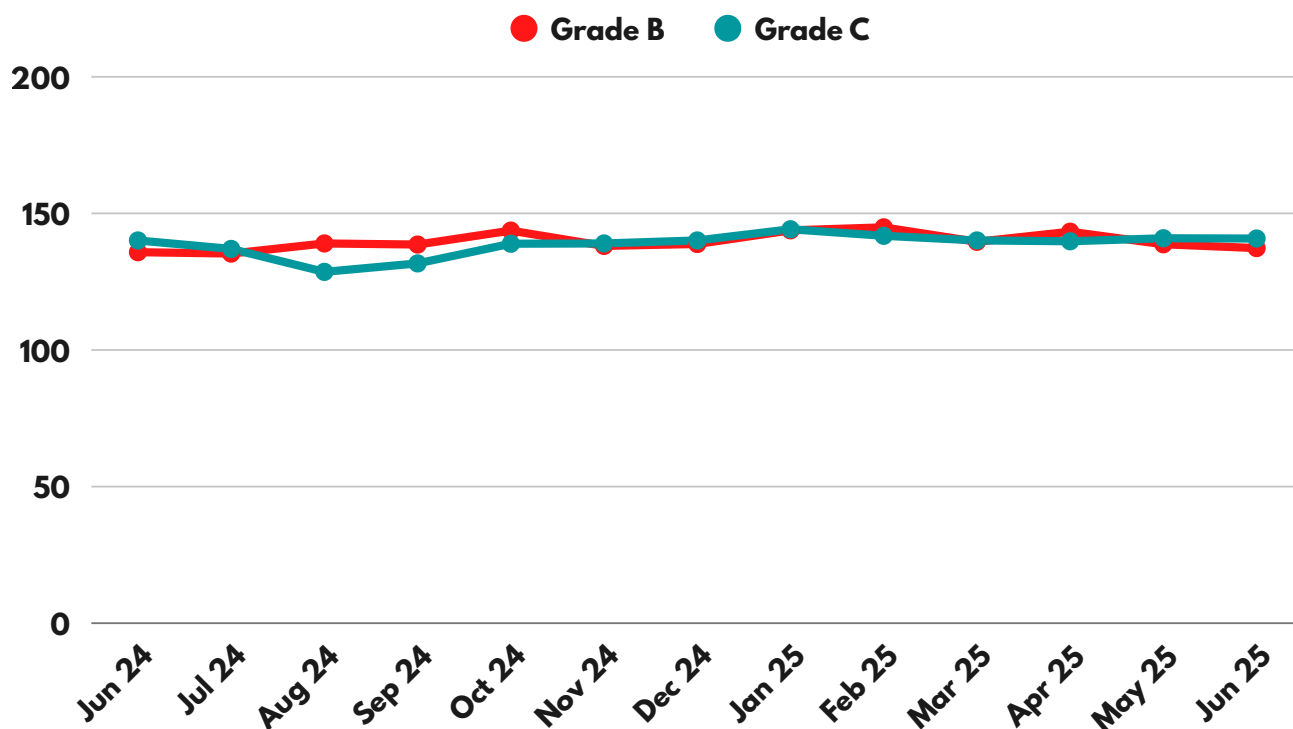
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New York

Idaho

# Oak - Germany

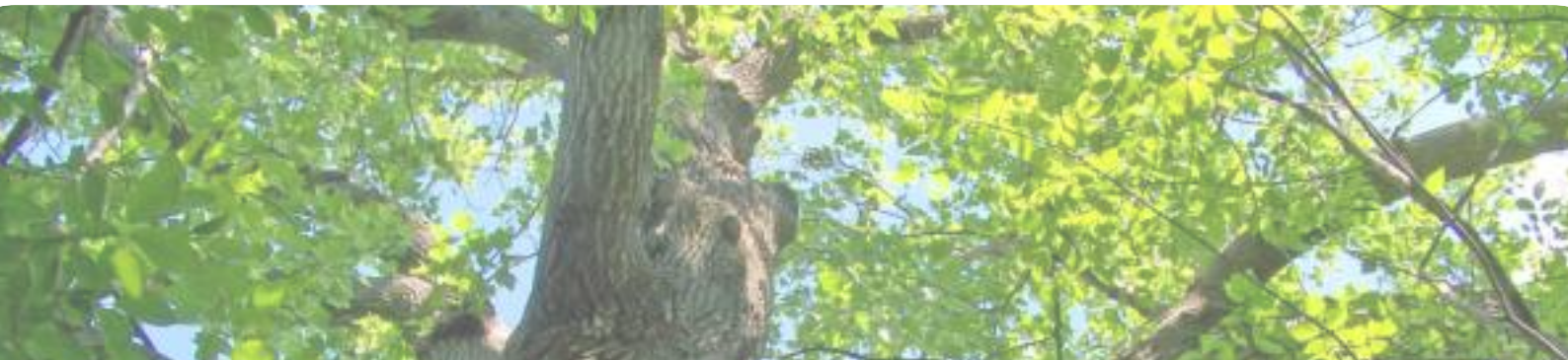
Logging products - Oak index - Germany



1.1%

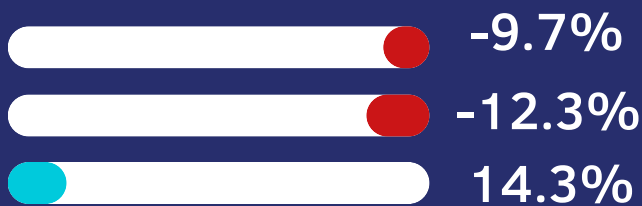
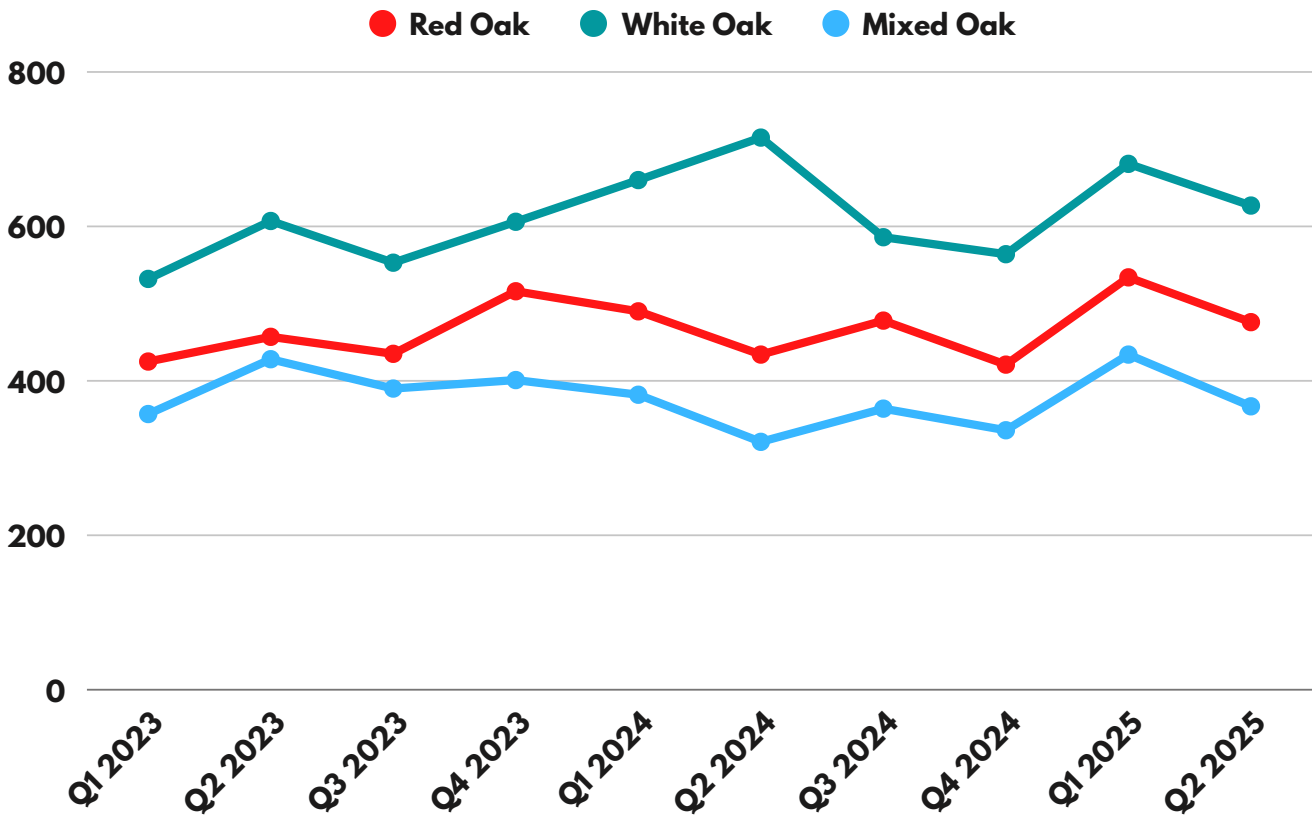
0.5%

Annual change



# Oak - USA

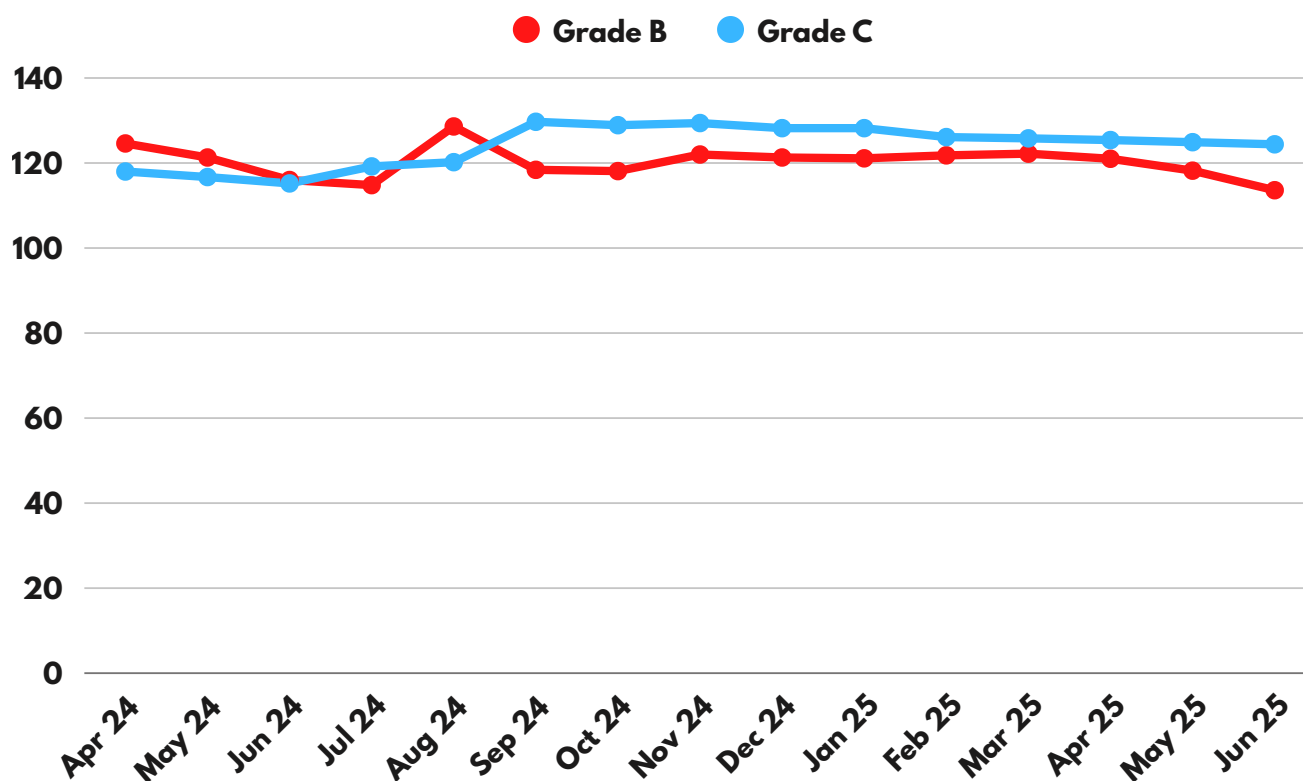
Pennsylvania stumpage prices – average across state \$ per MBF  
(i.e.1,000 board feet)



