
July 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.

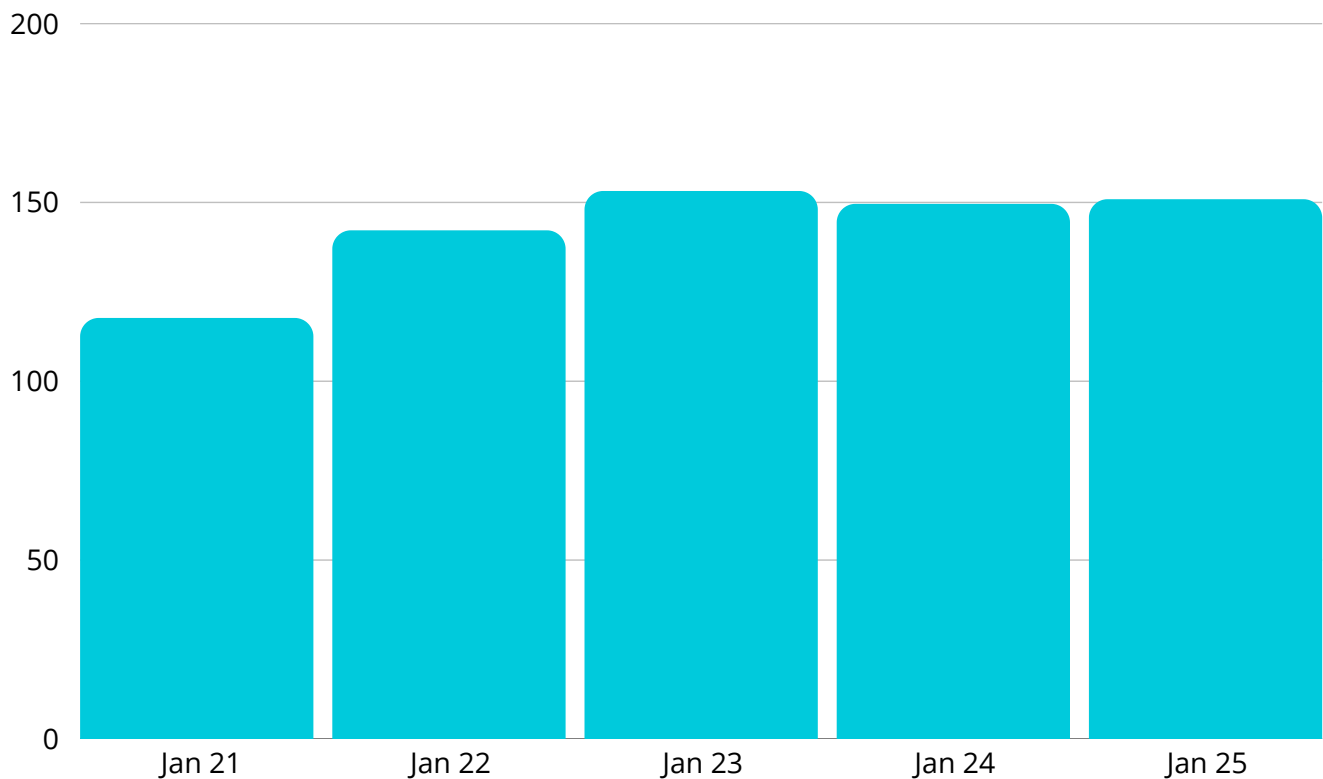
The Foam chemical data is another example of a special license that allows BFA members to use in negotiations with suppliers.

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

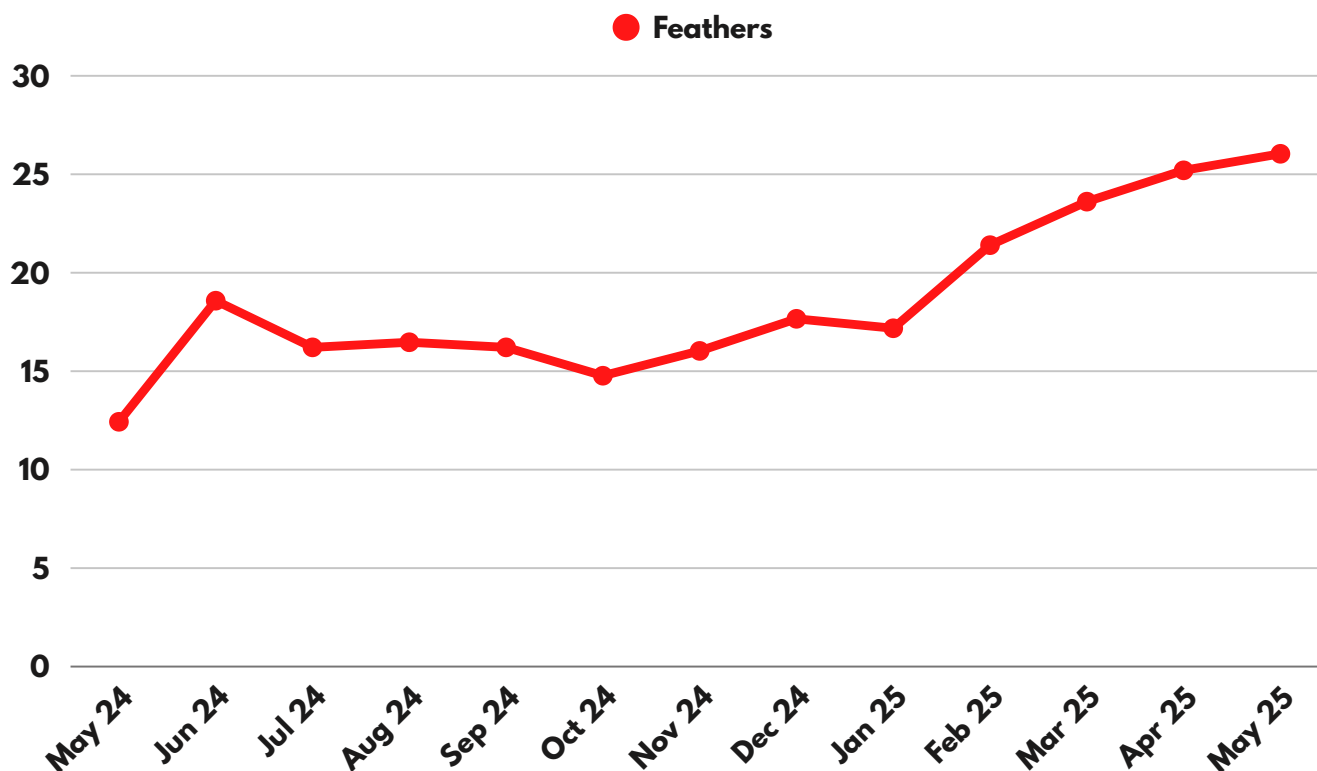
Feather market

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)



109.5% Annual change

Fibres

Week ending 4 July 2025

FIBRES

Acrylic market - Overall

ACN markets in Asia fluctuated downward, and prices were lowered amid increased supply and falling cost. Downstream users had limited interest in replenishing. In Europe, spot prices were lowered on falling demand and cost. In US, export prices were down on global demand weakness and falling cost.

ASF markets in Asia move down and prices were weak as raw material cost fell slightly. Downstream demand was in the off-season, so production interest was low. However, there was a clear bargaining mood. Fibre producers were mostly in selling mood and some negotiations were moderately flexible.

FIBRES

Acrylic market - Staple Fibre

Acrylic staple fibre markets in Asia move down and prices were weak this week. Raw material acrylonitrile cost fell slightly during the week as they have been running at a low level for a long time, with insufficient support from the cost side.

Downstream demand was in the off-season, so production interest was low. However, there was a clear bargaining mood. Fibre producers were mostly in selling mood and some negotiations were moderately flexible. On the supply side, the weekly operating rate was stable at 86%.

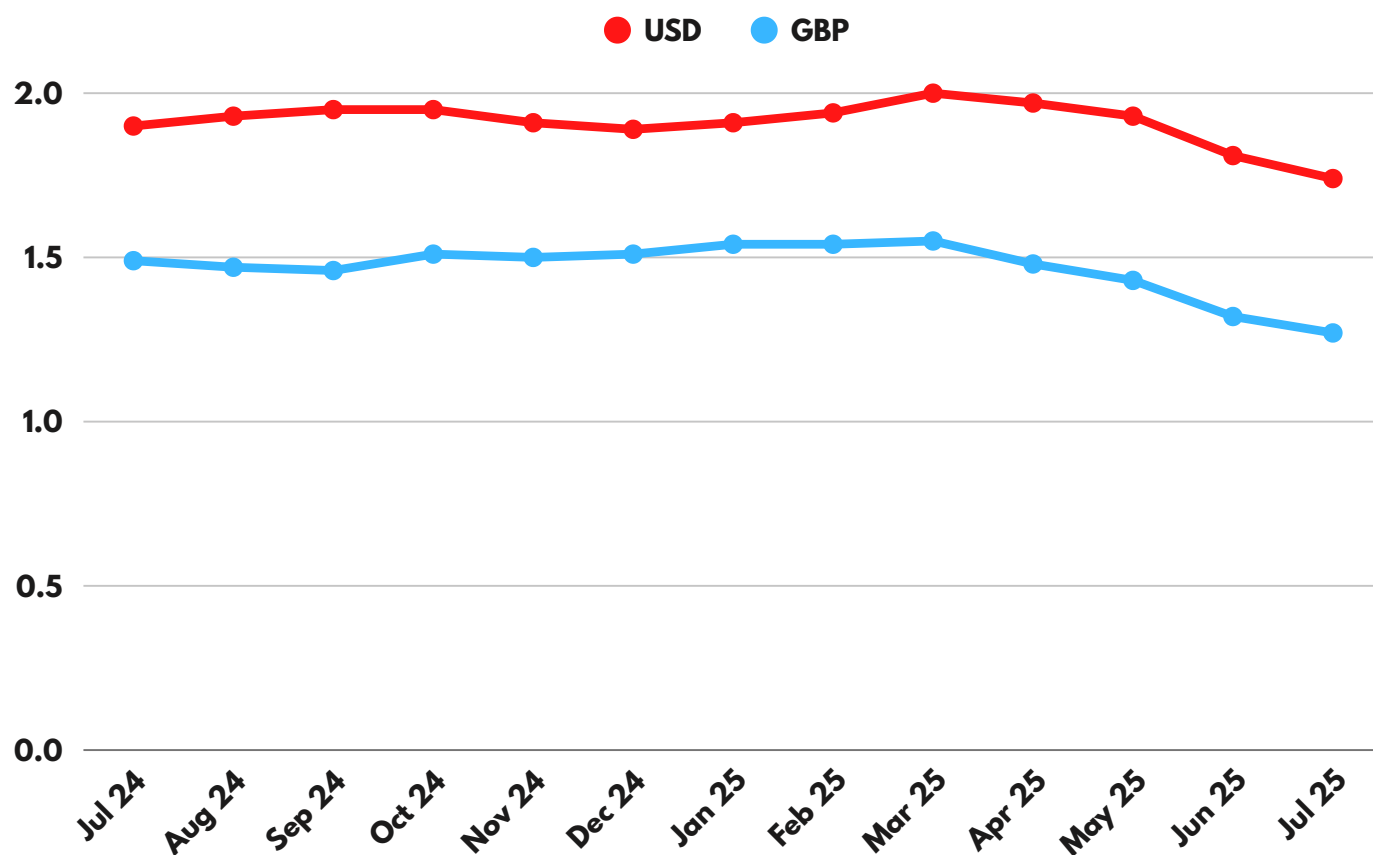
On the demand side, downstream had limited orders, and they maintain rigid demand for fibre.

In India, producers retained their offers for July amid stable cost and flat demand. It is expected that the markets may continue to be weak next week.

Offers for Taiwan origin 1.5D acrylic fibre were rolled over at US\$2.03-2.11 a kg FOB Taiwan. In China, prices of medium-length and cotton-type acrylic fibre 1.5D and 3D tow were lowered at the lower end to 12.50-13.80 Yuan a kg (US\$1.74-1.93 a kg, down US cents 7). In India, major producers' offers for July were at INR151.50-176.00 a kg (US\$1.77-2.06 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 fell due to favourable weather in West Texas, weak US export sales and a stronger US\$ also dampened markets sentiment. July contract ended down 2.7%, while October finished down 2.5%.

The Cotlook A, edged down 0.6% after hitting a weekly high on Monday. In China, cotton markets were firm and prices rose. The CCI gained 0.6% while July futures was up 0.4%. In Pakistan, markets saw mills showing interest in fresh buying while local cotton markets remained steady. The KCA rolled over its spot rate.

In India, spot cotton market remained firm due to limited supply. Shankar-6 was dearer by 2%.

Cotton yarn markets in China were overshadowed by deep uncertainty stemming from the US tariff-related conflict. Downstream were cautious and producers had fewer orders.

In Pakistan, market were cautious and inactive as participants awaited clarity on the tariff negotiations. In India, yarn markets continued to face deep uncertainty awaiting clearer signals amid ongoing tariff speculation.

COTTON

Cotton market - Spot market

Global spot benchmark, the Cotlook A, edged down US cent 0.50 or 0.6% week on week to US cents 79.15 per pound. It had hit a weekly high of US cents 80.15 pound on Monday followed by a weekly low on Wednesday.

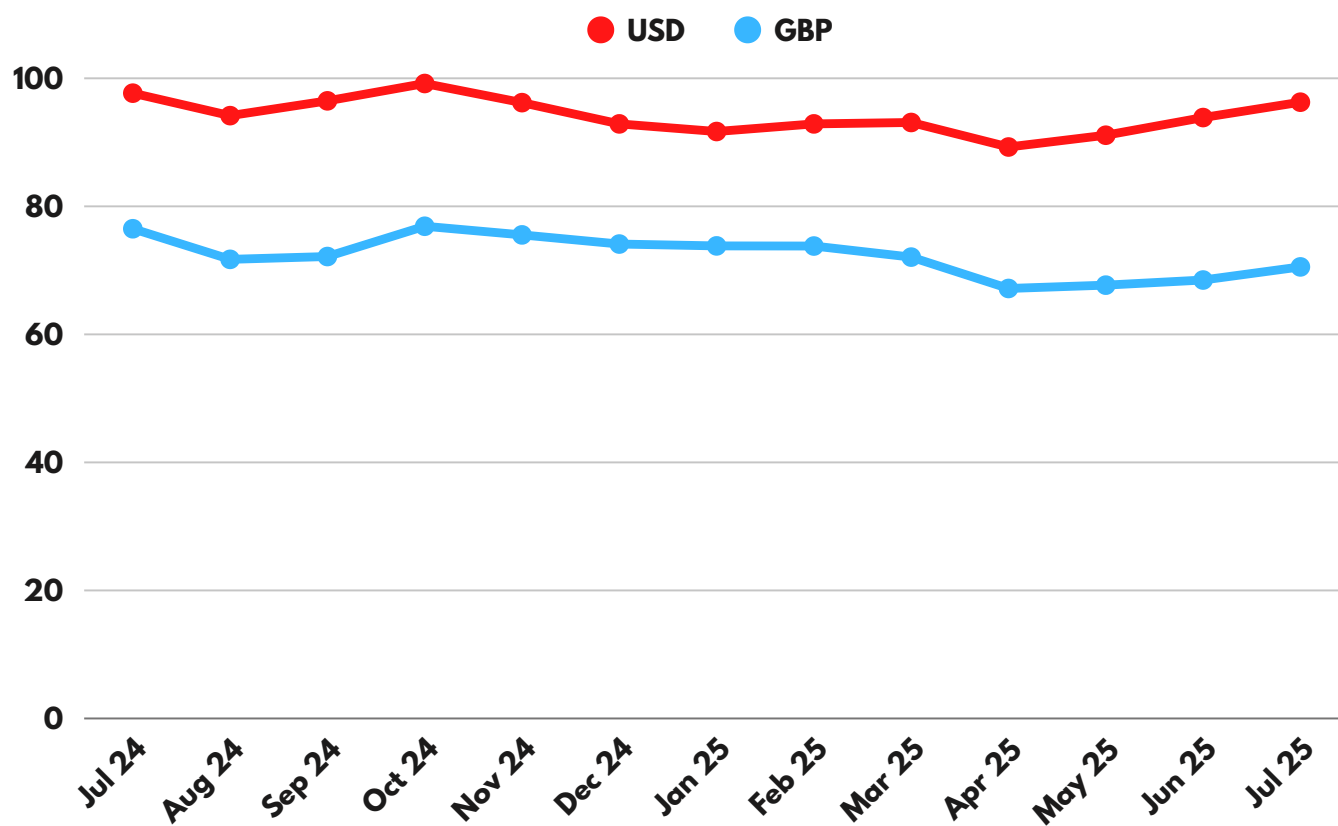
In China, cotton markets were firm and prices rose during the week. The China Cotton Index gained 0.6% or by 94 Yuan to 15,203 Yuan a ton (US cents 96 a pound) while July futures was up 0.4%. The market was concerned about the further tariff policy adopted by the US after the 90-day tariff suspension period. Spot cotton market was in the de-stocking stage and supply pressure gradually decreased.

In Pakistan, cotton markets saw mills showing interest in fresh buying while local cotton markets remained steady and the trading volume remained satisfactory. The Karachi Cotton Association rolled over its spot rate at PakRs 16,585 per maund (US cents 71 per pound) ex-Karachi.

In India, spot cotton market remained firm this week due to limited supply, with daily arrivals hovering around 15,000 bales. As a result, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) became the primary source of supply. Mills continued to procure from CCI to meet their requirements. Benchmark, Shankar-6 was dearer by 2% or INR1,200 at INR55,500 per candy (US cents 83 per pound) this week.

Cotton

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



 -1.4%

 -7.8%

Annual change

NYLON

Nylon market -Overall

CPL markets were down in China and were stable in other Asian markets. Benzene cost fell, but the decline was slower. The cost side did not cause obvious negative impact, but the downstream chip sales continued to remain poor, and under inventory pressure and losses, users were reluctant to stock.

Polyamide or nylon chip markets were weak in Asia but prices fell in China and remained flat in other Asian markets. The raw material cost weakened, which had a negative impact. Supply remained abundant, but there was no significant improvement in demand, and bargaining power was strong.

NFY prices were down in China while they held stable in Taiwan and India. Demand wise, some weaving units basically digested the raw materials purchased earlier, but due to the sluggish business, the inventory level of grey cloth rose, and the liquidity was relatively tight.

NYLON

Nylon market - Filament yarns

Nylon filament yarn prices were down in China while they held stable in Taiwan and India this week. From the cost side, high-speed spinning low-viscosity semi-light chip fell. In China, the average operating level was stable and inventory pressure at producers increased. Demand wise, some weaving units basically digested the raw materials purchased earlier, but due to the sluggish business, the inventory level of grey cloth rose, and the liquidity was relatively tight. Thus, downstream chose to reduce production. Only a few weaving plants purchase filament in moderation. Nylon staple fibre offers were lowered in China as raw material cot fell, coupled with the hot weather and the continued weak downstream demand. It is expected that the nylon filament prices will continue to decline next week as regional and export demand for textile and clothing are currently weak.

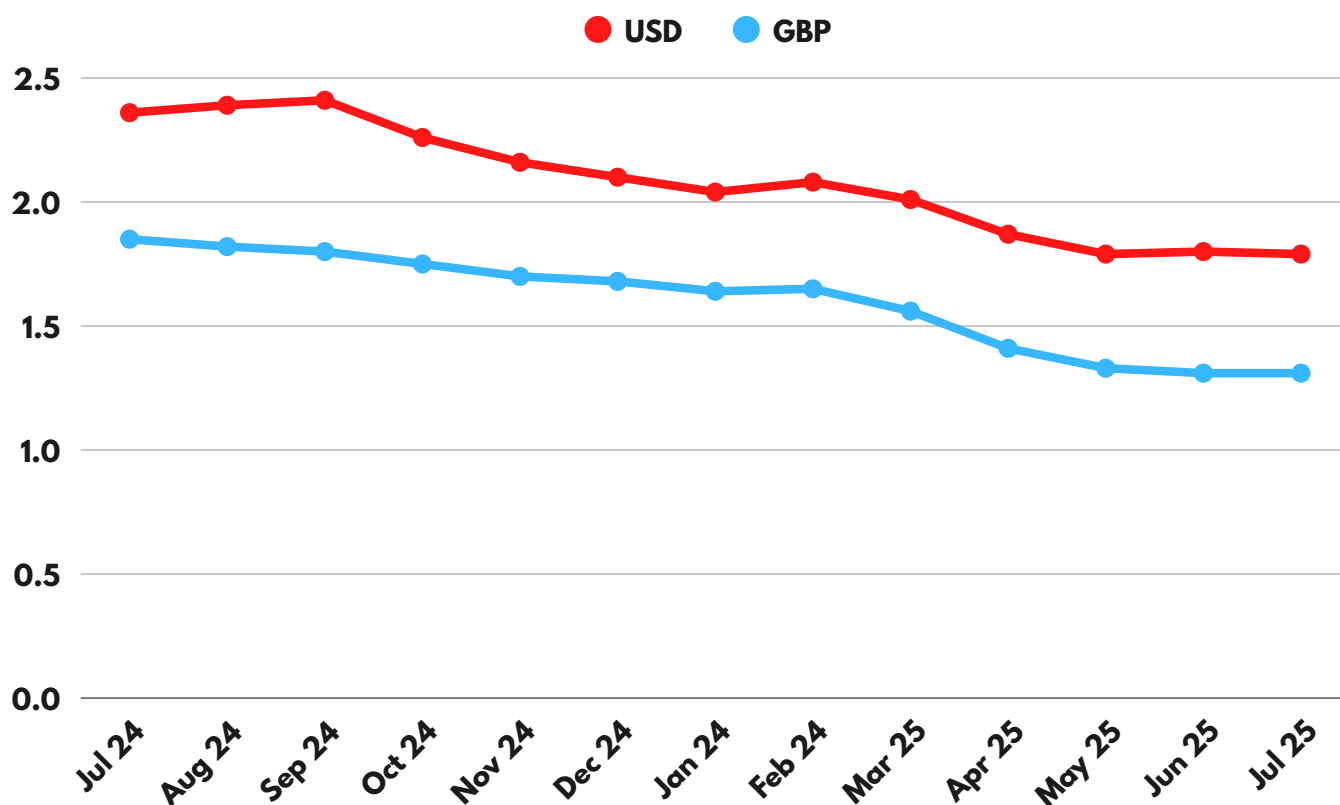
In China, offers for nylon FDY70D/24F SD were lowered to 12.80-13.40 Yuan a kg (US\$1.79-1.87 a kg) while DTY70/24Ds prices were down at 14.30-14.90 Yuan a kg (US\$2.00-2.08 a kg), both down US cents 3. Cord fabric 1,260D offers were lowered at upper end to 17.00-18.50 Yuan a kg (US\$2.37-2.58 a kg, down US cents 7). Nylon 1.5D staple fibre were cheaper at 12.10-12.70 Yuan a kg (US\$1.69-1.77 a kg, down US cents 4).

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 stable at INR187 a kg US\$2.18 a kg) and FDY70D at INR184 a kg (US\$2.15 a kg) in Ahmedabad market.

Nylon

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



-24.2%

Annual change

-29.2%

POLYESTER

Polyester market -Overall

MEG markets in Asia fluctuated at a low level as the impact of geopolitical conflicts weakened and the markets followed suit. The market's focus returned to the fundamentals.

