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Weekly Market Comments from the Northeast Resource Recovery Association

Good Afternoonō

Well I was away on Friday so I didn't get a chance to drop the good newsō **Plastics** are indeed beginning to turn around!! After 2-3 months of rather disappointing news from that front, we have seen our first price increase in months. While it's marginal (increases of a couple cents/lb for PETE, HD natural and HD mixed color), it is certainly in the right direction. What I am most eagerly waiting to see is these price increases translate into better pricing for those towns with **commingled containers**. And it will happenō but all in due time I suppose. The biggest price increase was actually for PETE plastic which is great news considering it tends to lag significantly behind the other types and at one point it was the most difficult plastic to move when considering the back-ups we were seeing. Here is to more good news.

The Yellow Sheet (**fibers** pricing) came out this week and, as expected, not much changed. Cardboard and #8 news pricing is up a bit as we have been seeing but all other fiber commodities remained stable with good movement.

We are seeing **scrap metal** pricing dropping this week across the board by \$25/gross ton while aluminum and tin can pricing is holding its own. I reiterate my comments of a few weeks ago about tin cans, however, and urge you to keep them moving with tough months ahead for that commodity.

This weekend it warmed up quite a bit and it got me thinking about all those scrap piles out there and I know the rush for pickups is right around the corner. I did want to mention that along with thinking about your scrap metal with Spring around the corner, you may also want to think of **wood grinding**. The NRRA revamped its grinding program last year and we would surely love an opportunity to assist you in this regard as well.

I thank you again and have a good week..Adam

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