

EUWID Price Watch Italy

April 2026

Prices in € per tonne free delivered unless otherwise stated	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025
Fine paper			
Woodfree uncoated			
Copy paper 80 g A4 B grade	910 - 980	880 - 960	960 - 1,050
Copy paper 80 g A4 C grade	790 - 880	760 - 860	850 - 970
Offset sheets 80 g	900 - 970	870 - 940	960 - 1,050
Offset reels 80 g	800 - 880	770 - 860	870 - 970
Woodfree coated			
Sheets, double coated, 100 g	950 - 1,040	910 - 990	980 - 1,100
Reels, double coated, 100 g	860 - 950	820 - 900	890 - 990
Publication paper			
Standard newsprint 45 g	565 - 615	565 - 590	590 - 620
Standard newsprint 42 g	575 - 625	575 - 600	600 - 630
Improved newsprint ISO 68, 52 g	590 - 635	590 - 610	620 - 640
LWC offset 60 g	720 - 790	720 - 750	740 - 780
SC offset 56 g (A)	620 - 660	620 - 640	640 - 670
SC offset 52 g (A)	630 - 670	630 - 650	650 - 680
Corrugated case material			
Primary fibre corrugated case material			
Unbleached kraftliner 175 g+, European quality	620 - 650	620 - 650	650 - 680
White-top kraftliner 140 g, European quality	770 - 820	770 - 820	790 - 850
Recycled corrugated case material			
Recycled fluting, European quality	400 - 410	340 - 350	410 - 430
Testliner II, European quality	440 - 450	380 - 390	450 - 465
Testliner III, European quality	410 - 420	350 - 360	420 - 440
White-top testliner, grade C, 140 g, European quality	530 - 550	490 - 510	530 - 560
Medium, Italian quality	350 - 360	290 - 300	360 - 370
Testliner IV, Italian quality	360 - 370	300 - 310	370 - 380
Cartonboard			
GD II	560 - 650	560 - 630	620 - 690
GD III	530 - 590	530 - 570	580 - 630
GC II	930 - 1,080	930 - 1,080	1,000 - 1,150

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menting this throughout the market, so as not to lose any volumes to their competitors. EUWID respondents from both sides of the market say, however, that they have already agreed to raise prices for the entire range of primary fibre-based corrugated case material grades in May. These increases reportedly range between €30-60/t.

Unbleached kraftliner from the US is also becoming more expensive: Suppliers implemented a price adjustment of €20-30/t for production in April. A further price step of a similar size is slated to follow for production in May.

In line with the typical trend at this time of year, demand for kraftliner is improving. Customers have positive expectations for the fruit and vegetable season now underway, bolstering the industry's hopes for a decent year for primary fibre-based corrugated case material. European producers want to take advantage of this to further firm up their position in the Italian market. Last year, amid declining availability of brown kraftliner volumes from the USA, new opportunities had

opened up, say some producers, who now want to continue pursuing these.

However, European producers are not the only ones interested. EUWID respondents report a growing presence of Brazilian suppliers in the market and anticipate volumes from this country will grow again this year – not least because these are made easier by the Mercosur trade agreement. One indication of this is that a Brazilian company is establishing structures to ensure better customer service and more reliable deliveries, commented one buyer.

Surprisingly, players in the Italian corrugated board sector have only few complaints when asked about demand development in the first three or four months of this year. However, their concerns centre around the future development of corrugated case material prices. Some of the price increases have apparently been passed along by producers of corrugated sheets, but transferring these higher costs to consumers via corrugated box prices is proving more difficult.

Limited implementation of price increases for cartonboard in April

There were diverging trends on the Italian markets for white-lined chipboard and folding boxboard during the first quarter. While suppliers of recycled fibre-based board experienced decent demand and higher delivery volumes, this was contrasted by a significant decrease in deliveries of GC board in the first quarter in Italy. This is also explains the positioning of the board producers at the beginning of the second quarter and is reflected in how they approached the current price round for deliveries as of April.

Various producers of GD board announced price hikes of up to 10 per cent, effective for deliveries from the beginning of April. The implementation of these price demands and the consolidation of the new prices is expected to take a bit longer, but manufacturers have little doubt that this price round will prove at least partially successful. In

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