Wisconsin Recycled Materials Seller's Price Database
Data Collection Project

REPORT: Market Price Graphs by Material 2007 to 2011

The Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center began collecting data in 1995 concerning the price paid for recovered materials to Material Recovery Facilities (MRF). Prices are collected via a monthly survey of participating MRF and recycling program managers. This project relies upon these voluntary participants to accurately report the price they are paid for each of the 18 types of materials they may offer for sale. Data is checked for anomalies, but is considered to be representative of what is happening in the marketplace.

This data collection project has continued through changes in staff both at SHWEC and at the MRFs surveyed. Due to SHWEC funding issues the project was continued for a period of time by the Midwest Recycling Association. During transition periods there are some months were data was not collected. While this has created some gaps in the data, long term trends can still be observed.

SHWEC wishes to thank all who have contributed to this project over the years.

Prices listed in the data tables and graphs are in dollars/ton FOB seller. The price listed for each material represents the average of prices reported by month.

Questions regarding this project can be direct toward the current project manager.

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Price Paid for Metals - Wisconsin MRFs

- **Aluminum$/ton**
- **Steel$/ton**

- **Jan-07**
- **Apr-07**
- **Jul-07**
- **Oct-07**
- **Jan-08**
- **Apr-08**
- **Jul-08**
- **Oct-08**
- **Jan-09**
- **Apr-09**
- **Jul-09**
- **Oct-09**
- **Jan-10**
- **Apr-10**
- **Jul-10**
- **Oct-10**
- **Jan-11**
- **Apr-11**
- **Jul-11**
- **Oct-11**

Graph showing price paid for metals over time.
Price Paid for Plastic - Wisconsin MRFs

Plastic #1 - #7
HDPE - Mixed
HDPE - Color
HDPE - Clear
PET