Annual change

# Beech - Germany

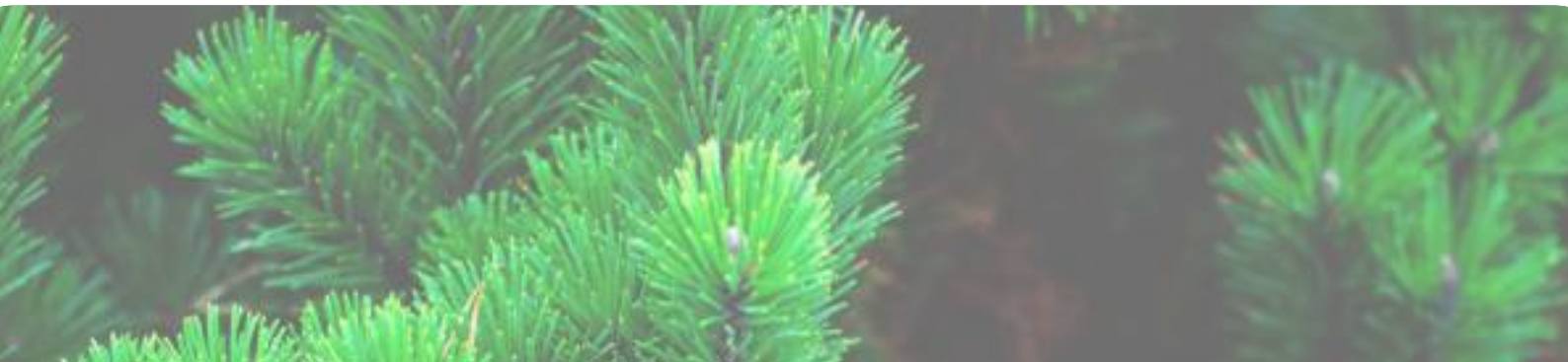
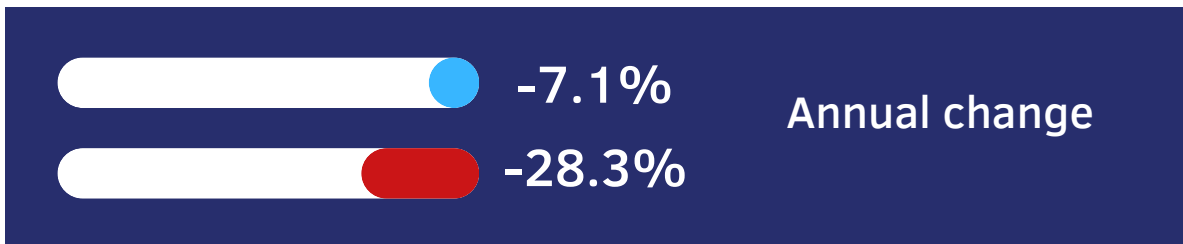
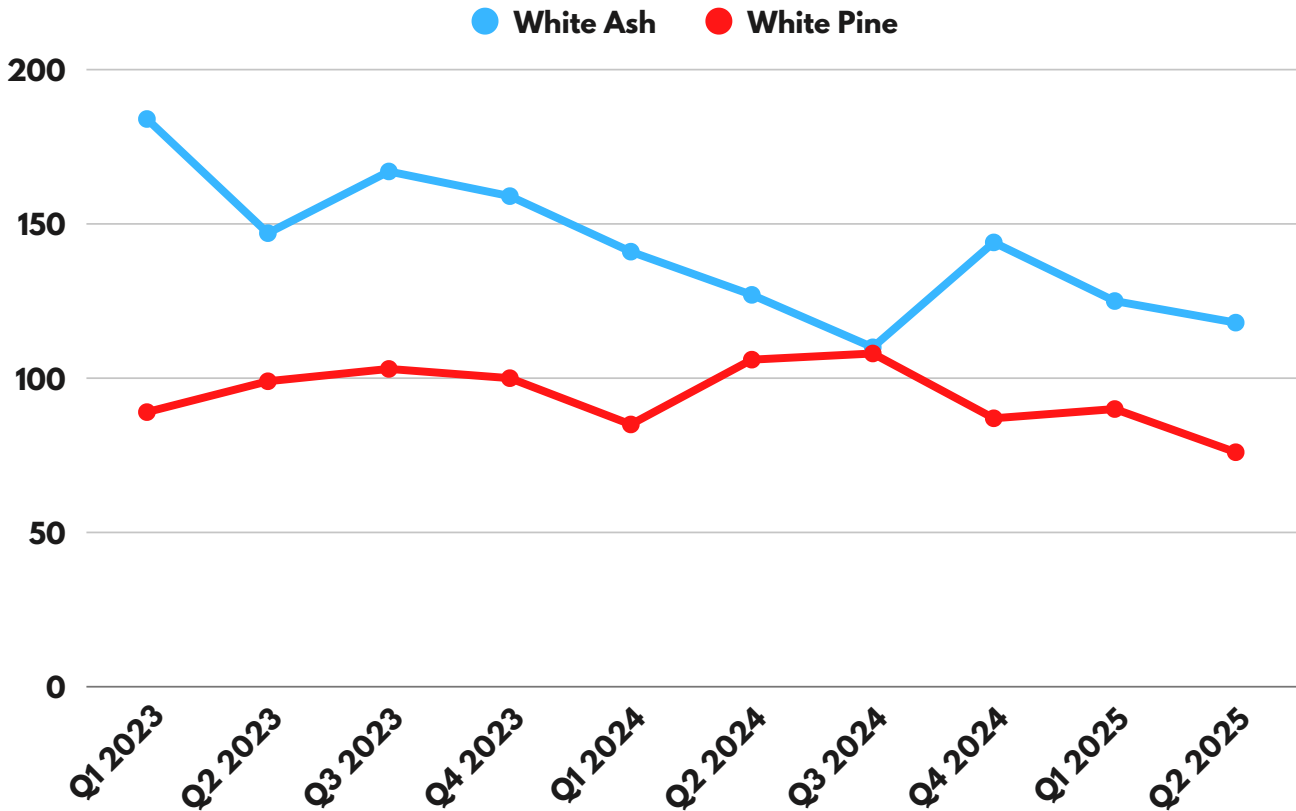
Logging products - Beech index - Germany



Annual change

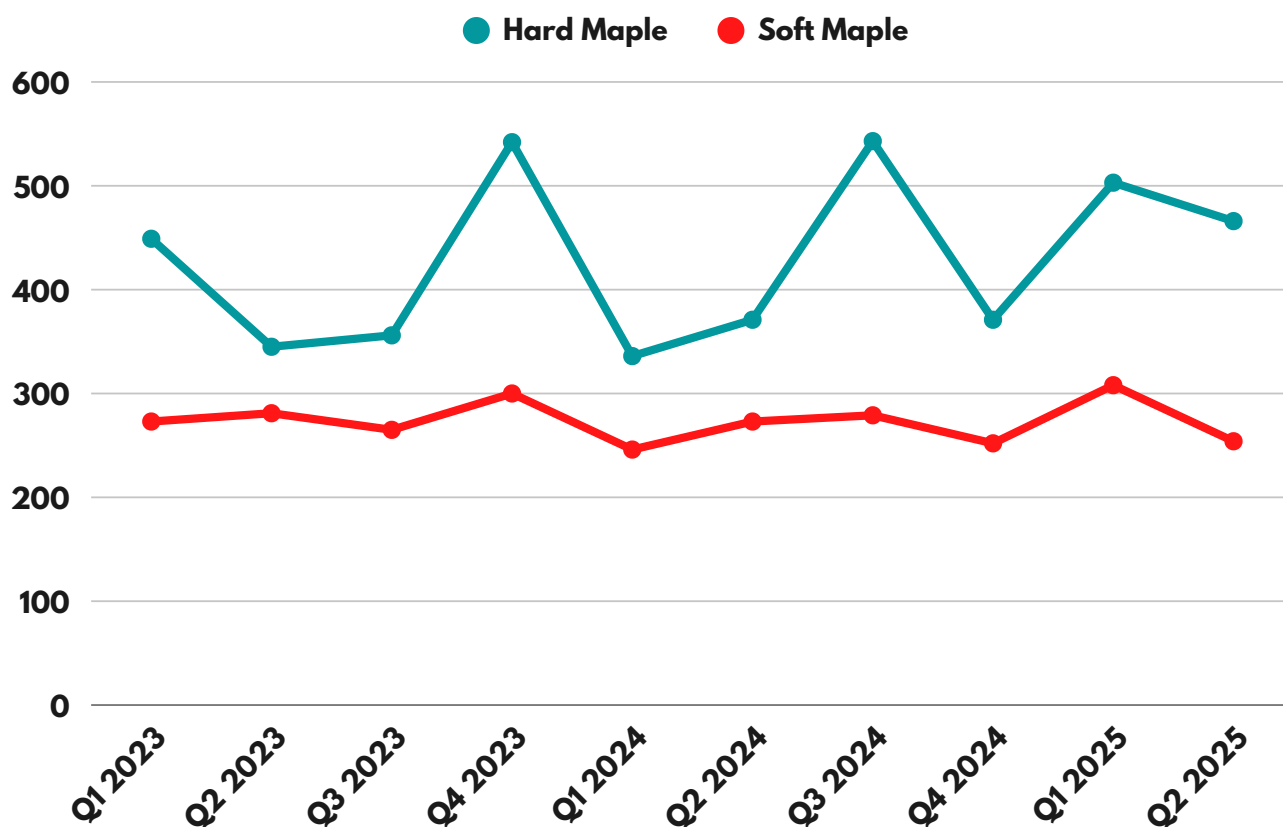
# Ash & pine - USA

Pennsylvania stumpage prices – average across state \$ per MBF  
(i.e.1,000 board feet)



# Maple - USA

Pennsylvania stumpage prices – average across state \$ per MBF  
(i.e.1,000 board feet)



25.6%

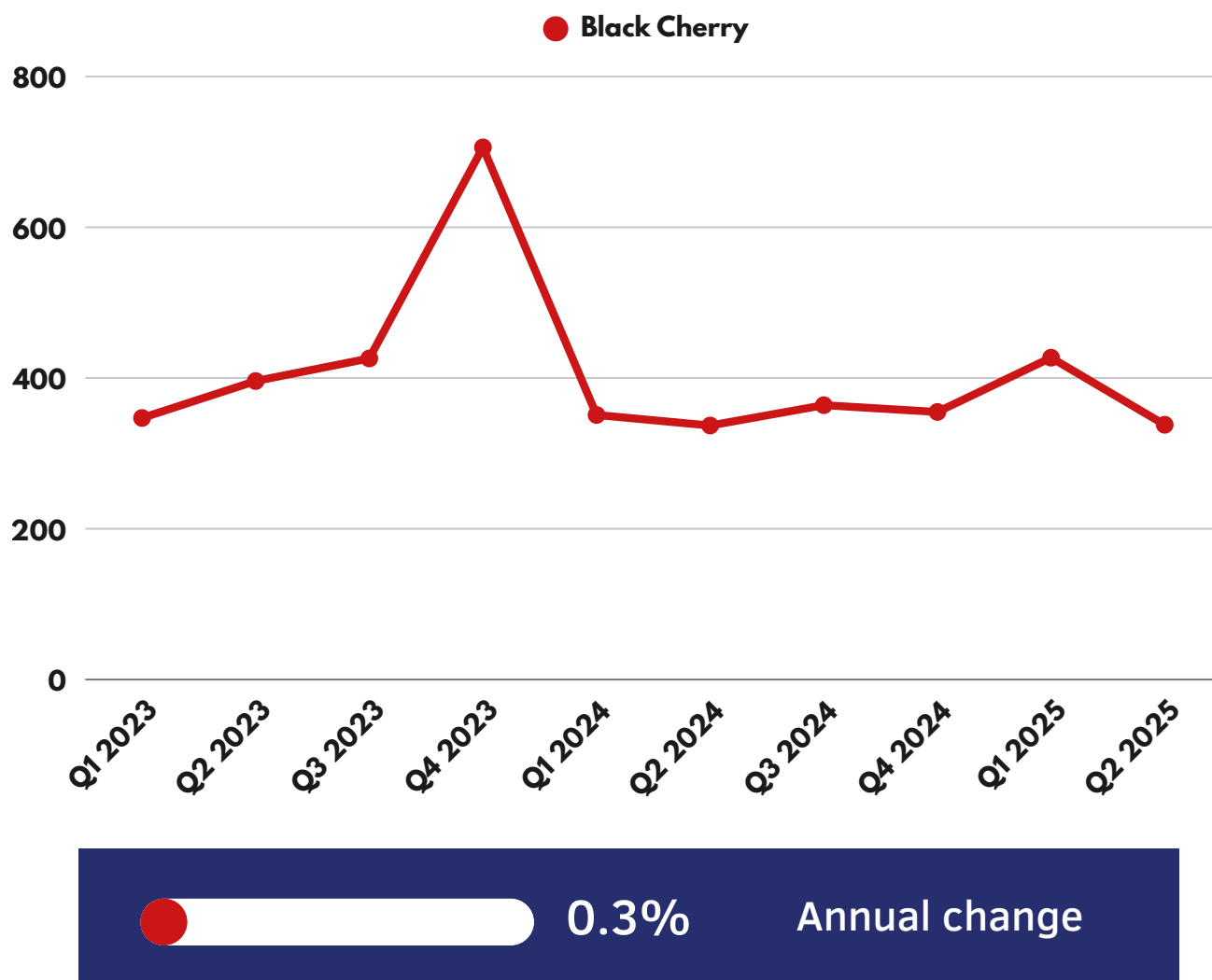
-7.0%

Annual change



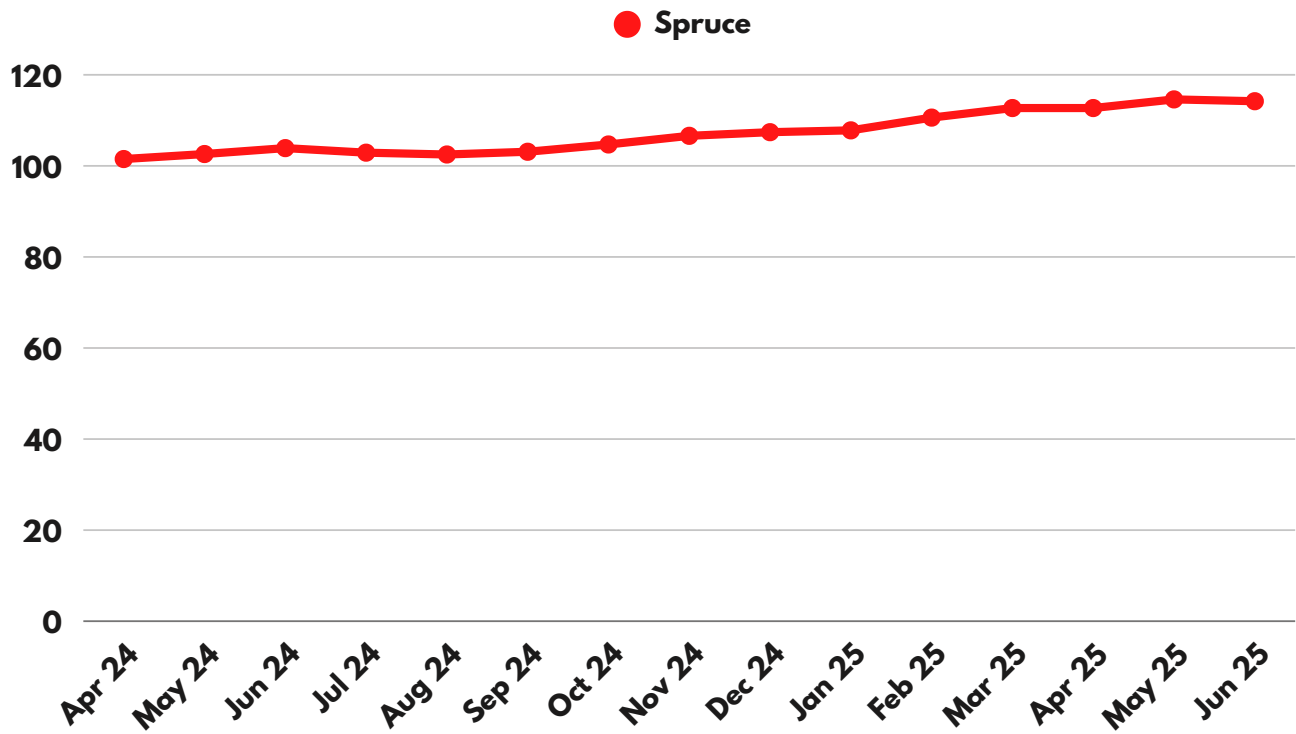
# Black cherry - USA

Pennsylvania stumpage prices – average across state \$ per MBF  
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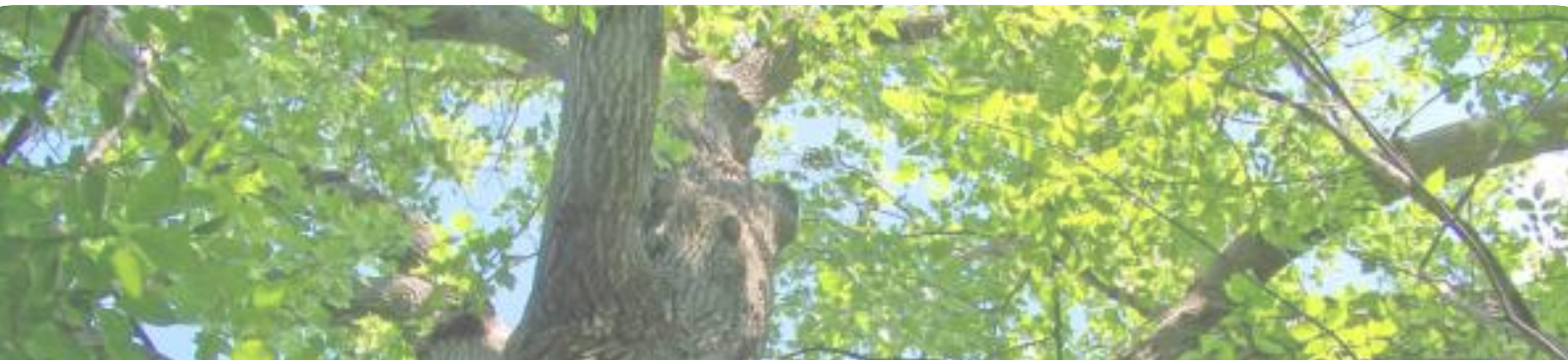
# Spruce