In Europe, spot truck prices were lowered sharply by 8% reflecting regional dynamic while June contracts settled at a drop of 2%.

PTA markets in Asia eased and prices fell as downstream polyester sector began to reduce production. Liquidity in spot increased as downstream mainly consumed long-term contract supplies, and their intention to purchase spot was low. An unplanned reduction in PTA output but did not have any effect.

Polyester chips prices in Asian markets were stable first and then fell mainly due to the resonance between the cost and the demand side. The weak market trend under the sluggish trading atmosphere on the cost side did not provide sufficient support. Secondly, downstream procurement was low.

PFY markets fell sharply across specs in China while they were stable in other Asian markets. As the geopolitical situation eased, polyester raw material markets hovered at low levels. Downstream grey cloth markets were still in the traditional off-season, and new order volume continued to be sluggish.

PSF markets in Asia were in a quieter phase marked by falling costs, weaker demand, and diverging dynamics between fibre and filament yarn segments. In China, spot prices fluctuated lower in a narrow range driven by cost adjustments. Downstream purchases were mainly on demand

Polyester spun yarn markets were subdued in China due to continuous fall in cost while they are stable in India.

In China, prices were lower as PSF was down, and the cost support fluctuated. Demand during the off-season is generally below normal, as downstream production declines.

POLYESTER

Polyester market - Staple Fibre

Polyester staple fibre markets in Asia were in a quieter phase marked by falling costs, weaker demand, and diverging dynamics between fibre and filament yarn segments.

In China, spot prices fluctuated lower in a narrow range driven by cost adjustments. On the supply side, inventory at producers was low, and the production reduction plans were mostly postponed, dragging down market sentiment. On the demand side, downstream purchases were mainly on demand. Overall, supply support weakened, and the demand was weak.

In Pakistan, producers' offers were stable for ninth week in a row as cotton markets remained sluggish. In India, producers rolled over their offers for H1 July amid fluctuating cost. Overall, prices are expected to fall next week.

In China, offers for 1.4D direct-melt polyester staple fibre in Jiangsu and Zhejiang were lowered to 6.70-6.97 Yuan a kg (US\$0.94-0.97, down US cent 1) while the same were down at US\$0.92-0.95 a kg in Fujian. The China FOB values were at US\$0.87-0.93 a kg.

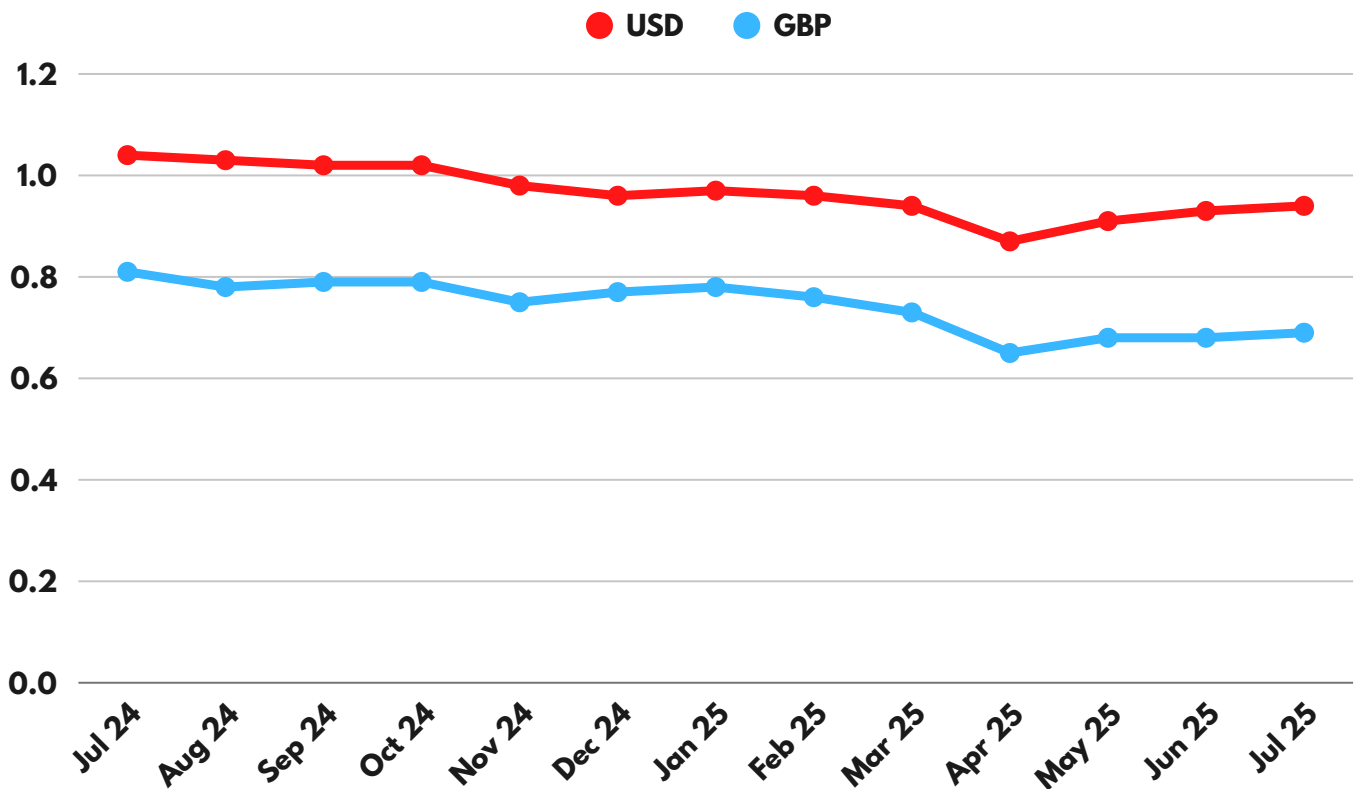
In Taiwan, offers for 1.4D were rolled over at US\$1.15 a kg FOB.

In Pakistan, 1.2-1.4D PSF offers were steady at PakRs.333-335 a kg (US\$1.17-1.18 a kg).

In India, producers offers for H1 July were rolled over INR106.25 a kg (US\$1.24 a kg) for 1.2D and 1.4D to INR105.50 a kg (US\$1.23 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

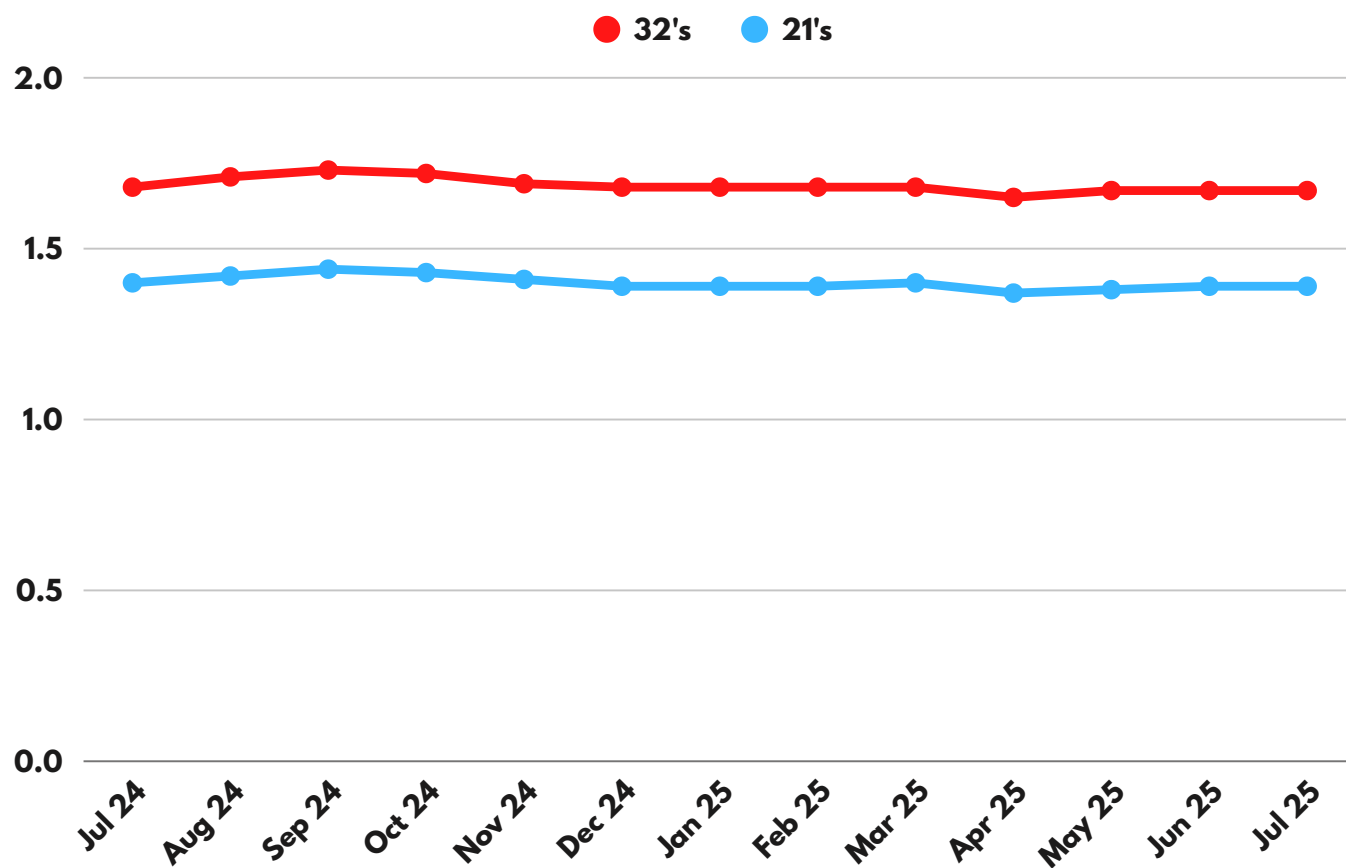
Recycled fibre markets in Asia fell slightly as most downstream orders were thin due to off-season and the purchasing interest was low. The overall demand performance has been weak recently, and there is a clear bargaining sentiment in purchasing raw materials. The purchase of general fibre was on rigid demand, and there was a price-pressure sentiment. The recycled hollow markets were stable with a slight decline this week. Some producers lowered their quotations, the market high prices goods decreased. The off-season had a significant impact this week, and weak demand led to a small number of new orders from downstream. The recycled fiber markets are expected to remain weak next week.

flake demand. Italian bales also dropped for July delivery. Colorless flakes also saw reductions in NWE, Eastern Europe and Southern Europe. Mixed colored flake, food-grade pellet prices were stable for now.

In China, 1.5D virgin-like re-PSF prices eased to 5.50-5.70 Yuan a kg (US\$0.77-0.80 a kg), while selling indications for 1.5D high-quality regular re-PSF were down at 5.70-5.90 Yuan a kg (US\$0.80-0.82 a kg), both down US cent 1. Italian blue bales dropped by over Euro180 a ton while colourless bales were down over Euro40 a ton. Some saw low end flake prices were rolled over, others saw Euro30 a ton drop. Freely negotiated food-grade pellet prices in import market from Asia were heard in the Euro1,200s a ton FD, while North African goods were at Euro1,350-1,470 a ton CIF.

Recycled polyester

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



-0.6%

-0.7%

Annual change

VISCOSE

Viscose market - Overall

VSF markets in Asia remained cautiously stable this week, reflecting restrained demand and lingering uncertainty in global trade conditions. The wait-and-watch mentality gradually increased during the week, and players mostly waited for the new price guidance from major producers.

VFY markets in China and India quiet and prices were generally stable. In China, producers maintained sales volume as markets were tepid. Downstream entered the market on demand, and the buying interest was acceptable.

Viscose spun yarn markets in Asia were stable and partially pushed up. In China, most spinners were in no pressure on inventory, and their willingness to continue to support prices was obvious. However, the operating pressure on cloth mills was relatively high, and the demand follow-up was insufficient.

VISCOSE

Viscose market - Staple Fibre

Viscose staple fibre markets in Asia remained cautiously stable this week, reflecting restrained demand and lingering uncertainty in global trade conditions. The wait-and-watch mentality gradually increased during the week, and players mostly waited for the new price guidance from major producers. Most producers approached end of order delivery and the overall inventory level of the industry continues to decline slightly. However, as the downstream yarn mills successively picked up goods, the overall inventory was at a reasonable and low level, supporting the market to remain firm. The operating rate was down at 76% while inventory at producers was down this week at 8 days' worth. It is expected that markets will remain under pressure next week, and the prices will be range bound or may fall.

In China, spot prices for 1.5D were rolled over at 12.70 Yuan a kg (US\$1.77 a kg) and 1.2D at 13.00 Yuan a kg (US\$1.81 a kg). Lyocell fibre offers were stable at 13.50 Yuan a kg (US\$1.88 a kg).

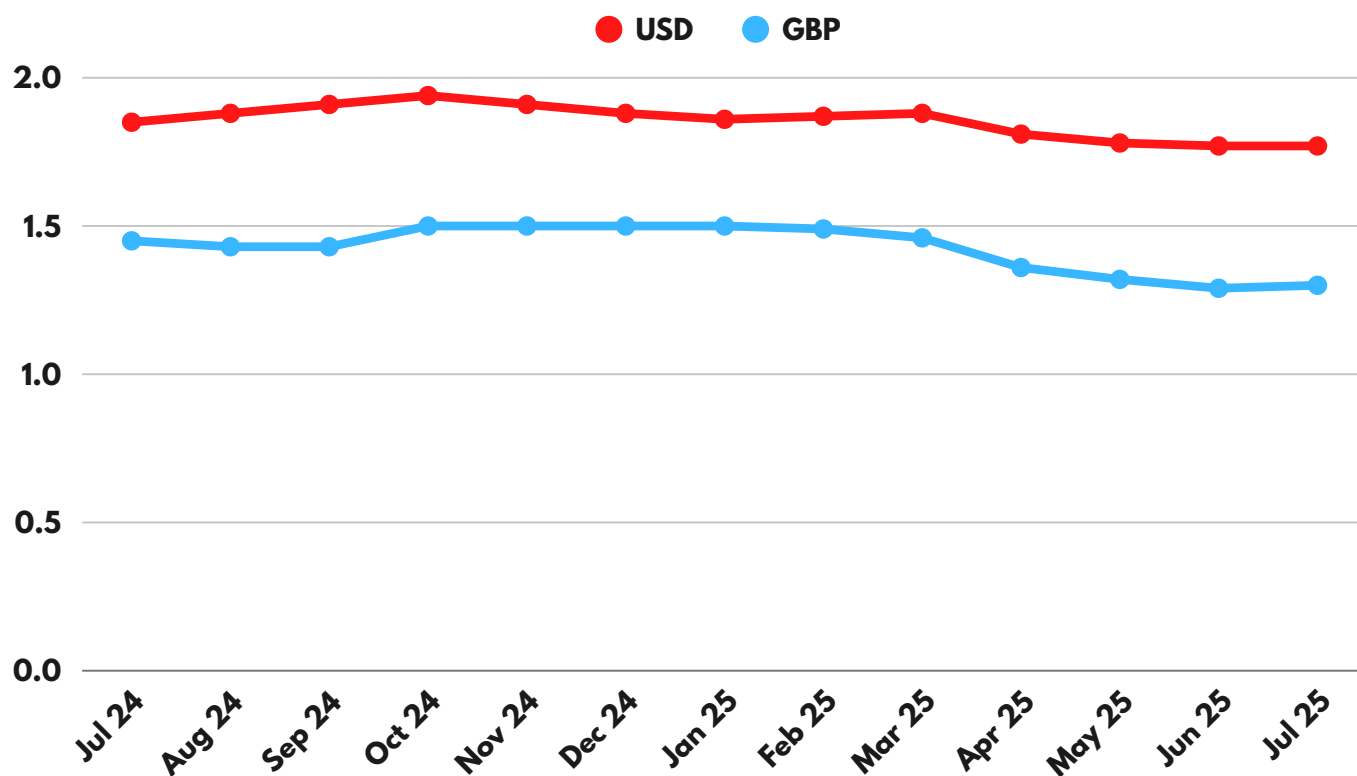
In Taiwan, offers for 1.5D were steady at US\$2.15 a kg FOB.

In Pakistan, offers were at PakRs395-405 a kg (US\$1.39-1.44 a kg).

In India, producers' offers were steady at INR195-197 a kg (US\$2.28-2.30 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

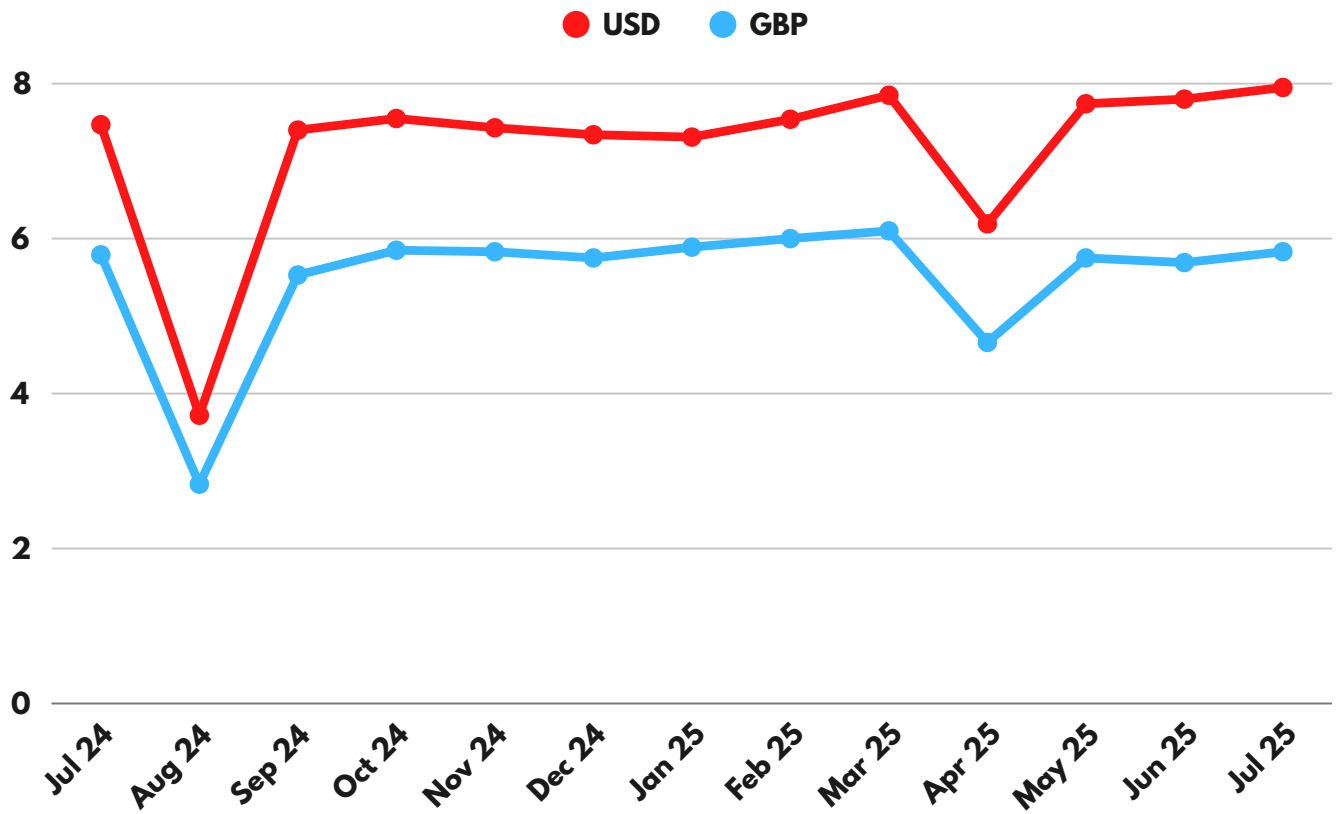
The Australian wool sales was opened for the new season this week with, as expected, not much change. The result on the opening day was better than expected with the strength of the AUD against the USD. Prices jumped in US\$ term. This slowed operations a little on Wednesday. Prices did rally a little towards the end of the sale, a result of the small quantities on offer. Noticeable was the few selected stylish superfine clips on offer. They closed dearer with Italian interests active.

Sales were held on Tuesday and Wednesday in all three centres. The national offering decreased by 2,132 bales, or 7%, compared to the previous week to 27,716 bales. The clearance rate slightly improved to 94% from 93% last week.

The week ended with the EMI closing up AUD 1 cent at AuD12.08 per kg and up US cents 11 at 795 US cents per kg.

Wool

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



6.4%

0.7%

Annual change

Foam Chemicals

Commentary relates to week ending 4 July 2025

FOAM CHEMICALS

Foam chemical market

Soft foam polyether market was down again this week. This is mainly due wide range price drops of raw material cyclopropane. Offers were down to 7,150-7,350 Yuan a ton (US\$1,000-1,025 a ton, down US\$35-50).

In Europe, July contracts discussion will be held next week with sellers aiming at rollovers while buyers may ask for some reduction due to subdued market atmosphere. However, buyers will have certain bargaining power.

POLYMERS

Week ending 4 July 2025

Ethylene

at US\$849-851 a ton CFR, and Southeast remained at US\$859-861 a ton CFR. In Europe, prices gained US\$20, with FD at Euro754-756 a ton and import values at US\$764-766 a ton CIF. July contract was settled unchanged from June at Euro1,135 a ton (US\$1,330 a ton) FD NWE. In the US, ethylene spots gained US cent 1 to US cents 23.25-23.75 a pound (US\$512-523 a ton) DEL USG. June contracts settlement inched up by US cent 0.50 (US\$11) month-over-month at US cents 30.75 per pound FD.

Polypropylene

In Europe, initial PP offers started to emerge on a mainly stable note after the July propylene contract was agreed with a rollover compared to June. Poor demand also hindered hikes attempts. In Italy, hike intentions fade on poor fundamentals as the market opened July on a calm note following the last stable propylene contract settlement. In Türkiye, PP market kicks off July firmly, yet buyers remained on the sideline. Sellers preserved their firm stance, aiming for moderate increases amid a lack of stock pressure.

Benzene

Asian benzene markers were down this week, with China CFR losing US\$9 at US\$731-732 a ton, and FOB Korea was down by US\$8 at US\$715-716 a ton. In Europe, spot prices gained US\$47 during the week for FOB Rotterdam at US\$757-758, but CIF values lost US\$55 at US\$719-721 a ton. In the US, spot benzene prices were up by US cents 5 at 267.95-268.05 a gallon (US\$801 a ton) DDP USG. July benzene contract was settled at Euro637 a ton (US\$751 a ton) FD NWE, up Euro26 (US\$31) when compared to June.

