PLASTIC MARKETS
UPDATE

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CURRENT CONDITIONS

- Overall-export markets are not as robust
- Domestic prices soft
- Growing interest in circular economy
- Strong interest in sustainability/design for recyclability
- Economy holding steady
- Investments in domestic infrastructure
CURRENT DRIVERS

DEMAND
STEADY DEMAND
GLUT OF VIRGIN HD IN NORTH AMERICA

SUPPLY/QUALITY
FOR MIXED PLASTICS-MORE SUPPLY THAN CAPACITY TO SORT
QUALITY ISSUE ON COMMODITY GRADES/NOT JUST LOW END MATERIALS
LOTS OF FIBER AND METAL IN THE PLASTIC LOADS (COMING IN TO OUR PLANTS)

INTERNATIONAL POLICY
EASY EXPORTING ESSENTIALLY STALLED INVESTMENTS, GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO SORT MIXED POLYMERS OR LOWER GRADE MATERIALS
PRICES

FROM APRIL 17 PLASTICS RECYCLING UPDATE:

HDPE NATURAL PRICES FROM ONE YEAR AGO VS TODAY (DOWN)

HDPE COLOR PRICES FROM ONE YEAR AGO VS TODAY (DOWN)

PP PRICES FROM ONE YEAR AGO VS TODAY (DOWN)

PET PRICES-CONSTANT
NEW YORK (NE USA/Maritimes)  
Plastics Natural HDPE (Baled, ¢/lb, picked up)  

Pricing History
HD Color
Plastics PET (Baled, ¢/lb, picked up)

Pricing History

[Graph showing pricing history for PET]
WHAT CAN THE MRF DO....

- KNOWLEDGE OF MARKET DYNAMICS
- LISTEN TO FEEDBACK
- QUALITY
- EDUCATION-IT STARTS AT THE CURB!
QUALITY/PRICES
OUTLOOK

- GOOD/STRONG
- INVESTMENTS IN DRIVING DEMAND/INFRASTRUCTURE
- NEW MARKETS WILL COME ON LINE (BUT THEY WILL NOT OPEN OVER NIGHT)
- SOME UNCERTAINTY BUT OVERALL VERY OPTIMISTIC
- RECYCLING IS NOT DEAD-JUST NEW CHALLENGES