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Spain cartonboard commentary: FBB, WLC prices carried over into December

By Andrea Venturini - Thursday 18 December

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Fastmarkets' assessment of the [cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard \(GD2\) 300 g, free delivered Spain](#), was €680-720 per tonne on December 1, also unchanged from a month earlier.

The cartonboard market continued to be oversupplied in December, with board demand still on low levels, sources said.

Italy cartonboard commentary: FBB, WLC prices flat in December

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Prices for both folding boxboard (FBB) and white-lined chipboard (WLC) remained mostly stable in December in Italy, although cheap spot offers in the market continued.

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Cartonboard demand continued to be feeble during the month, according to sources.

Suzano sets price increases for paper exports to Europe, effective February

By Marina Faleiros - Friday 19 December

Brazil's Suzano is talking to customers in Europe about a 5-8% price increase for all its uncoated and coated woodfree (UWF and CWF) paper lines, effective February 1, 2026.

The price hike also includes its exports of paperboard and white top liner to the continent.

The company runs four printing and writing paper mills in Brazil with a combined capacity of 1 million tonnes per year, as well as 200,000 tpy of paperboard, while its US operations in Pine Bluff can produce 420,000 tpy of paperboard annually.

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Bodega Matarromera, Pago de Carraovejas and Ence's joint project VINEBOX named finalist for 2025 PTV Innovation Award

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The jury recognizes the joint project Bodega Matarromera, Pago de Carraovejas and Ence – Energía y Celulosa to valorize vine pruning waste in paper/cardboard demonstrators applicable to boxes and labels.

The VINEBOX project has been named a finalist for the 2025 PTV (Wine Technology Platform) Innovation Award in the Consortium R&D&I Project category, for its submission "Use of vine prunings for paper and cardboard manufacturing. VINEBOX". This recognition highlights the collaborative work

of Ence, Bodega Matarromera, and Pago de Carraovejas to promote circular economy solutions applied to the wine sector.

VINEBOX is a collaborative research and development project focused on the comprehensive and cascading valorization of grapevine pruning waste (vine shoots) to obtain renewable cellulose pulp and, from this pulp, validate paper and cardboard demonstrators. The practical objective is for these materials to be used in wine packaging boxes and labels, closing the loop from vineyard to packaging.

The approach addresses a real challenge for vineyards: the proper management of pruning waste, proposing a higher value-added alternative to traditional options. Within this framework, the project aligns with regulatory requirements that limit the burning of plant waste in agricultural areas and proposes a technological path that combines sustainability and industrial applicability. The consortium's progress has demonstrated the technical feasibility of using raw material from recycled vine shoots to produce paper with suitable properties for use in labels and cardboard boxes, while maintaining the required strength and durability.

"Being finalists in the PTV reinforces a simple idea: what is today a pruning waste can become a renewable, useful and verifiable raw material for boxes

and labels, without losing sight of the technical viability and the real application in the winery,” say the spokespeople for the VINEBOX project.

The VINEBOX project was developed between 01/06/2022 and 30/11/2024 (ID IDI-20221020) and is co-financed by FEDER 2021–2027, with support from CDTI Innovation.

Pro Carton names RDM Group and Lucaprint as first sponsors for 2026 Pro Carton Young Designers Award

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Pro Carton has named the first sponsors for its 2026 Pro Carton Young Designers Award, marking continued industry investment in the next generation of packaging talent.

RDM Group and Lucaprint S.p.A have been confirmed as sponsors of the PCYDA 2026 Training Days, with the award ceremony set to take place in Rome in September. As part of their support, the companies will jointly host the award winners on a three-day educational visit to their production facilities in Italy.

The programme offers emerging designers direct exposure to cartonboard manufacturing and converting processes, bridging the gap between design education and industrial practice.

The sponsorship reflects growing recognition within the packaging sector of the value in connecting design students with manufacturing expertise early in their careers, helping to ensure thinking is both creative and commercially viable.

Following the success of the 2025 initiative – which saw Pro Carton Young Designers Award (PCYDA) winners take an exclusive, educational trip hosted by Van Genechten Packaging and FOLBB Group – the award continues to gain momentum and expects over 1,000 students from across Europe to participate in the upcoming edition.

RDM Group brings insight into recycled cartonboard manufacturing

Located in the Belluno province, Italy, the RDM Group’s Santa Giustina mill specialises in the production of recycled cartonboard (WLC - White Lined Chipboard). It’s here that the students will learn about using recovered fibre to support a circular economy model for packaging. RDM Group will showcase to the winning students how sustainable material sourcing and world-class manufacturing processes contribute to a greener planet.

Michele Bianchi, CEO of RDM Group: "Supporting young designers is a vital step towards shaping a sustainable future. By bridging education and industry, we encourage fresh ideas and innovation that will define tomorrow’s packaging solutions. We are excited to open our doors and share the RDM Group’s commitment to the circular economy with the PCYDA 2026 winners."

Lucaprint S.p.A tour to share converting knowledge

Located in Pianezze, Vicenza province, Italy, Lucaprint S.p.A. has been operating in the carton-converting sector for over 70 years, specialising in fully recyclable consumer packaging made from environmentally sustainable materials. During their visit, students will gain hands-on insight into innovative packaging solutions across sectors, including food, industrial, wine & spirits, pharmaceutical, and healthcare & beauty.

Alberto Luca, President of Lucaprint S.p.A said: "Investing in emerging designers and nurturing fresh creative perspectives is essential to bringing true innovation to the market. Empowering the next generation and encouraging imaginative thinking is how we help our industry grow and evolve."

2026 award opportunities

Entries for the Pro Carton Young Designers Award 2026 will officially open in January 2026 and will run through to May 2026.

The prestigious Pro Carton and European Carton Makers Association (ECMA) Awards Gala will be held in Rome, on 17 September 2026, part of the annual ECMA Congress programme running from 16 – 18 September, where the young winners will be celebrated amongst the industry elite.

Pro Carton’s commitment to talent extends across its whole group of awards. The wider sponsoring programme for the European Carton Excellence Award (ECEA) and the Pro Carton Student Video Award (PCSVa) will be revealed in the coming months.

Winfried Muehling, Director of Marketing and Communications at Pro Carton, said: “We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from leading companies like RDM Group and Lucaprint S.p.A. Their commitment to hosting the winners’ trip transforms the PCYDA from a competition into a genuine career launchpad for Europe’s most promising talent. We’re looking forward to another year of exceptional creativity from students, supported by industry partners who recognise the importance of investing in the future-generation.”

Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

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FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	990 - 1230	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	990 - 1230
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	685 - 740	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	685 - 740
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	665 - 735	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	665 - 735

Boxboard/Cartonboard Germany Markets

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

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FP-CBB-0104	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	980 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	980 - 1240
FP-CBB-0105	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	680 - 720	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	680 - 720

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

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FP-CBB-0102	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	990 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	990 - 1240
FP-CBB-0103	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	660 - 715	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	660 - 715

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0094	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Dec 2025	990 - 1180	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	990 - 1180
FP-CBB-0095	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	1127 - 1343	-3.5 (-0.28%)	Dec 2025	1127 - 1343
FP-CBB-0096	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Dec 2025	685 - 765	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	685 - 765
FP-CBB-0097	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	780 - 871	-2 (-0.24%)	Dec 2025	780 - 871