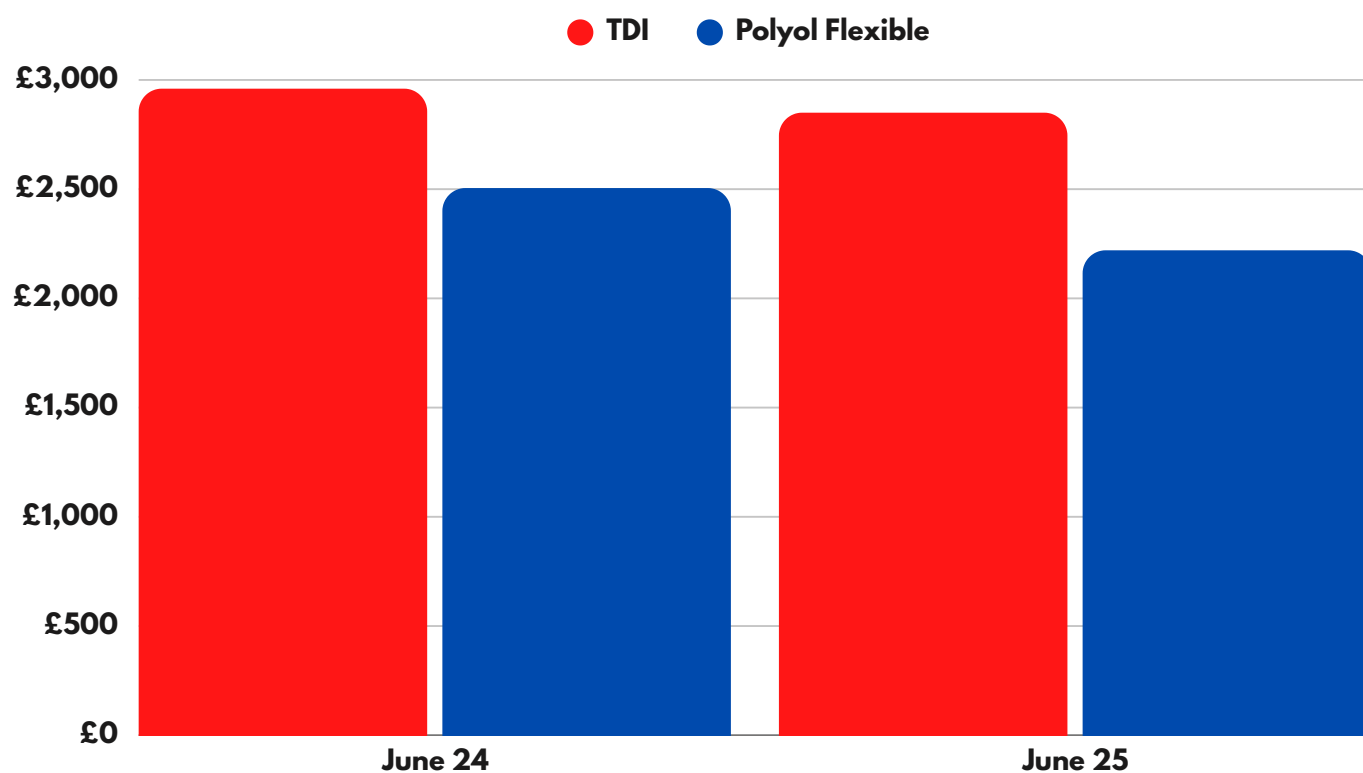
Styrene

The contract price for styrene fell by EUR 47/t to EUR 1,409/t in June. This third consecutive price decline brought SM to its lowest level in six months.

SM spot prices also continued to fall in recent weeks. Meanwhile, the essential precursor, benzene, was fixed at EUR 26/t higher, and ethylene recorded a rollover. Both supply and demand are low.

Foam chemicals

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

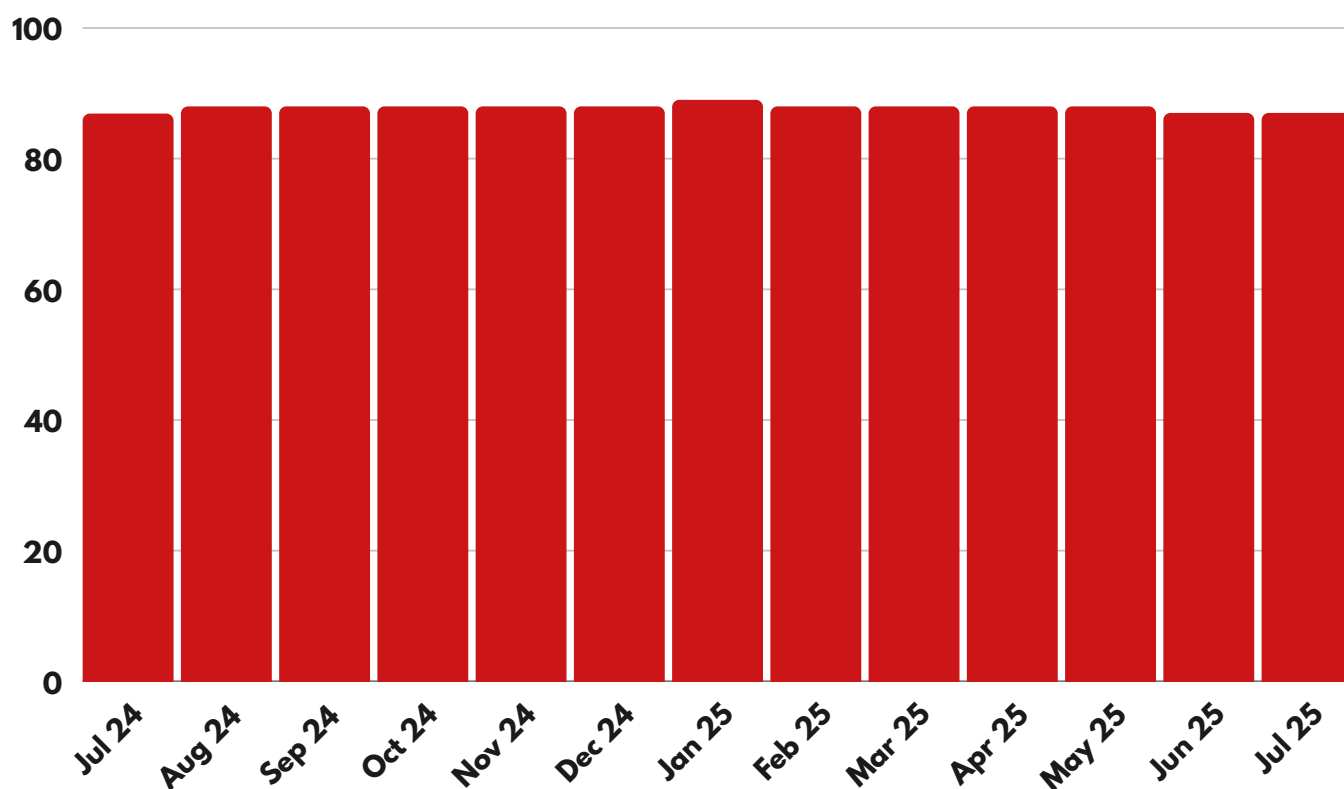


TDI: - 3.7% Annual change
Polyol: - 11.4%



Europe - Polyol flexible slabstock

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

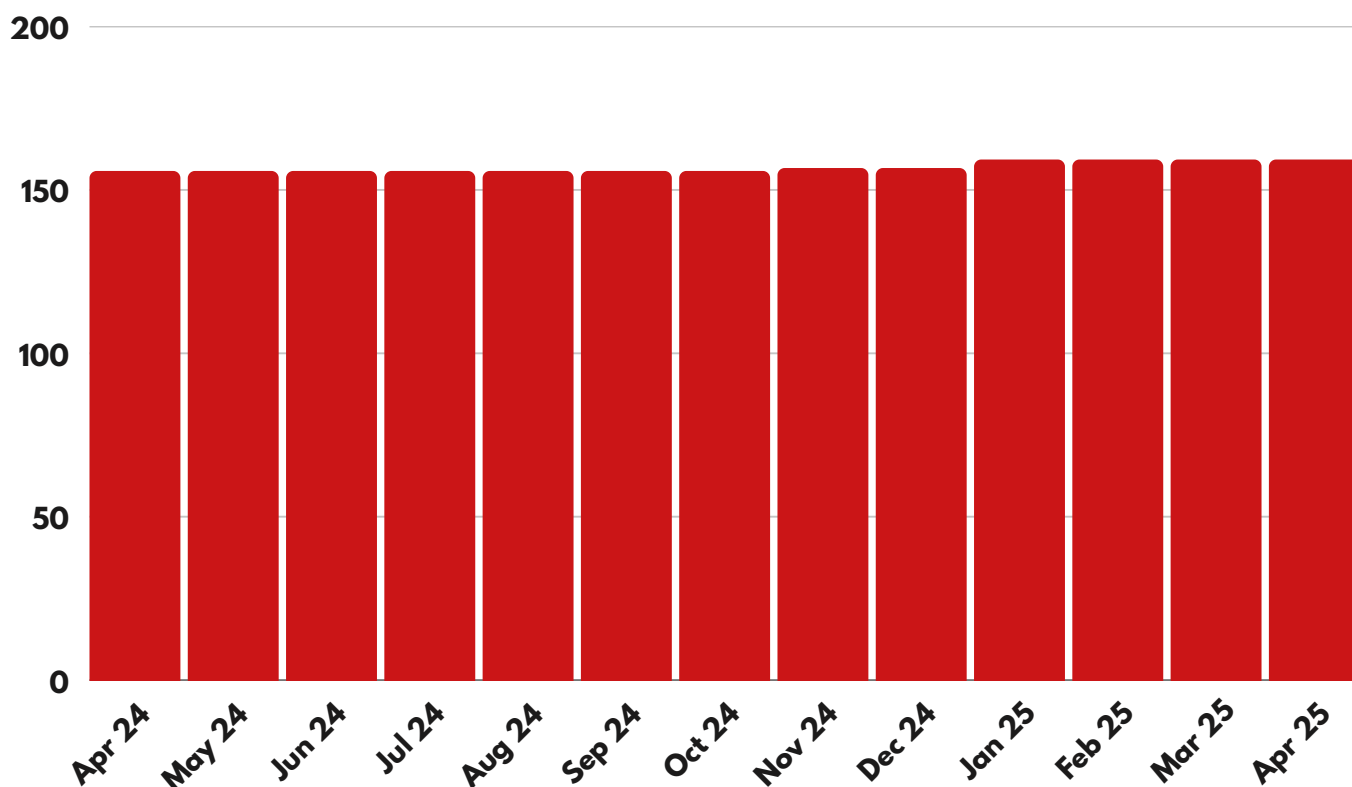


0.1%

Annual change

USA - Polyurethane Foam Formed & Slab Stock

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

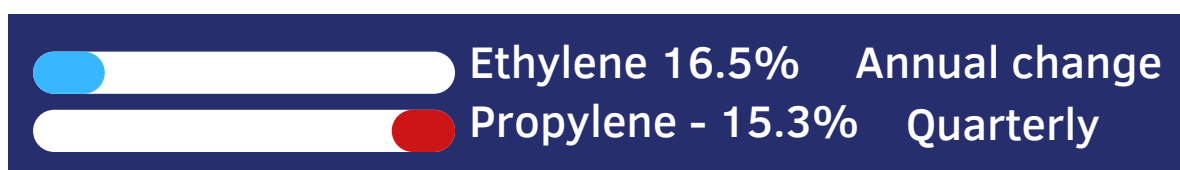
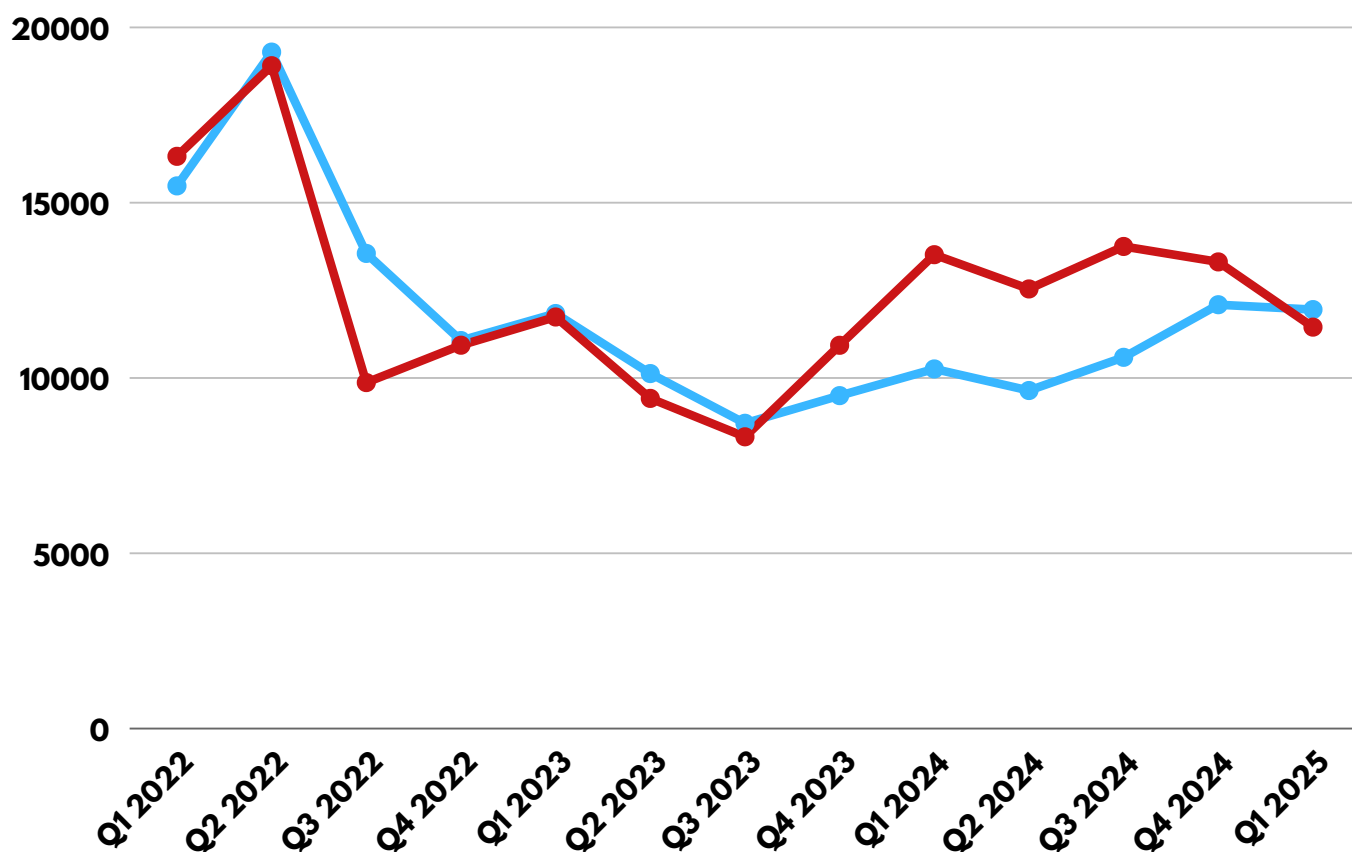


2.2%

Annual change

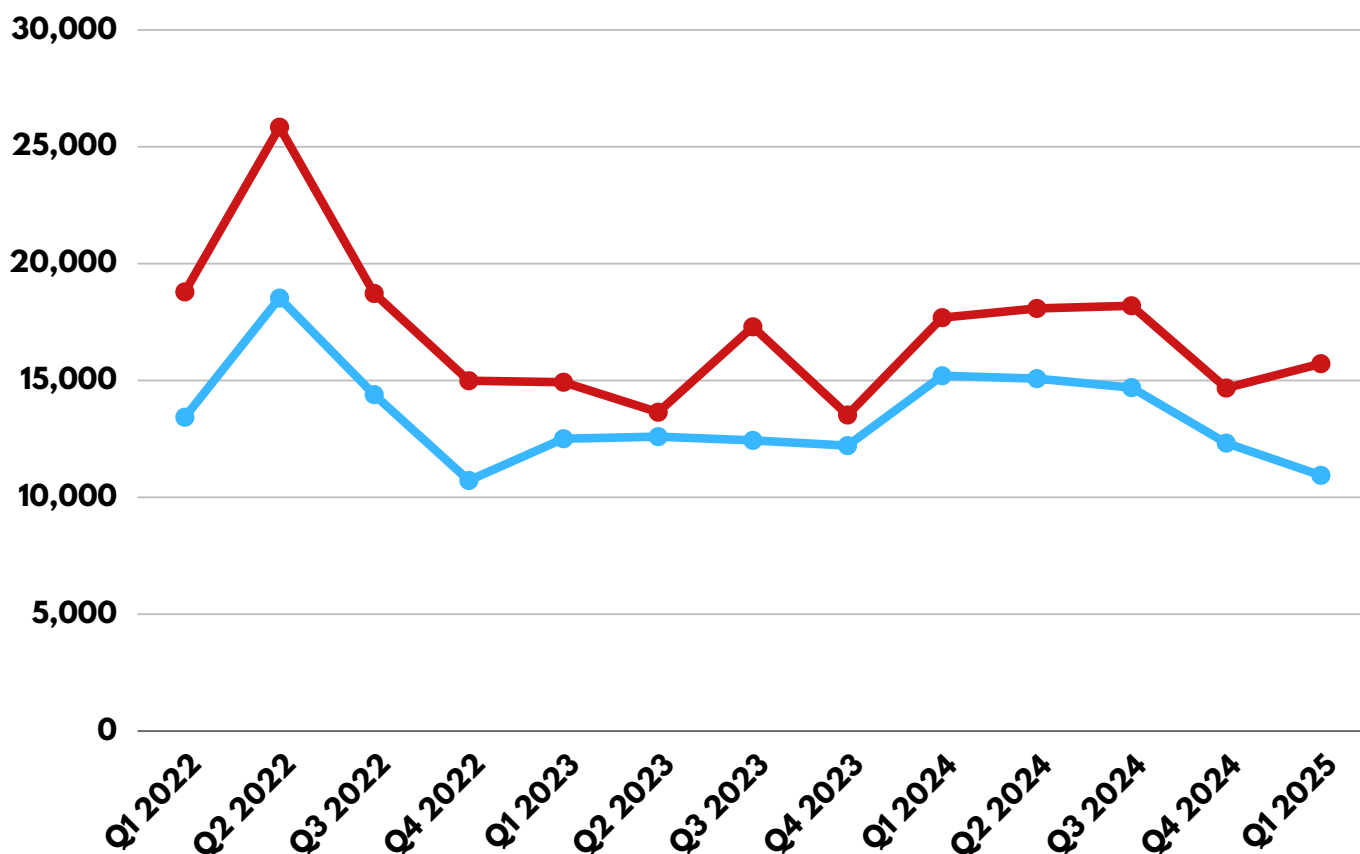
Polymers - Ethylene & Propylene



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



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.

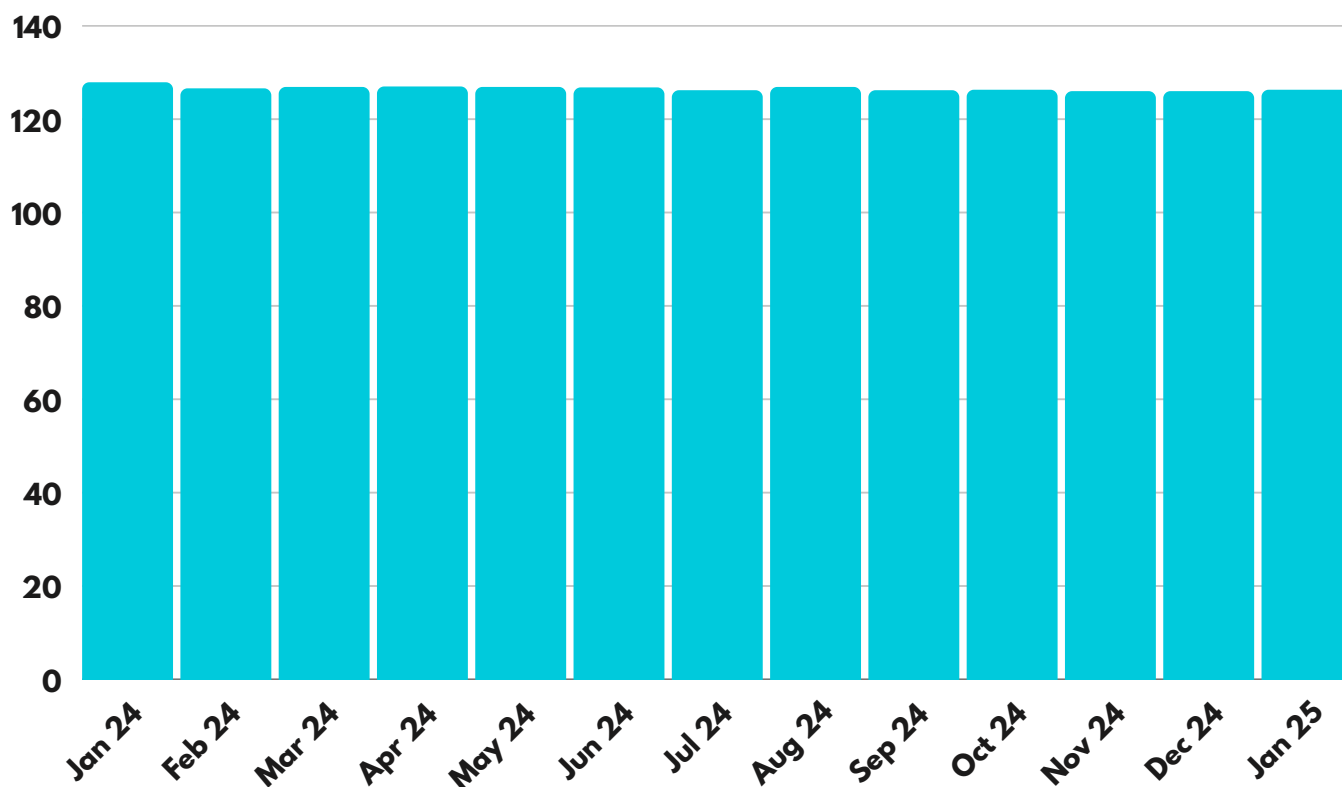
EU & USA Glass

Trading Economics

USA

Glass - UK

UK - Shaped and Processed Flat Glass for Domestic Market



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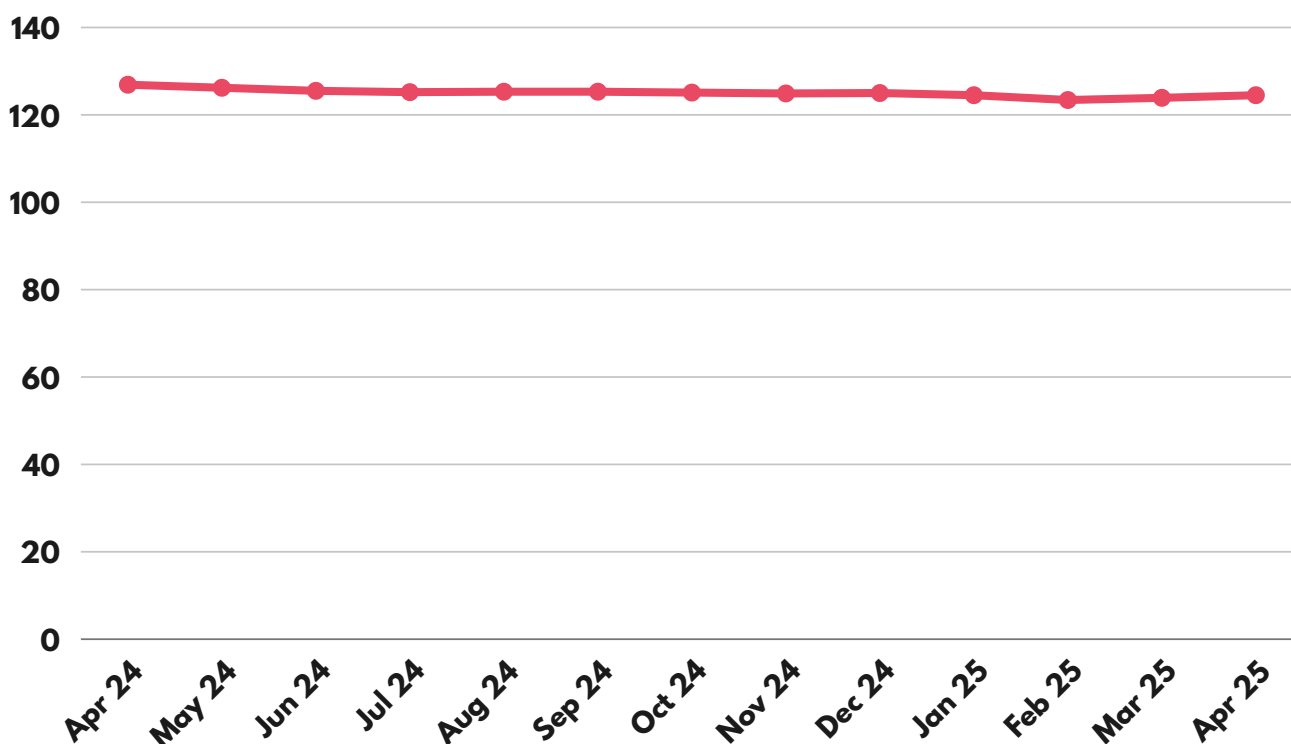


-1.3%

Annual change

Glass - Euro Area

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



-1.9%

Annual change

Hardwood

HARDWOOD

Hardwood market

German Oak prices are up on the year to April by 1.6% (Grade B) and down for Grade C by 1.3%.