Logging products - Spruce index - Germany



9.9%

Annual change





# Leather

# LEATHER

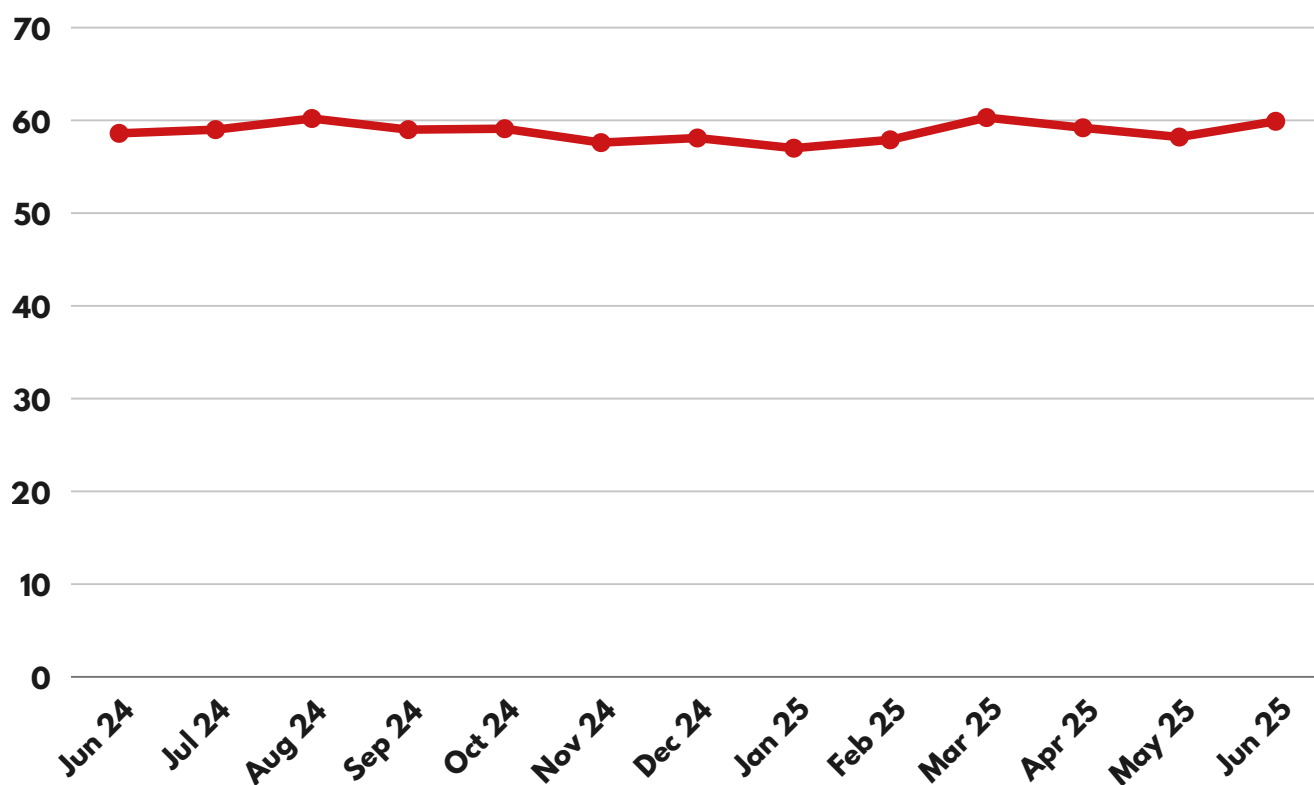
## Leather - hide prices

According to the EUROSTAT, across the European Union producer prices the manufacture of leather and related products reached a record high of 111.50 points in July 2022.

The record low was 75.90 points in March of 2000.

Later data for June 2025 from the US based FRED economic organisation shows a rise of 2.2% on the same month last year.

# Global price of Hides - USA



2.2%

Annual change

# Logs

# LOGS

## Logs market

Estonia **birch log prices** fell by 12.1% compared to July last year.

Finland measures stumpage prices and this index has not experienced the same sharp variations in price in birch logs, and in July prices were flat compared to a year earlier.

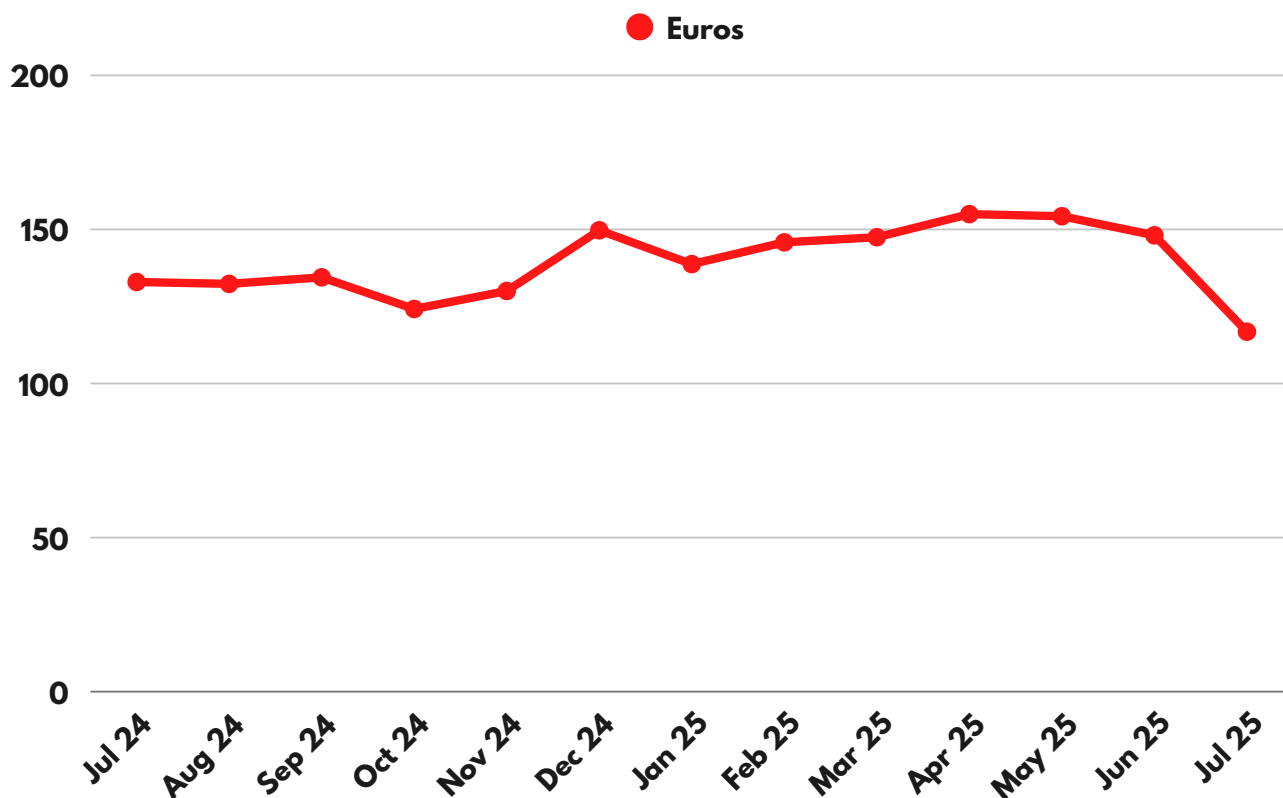
Estonian **birch veneer logs** saw a sharp drop after consistent rises falling in July by 21.6%.

**Pine log** prices in Estonia rose by 3.9% in July compared to July 2024. In Finland stumpage prices are up by 3.5%. Norway price rise to March on an annual basis rose by 37.5% - quarterly figures and in June by 36.8%.

Again, Estonian **Spruce** prices are up by 8.8%. Finnish stumpage prices are up on the year by 1.9% in July compared to that month last year. Norway showed a rise in March of 36% and in June of 38%. These are published quarterly.

