

Whole Milk Powder - Oceania

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Whole milk powder prices in Oceania are slightly lower to steady. The market tone is essentially steady, both in the near term and for contracts looking ahead several months. Current WMP pricing compared with one year ago, showing the change in the low end of the price range, then in the top end, is even-\$50.00 higher. Most buyers and sellers do not expect much price change to occur now through the end of the milk season in New Zealand.

In this market most buyers have been contracted for a while. Most current production is destined to fill contract obligations. The spot market is limited, but spot market buying interest is also limited because so many users contracted previously to be assured of supplies. The prevailing expectation is for WMP markets to be mostly steady in the coming weeks.

Prices for: Oceania, All First Sales, Free on Board - Port, Conventional, and Edible Whole Milk Powder

Price Range - 26% Butterfat; \$/MT: 3,250 - 3,400

Information for the period April 1 - 12, 2019, issued biweekly

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WMP exports from New Zealand January-February 2019, 314,000 MT, were up 17.1 percent from January-February 2018, according to CLAL. The table below shows the top export destinations and country percent change comparing January-February 2019 with January-February 2018.

NEW ZEALAND WMP EXPORTS
JAN-FEB 2019

DESTINATION	% CHANGE	
	2019/2018	MT
China	+40.5	80,217
Algeria	-9.3	38,984
Bangladesh	+74.0	22,401
Sri Lanka	-11.4	15,210

WMP imports by China January-February 2019, 233,000 MT, increased 24.5 percent from January-February 2018, according to CLAL. New Zealand overwhelmingly dominates the top ten sources, with Australia, Uruguay, the United States, and European countries providing the balance. The United States ranked tenth among the top ten sources.

At GDT event 233 on April 2, the WMP all contracts price, \$3,287, decreased 1.3 percent. The May contract price, \$3,304, increased 0.3 percent. One year ago, the WMP all contracts price was \$3,278 and the May contract was \$3,289.

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