Beech was up for Grade C by 6.3% but down for Grade B by 2.9%.

NEW - Spruce prices were up by 11% in April compared to that month in 2024.

Quartyer 1 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.

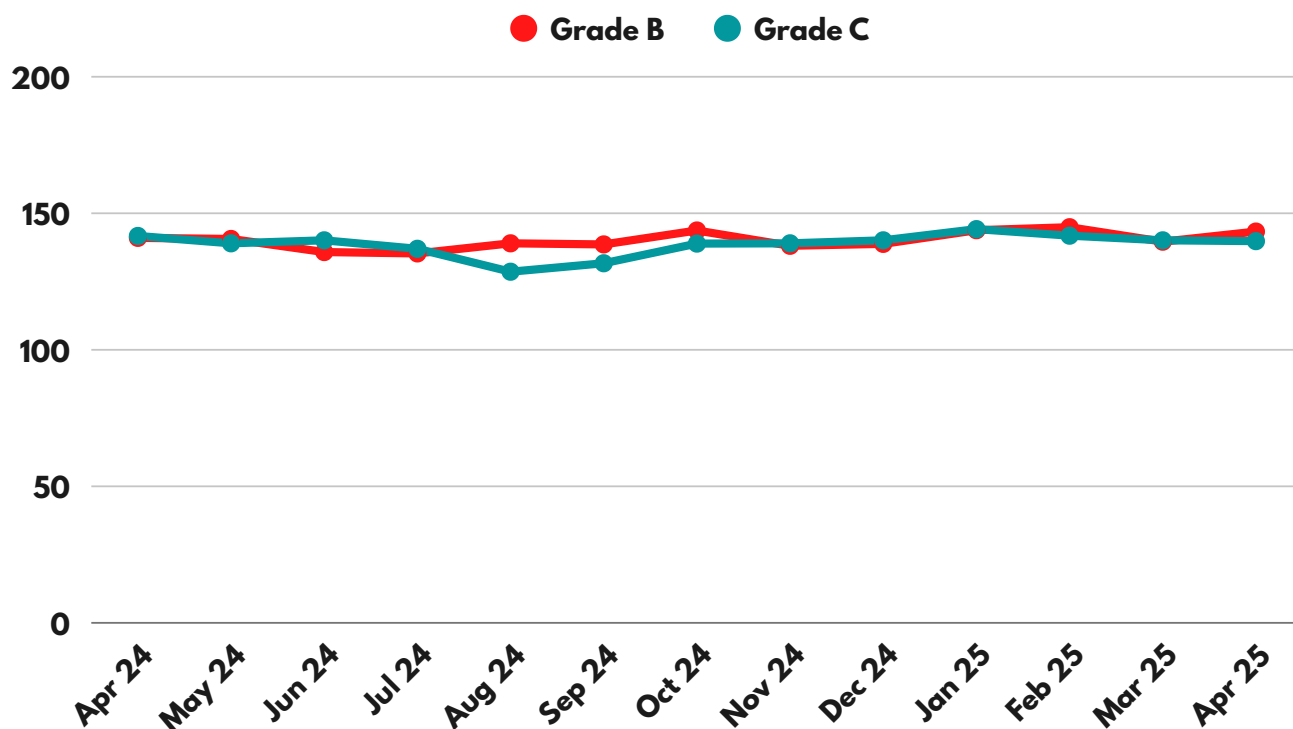
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New York

Idaho

Oak - Germany

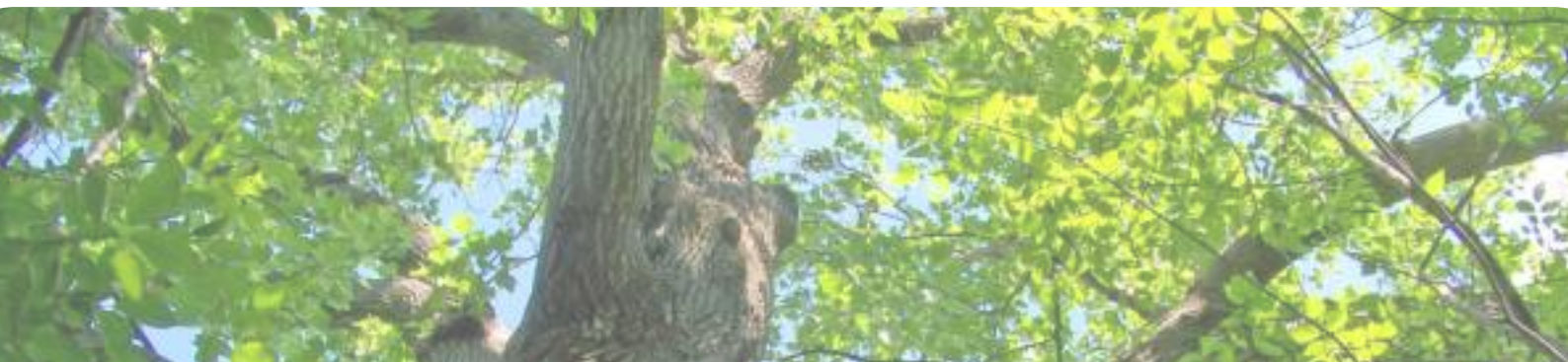
Logging products - Oak index - Germany



1.6%

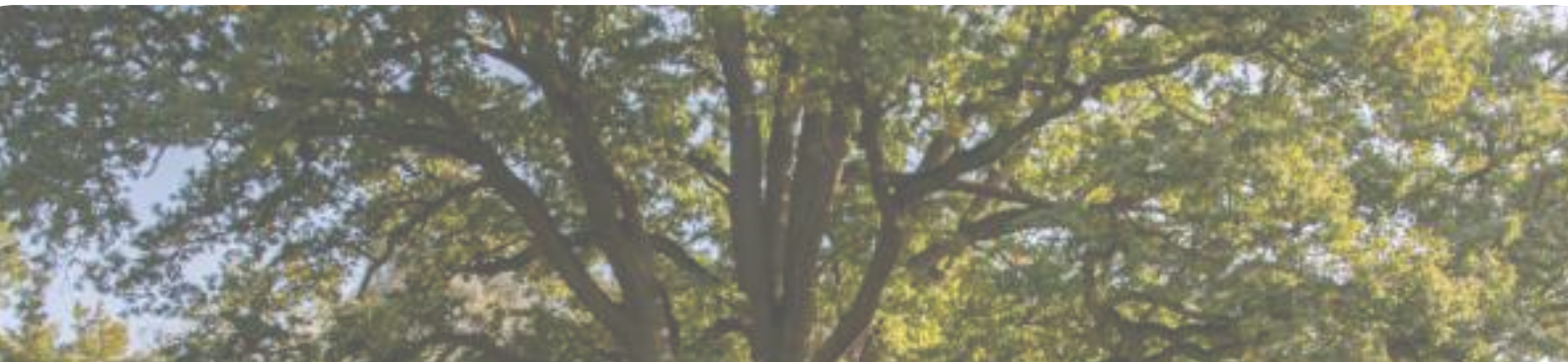
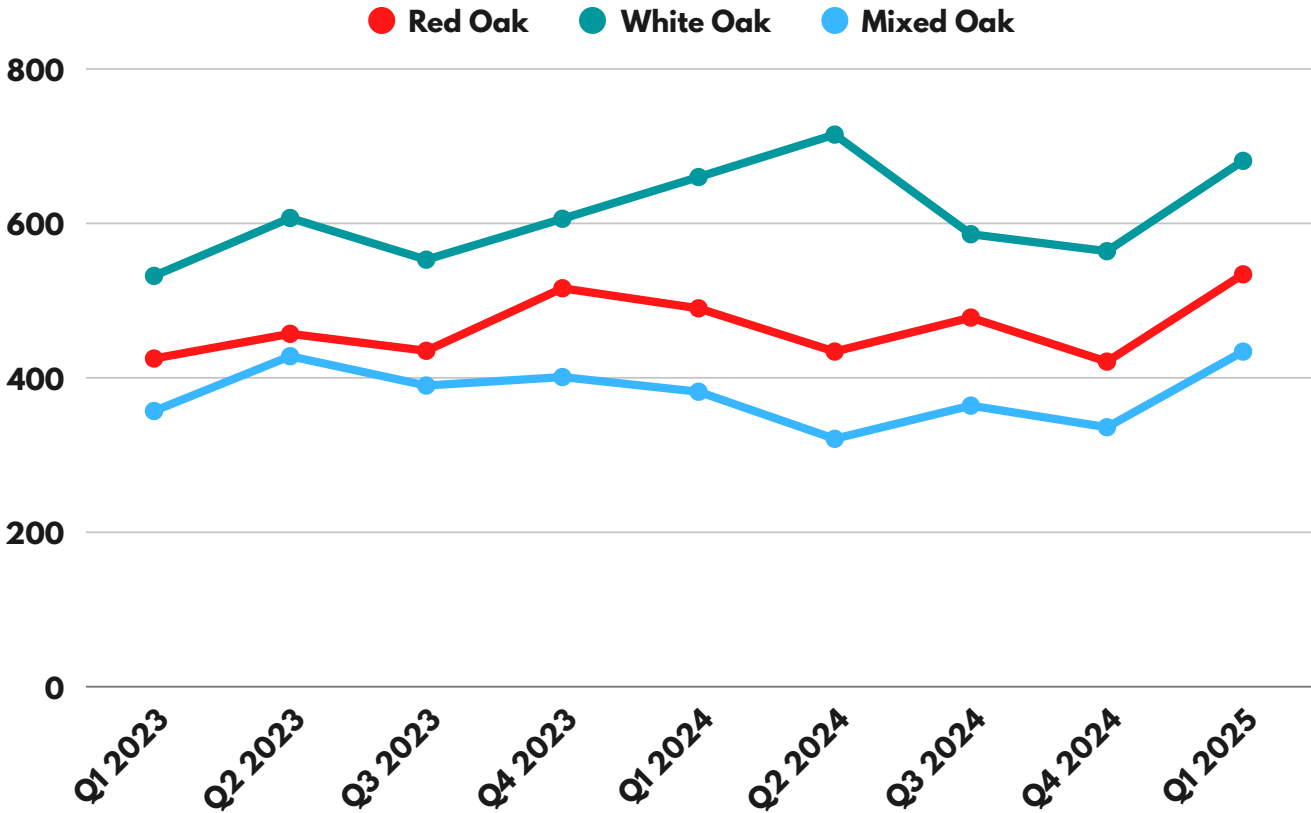
-1.3%

Annual change



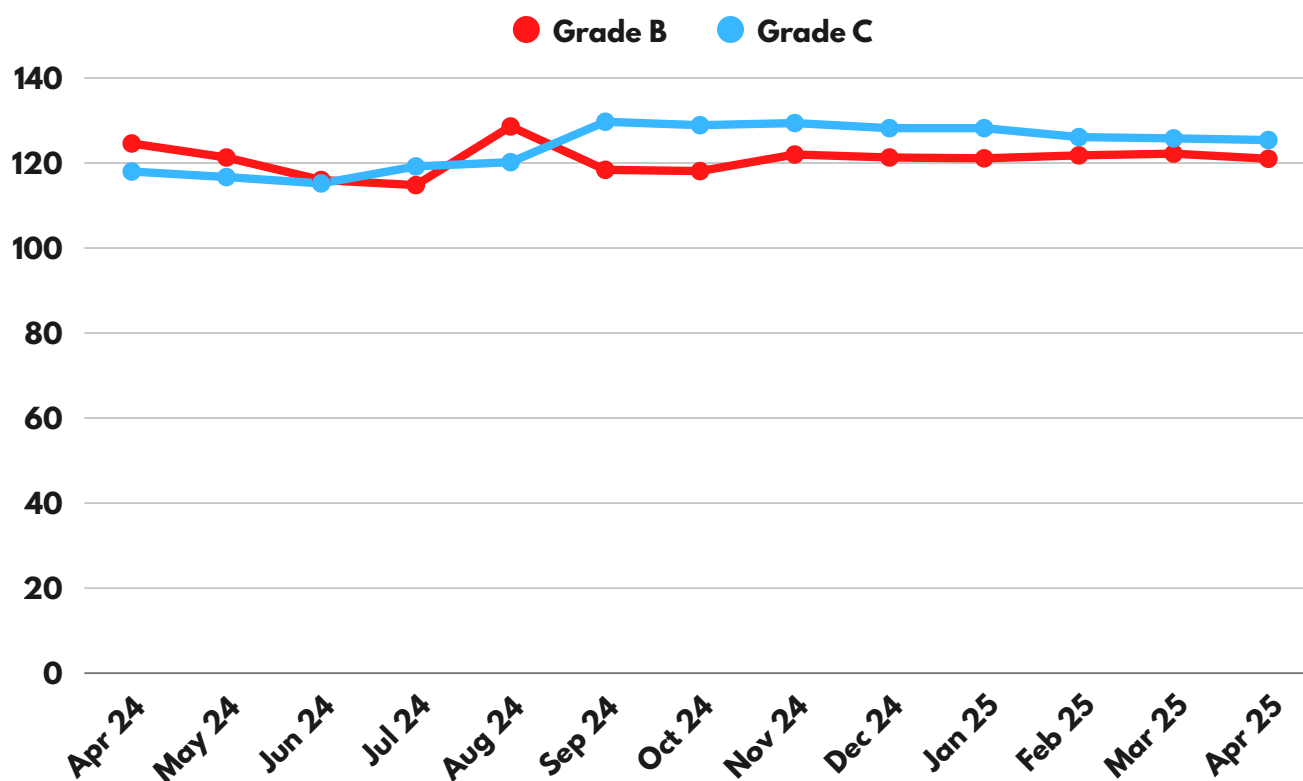
Oak - USA

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



Beech - Germany

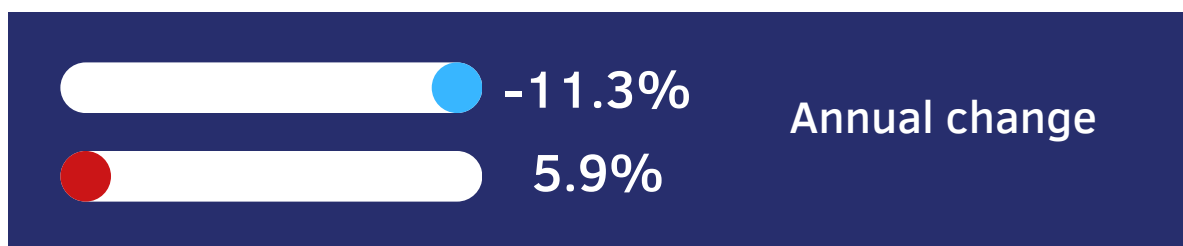
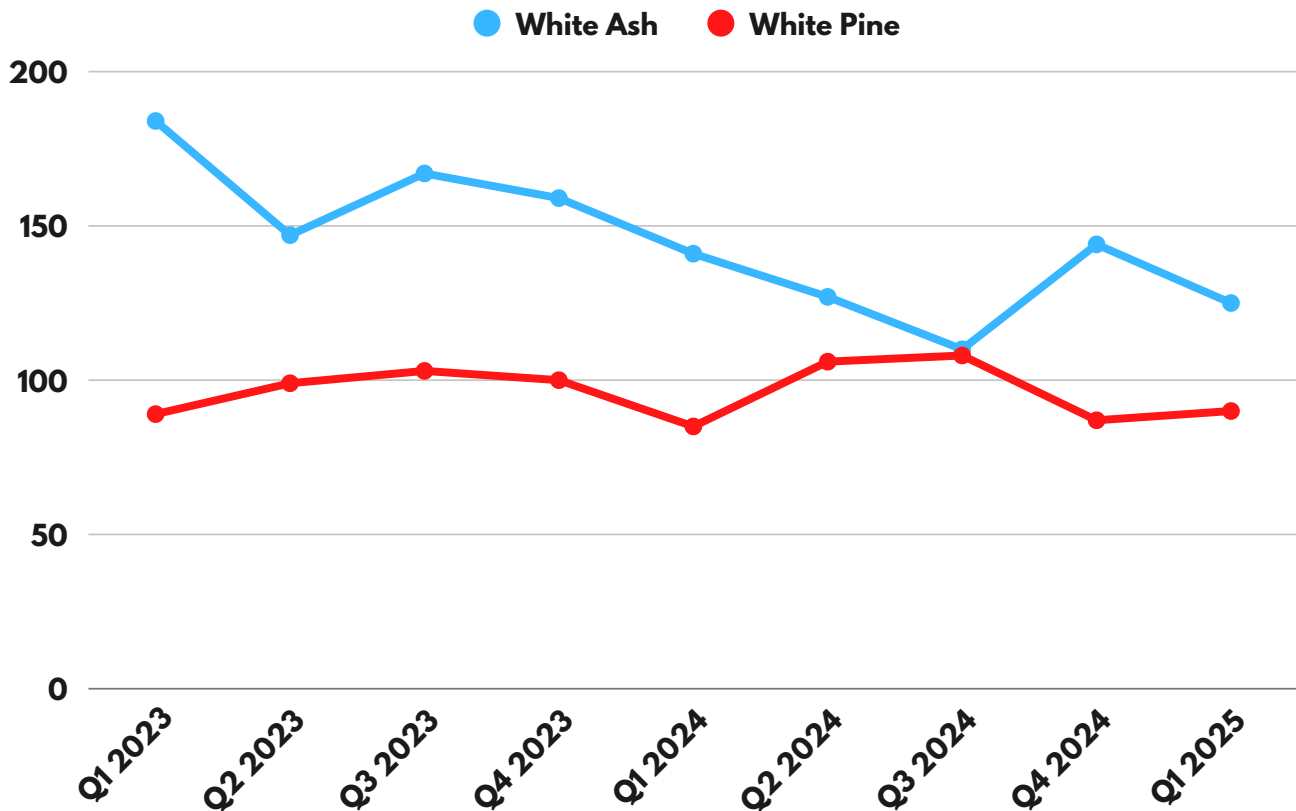
Logging products - Beech index - Germany



Annual change

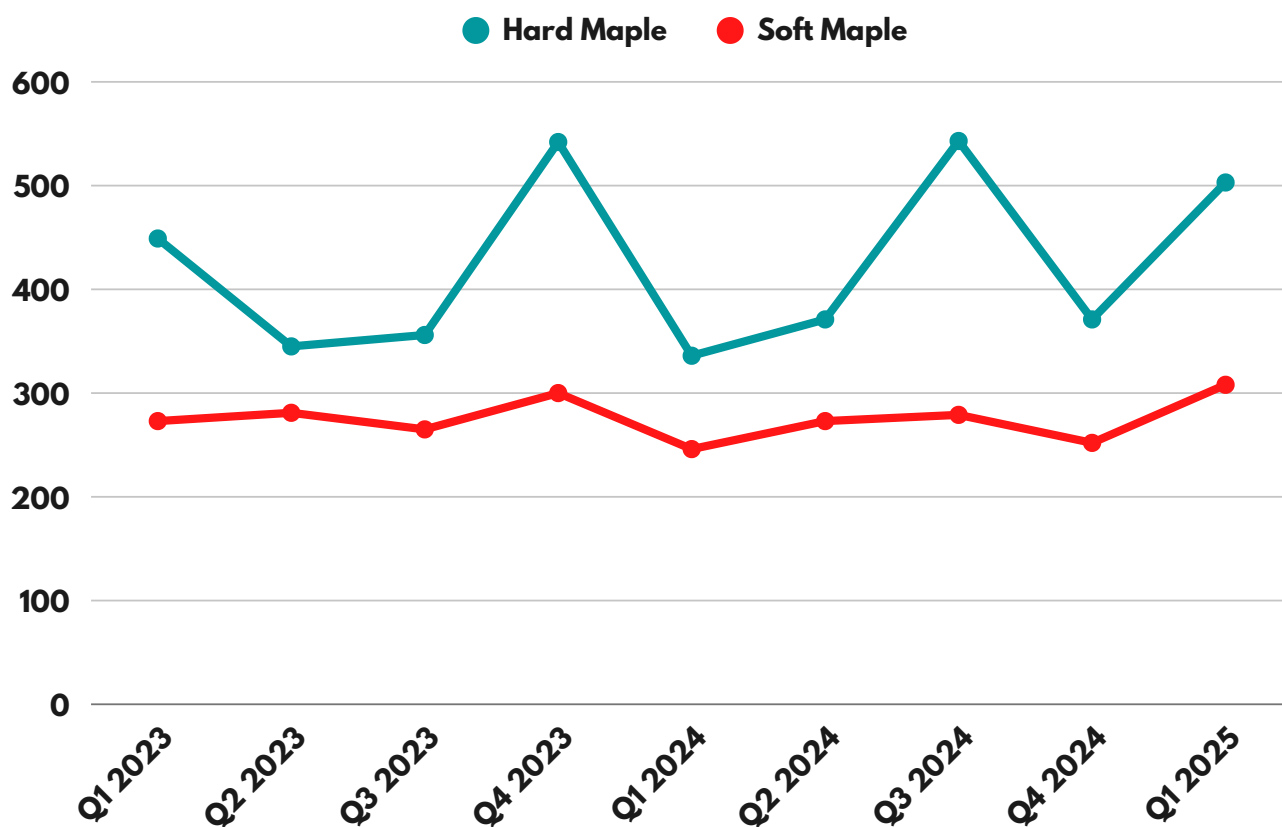
Ash & pine - USA

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)