# Birch logs - Estonia

Logs - Birch - Estonia - Euros/CuM - €/m<sup>3</sup> - 16+ cm

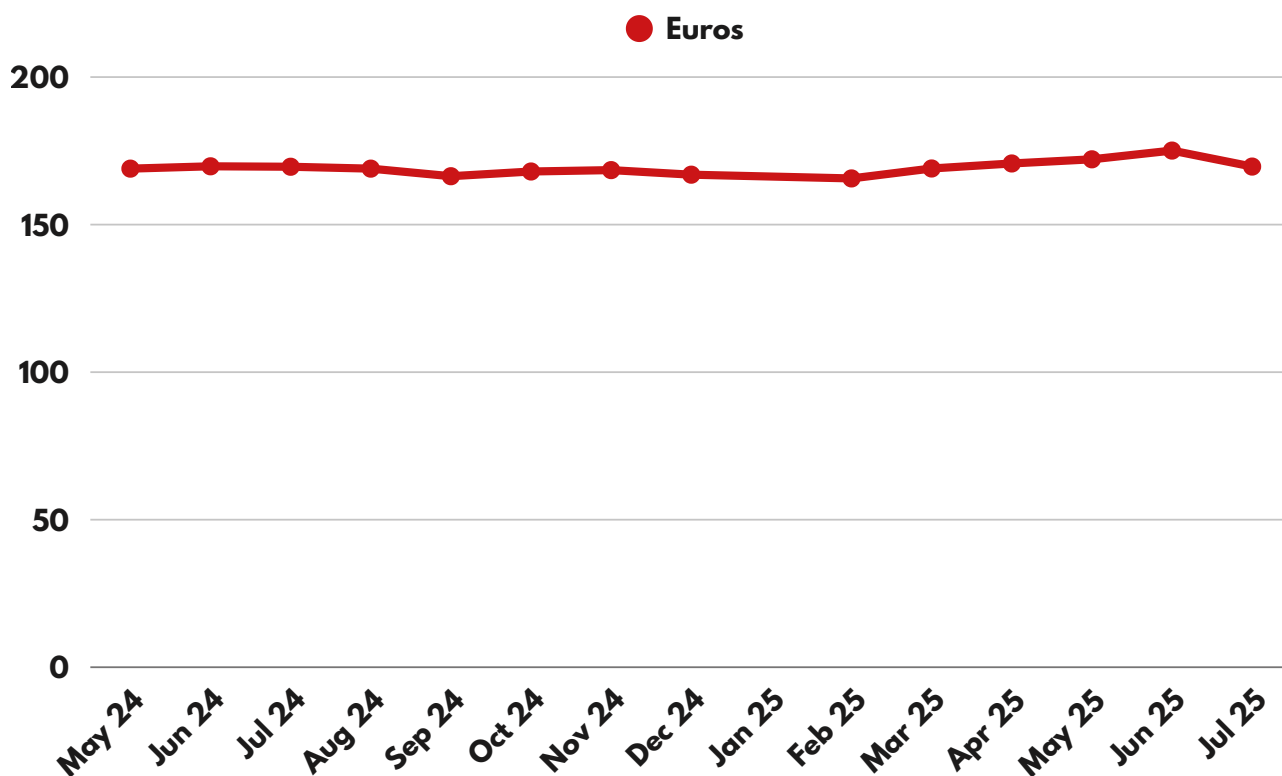


● -12.1% Annual change



# Birch logs - Finland

Official Finland Stumpage Price Index – average price



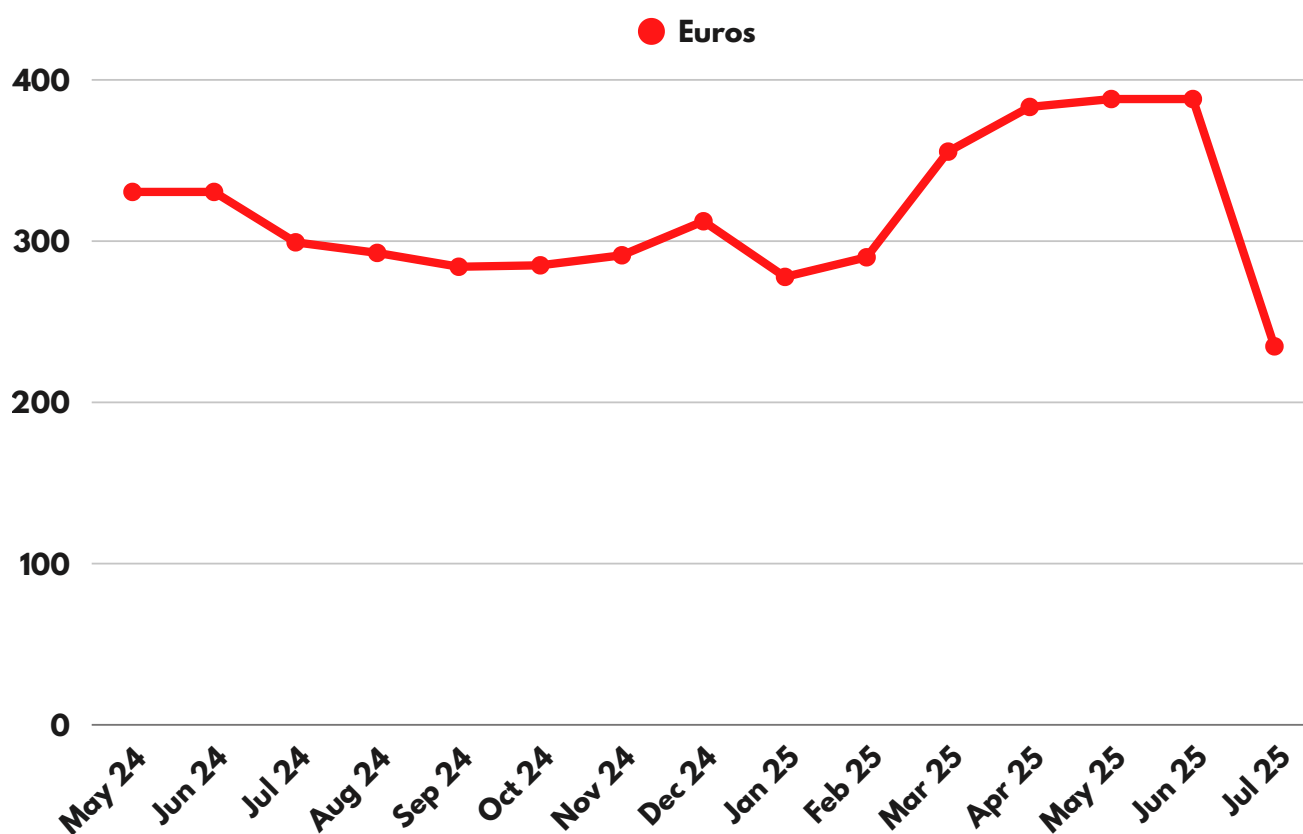
0%

Annual change



# Birch veneer logs - Estonia

Logs – Birch Veneer - Estonia - Euros/CuM - €/m3 - 24+ cm



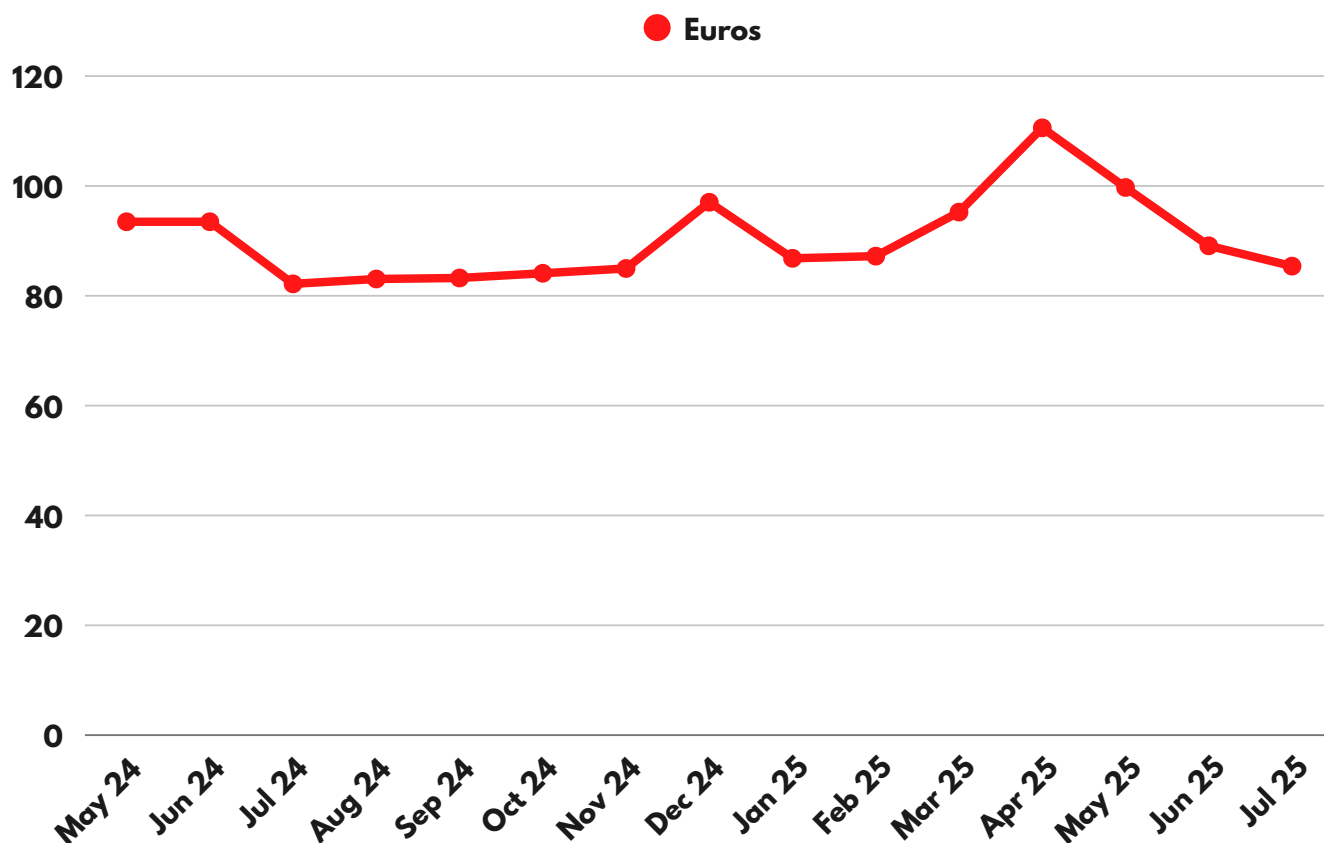
21.6%

Annual change



# Pine logs - Estonia

Logs - Pine - Estonia - Euros/CuM - €/m<sup>3</sup> - 18+ cm



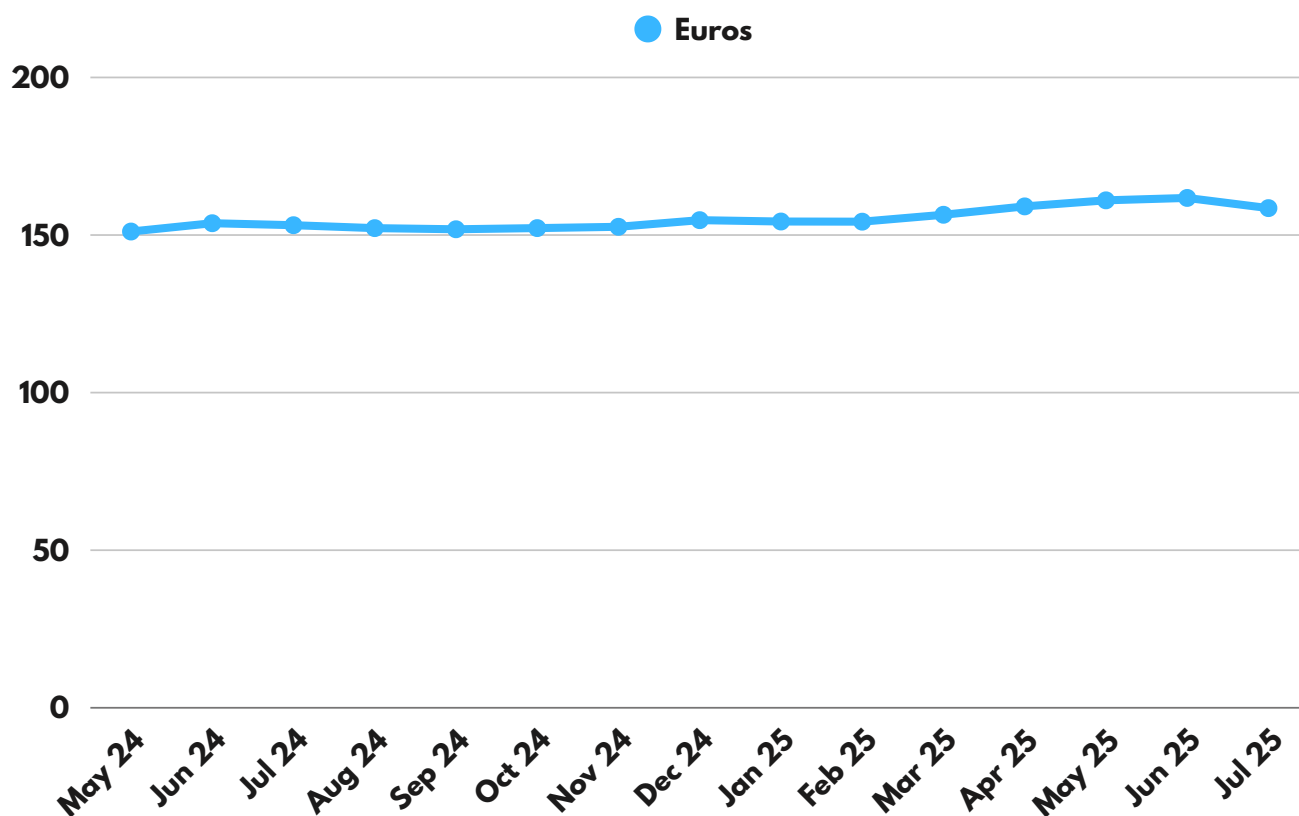
3.9%

Annual change



# Pine logs - Finland

Official Finland Stumpage Prices – Pine logs



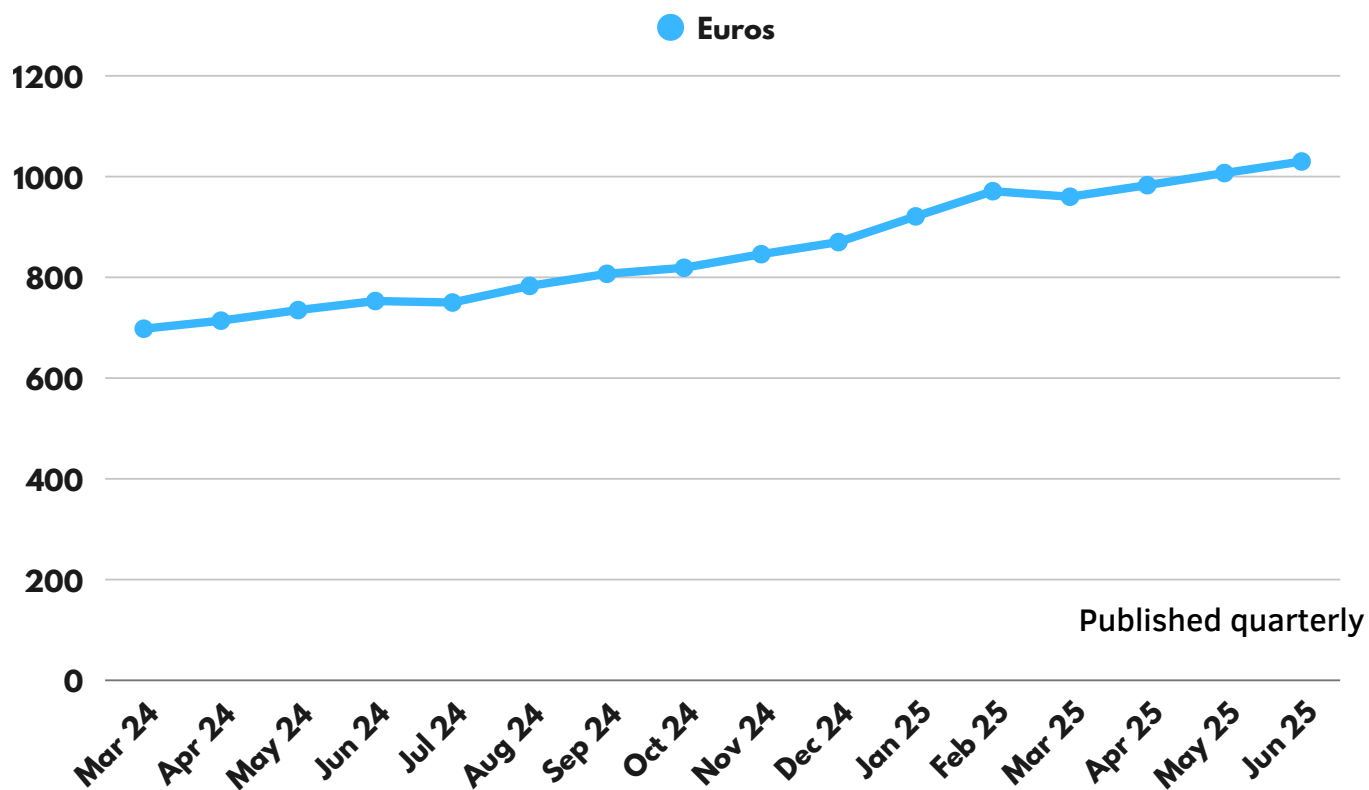
3.5%

Annual change



# Pine logs - Norway

Official Norwegian Average Prices – Pine sawn logs NOK per m<sup>3</sup>



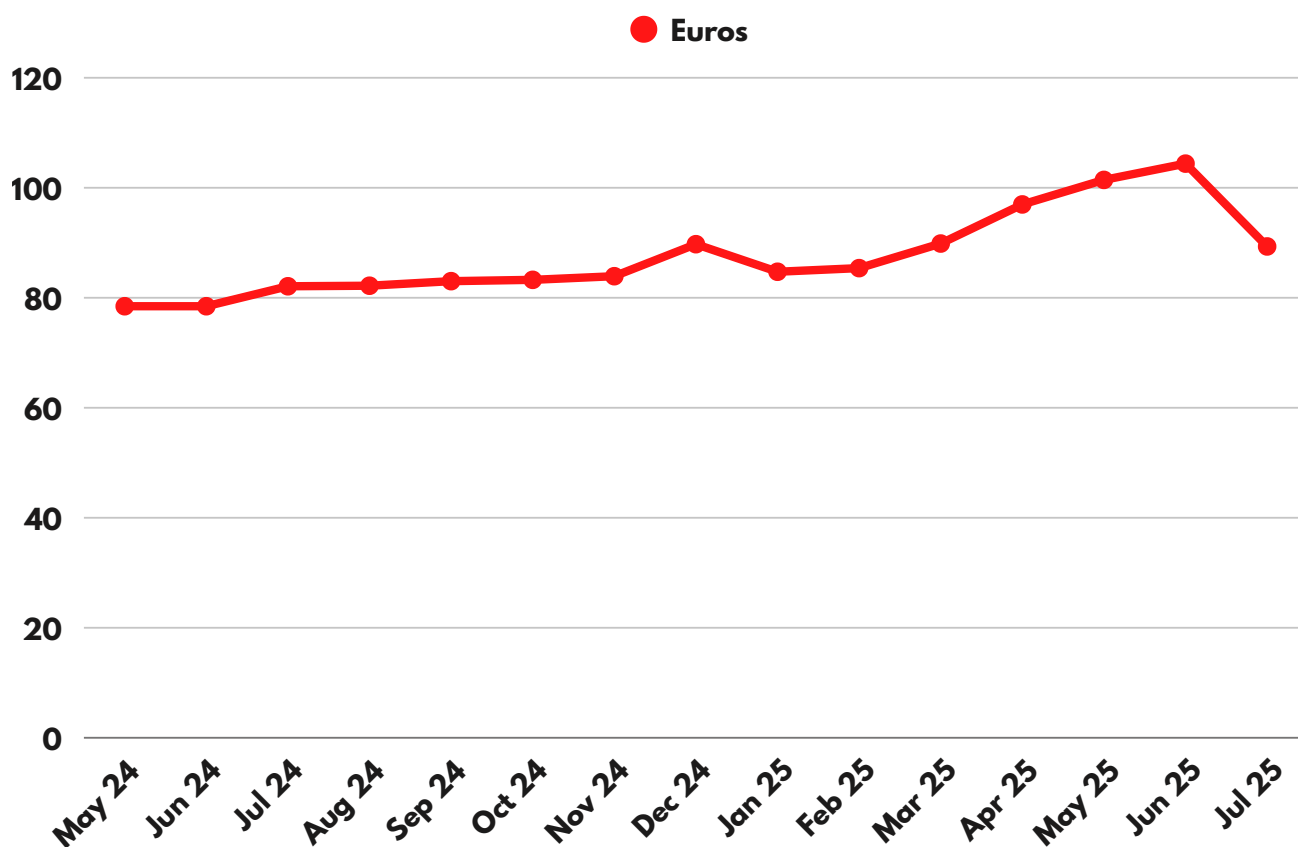
36.8%

Annual change



# Spruce logs - Estonia

Logs - Spruce - Estonia - Euros/CuM - €/m3 - spruce log 18+cm

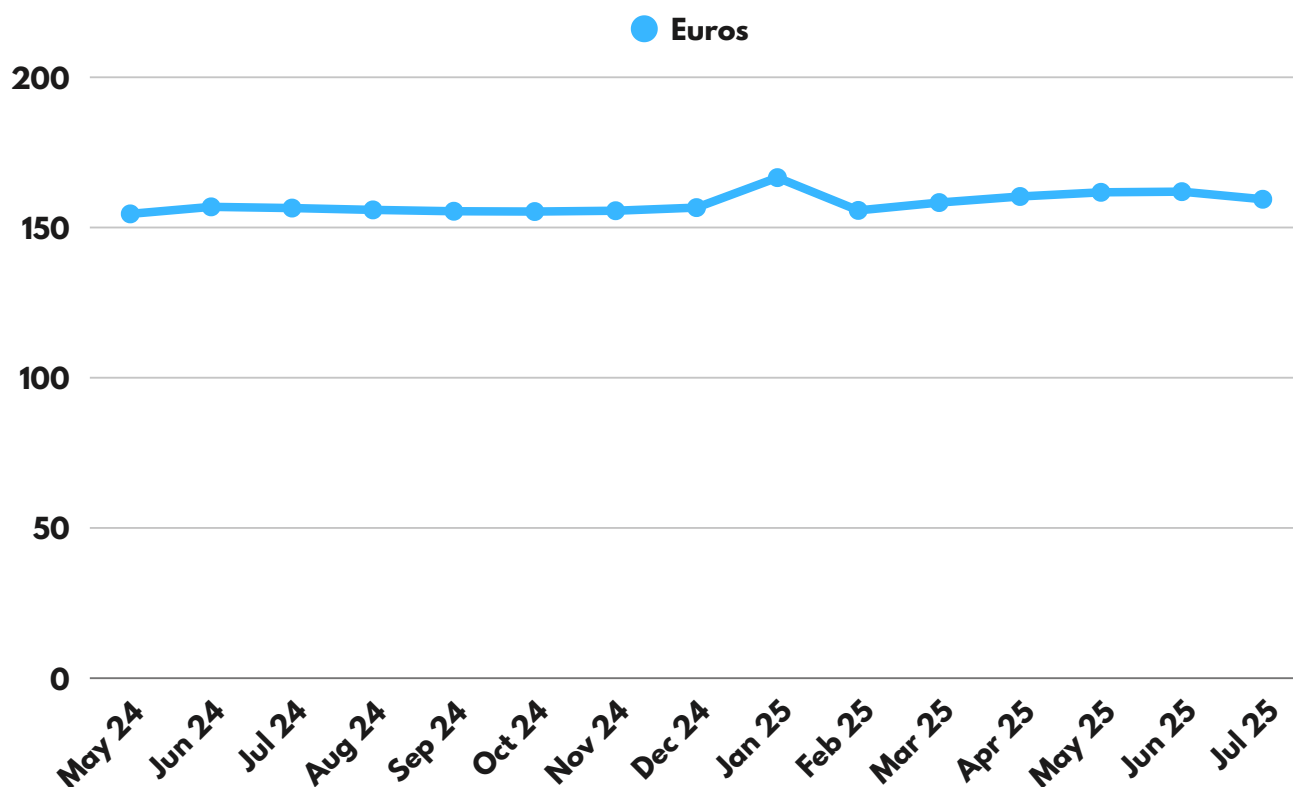


