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TRADE AND TARIFFS

As the war between the US and Iran continues, the biggest impact being felt with global trade is through global freight rates. With costs of energy remaining at high levels, rates to move goods around the world will continue to increase. Domestically, many suppliers are forced to increase prices given fuel costs. Until a resolution is reached between both countries, expect these rising freight prices to continue.

AMINO ACIDS

Over the past several weeks, with the exception of methionine amino acid market prices have stabilized to even decreased. With supplies increasing, producers are becoming more ambitious to make purchase agreements for Q3. Buyers have been slow to take long term positions fearing prices could decrease during the summer months. Expert predictions are stable to weaker market conditions will continue.

For methionine, decreased supply from key producers has led to sharply increased prices recently. This has caused the market supply to quickly tighten. At this point, expectations are the current trend will continue for the next 60 days.

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

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MINERALS

The market trend for trace minerals continues to bullish due to a combination of increasing raw material costs, higher freight costs and strong demand. Copper remains firm as demand is steadily outpacing supply for all sectors of consumer markets. Zinc has shown a steadier tone for the time being while under pressure with increasing global logistics costs. Monocalcium phosphate market prices have increased up to $40/ton from at least one key domestic supplier.

This is based upon raw material costs increases. As we move through the summer months, until energy costs stabilize, expect trace mineral market prices to remain firm.

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

DAIRY POWDERS

The trend for dairy powders overall continues to be firm based upon continued strong demand.

Permeate is generally steady as buyers are contracted through the quarter leaving only small quantities for spot buyers. As we near the end of the quarter, the market direction will become clearer in the coming weeks.

Lactose remains tight in supply with demand outpacing supply. Prices continue to move higher as producers run at capacity levels, only supporting contract customers. Expect this trend to continue as buyers negotiate for Q3.

Whey, although pressured with continued strong demand for high proteins has seen some price stability over the past few weeks. As milk production is decreased during the summer months, expectations are supplies will remain tight keeping prices no lower than current levels.

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

VITAMINS

Overall, the vitamin market has seen a quiet tone over the last month. The trend of firming prices has slowed as supplies have supported demand of late. As we move into the summer months of decreased demand, expectations are prices will remain stable.

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