49.7%



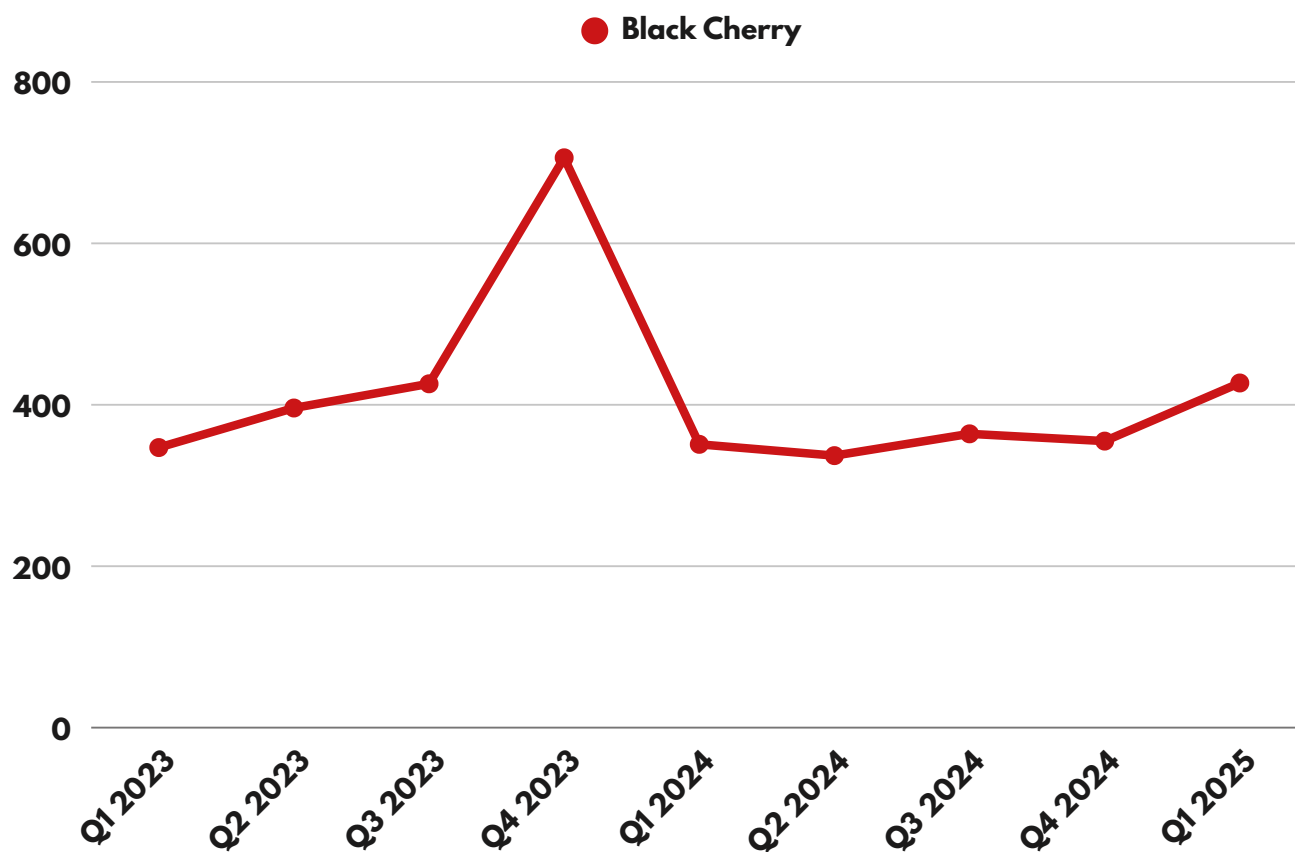
2.7%

Annual change



Black cherry - USA

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



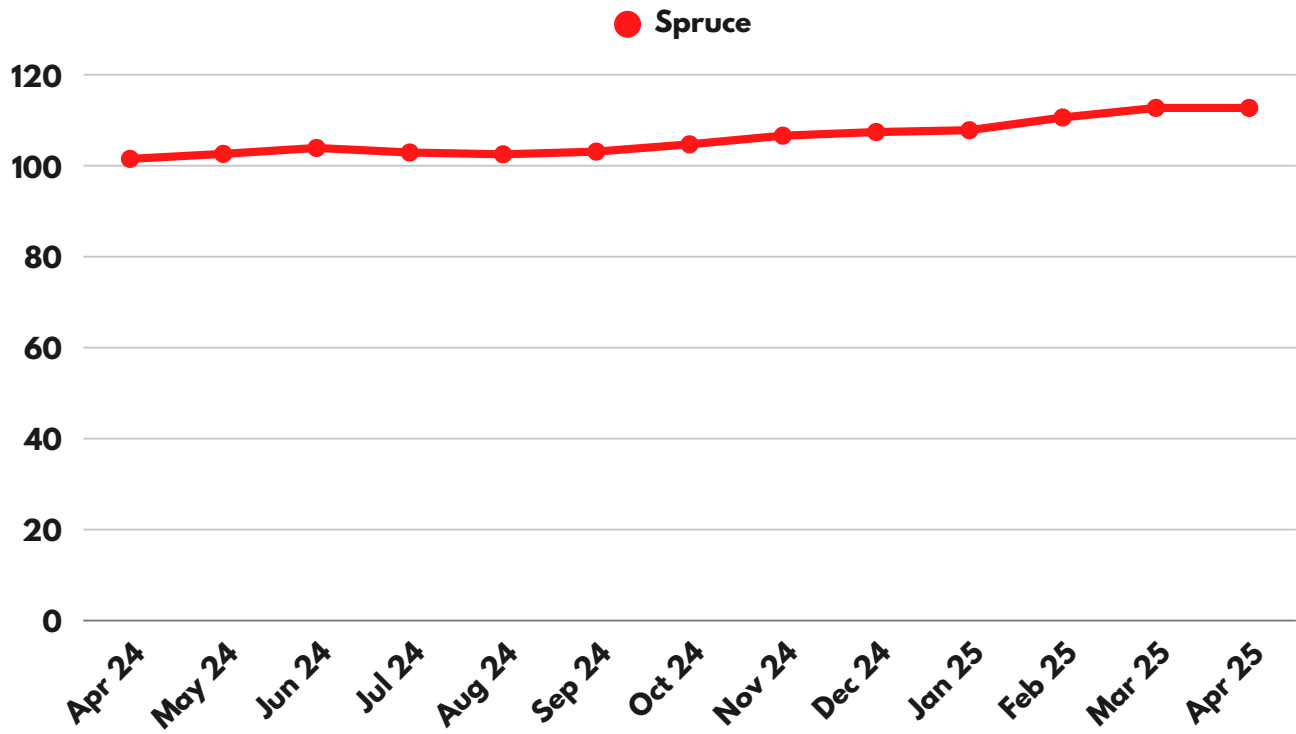
21.7%

Annual change



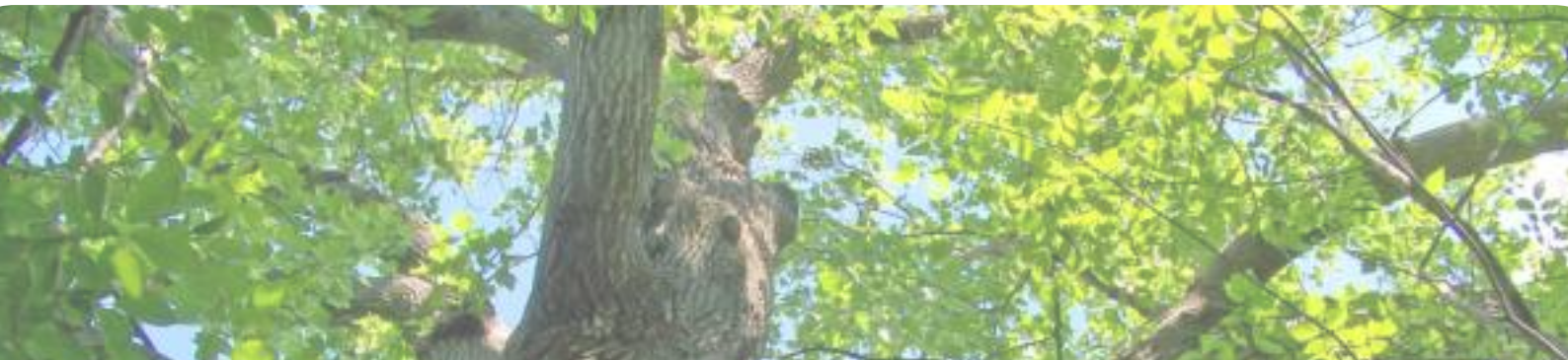
Spruce

Logging products - Spruce index - Germany



11.0%

Annual change



Leather

LEATHER

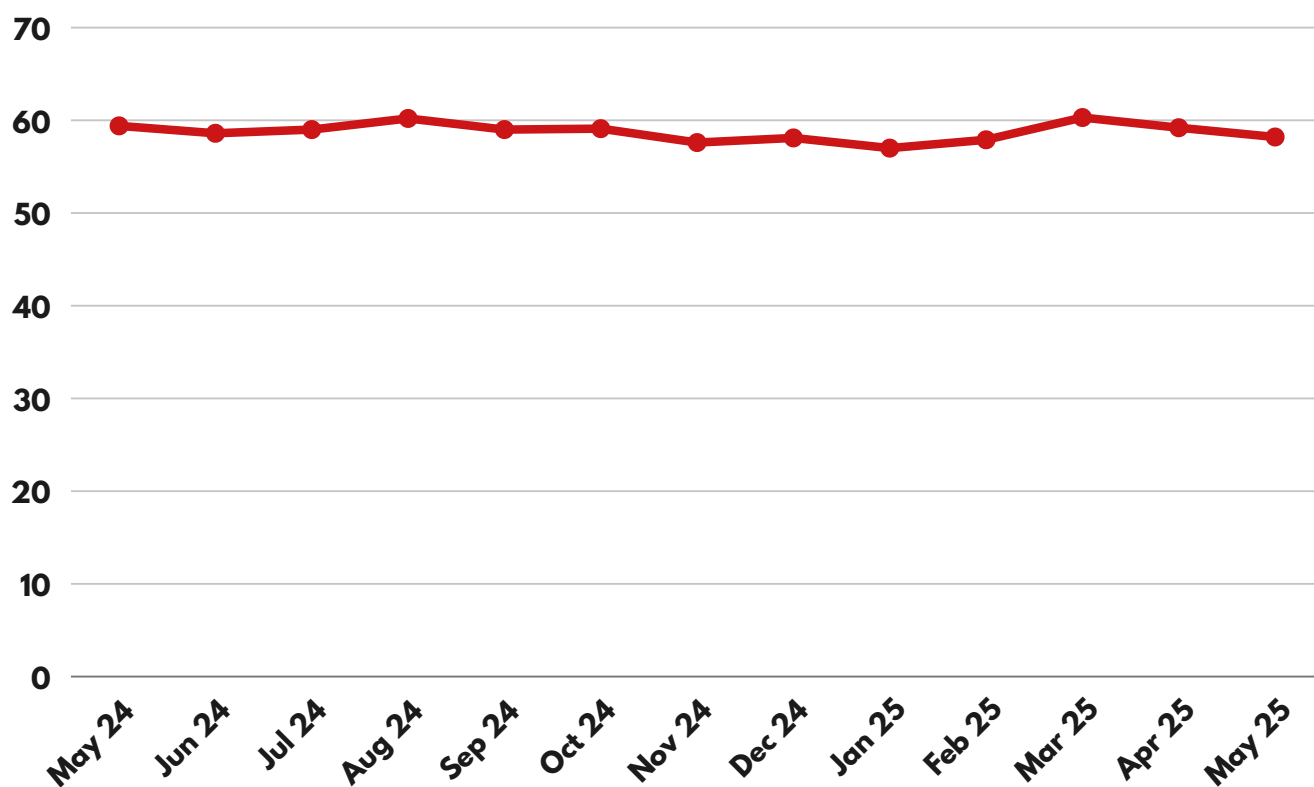
Leather - hide prices

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 May 2025 from the US based FRED economic organisation shows a fall of -2% on the same month last year.

Global price of Hides - USA



-2.0%

Annual change

Logs

LOGS

Logs market

Estonia **birch log prices** remained almost flat in April compared to that time last year, but in May fell by 2.2%.

Finland has not experienced the same sharp variations in price in birch, and in May prices were up on last year by just under 2%.

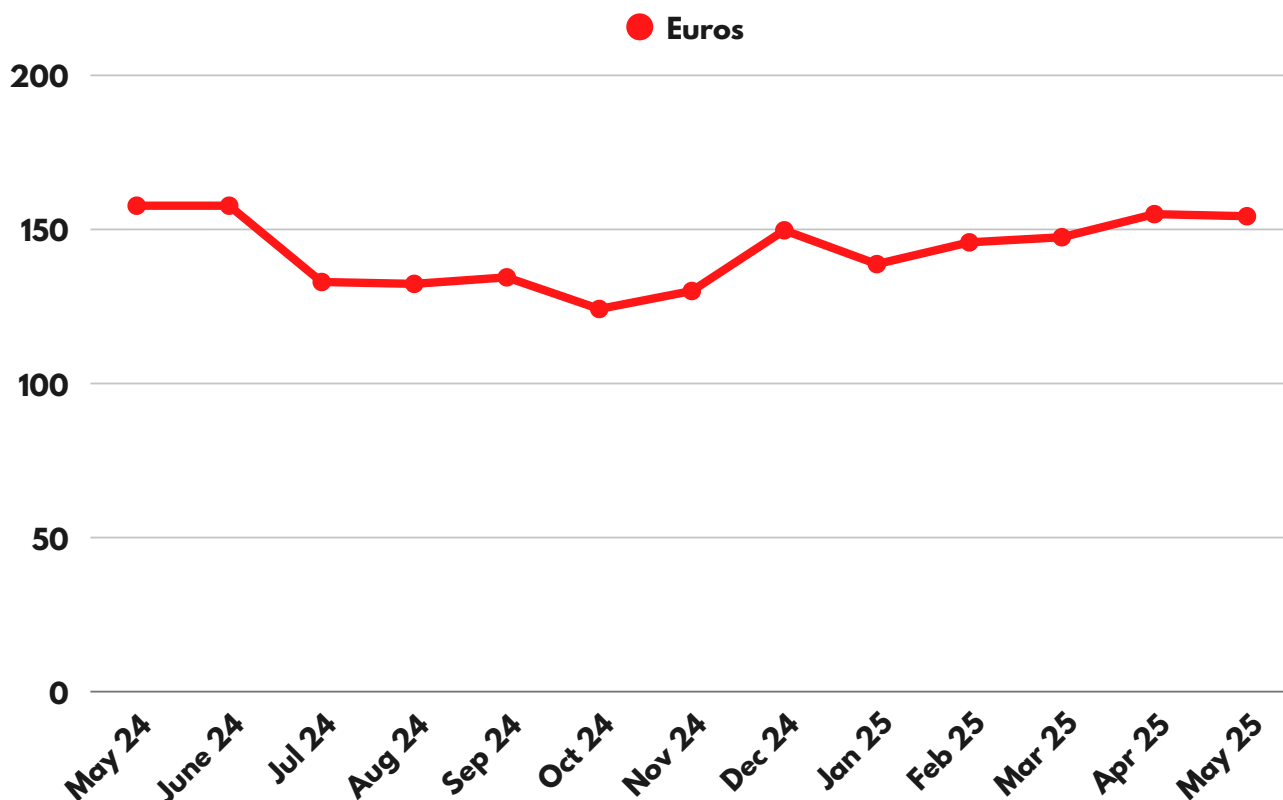
Estonian **birch veneer logs** also saw sharp rises and were up by 30.8% in February and in March by nearly 50%. It cooled a little in April, with a rise of near 23% and again in May at 17.4%. However, In June last year they were up by 116.7%.

Pine log prices in Estonia are also on the rise, up by 19.1% on April last year but in May dropped to +6.7%. While in Finland stumpage prices are up by 11.4% in April and 6.6% in May compared to the same month last year. Norway price rise to March on an annual basis rose by 37.5% - quarterly figures.

Again, Estonian **Spruce** prices are up by 29.3%. Finnish stumpage prices are up on the year by 4.6% in May compared to that month last year. Norway showed a rise in March of of 36%.

