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Dry Whey - Western Europe

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SWEET WHEY POWDER:

In Western Europe, sweet whey powder prices pre-fourth of July holiday firmed, reaching the highest of the year. However, prices remain below levels one year ago. Cheese production is leading to more whey. However, drying capacity is also in demand for skim milk powder. This means that while more whey is available, whey powder is not as available as may be desired. Some buyers are seeking liquid whey as a result. All of this is helping push prices of whey powder up at a time when some EU sellers expect export demand to increase.

Europe is one of the two primary sources for whey exports globally. There is increased EU interest in the potential for increasing exports to China, following the imposition by China of tariffs on U.S. whey imports. However, it is not certain what volumes are available for increased whey exports, even if the pricing is mutually agreeable. Some EU observers believe that EU whey is often the first choice for most whey importers, with the U.S. left to filling orders that the EU lacks capacity to fill. However, with EU cheese inventories being tight, if more milk can be diverted into cheese production, and drying capacity can become available, there could be more E.U. whey available to export to China. Currently the company which receives China import data from China Customs and then sells the data, has 'delayed' the release of import data. Thus, official final China sources April import data is not available. Eucolait has estimated the data, using mirror statistics based on data released by exporting countries.

Prices for: Western Europe, All First Sales, Free on Board - Port, Conventional, and Edible Dry Whey

Price Range - Non-Hygroscopic; \$/MT: 925 - 1,025

Information for the period June 25 - July 6, 2018, issued biweekly

Secondary Sourced Information:

That data estimates January-April 2018 China whey imports, 180,116 MT, to be up 10.3 percent from the previous year. Data through March 2018 identifies the United States, providing 75,422 MT, as the source of 55.4 percent. The next two largest source countries are France, providing 10.8 percent, and Netherlands, 8.7 percent.

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