8.8%

Annual change

# Spruce logs - Finland

Official Finland Average Prices – Pine logs Euro per m<sup>3</sup>



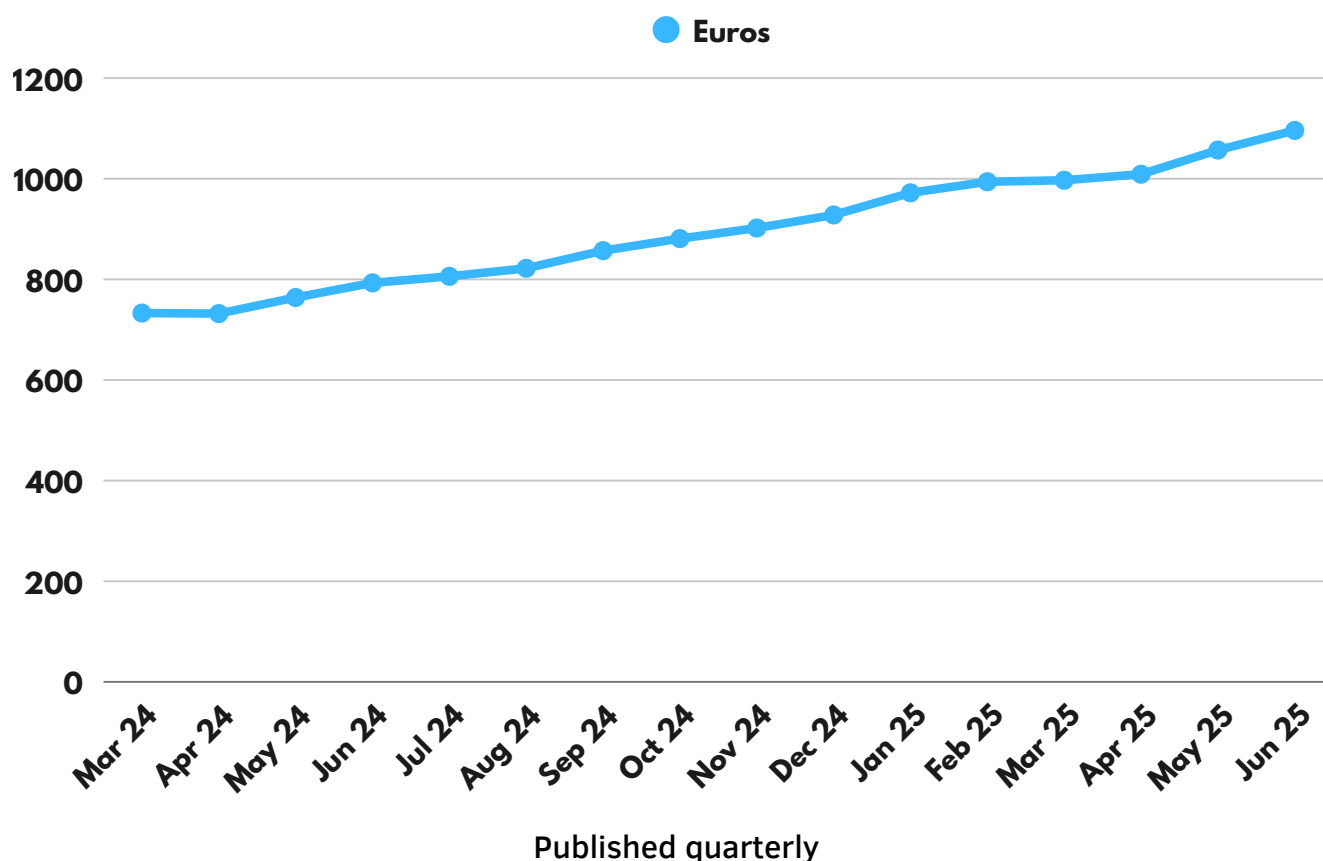
1.9%

Annual change



# Spruce logs - Norway

Official Norwegian Average Prices – Spruce sawn logs NOK per m<sup>3</sup>



38.0%

Annual change

# Metals, wire & springs

# METAL, WIRE & SPRINGS

## Metals, wire & springs market

There is still a problem with UK ONS figures for prices and the whole series is being updated and will show different figures. This has been the case since January this year.

**London Metal Exchange**

**Metal futures**

**Example**

**Metals Information Provider in China**

**China Steel Price Index: Weekly**

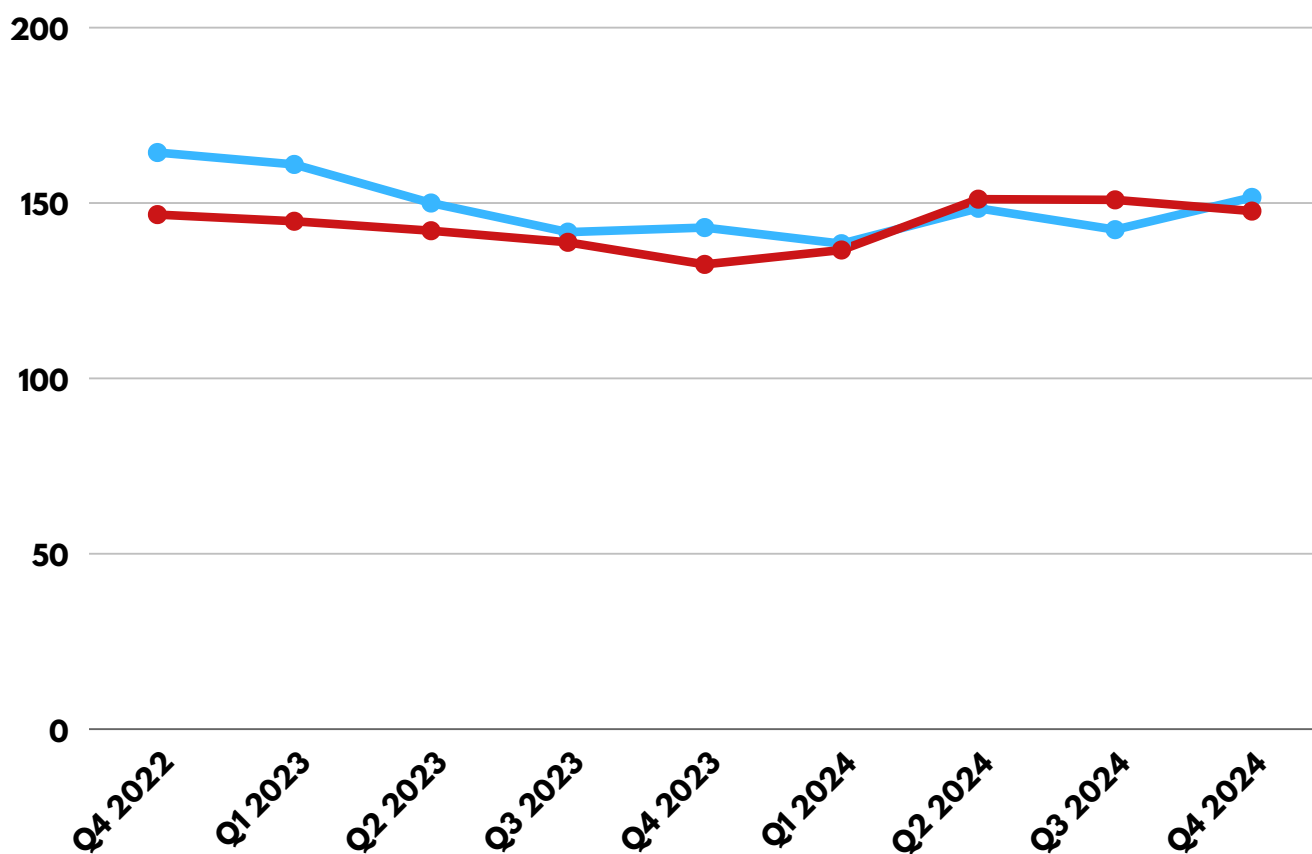
**Daily metal price**

**Bloomberg**



# Aluminium - Domestic output & import prices

2015 = 100 - index

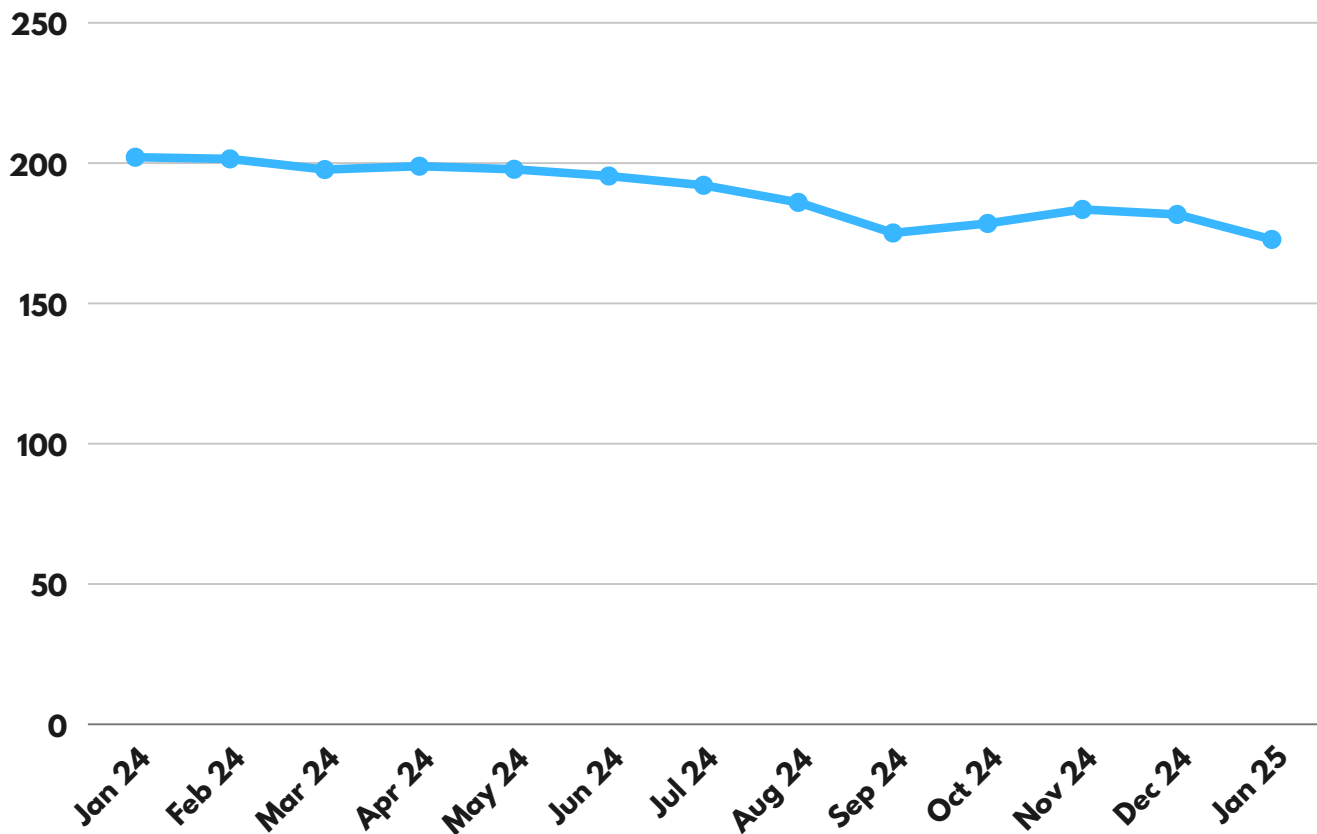


The Office of National Statistics has temporarily suspended producer price data for all sectors while it reviews its methodology.



