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Commodity resin trading remained busy; relatively high volumes of resin changed hands and prices were generally firmer. While Polyethylene transactions continue to outnumber Polypropylene, improved PP availability made for a better balance. Polyethylene contracts will be steady in Nov and producers will instead pursue their \$.05/lb price increase in Dec. Polypropylene contracts should see an increase between \$.01-.03/lb depending on producers' ability to expand margins. While inquiries from international traders continue to stream in, the strong US dollar is complicating high volume export sales through the secondary market.

The major energy markets all fell in active trading. WTI Crude Oil transacted in a wide 11% range and again ended the week just off the lows. The December futures contract dropped 4 out of 5 days, shedding a net \$3.55/bbl to settle Friday at \$40.74/bbl. Dec Brent Oil futures, which are set to expire, lost a hefty \$3.81/bbl to end the week at \$43.61/bbl. Natural Gas futures were down all week, but recovered a dime on Friday to erase most of the losses. The Dec contract headed into the weekend at \$2.361/mmBtu, off just a penny. Spot Ethane eased a half-cent to \$.18/gal (\$.076/lb); Propane lost \$.035/gal, 8%, to end the week at \$.41/gal (\$.116/lb).

The spot Ethylene market saw reduced activity and pricing held within a small range. While a few crackers remain offline for maintenance, supply and demand appear to be fairly balanced. Ethylene for November delivery changed hands flat at \$.235/lb and spent much of the week with light selling interest and few buyers. The market was offered lower and most recently sold at \$.22/lb, down \$.015/lb for the week. There was moderate interest in Ethylene for 2016 and the contango shape of Ethylene's forward curve steepened; the March 2016 peak is now just shy of \$.26/lb, approaching a \$.04/lb premium to the prompt price.

The spot Polyethylene market was very busy; while the flow of offers was somewhat reduced, a high percentage of trading opportunities were completed and prices rose \$.005/lb across the board. Transactions were concentrated in the LDPE and LLDPE film grades and to a lesser extent HDPE blow molding. Asking prices for domestic offgrade railcars were a bit higher, Generic Prime availability was limited and some materials like Fractional melt LDPE were outright hard to source. Houston inventories have thinned and with Crude prices within shouting distance of \$40/bbl, traders are seeking back-to-back transactions rather than looking to procure speculative material. PE contracts have been down a net \$.13/lb during 2015, producers will try to pare the losses by implementing the delayed \$.05/lb in December.

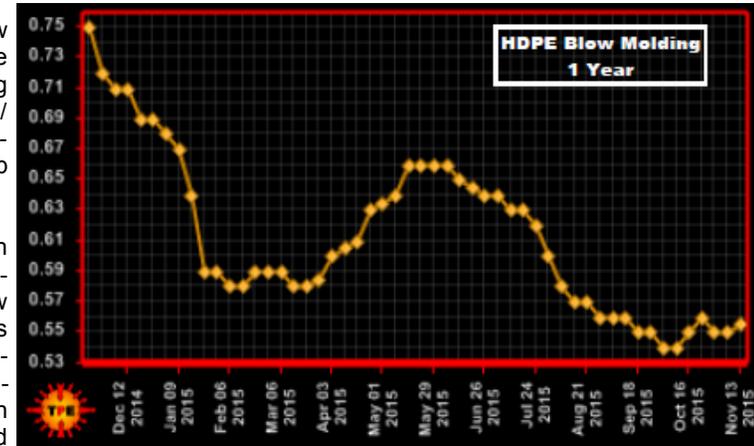
The Propylene market saw very little action; bids and offers did not deviate far from the \$.29/lb level where spot PGP last transacted in the previous week. November PGP contracts did find settlement with a penny gain to \$.315/lb, which is exactly \$.40/lb below the \$.715/lb price of Nov 2014 – what a difference a year makes. The PGP forward curve has flattened considerably, PGP can currently be procured for any of the next 12 months within a penny of the prompt price.

Polypropylene trading was much better and prices edged a half-cent higher; while supplies are still spotty, liquidity has improved. November PP contracts will rise at least the penny increase seen for Nov PGP contracts, plus any additional production margin that can be garnered. Although spot and contract prices have been converging, there are no truly great deals to be had. Aside from typical small buyers, processors are mostly coming to the spot market to fill in gaps due to insufficient direct supply or delayed railcars. PP exports are primarily limited to the natural Mexican market as well as rough widespec shipping to the India and Asian regions.

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Market Update — November 13th, 2015

Total Offers 12,136,720 lbs		Spot		Contract	
Resin	Total lbs	Low	High	Bid	Offer
LLDPE - Film	2,108,048	\$ 0.540	\$ 0.600	\$ 0.525	\$ 0.565
PP Copo - Inj	1,938,024	\$ 0.590	\$ 0.660	\$ 0.615	\$ 0.655
HDPE - Blow Mold	1,810,828	\$ 0.530	\$ 0.590	\$ 0.515	\$ 0.555
HDPE - Inj	1,702,760	\$ 0.540	\$ 0.590	\$ 0.515	\$ 0.555
LLDPE - Inj	1,187,288	\$ 0.580	\$ 0.620	\$ 0.565	\$ 0.605
HMMWPE - Film	1,071,840	\$ 0.530	\$ 0.585	\$ 0.525	\$ 0.565
PP Homo	808,368	\$ 0.570	\$ 0.670	\$ 0.595	\$ 0.635
LDPE - Film	776,828	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.620	\$ 0.545	\$ 0.585
LDPE - Inj	732,736	\$ 0.570	\$ 0.615	\$ 0.585	\$ 0.625



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