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ResourceWise U.S. Unbleached Corrugated Box Cost Index™

A Cost-Based Index Designed to Support Price Adjustments in Long-Term Corrugated Contracts

The **ResourceWise U.S. Unbleached Corrugated Box Cost Index** provides an independent, cost-based reference built around those underlying economics.

The Index dynamically reflects changes in the cost structure over time rather than relying on a fixed weighting of individual inputs.

Our proprietary model combines:

- **Detailed facility intelligence:** Research on U.S. containerboard mills and corrugating facilities, including production rates, equipment, furnish, fuel mix and headcount.
- **Real-world pricing inputs:** Proprietary, transaction-based, government, and established third-party data covering the major inputs to box production.
- **Engineering-based cost models:** First-principles models estimate manufacturing costs at the individual facility level.
- **Industry-level aggregation:** Facility costs are weighted and combined to produce an industry-average measure of U.S. unbleached corrugated box cost movement.

BUILT FOR LONG-TERM CORRUGATED AGREEMENTS

The primary purpose of the ResourceWise Box Cost Index is straightforward: to give buyers and sellers who want to adjust prices based on changes in underlying industry costs a robust, data-driven reference for doing so.

The Index does not determine the price of an individual box. Corrugated products,

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service requirements, geography, margins, and customer relationships vary significantly. Instead, it measures industry cost movement, providing a common reference that buyers and suppliers can incorporate into the price adjustment mechanism they negotiate for their specific agreement.

A COMPLETE VIEW ACROSS THE CONTRACT AND PLANNING CYCLE

Official Box Cost Index: Published quarterly, the Index provides the cost movement used for contract price adjustment.

Box Cost Nowcast: The Nowcast estimates the upcoming quarterly Index using the latest available data and historical relationships between cost drivers.

18-Month Box Cost Forecast: The Forecast provides an 18-month view of expected box cost movement and the underlying drivers behind it.

WHY RESOURCEWISE?

ResourceWise has spent decades building detailed intelligence on the pulp, paper, and packaging supply chain.

That foundation includes granular asset data, engineering-based production cost models, and proprietary pricing datasets. The Box Cost Index brings those capabilities together to estimate the industry-average cost of manufacturing and delivering an unbleached corrugated box.

Give Your Corrugated Contracts a More Reliable Basis for Cost-Based Price Adjustments.

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We help our customers make better decisions by providing accurate data and analytics, which we supplement with strategic consulting. Because our markets are energy-intensive, we use our data and expertise to help our customers identify and navigate decarbonization pathways and industry-related regulatory requirements.