# Iron & steel - Imports

Basic Iron and Steel and of Ferro-Alloys - imports - index

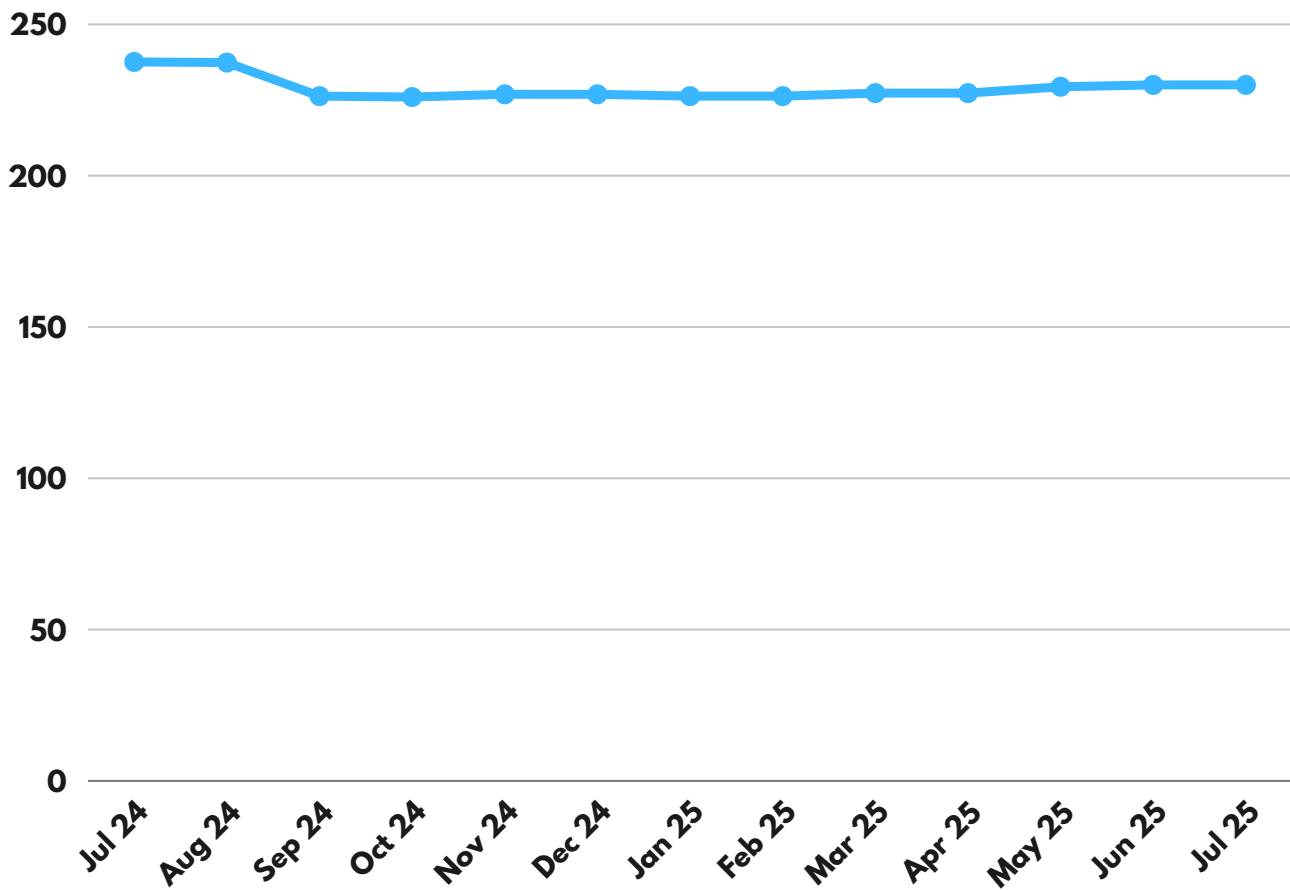


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 -14.5% Annual change

# Spring manufacture - USA

Spring manufacture - USA



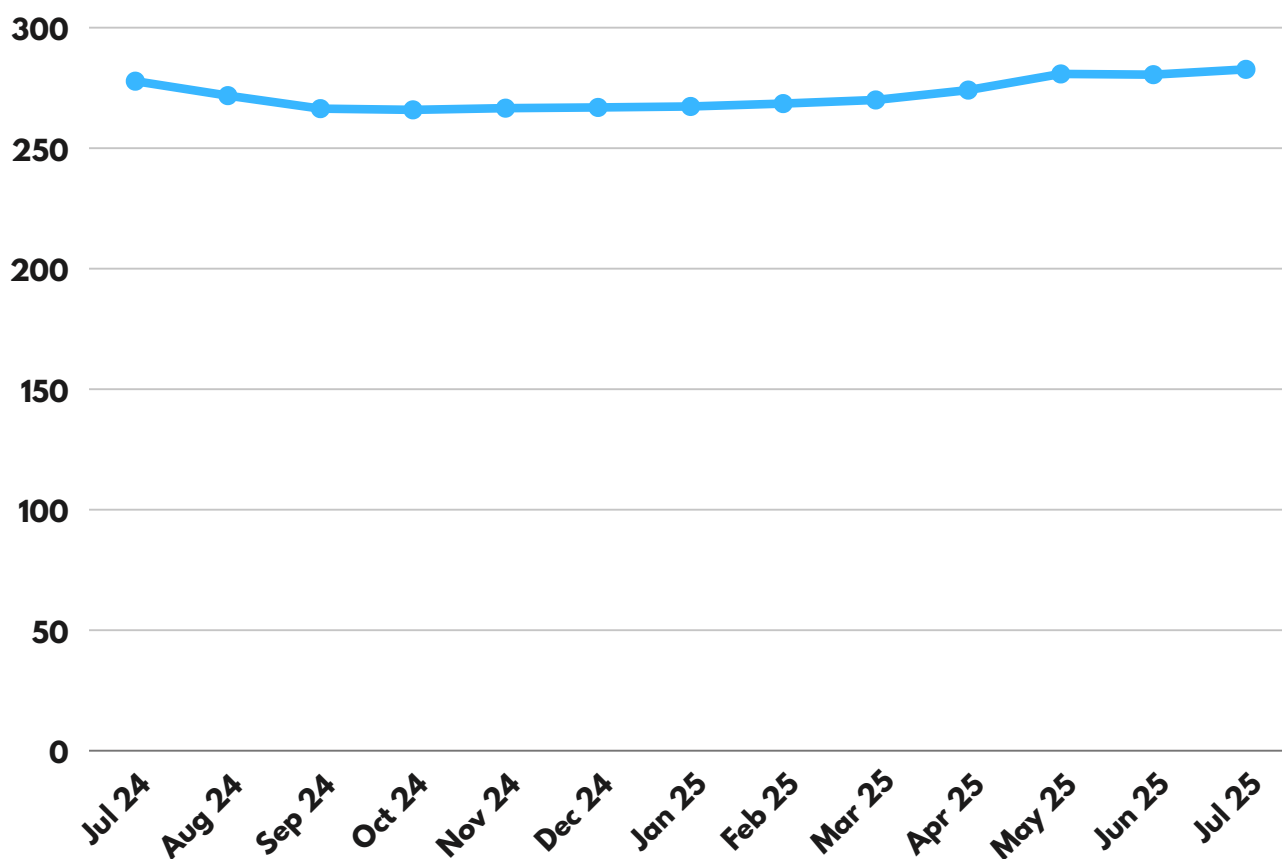
-3.2%

Annual change



# Carbon drawn steel wire - USA

Carbon Steel Drawn Wire Producer Price Index, USA

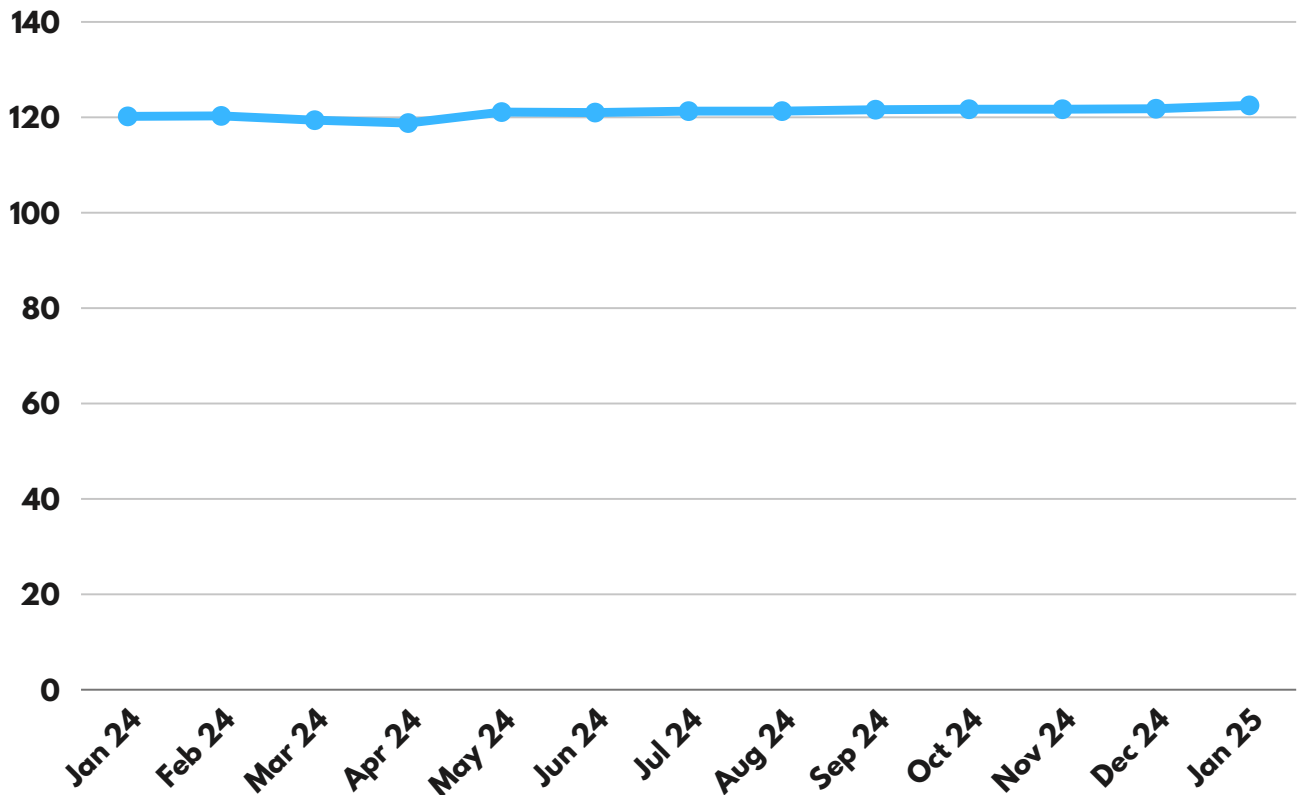


1.8%

Annual change

# Wire products, chains & springs - UK

Wire Products, Chain and Springs for Domestic Market UK Producer Prices



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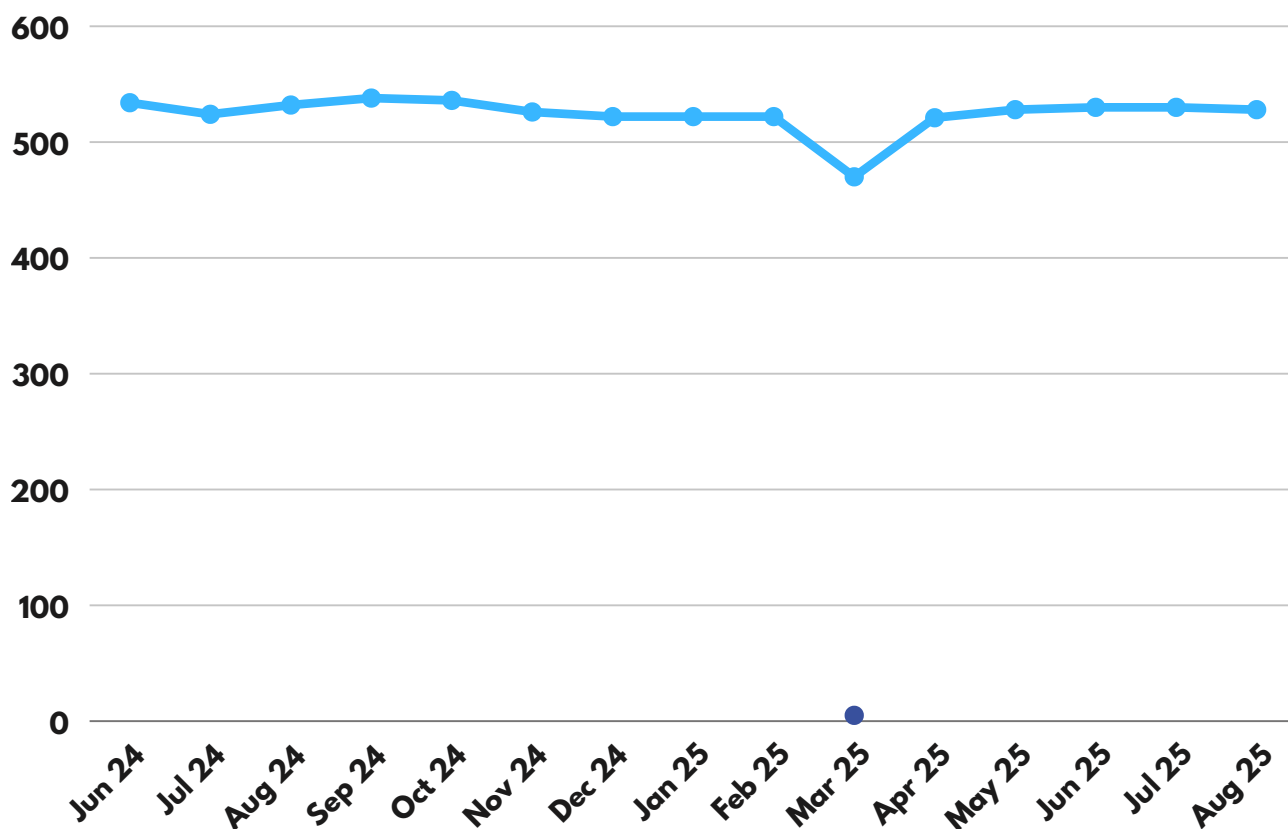
1.9%

