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Whole Milk Powder - Oceania

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Prices for whole milk powder in Oceania firmed. Recent prices have been up and down to a degree, so price strength as peak production is near at hand is encouraging. Some dairy analysts have expected recent price ups and downs.

China is the dominant customer for New Zealand WMP exports. Some analysts believe China is more inclined to close deals with New Zealand for WMP when it needs products, than some Mid-Eastern countries that are at times more price cautious. China is believed to feel as if COVID is generally controlled there. That has led to more buying activity and thus, some resulting current price strength.

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

Price Range - 26% Butterfat; \$/MT: 2,950 - 3,050

Information for the period September 14 - 25, 2020, issued biweekly

Secondary Sourced Information:

New Zealand WMP exports January - July 2020, 875,000 MT, decreased 3.1 percent from January - July 2019, according to CLAL data made available to USDA. The main export destinations January - July 2020, quantities, and percent change YTD, were China, 291,590 MT, +1.4 percent; Algeria, 58,410 MT, -22.4 percent; and Sri Lanka, 48,628 MT, -4.6 percent.

WMP exports from Australia January - July 2020, 20,000 MT, decreased 21.8 percent from January - July 2019, according to CLAL data made available to USDA. The main export destinations January - July 2020, quantities, and percent change YTD, were China, 9,998 MT, -9.9 percent; Thailand, 4,105 MT, -3.6 percent; and Singapore, 1,863 MT, -7.1 percent.

At GDT event 268 on September 15, 2020, the whole milk powder all contracts price, \$2,985, increased 3.2 percent. The October contract, \$3,039, increased 3.6 percent.

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