Birch logs - Estonia

Logs - Birch - Estonia - Euros/CuM - €/m³ - 16+ cm



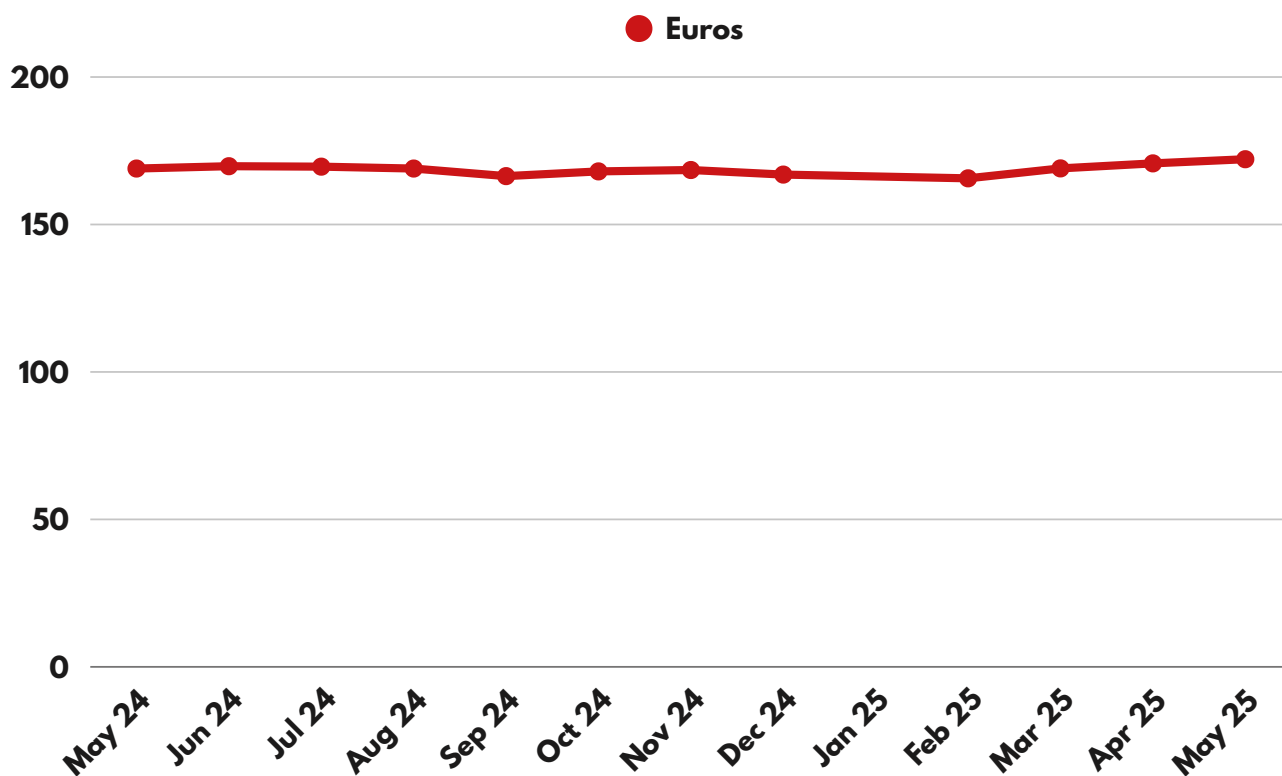
-2.2%

Annual change



Birch logs - Finland

Official Finland Stumpage Price Index – average price



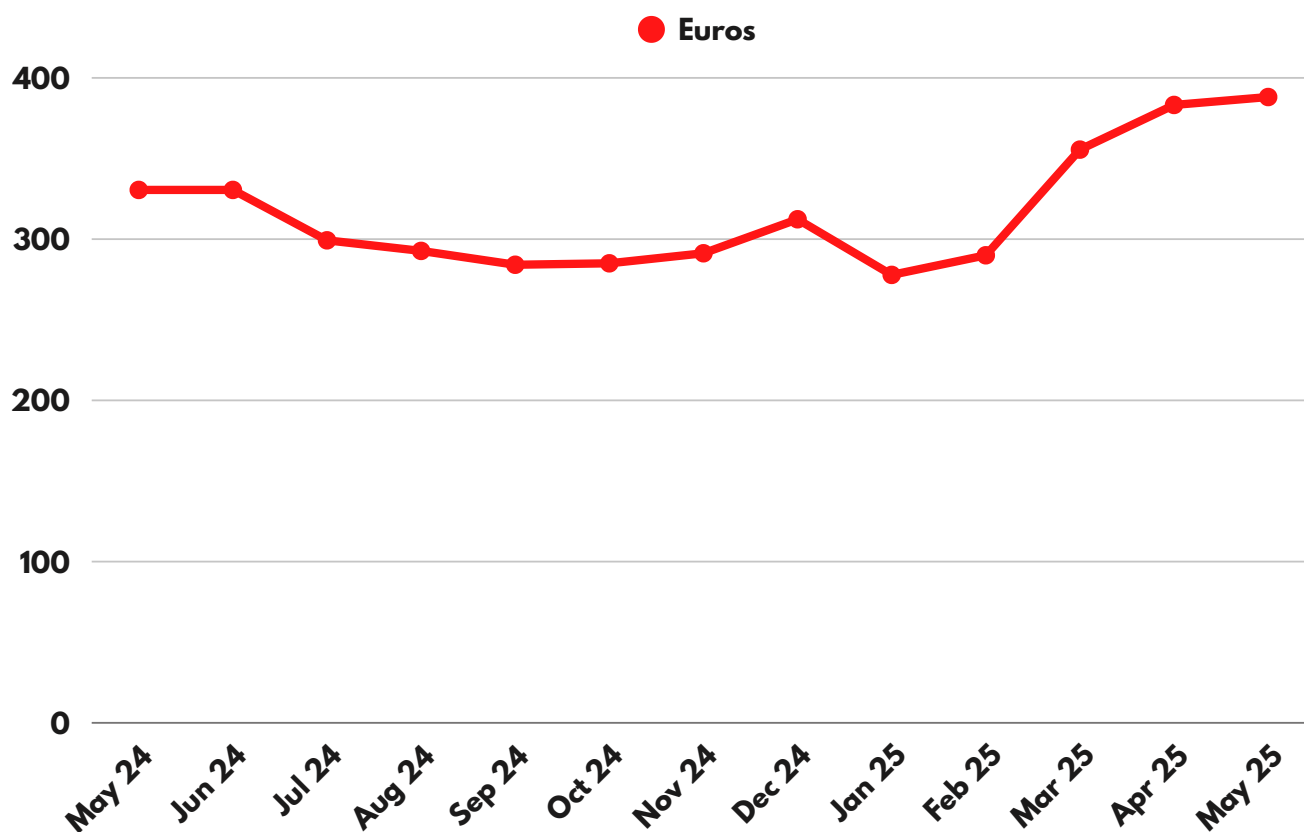
1.9%

Annual change



Birch veneer logs - Estonia

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

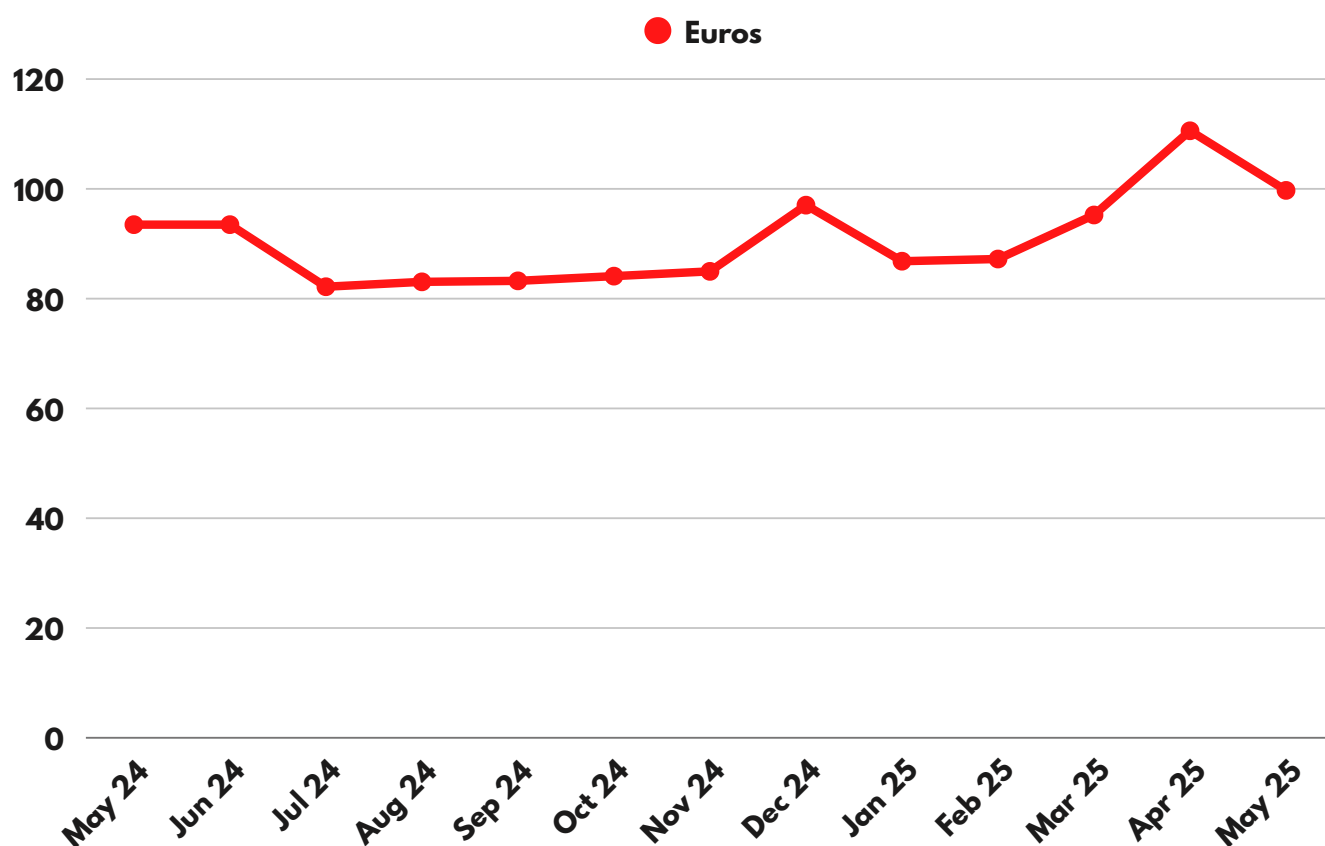


17.4%

Annual change

Pine logs - Estonia

Logs – Pine - Estonia - Euros/CuM - €/m³ - 18+ cm



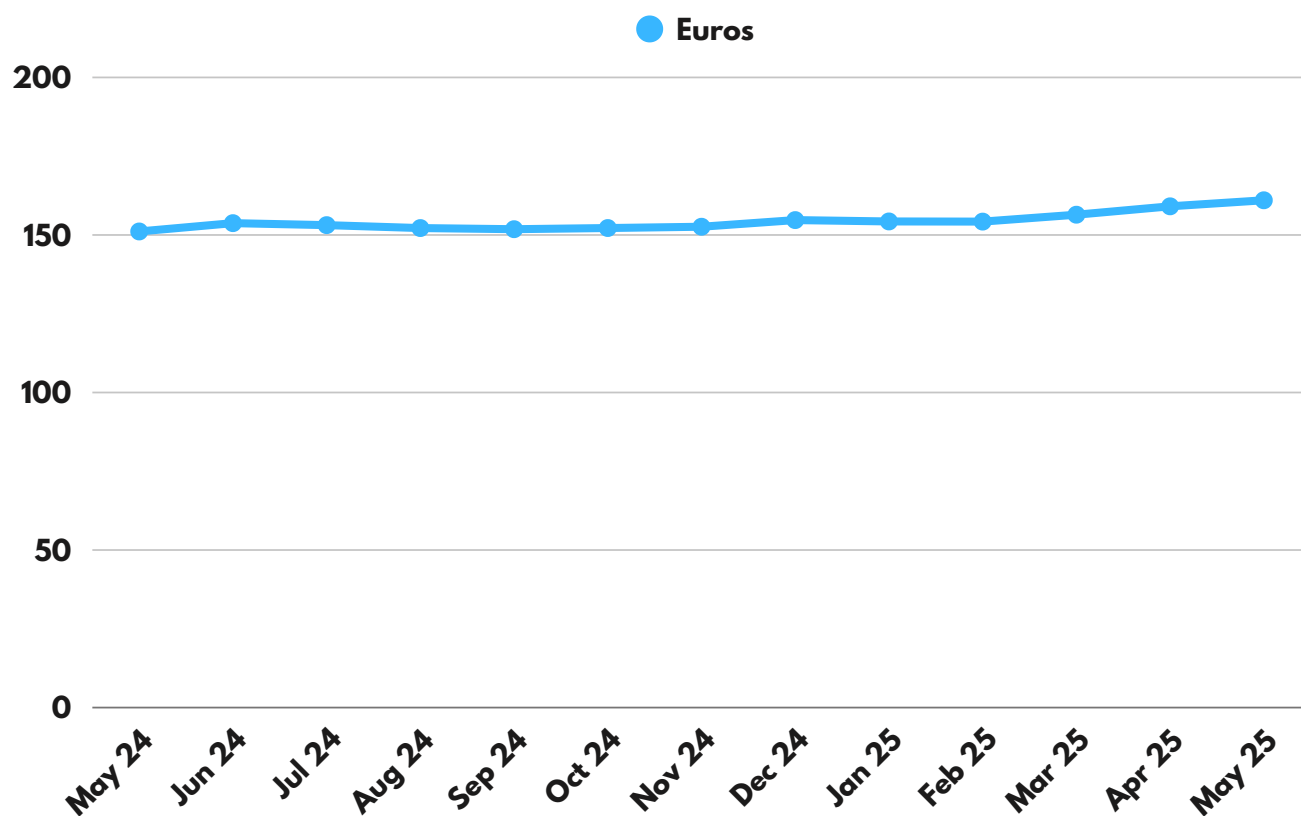
6.7%

Annual change



Pine logs - Finland

Official Finland Stumpage Prices – Pine logs



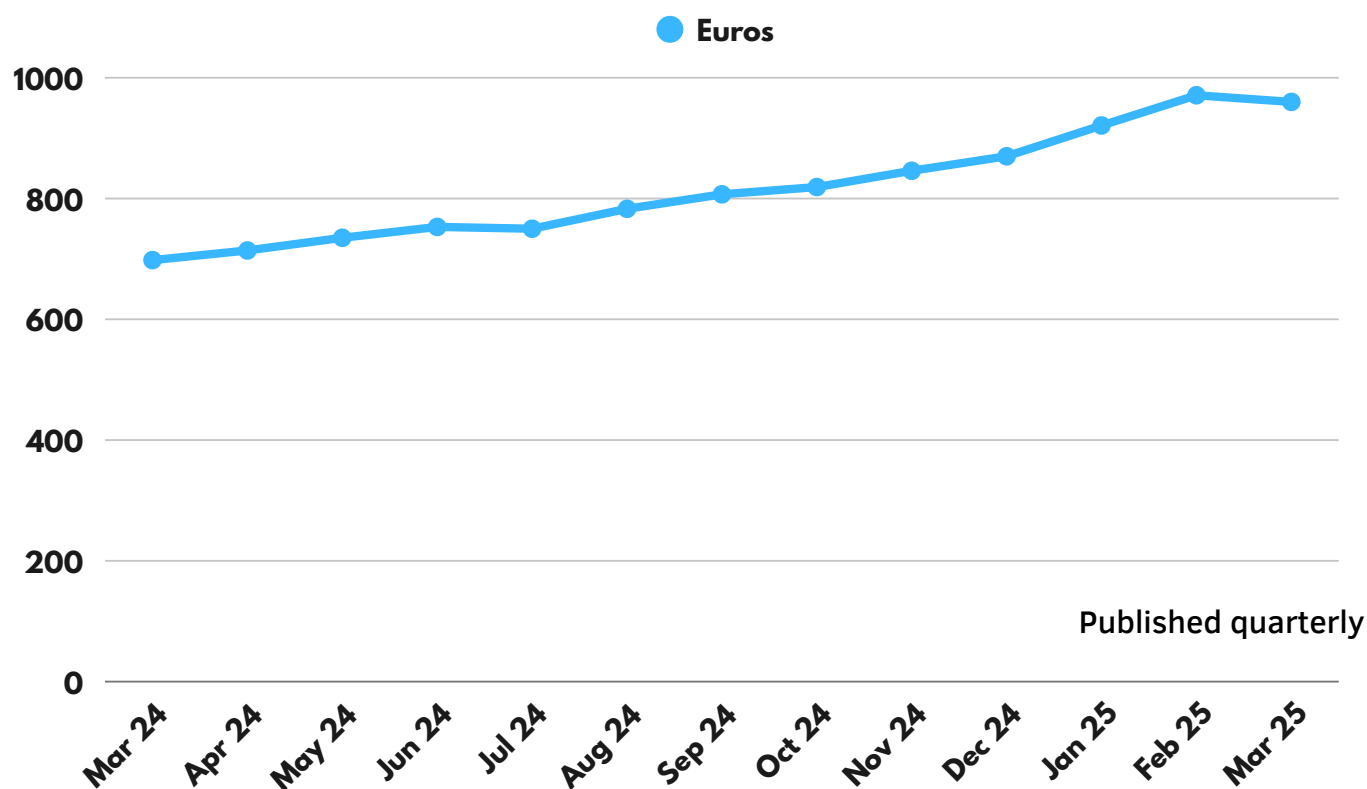
6.6%

Annual change



Pine logs - Norway

Official Norwegian Average Prices – Pine sawn logs NOK per m³



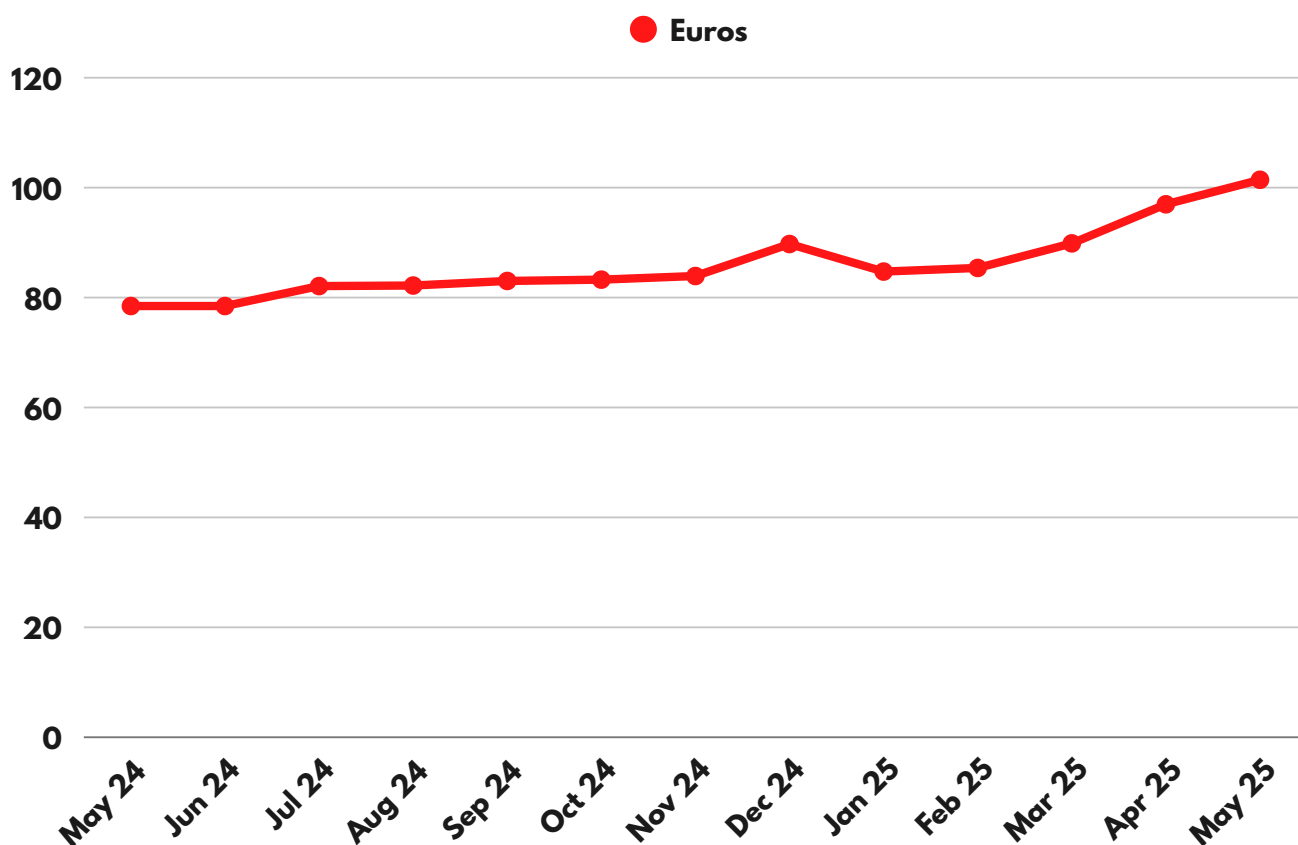
37.5%

Annual change



Spruce logs - Estonia

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

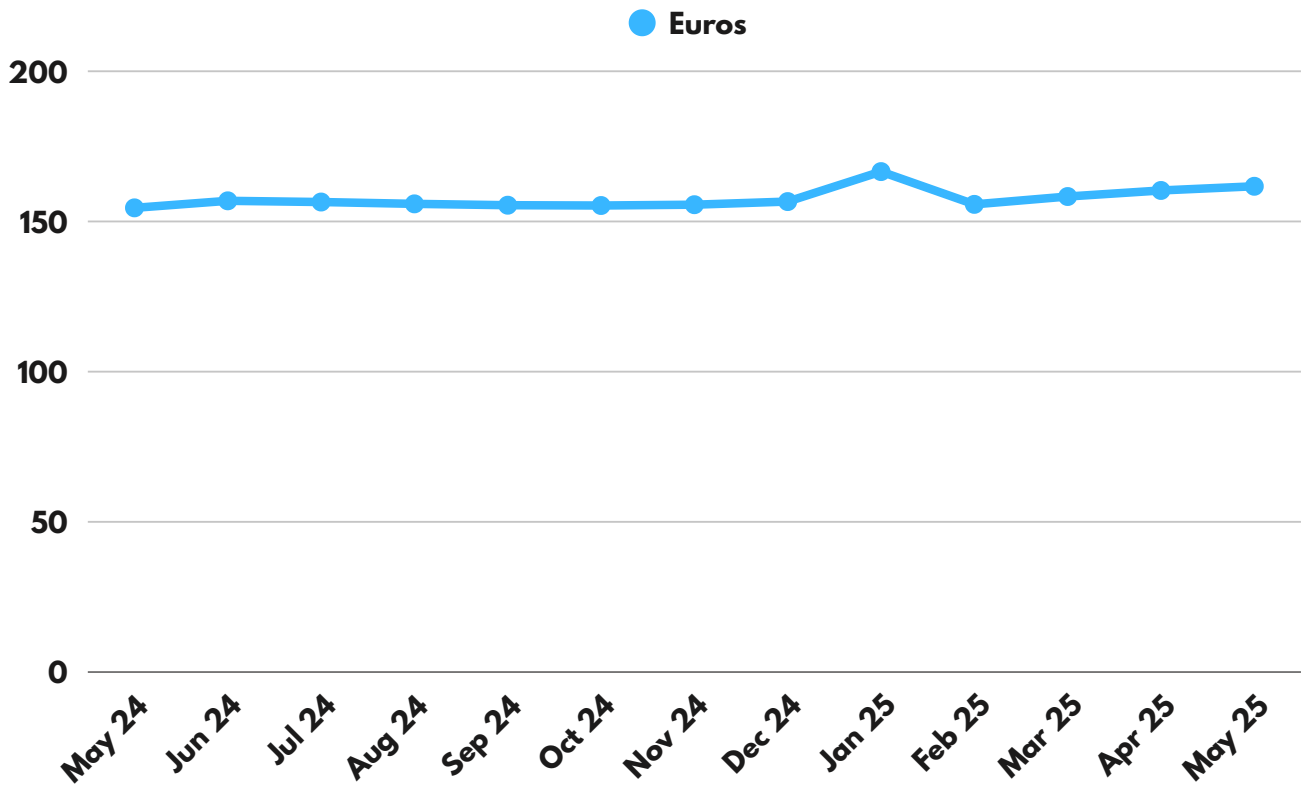


29.3%

Annual change

Spruce logs - Finland

Official Finland Average Prices – Pine logs Euro per m³

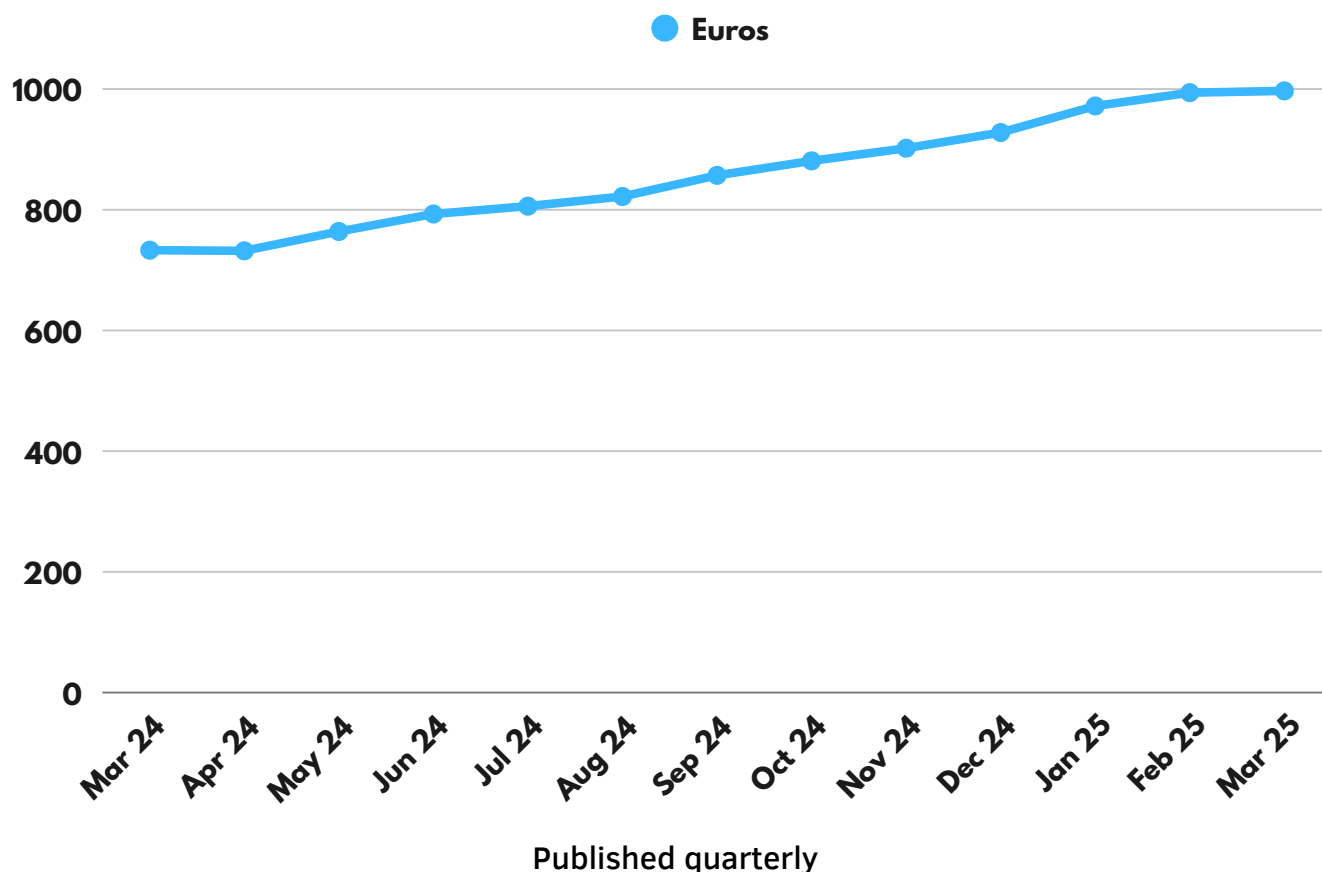


4.6%

Annual change

Spruce logs - Norway

Official Norwegian Average Prices – Spruce sawn logs NOK per m³



36.0%

Annual change

Metals, wire & springs

METAL, WIRE & SPRINGS

Metals, wire & springs market

The fall in raw material prices is resulting in lower production costs for steel producers and led to lower prices. However energy costs rose although they are falling again.

For steel, we have replaced the UK production with import prices.

Aluminium has also been added at the request of a member.