Annual change



# Steel wire rods - China

China – Steel Wire Rods - Futures (US\$/ton)



-0.8%

Annual change



# Packaging

# PACKAGING

## Packaging market

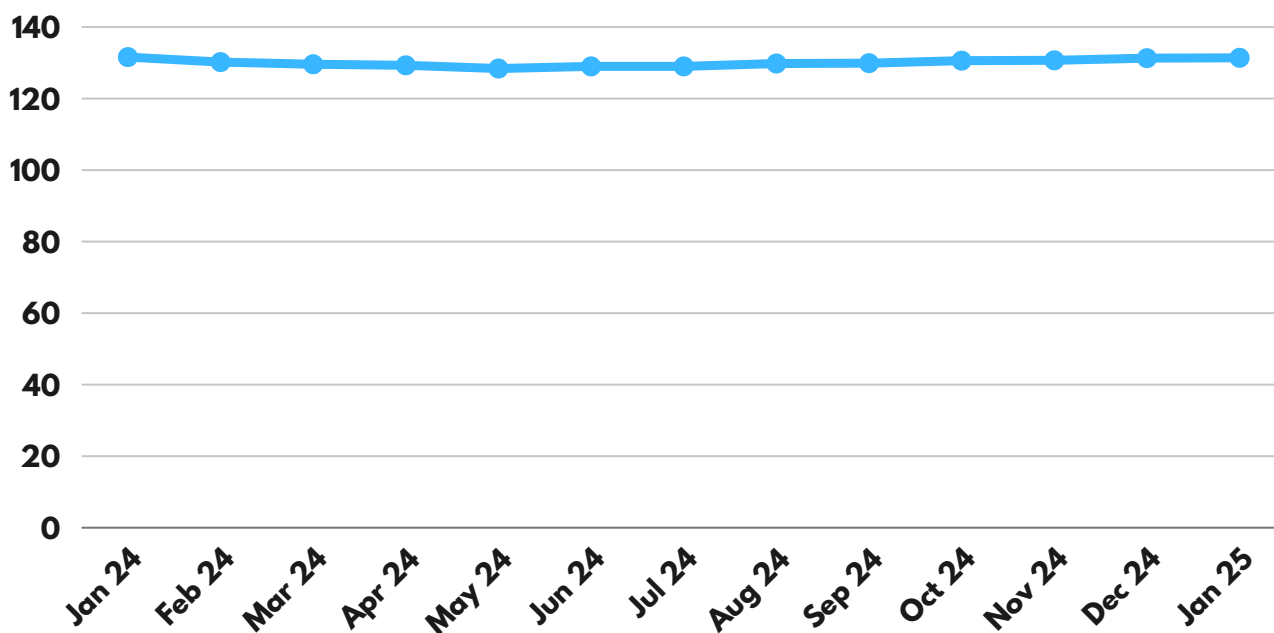
The price trend for flexible packaging materials in Q4 2023 varied depending on type, according to industry association Flexible Packaging Europe. This is still a marked improvement on the significant overall downtrend witnessed in Q3.

FPE noted that while prices declined or were stable towards the end of the year, they did so at an overall elevated level – between 30% and 40% higher compared with the same quarter of 2020.



# Corrugated packaging - UK

Corrugated Paper and Paperboard and Containers of Paper and Paperboard for Domestic Market UK Producer price index



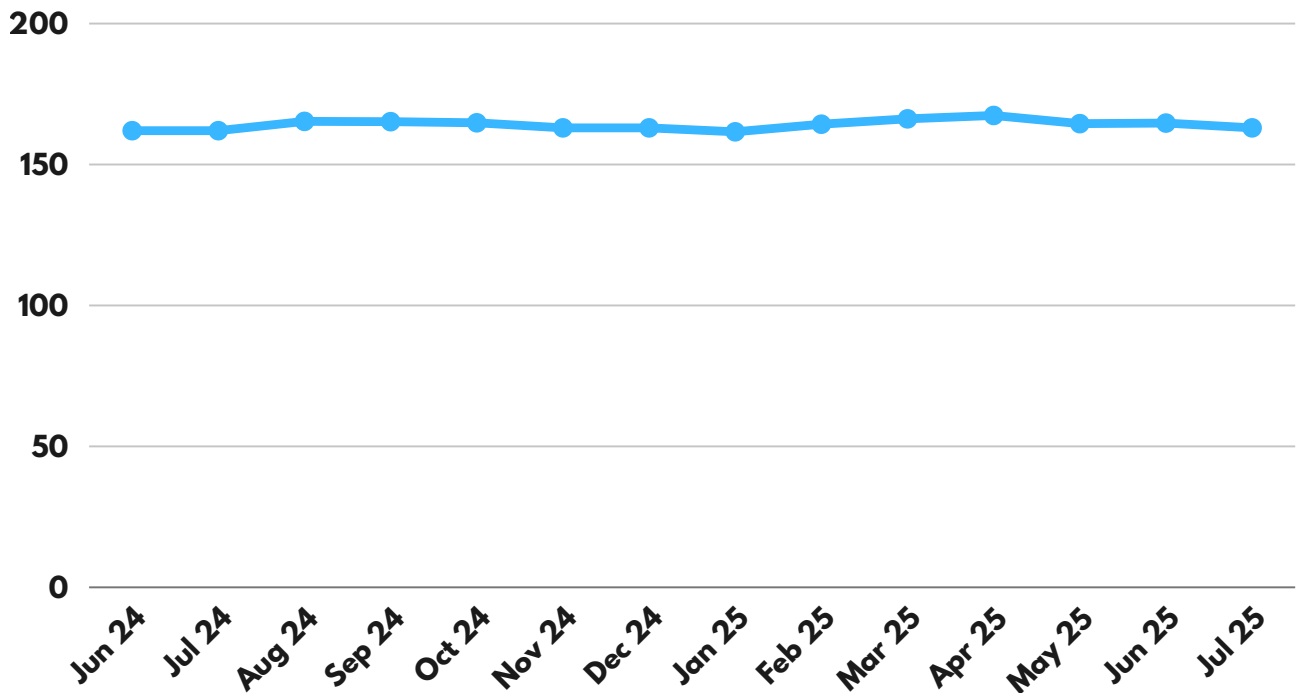
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-0.8%

Annual change

# Plastics packaging- USA

USA - Plastics Packaging Film and Sheet Manufacturing: Coextruded Single-Web Film, for Flexible Packaging Uses



0.6%

Annual change

# Shipping

# SHIPPING

## Shipping market

The maritime trade routes between China and North America are also largely at a standstill. The number of container ships transporting goods from China to the land of unlimited opportunity has fallen significantly.

Market experts report that container bookings for the third and fourth quarters of 2025 have slumped by almost a third. It's no wonder that freight rates are also down by up to double digits this week.

**Data chart is from:**

<https://terminal.freightos.com/freightos-baltic-index-global-container-pricing-index/>

# SHIPPING

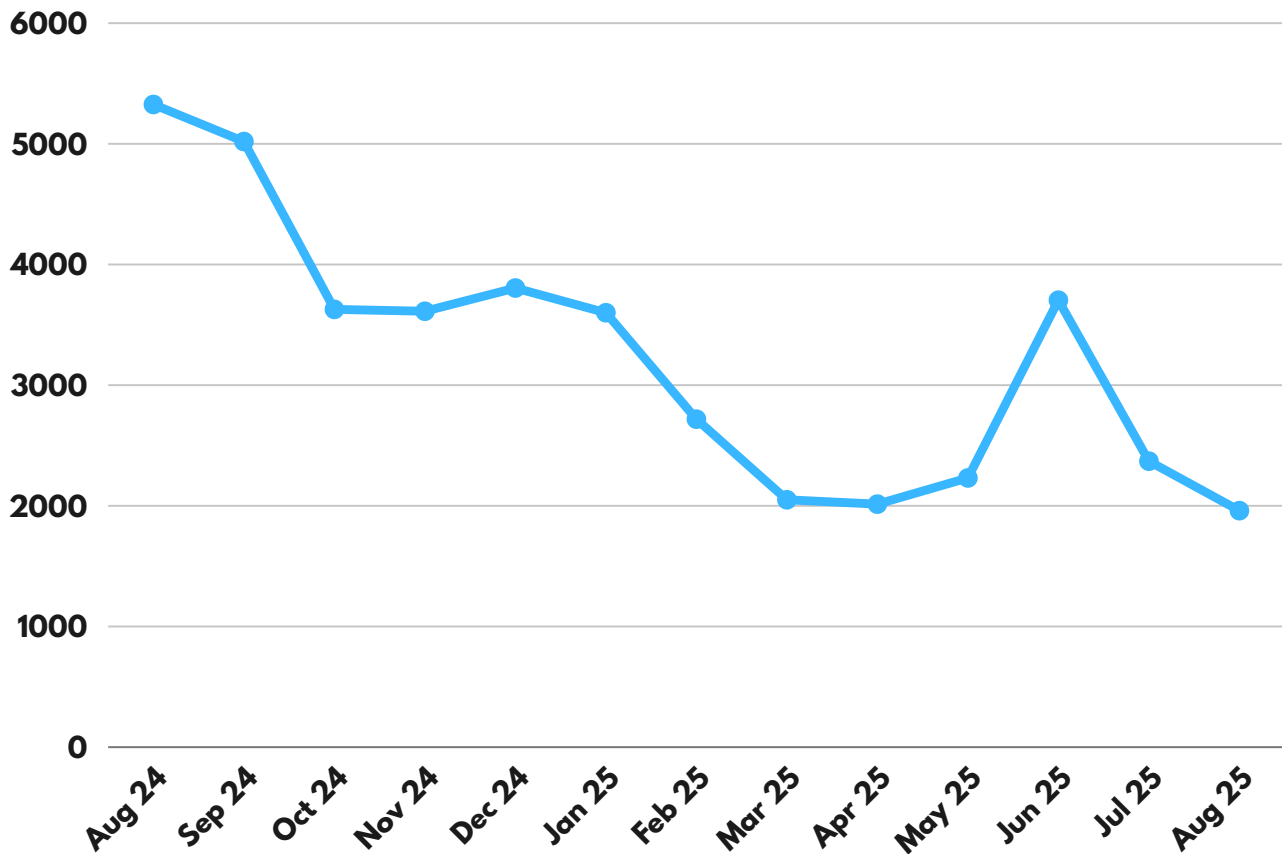
## Shipping market

Freight rates for 18 - 24 August; price for a 40-foot container

| Freight rates for 18 - 24 August; price for a 40-foot container (FEU) |                           |       |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| Route                                                                 | Change from previous week | USD   | EUR   |
| China – US West Coast                                                 | -6.0%                     | 2,350 | 2,015 |
| China – US East Coast                                                 | -10.0%                    | 4,000 | 3,088 |
| China – Northern Europe                                               | -3.0%                     | 3,200 | 2,744 |
| Northern Europe – China                                               | -4.0%                     | 480   | 412   |
| China – Southern Europe                                               | -6.1%                     | 3,100 | 2,659 |
| Southern Europe – China                                               | -6.0%                     | 470   | 403   |
| US East Coast – Northern Europe                                       | unchanged                 | 850   | 729   |
| Northern Europe – US East Coast                                       | -2.5%                     | 1,950 | 1,672 |

# Global container freight

Freightos Baltic Index (FBX):Global Container Freight Index. Average price 40ft container



 -63.2% Annual change



# Veneer & composites

# veneer & composites

## Veneer & composites market

### Hardwood Pulp - 22 August 2025

Dissolving pulp markets in Asia were calm and prices remained largely stable. In China, the reference price of hardwood dissolving pulp was at 6,500 Yuan a ton (US\$905 a ton) and softwood pulp was at 7,000 Yuan a ton (US\$975 a ton). The operating load of downstream viscose staple fibre was stable, and pulp consumption did not change much, while production remained in demand to replenish inventory was normal. It is expected that the dissolving pulp prices will remain stable next week.

In the imported pulp market, the new round of prices remained unconfirmed this week. Brazilian LD hardwood pulp was priced at US\$820 a ton, while South African pulp was at US\$820 a ton. Czech softwood pulp was priced at US\$870 a ton, while Harlem coniferous dissolving pulp was at US\$880 a ton. Sufficient supply and moderate downstream demand for pulp were hindering high-price transactions..

