

EUWID Price Watch France

June 2026

Prices in € per tonne free delivered unless otherwise stated	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025
Fine paper			
Woodfree uncoated			
Copy paper 80 g A4 B grade	910 - 990	910 - 990	950 - 1,040
Copy paper 80 g A4 C grade	850 - 940	850 - 940	900 - 990
Offset sheets 80 g	940 - 1,030	940 - 1,030	980 - 1,070
Offset reels 80 g	880 - 950	880 - 950	900 - 1,000
Woodfree coated			
Sheets, double coated, 100 g	960 - 1,050	960 - 1,050	980 - 1,080
Reels, double coated, 100 g	920 - 990	920 - 990	910 - 1,020
Publication paper			
Standard newsprint 45 g	600 - 620	600 - 620	600 - 630
Standard newsprint 42 g	610 - 630	610 - 630	610 - 640
Improved newsprint ISO 68, 52 g	640 - 660	640 - 660	650 - 680
LWC offset 60 g	790 - 820	790 - 820	770 - 820
LWC rotogravure 60 g	800 - 830	800 - 830	780 - 830
SC offset 56 g (A)	670 - 700	670 - 700	670 - 710
SC rotogravure 56 g (A)	670 - 700	670 - 700	670 - 710
Corrugated case material			
Primary fibre corrugated case material			
Unbleached kraftliner 175 g+	810 - 970	810 - 910	800 - 910
Semi-chemical fluting	660 - 710	660 - 710	640 - 700
White-top kraftliner 140 g	900 - 1,050	900 - 1,010	880 - 990
Recycled corrugated case material			
Recycled fluting 100 g	670 - 705	670 - 705	680 - 705
Recycled fluting 90 g	680 - 720	680 - 720	690 - 720
Testliner II	690 - 730	690 - 730	700 - 730
Testliner III	680 - 715	680 - 715	690 - 715
White-top testliner, grade B, 140 g	720 - 780	720 - 780	720 - 790
Cartonboard			
GD II	830 - 960	830 - 960	840 - 970
GC II	1,100 - 1,295 ¹⁾	1,100 - 1,295 ¹⁾	1,140 - 1,330

¹⁾ Prices include temporary surcharges of up to €35/t.

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ers in Europe to be around 87 per cent. To increase this figure, the corrugated board market would need to grow, but such growth is not currently in sight. Market participants report a slight year-on-year decline in corrugated board sales figures in Europe during the first half of the year. In order to reduce the current overcapacity, moderate growth of 2-3 per cent per annum would be required over the next few years. Economic growth remains subdued at present due to the consequences of the war in Iran, and the recent slight rise in inflation is also having an impact on consumer behaviour.

A better balance between output capacity and demand can therefore only be achieved through further plant closures, something that has already taken place on a large scale over the past two and a half years. Industry players see a further need for closures, some of which are expected in the near future, particularly as new production capacity comes on stream.

On the cost side, manufacturers in France report that waste paper prices stagnated in June. Freight costs have risen slightly in some areas, so some ex-works prices have been adjusted accordingly, although this had little overall impact.

Higher GC board prices not yet implemented throughout the market

On the French cartonboard markets, the month of June in many ways represented a continuation of May. The price hike for GC 2 announced by producers of fresh-fibre board (folding boxboard – FBB) is still being implemented in several cases. In the recycled board (white-lined chipboard – WLC) segment, by contrast, the price step for GD 2 has already gone through for the most part.

In June, market participants reported relatively stable demand for FBB and WLC in France. While they were not seeing any decline, there was no improvement either. "Demand is neither good nor

bad," summarised one GC board producer. Some market participants had experienced slightly higher order intake in recent months, which they attributed to customers ordering more ahead of price increases, while others did not notice any marked difference. In June, however, such a trend was barely mentioned anymore. On the whole, the demand trend seen in recent months continued on a similar trajectory for both cartonboard grades. Some producers added that their delivery volumes were also broadly in line with last year's levels.

Despite the lack of new demand impetus and generally weak consumption, price hikes for cartonboard are being implemented or have already been achieved. With the start of the conflicts in the Middle East and rising energy prices in March, producers urgently needed to raise their sales prices to pass these costs along to their customers. In their price hike announcements, they cited not

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