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Recycling in SC

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Recycling Market Development



- Promote recycling's economic impact
- Provide staff support to Recycling Market Development Advisory Council
- Provide sustainable materials management consulting services for business and industry
- Administer strategic campaigns to advance recycling collection



Economic Impact of Recycling



\$13B

**500
Biz**



Recycling Infrastructure 1993



**1 recycled content
paper mill**



1 PET plastic reclaimer



3 textile recyclers



1 glass recycler



Recycling Infrastructure 2019



4 recycled content paper mills
1 tissue mill



**10 PET plastic reclaimers/
15 industrial plastics processors**



4 steel mills



4 textile recyclers



4 tire recyclers



3 electronics recyclers



1 glass recycler



1 carbon fiber recycler



1 zinc recycler



1 aluminum roller



Markets Calls

Paper

Carol James Gilchrist: OCC is up to \$125 went up \$40 supply is low, demand is high, export has picked up. Mixed paper \$15T, SOP \$190, Memorial Day will increase demand, July 4th will increase demand. This is just a new environment. Hartsville pulls material from Southeast. Residential collection is up 15%.

Ronnie: Production is up and collection is down.

METALS

Barry Wolfe: For ferrous metals, the May market will be up \$30-\$40 after the drop last month. Trade is slow. Optimistic that we will get to a "new normal" with momentum. ISRI Southeast Chapter meeting canceled, Fall meeting is still on.

GLASS

Chris Fisher: Restaurants are starting to come back on line slowly. You have to pay more to get rid of glass.

OIL

Bill Laursen: Give my regards and prayers of safe keeping to the group. According to the WTI (West Texas Intermediate), the oil market did rebound late last week into early this week reaching \$26.50 per barrel on Tuesday May 5, but dropped back and closed at \$24.28 yesterday (May 6). This is much better than what it was a week ago today, when it closed at \$15.06. Some reports say oil is going to take off right away and others say that the glut remains and it will be a while before any significant headway is made.

A quick glimpse around the state according to "Gas Buddy" show gas prices in the Midlands around \$1.24-\$1.29 for regular. The Upstate shows higher gas prices at \$1.41-\$1.45 and the Coast shows similar prices to that of the Upstate.

Let's hope this upturn continues for a while. Those in the know say that the \$40.00 per barrel range is the leveling off point.

LOCAL GOVT COLLECTION

Richard Chesley: Orangeburg temporarily suspended program. Only one in the office in this section, some days are swamped other days are not. DHEC continues to send out weekly surveys to collect residential recycling collection changes from local governments.

Allison: Increase of recycling tonnage because Greater Greenville Sanitation closed. Many residents are using drop off centers. Typically, staff service 2x week now 3x a week this requires additional staff hours.

CARPET

Glenn Odom: Nylon 66 dropping demand is stable, collectors will be impacted by VPS program June 1st. Scheduled PET trials at NC State these are on hold as classes are closed. Need solutions and need them fast.

COMPOST

Joseph McMillin – demand steady due to planting season; will level off in July

TEXTILES

Daniel Mason: Receiving material, manufacturers are starting to slowly get up and running, fabric companies are still not up and running.

Wes Westbrook: Running A shift only, B shift will start May 26.

National Recycling Coalition Markets Outlook Forum

Next steps: There is not another call scheduled at this time, but we will discuss having another call in May.



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Manufacturing Spotlight

LaPorte's Products is just one of hundreds of South Carolina companies retooling manufacturing operations to serve today's medical needs.

LaPorte's Products – Dorchester County



Recycling Spotlight

Thanks to Mumford Industries Inc., for answering the call for help for our state and nation during this historic COVID-19 pandemic.

Mumford Industries, Inc. – Greenwood County



Carolinas Plastic Bottle Recycling Industry



SC/NC Plastics Recycling Industry



DEMAND

SC/NC
347,500 TONS
ANNUAL
DEMAND

550,000 TONS
ESTIMATED
GENERATION

RECYCLED:
SC: 19,000 T NC:
44,000 T

SUPPLY





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Questions?

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