London Metal Exchange

Metal futures

Example

Metals Information Provider in China

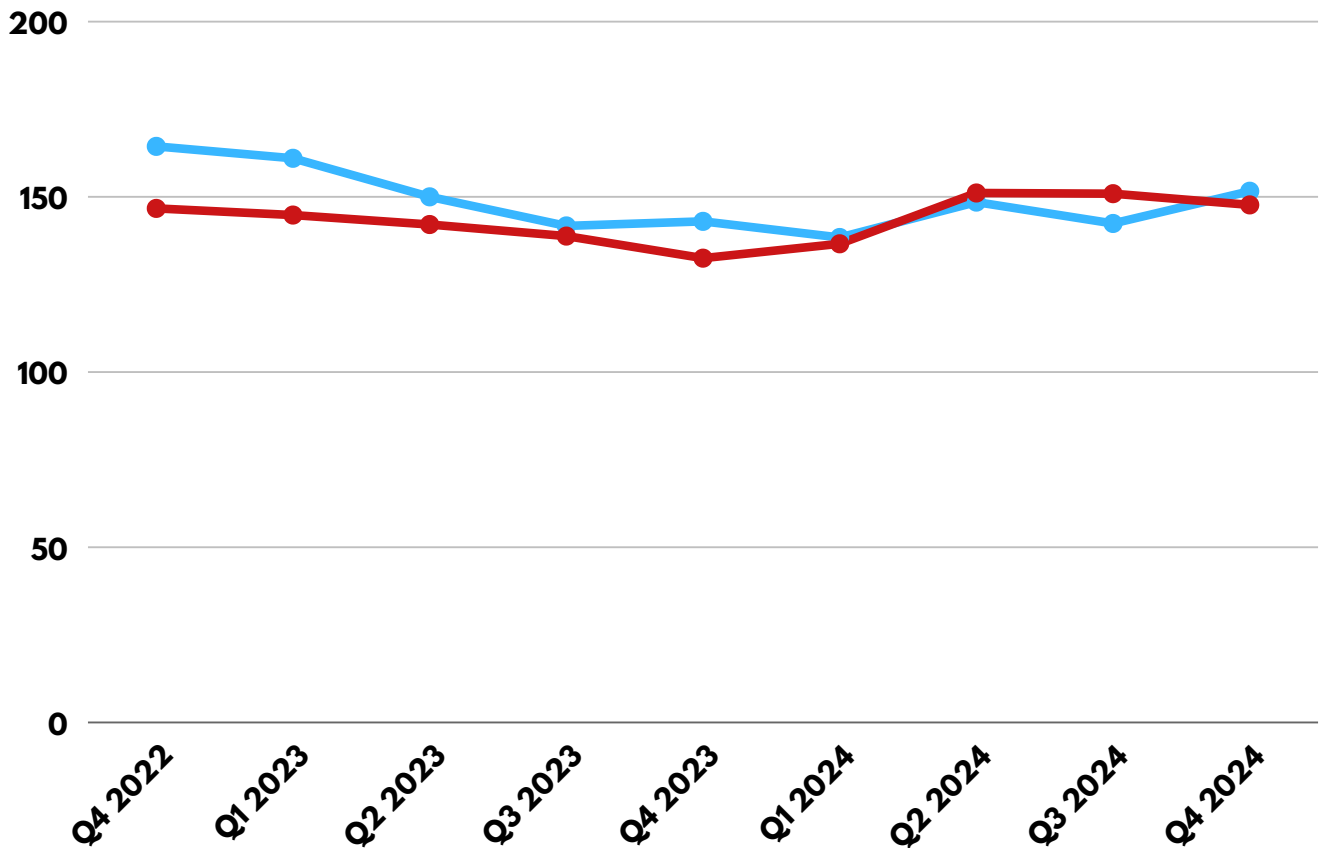
China Steel Price Index: Weekly

Daily metal price

Bloomberg

Aluminium - Domestic output & import prices

2015 = 100 - index

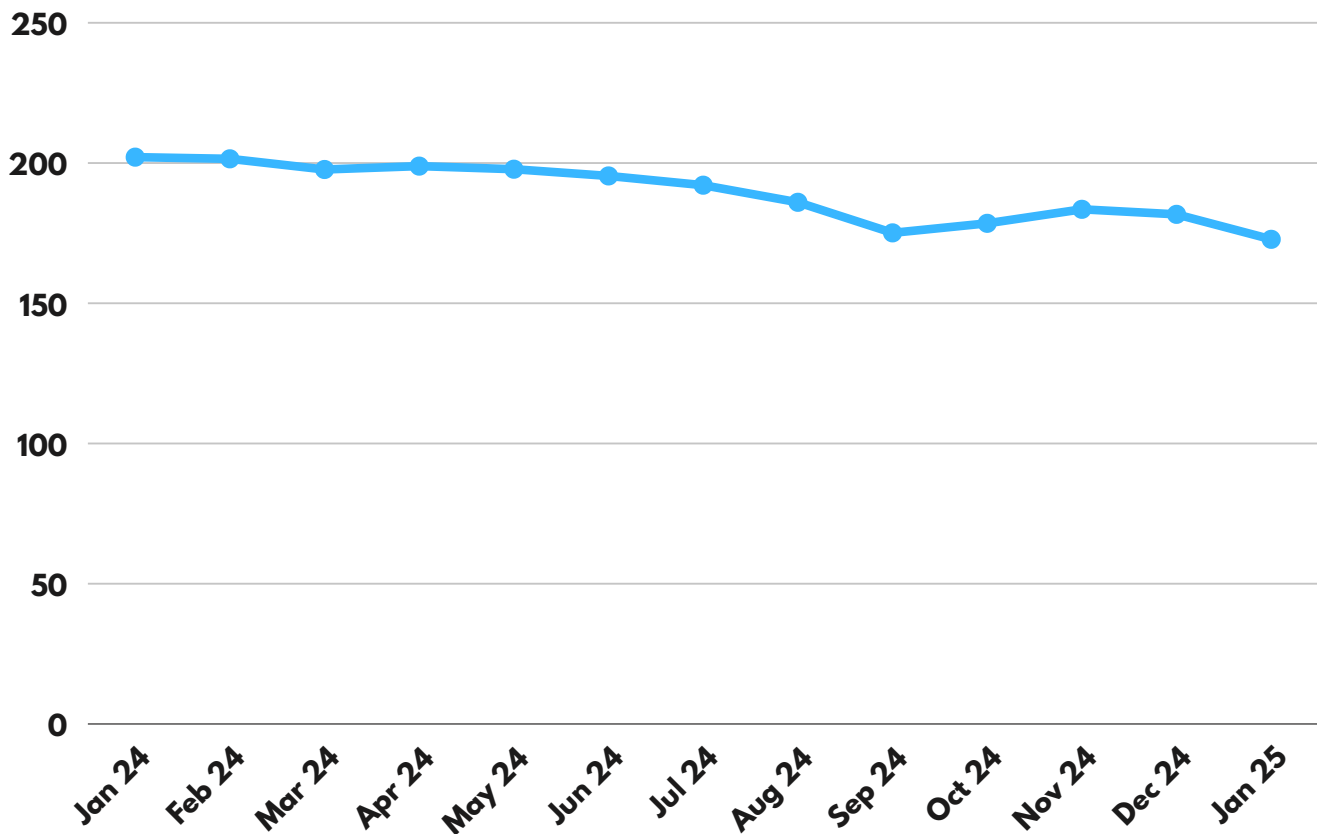


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Iron & steel - Imports

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

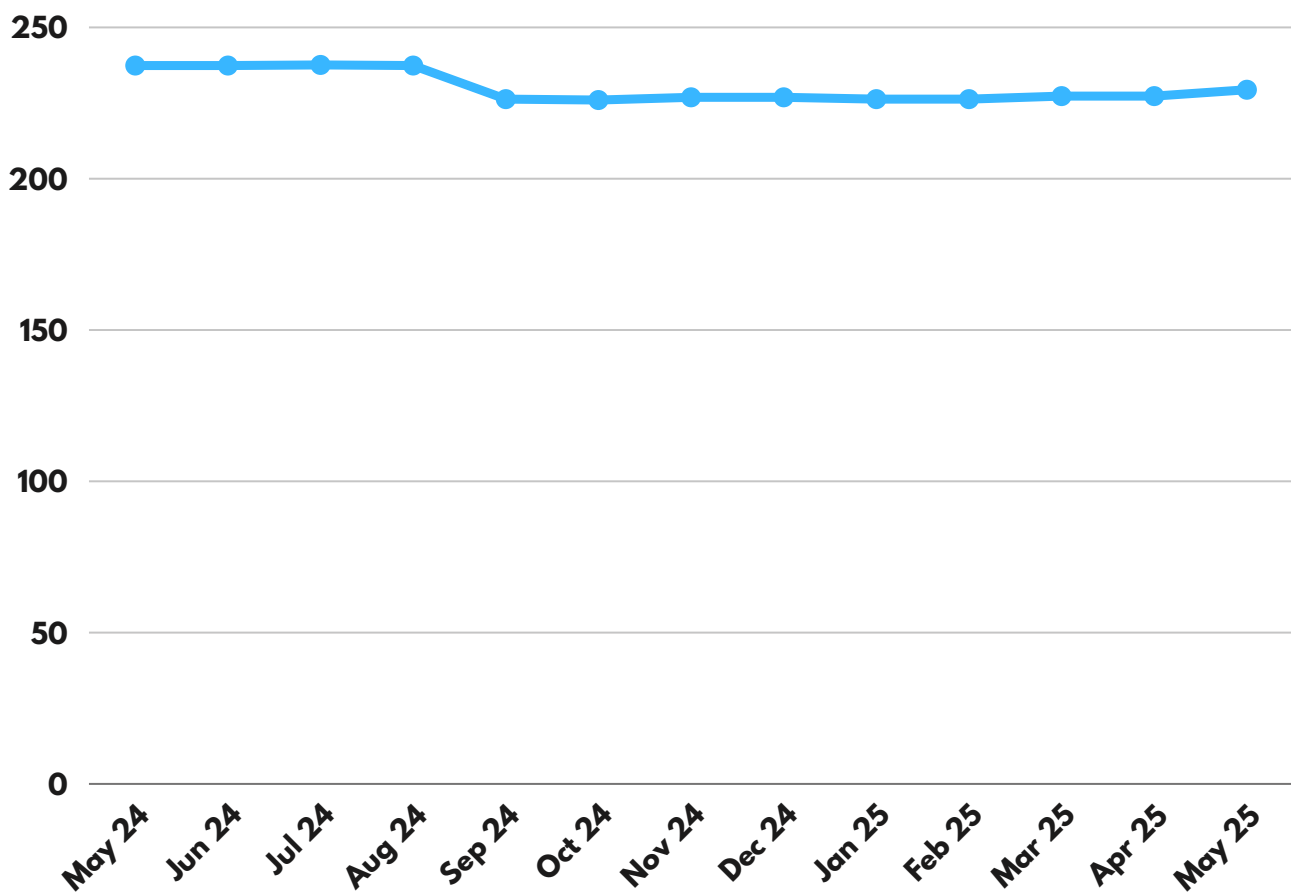


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 -14.5% Annual change

Spring manufacture - USA

Spring manufacture - USA



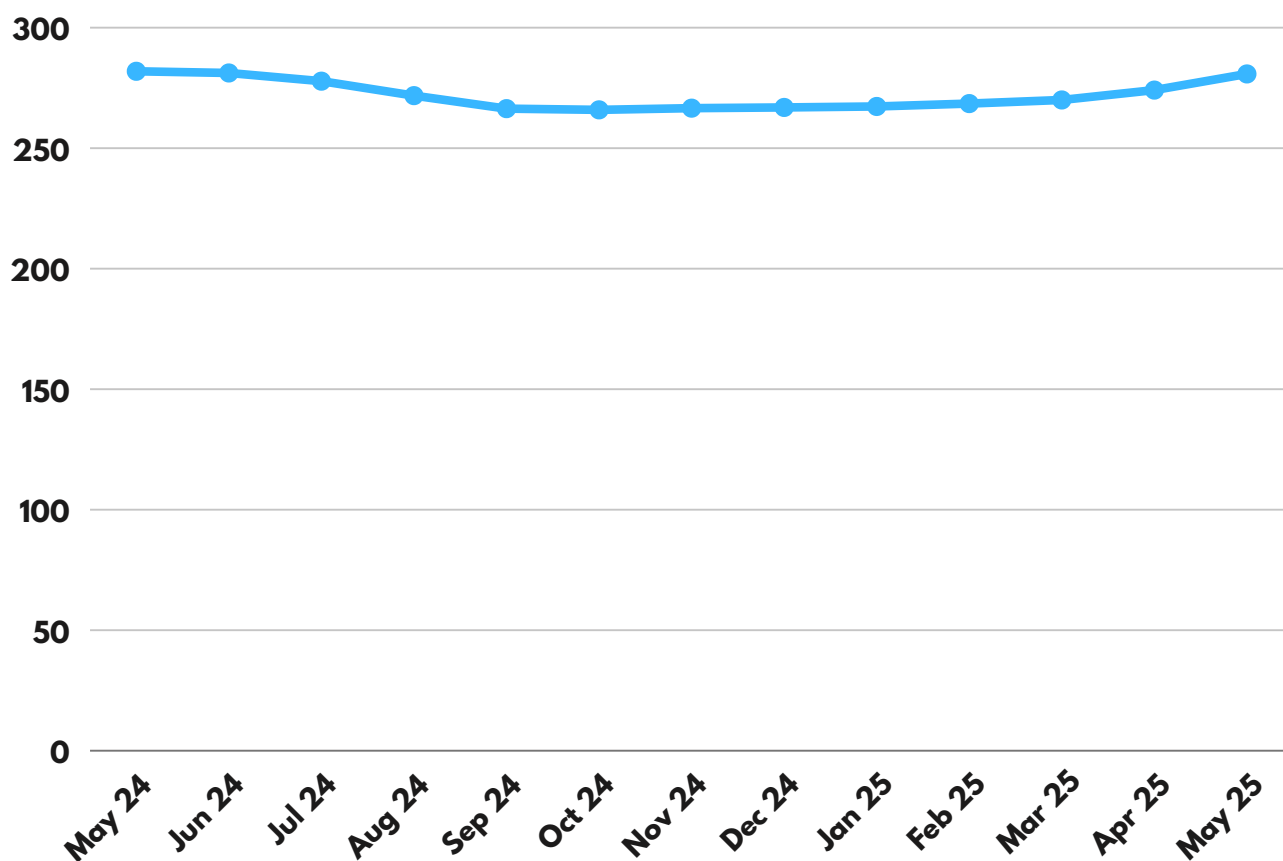
-3.4%

Annual change



Carbon drawn steel wire - USA

Carbon Steel Drawn Wire Producer Price Index, USA

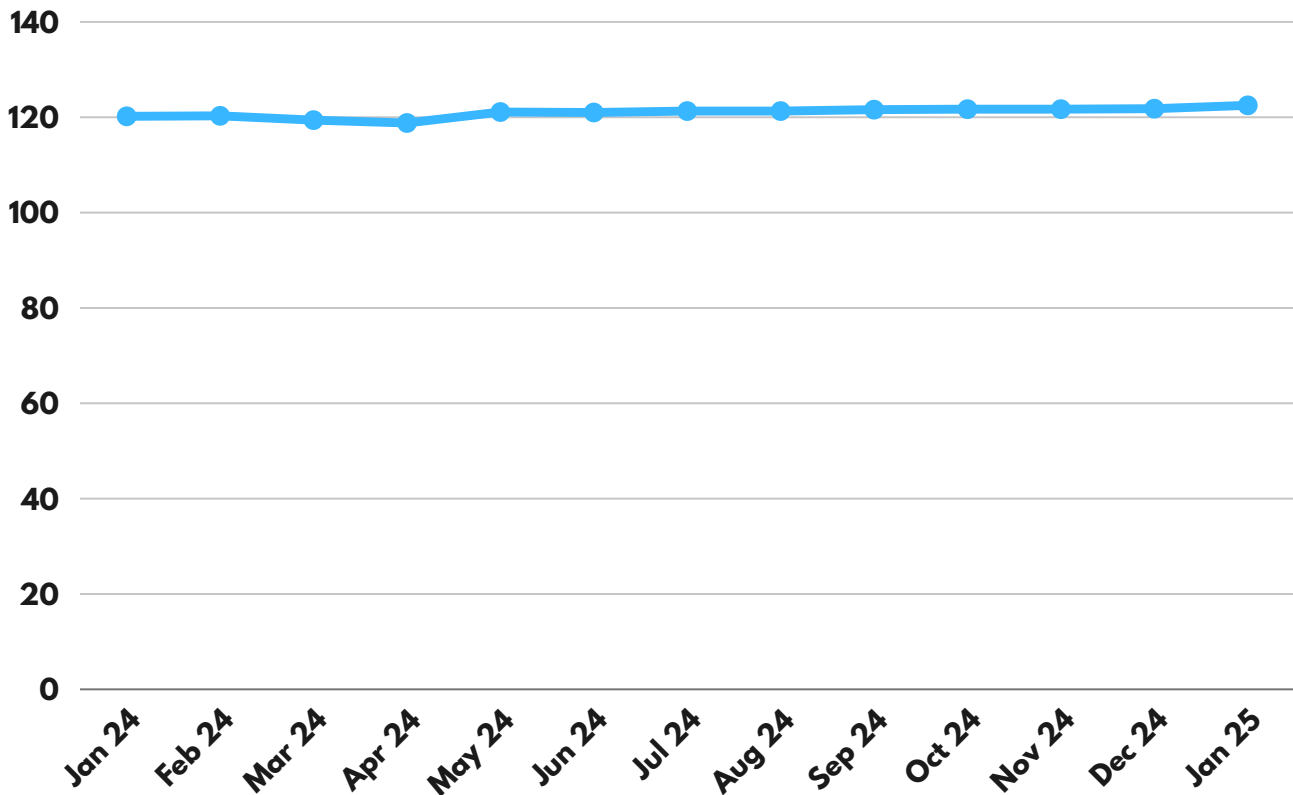


-0.4%

Annual change

Wire products, chains & springs - UK

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



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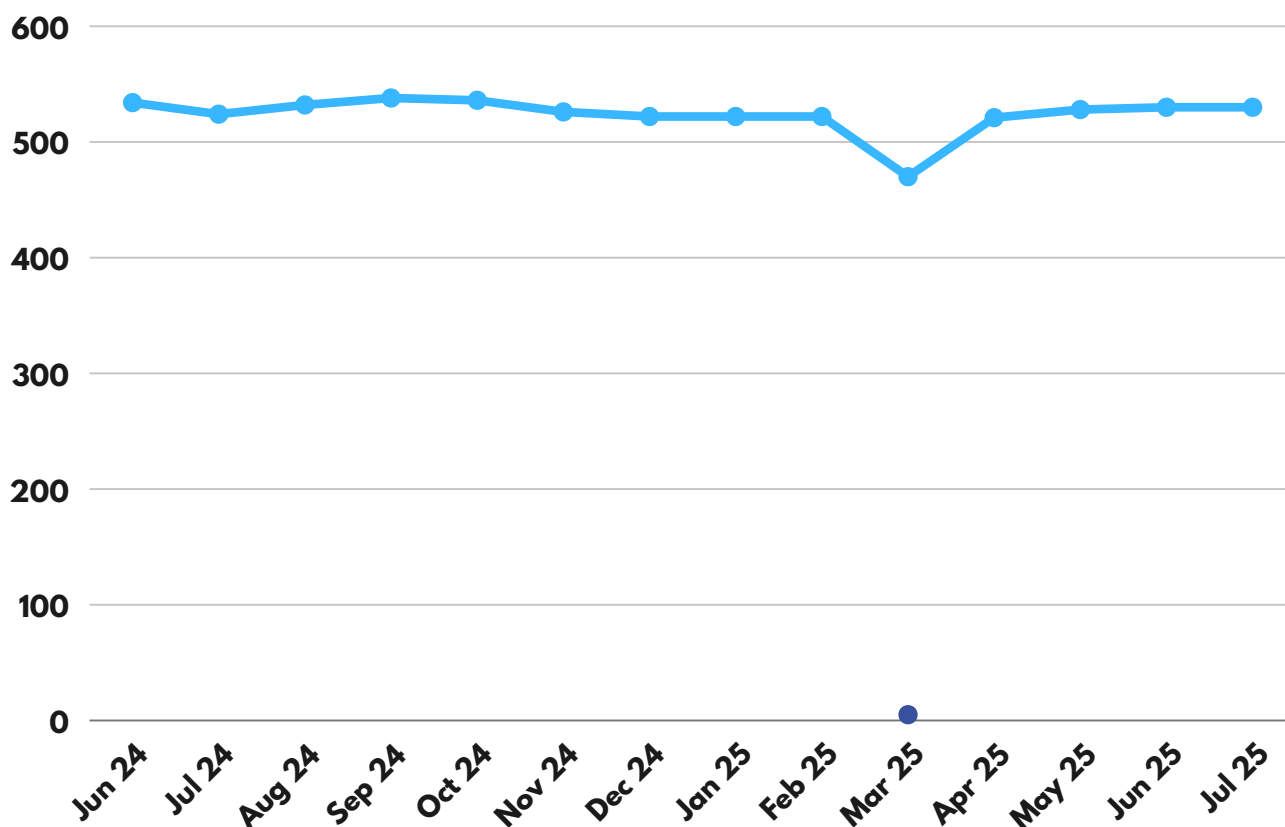
1.9%

Annual change



Steel wire rods - China

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



-0.2%

Annual change



Packaging

PACKAGING

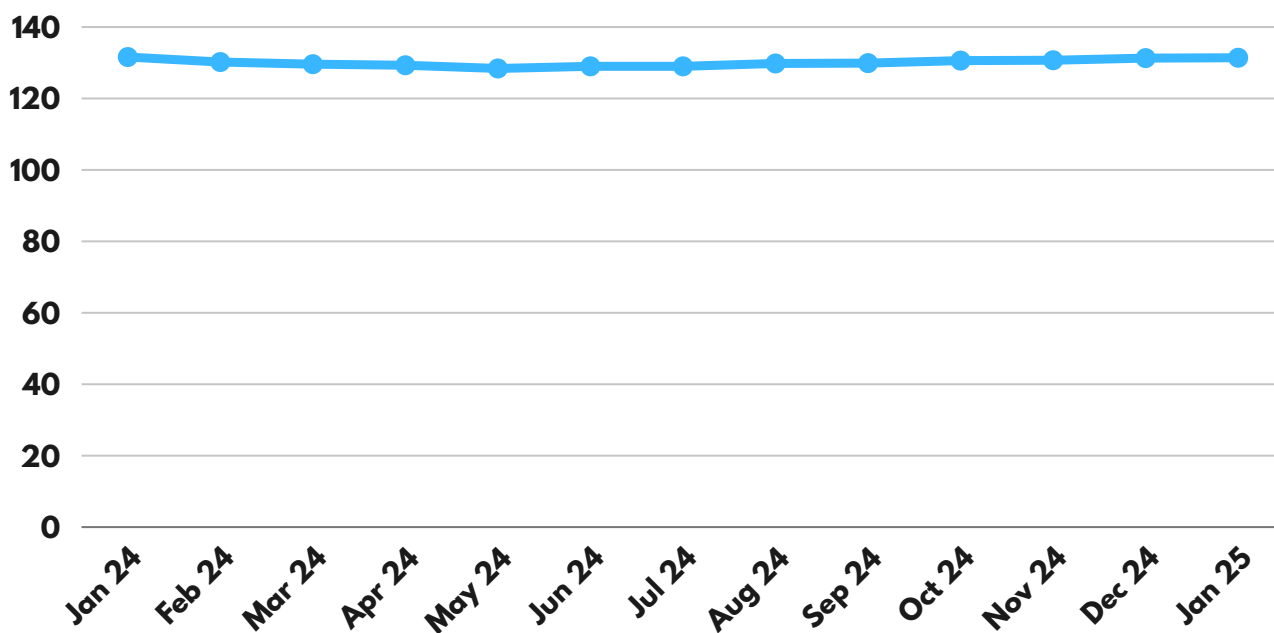
Packaging market

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



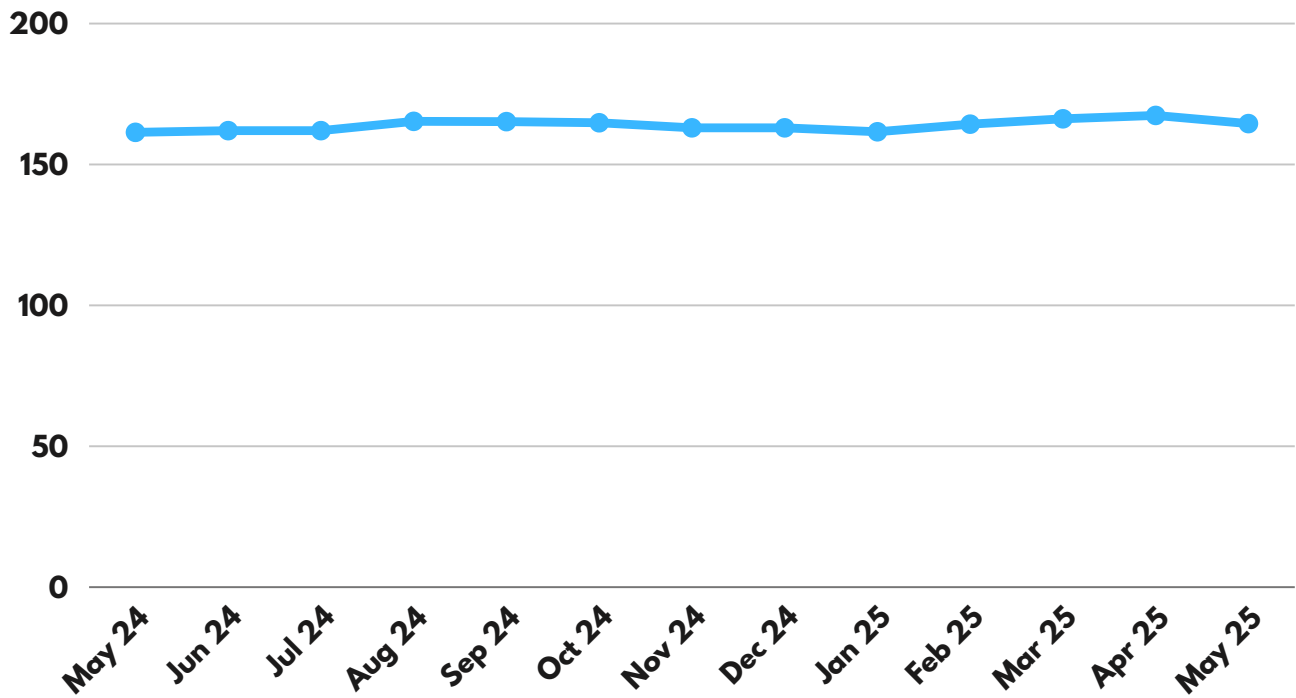
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-0.8%

Annual change

Plastics packaging- USA

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



1.9%

Annual change

Shipping

SHIPPING

Shipping market

Global freight rates stayed steady despite concerns. However, prices for shipping 40-foot containers (FEUs) from China to the US fell sharply, by up to 20%. This drop reflects weak demand for US-bound cargo and suggests that the recent boost in imports – spurred by the temporary pause on higher US tariffs for Chinese goods – is unlikely to have the lasting effect once anticipated.