#### Average prices:

- Sawlogs of scots pine
- Sawlogs of Norway spruce
- Pulpwood of conifers
- Pulpwood of Norway spruce
- Pulpwood of birch

#### Useful links:

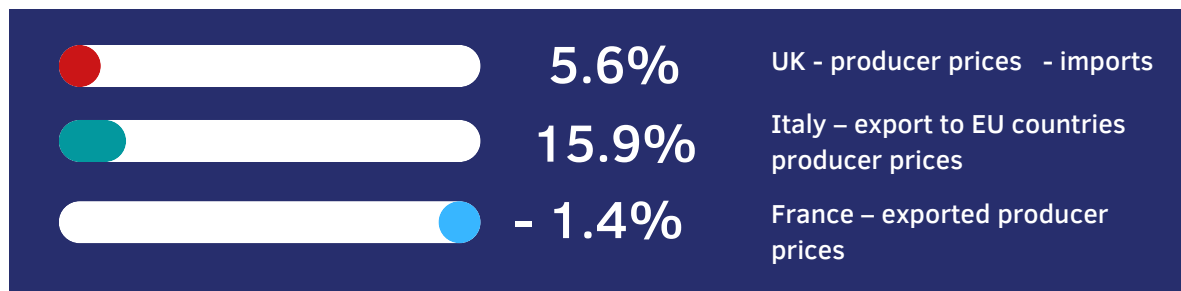
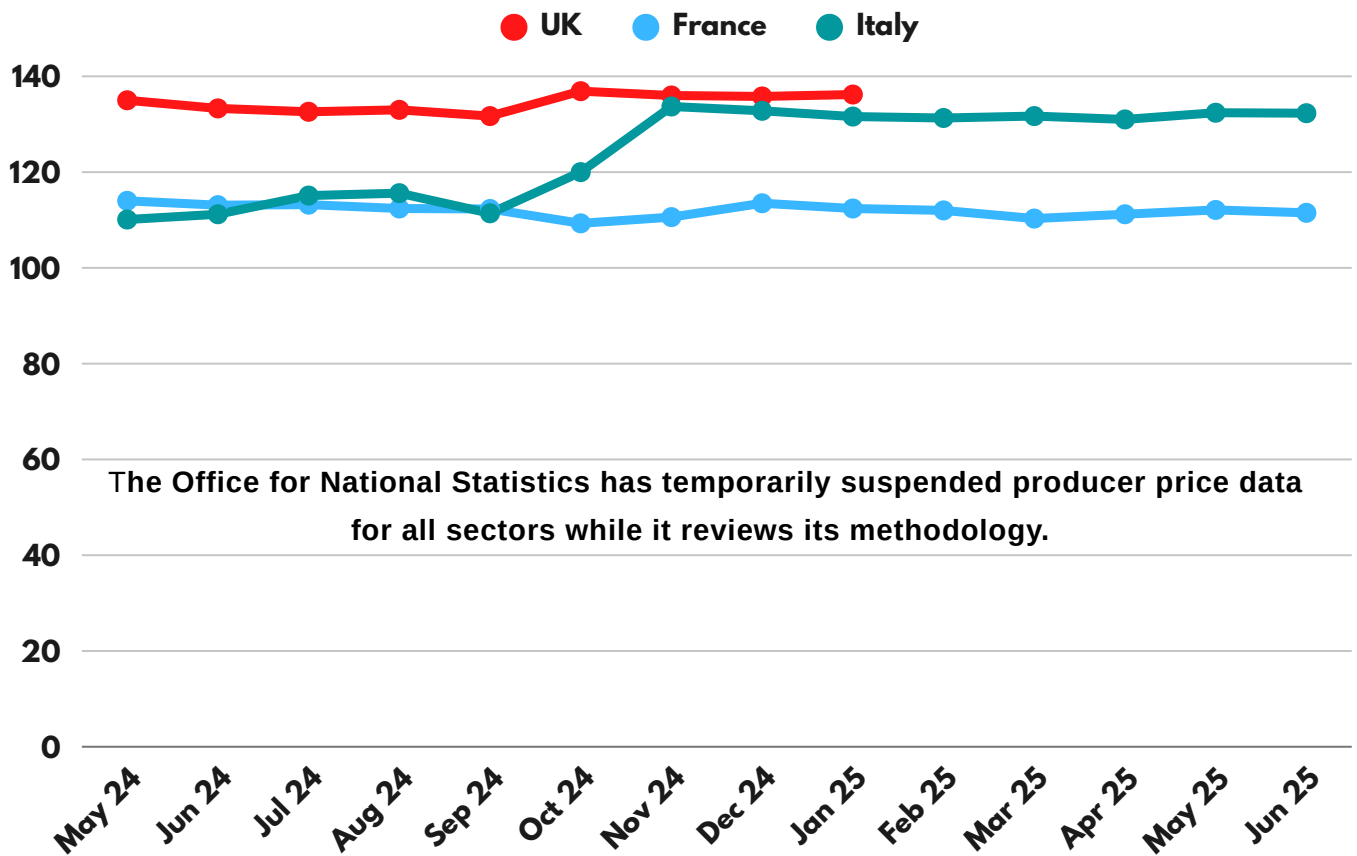
[MDF Futures Index](#)

#### Czech Republic (quarterly)

- Average prices of
- Raw timber
- spruce
- pine
- [Logs according to quality](#)

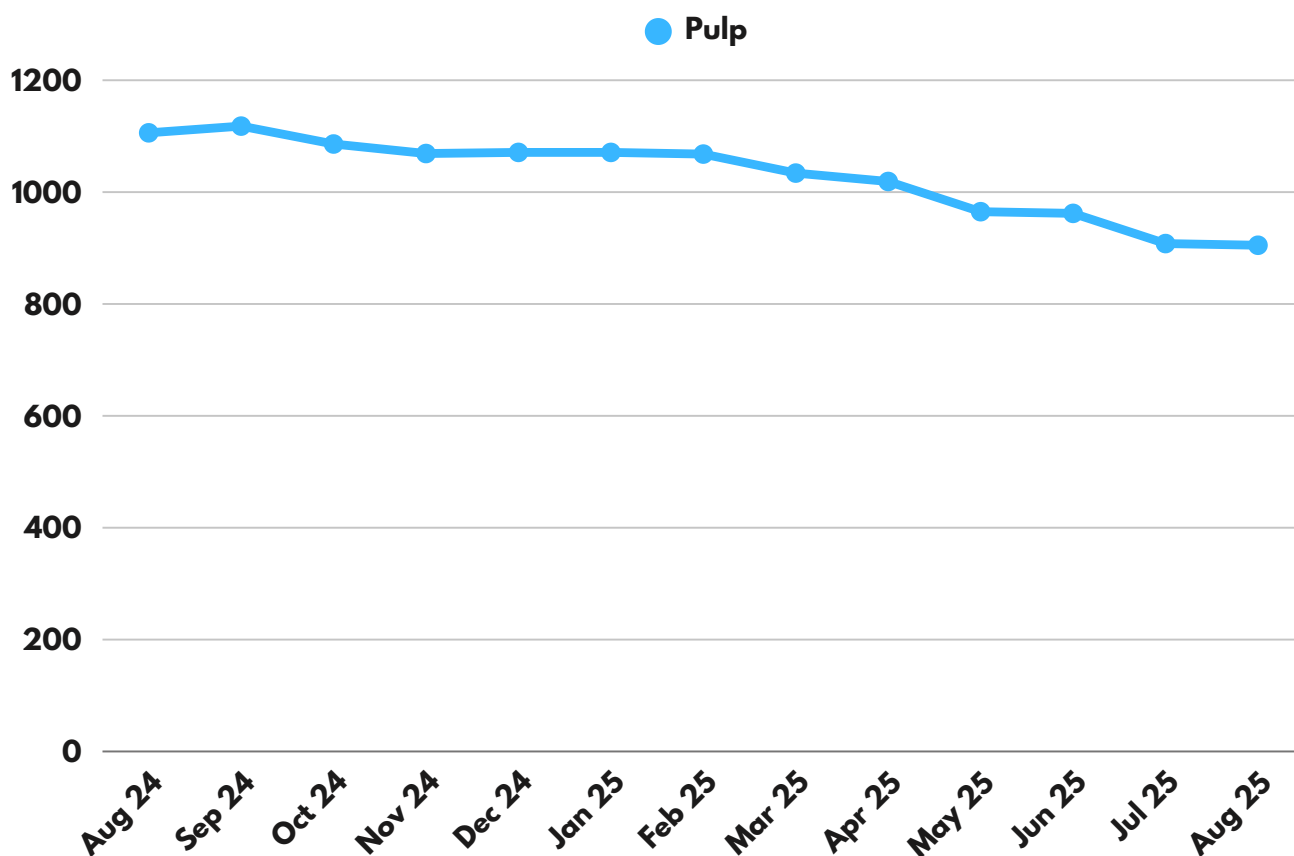


# Veneer sheets & wood based panels



# Hardwood Pulp China - Spot

US\$ per ton

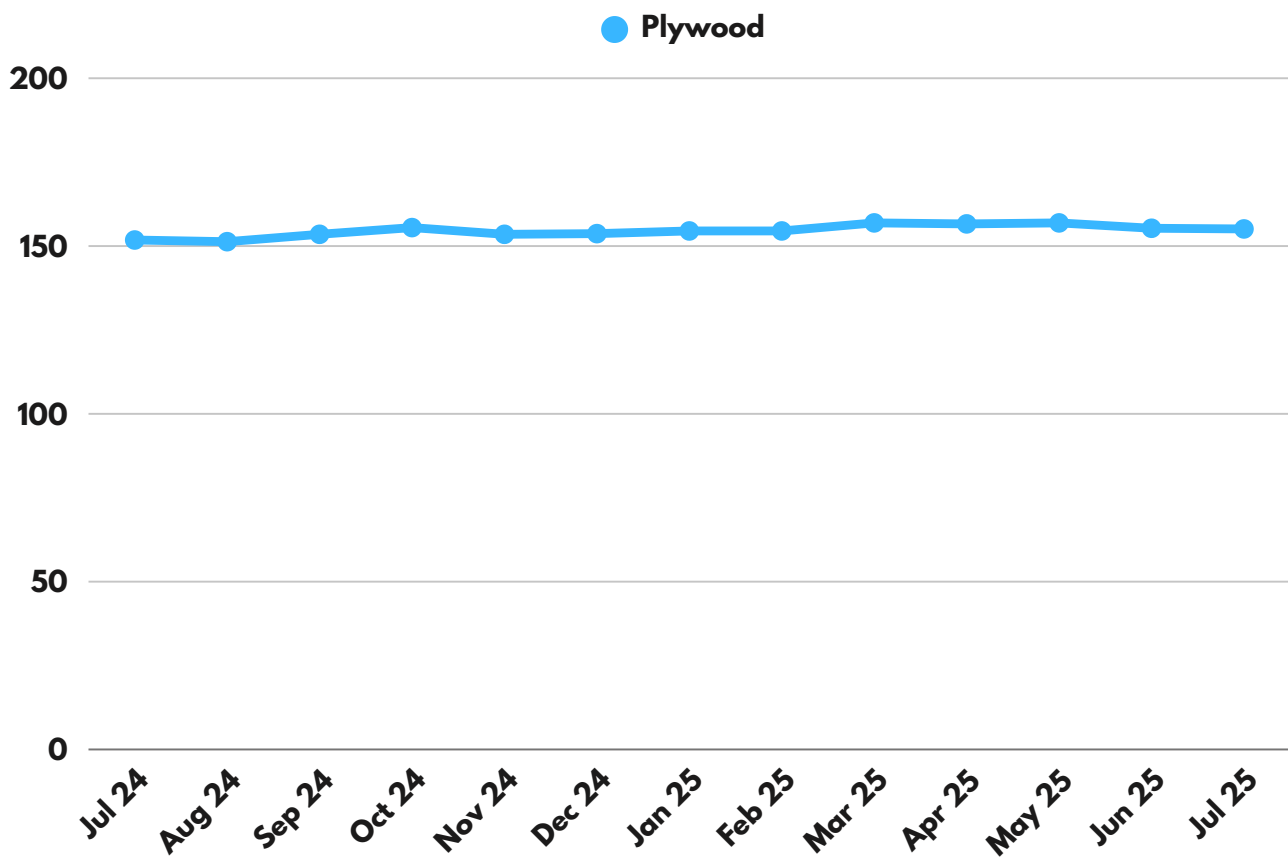


-18.2%

Annual change

# Plywood - USA

USA Producer Prices – Plywood - Index

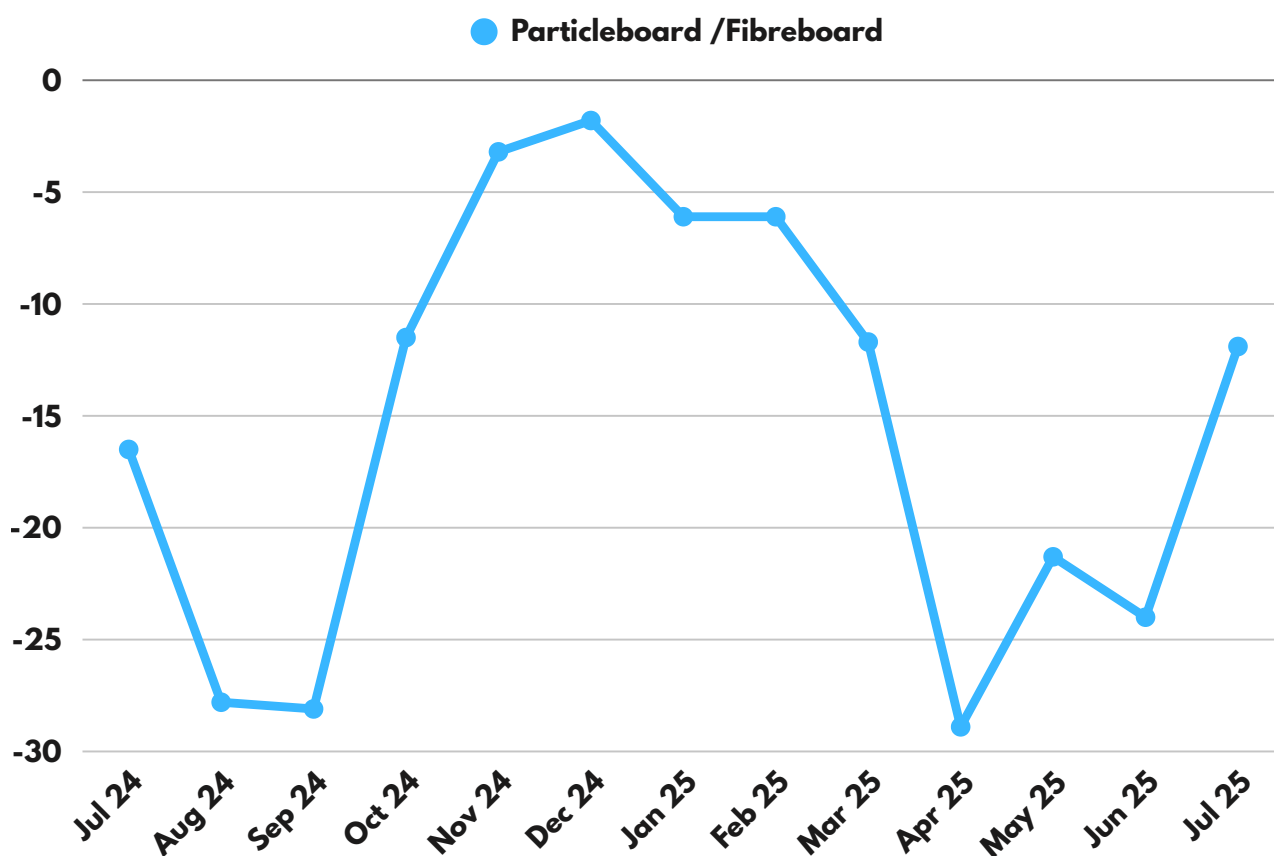


2.2%

Annual change

# Particleboard and fiberboard - USA

Particleboard and fiberboard - 12-Month Percent Change



 - 11.9% Annual change

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