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Skim Milk Powder - Europe

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Western European skim milk powder prices firmed. The highest prices are reported from plants in Germany, followed by France and Netherlands. Sources from some plants report increased buying interest. Often that is leading to resistance from buyers as to what price sellers expect. While the hit on Western European milk production from the recent heat wave has abated, SMP manufacturers are still catching up on production.

That leaves asking prices a bit higher than some buyers like. Many contracts through 2020 and into 2021 point to additional SMP price firming. That is giving some confidence to manufacturers in holding close to asking prices. Buyers who can wait and see are not sure how long to wait. Buyers not covered for Q4 2020 do not have much longer to get stocked and manufacturers say that some regular buyers are not yet covered. The SMP market is shaking itself out. SMP will be available but pricing is still a sticking point for some participants.

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

Price Range - 1.25% Butterfat; \$/MT: 2,525 - 2,725

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