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AMINO ACIDS

With the exception of lysine, most amino acid market trends are stable to weaker. Good supply and timely shipments from international markets are keeping prices in check.

Lysine – Additional tariffs on non-domestic lysine were recently announced of nearly 40% that will impact imports as early as late January. Also, the antidumping announcement is expected in early March which could add additional tariffs. Experts predict price trends until all tariffs are finalized will be firm.

Tryptophan – Continues to show weakness given available supply from both domestic and non-domestic producers. Expect this market trend to continue.

Methionine – A major domestic supplier has announced a planned production shutdown for March. Expect the market to remain stable through Q1.

Valine/Threonine – Both are showing similar market signals with steady demand and ample to over supply keeping prices in check. Expectations are these trends will continue.

INGREDIENT	Price Trend: 1 Month	Price Trend: 3 Month	Supply Availability
LYSINE	↑	↑	GOOD
THREONINE	→ ↓	→ ↓	GOOD
METHIONINE	→	→	GOOD
TRYPTOPHAN	↓	↓	GOOD
VALINE	→	→	GOOD

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MINERALS

Most trace minerals continue to show a firm trend, especially those being imported from outside the US. As demand has been stable to increasing, prices have responded accordingly.

Monocalcium Phosphate – Little to report for the time being as pricing is set for the quarter. Experts predict with planting planned during Q2; prices will be stable to even higher by spring.

Zinc – Market price trends continue to show strength given low supply levels of raw material. The hope has been prices will stabilize during Q1; however, this does not appear to be the case. Expectations are prices will remain firm through Q1.

INGREDIENT	Price Trend: 1 Month	Price Trend: 3 Month	Supply Availability
MONOCALCIUM PHOSPHATE	→	→↑	GOOD
ZINC OXIDE	↑	→↑	GOOD
COPPER SULFATE	↑	→↑	GOOD

DAIRY POWDERS

Dairy powder demand remains strong for both domestic and international markets. With this trend continuing, market prices remain bullish with no short-term end in sight.

Whey Permeate – Steady to firm price trend continues to drive the market.

Whey – Price trends are at recent historically high levels with tight supply availability for feed.

Lactose – Continues to be bullish with producers running at production capacities.

INGREDIENT	Price Trend: 1 Month	Price Trend: 3 Month	Supply Availability
WHEY PERMEATE	→↑	→↑	GOOD
LACTOSE	↑	↑	TIGHT
WHEY	↑	↑	TIGHT

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VITAMINS

Across the vitamin category there have been no significant changes in supply or pricing to report. Producers would like to see prices move higher as most have been at low levels for several months. BASF is bringing vitamins E and A more cautiously back to the market and planning to increase supply throughout the year.

Vitamin E – Market is showing signs of reaching the bottom of the price trend as suppliers are offering at higher price levels for supply replacement.

Vitamin A – Weak price trends appear to be slowing from historic low-price levels.

Vitamin D – The market has finally peaked as additional producers are aggressively working to sell product pushing the market lower. Expect a slow trend of weaker prices to continue.

B Vitamins – Little change overall with market prices holding steady. Producers are anxious to see price increases.

INGREDIENT	Price Trend: 1 Month	Price Trend: 3 Month	Supply Availability
VITAMIN E	↑	→	GOOD
VITAMIN A	→ ↓	→	GOOD
CAL PAN	→	→	GOOD
NIACIN	→	↑	GOOD
D3 500	↓	↓	GOOD

MEDICATED ADDITIVES

Elanco announced a general market increase to select products including Denagard and Tylan. Increases vary by product while approximately 1-2% overall.