On all other routes, rates remained stable. Given the geopolitical turbulence affecting prices in recent weeks, this stability can be seen as a positive sign.

However, a week later on 11 July, according to the Freightos Baltic Index, rates were seen to drop significantly and were near 50% less than one year ago.

Data chart is from:

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

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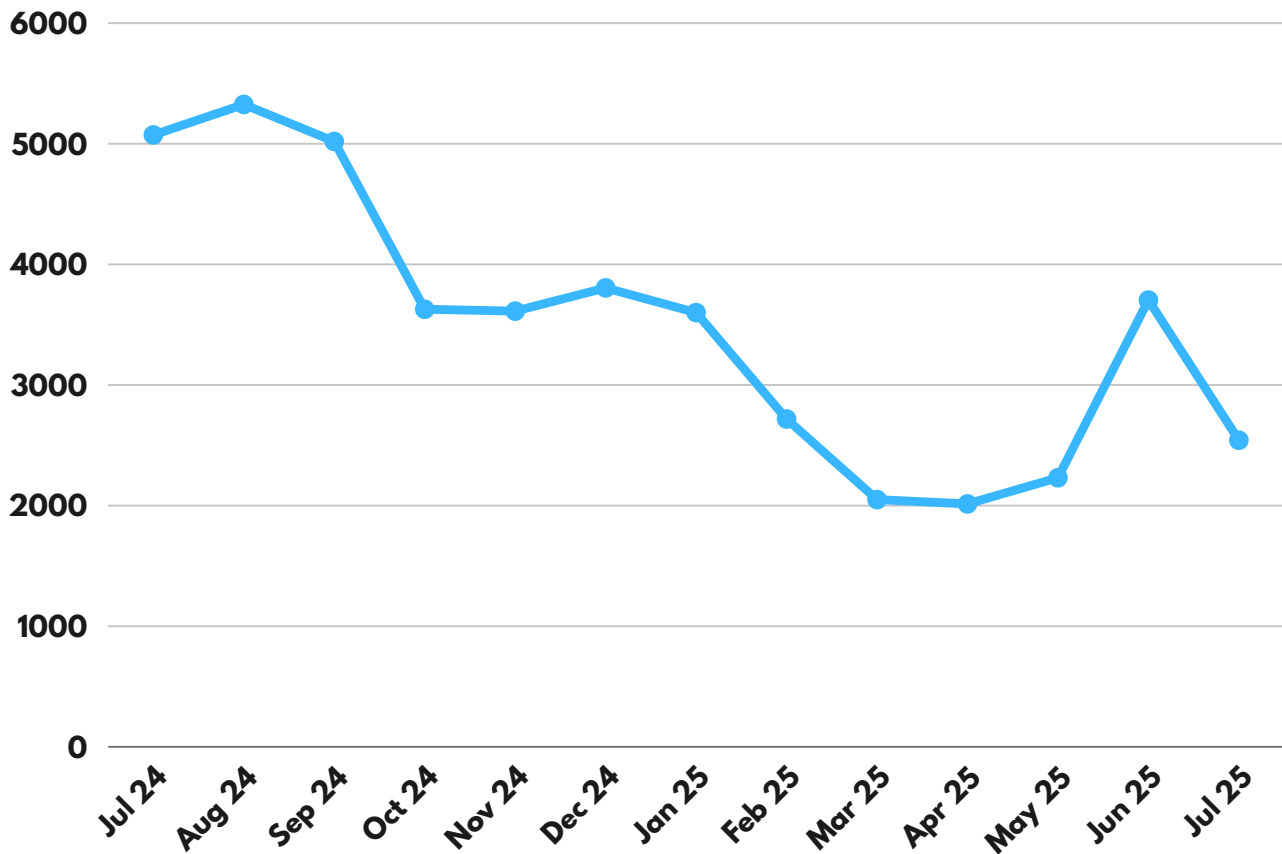
Shipping market

Freight rates for 30 June - 6 July; price for a 40-foot container (FEU)

Route	Change for prior week	USD	EUR
China - US West Coast	-20.0%	4,000	3,442
China - US East Coast	-7.7%	6,000	5,164
China - Northern Europe	unchanged	3,100	2,668
Northern Europe - China	unchanged	520	448
China - Southern Europe	unchanged	4,200	3,614
Southern Europe - China	unchanged	530	456
US East Coast - Northern Europe	unchanged	830	714
Northern Europe - US East Coast	unchanged	2,000	1,721

Global container freight

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



 -49.9% Annual change



Veneer & composites

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Veneer & composites market

Hardwood Pulp - 4 July 2025

Dissolving pulp market was generally trended stable in Asian markets this week amid limited transactions. In China, the reference price of hardwood dissolving pulp was stable at 6,600 Yuan a ton (US\$920 a ton, down US\$25) and the reference price of softwood pulp was down at 7,100 Yuan a ton (US\$990 a ton, down US\$30). There is limited change in the run rate of viscose staple fibre production and pulp consumption did not increase significantly. It is expected that the pulp market may continue to be weak next week.

In the import dissolving pulp markets, Brazilian LD hardwood dissolving pulp was quoted down US\$20 at US\$800 a ton. South African hardwood dissolving pulp was at US\$800 a ton. Czech softwood dissolving pulp was down US\$20 at US\$870 a ton. Harlem softwood dissolving pulp was down at US\$900 a ton. It was expected that prices will fall in July. Supply was normal, and the downstream was cautious in pulping.

Average prices:

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

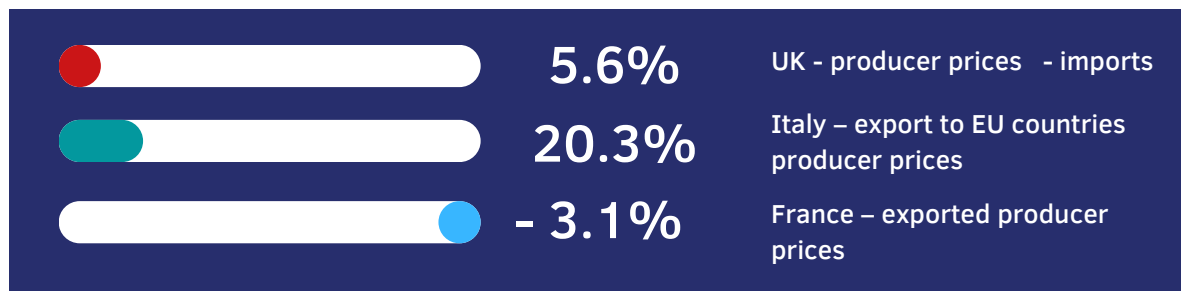
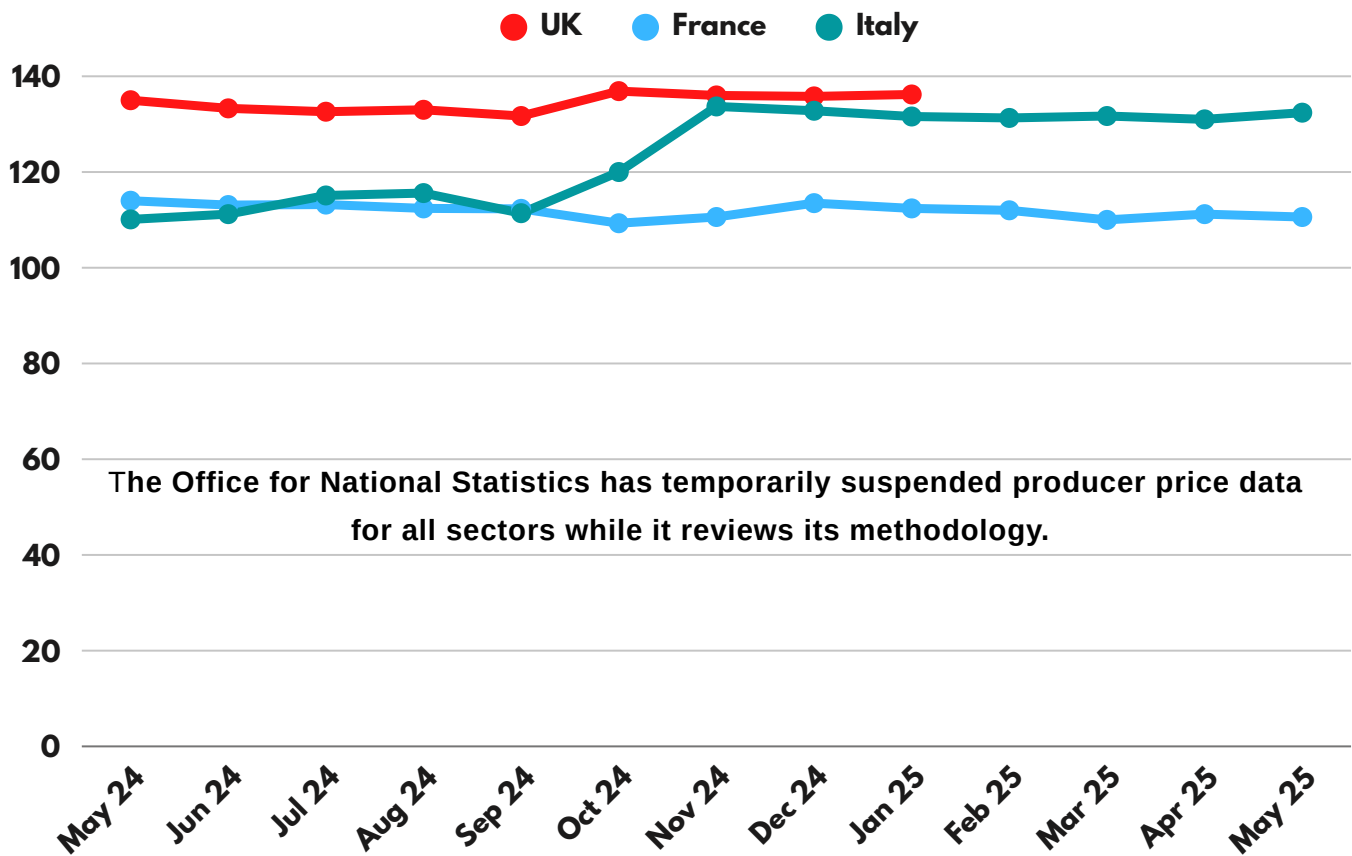
Useful links:

[MDF Futures Index](#)

Czech Republic (quarterly)

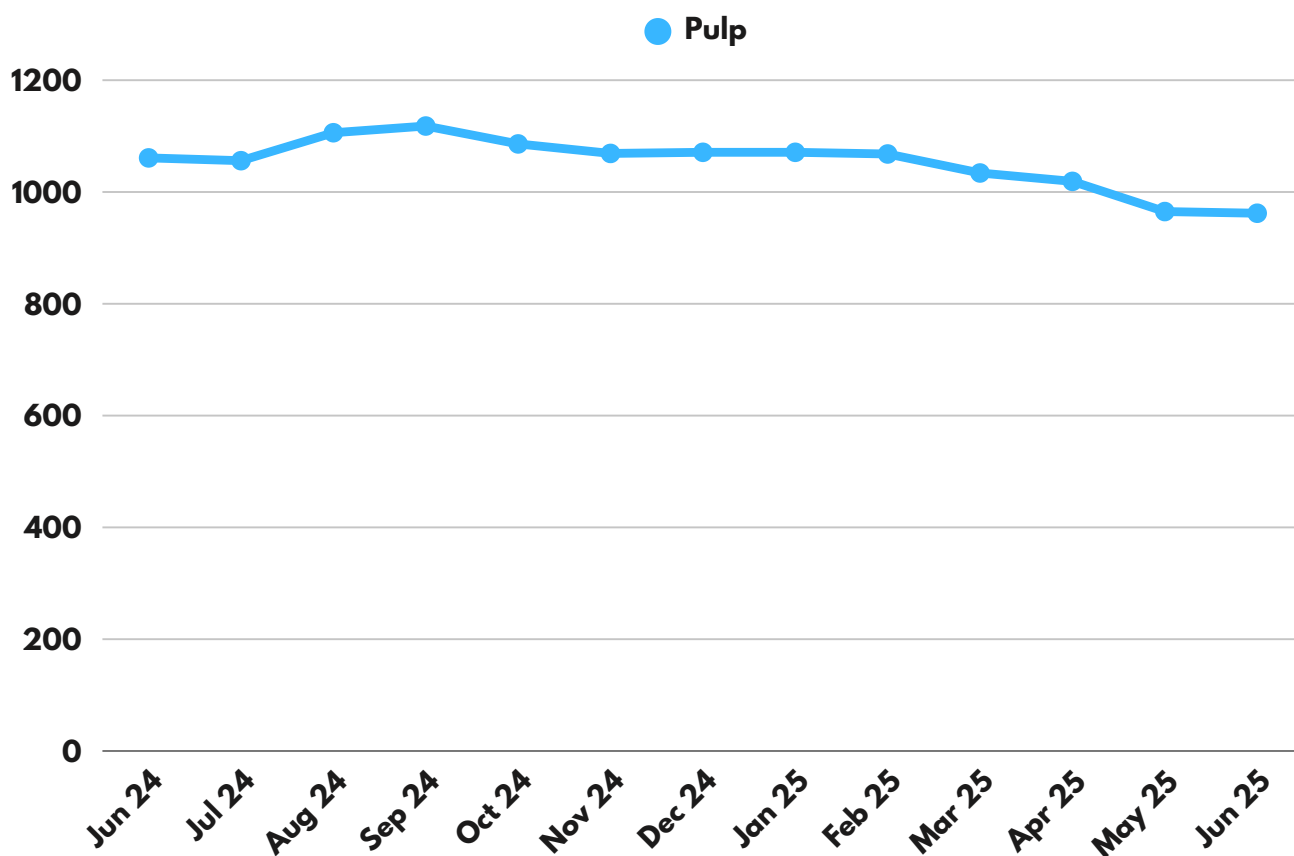
- Average prices of
- Raw timber
- spruce
- pine
- [Logs according to quality](#)

Veneer sheets & wood based panels



Hardwood Pulp China - Spot

US\$ per ton

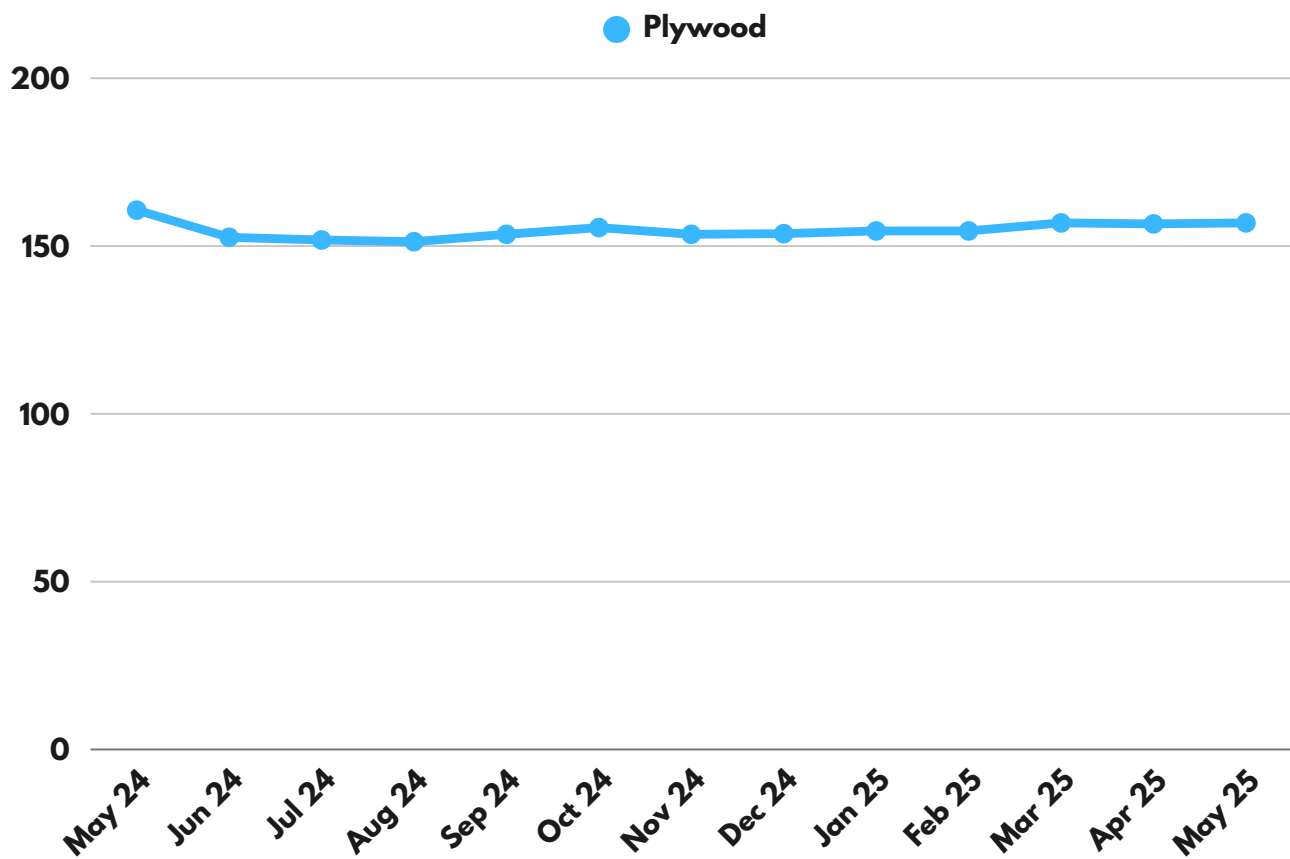


-9.3%

Annual change

Plywood - USA

USA Producer Prices – Plywood - Index

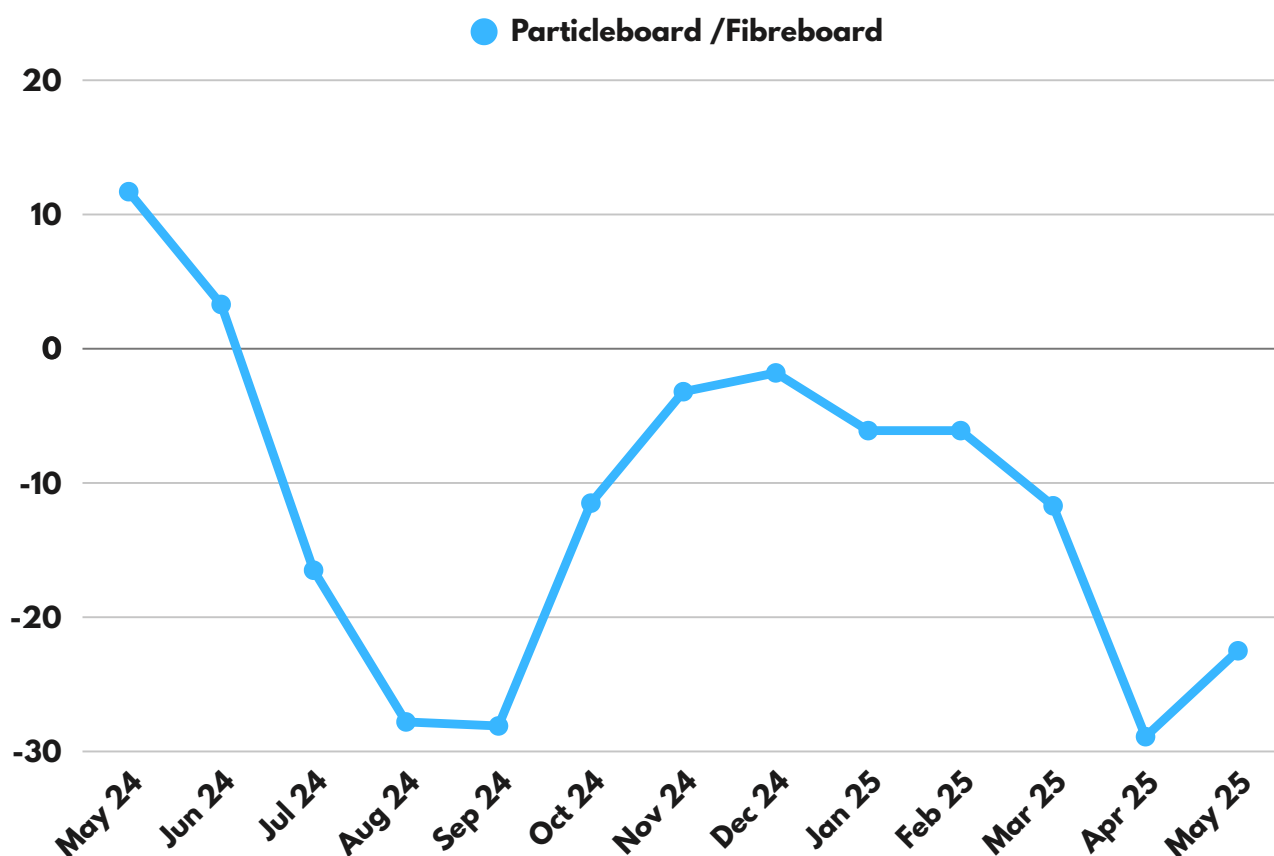


-2.4%

Annual change

Particleboard and fiberboard - USA

Particleboard and fiberboard - 12-Month Percent Change



 - 22.5% Annual change

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