

Fibre Box Association (FBA) Data Services Reports

Since 1940, we've been providing the corrugated industry with meaningful information about shipments, containerboard production, consumption and inventory. In addition, we've added valuable benchmarking reports through the years including the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Survey, Sheet Plant Operating Ratio Survey, Productivity and Waste Survey, and our Labor Program. Most recently, we've added reports that provide top-line data and news on industry hot topics including e-commerce and labor, and information on the effort by companies and government organizations around the world to reduce single-use plastics.

But like the numbers, our reports don't remain static. We're continually working to enhance the data we provide to our members. Below is a brief description of each of the reports we offer:

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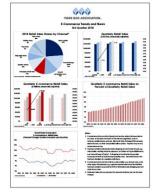
Corrugated Trade Report for Knock Down Boxes



The *Corrugated Trade Report for Knock Down Boxes* provides corrugated trade statistics and analysis, including key messages about the data in a bullet point format, on a quarterly basis.

International trade of corrugated packaging makes a significantly positive contribution to the U.S. balance of trade. Corrugated packaging exports amounted to more than \$1.2 billion in 2018. The Corrugated Trade Report was created to allow members to monitor trends in this growing segment of the corrugated market.

E-Commerce Trends and News



The *E-Commerce Trends and News* report provides top-line data and news on U.S. e-commerce activity in the form of charts, graphs and links to relevant information from the U.S. Census Bureau and media outlets.

Issued quarterly, the report includes charts and graphs on retail sales by channel, quarterly retail sales, quarterly e-commerce retail sales, quarterly e-commerce retail sales as a percent of quarterly retail sales, and a growth rate comparison between e-commerce and retail sales. In addition, gathered news from each quarter is summarized with links to articles and other information.

Economic Trends and Outlook for Corrugated Products



The *Economic Trends and Outlook for Corrugated Products* report contains both a U.S. and Canadian economic overview and information about several box consuming markets. Information is available for end-use markets such as meat and poultry, produce, dairy, cereals, beverages, and other food products plus durables and other non-durable goods. The report also includes a view of economic activity in each of the six FBA reporting areas.

The report, published twice a year in February and July/August, is produced exclusively for FBA by Richard Storat and Associates and is only available to FBA members. Opinions and forecasts expressed in the report are those of Storat and Associates and do not necessarily reflect the views of FBA.

International Corrugated Packaging Industry Statistics



The *Worldwide Corrugated Packaging Industry Statistics Report* shows corrugated production/shipments by country and region as compiled by the International Corrugated Case Association (ICCA), of which FBA is a member.

Global Corrugated Forecast



The *Global Corrugated Forecast* addresses economic and business prospects along with key factors influencing corrugated demand and provides forecasts of corrugated production by country for six regions around the world: North America, Europe, the Pacific Rim, Asia, Central and South America, and Other Regions (including Australia, Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia). New to the 2017 report are identified "hot spots" and "unique activities", notably the influence of consumers and retailers, on corrugated demand.

North American Containerboard Demand Report



The North American Containerboard Demand Report provides data for Canadian and U.S. production, shipments, inventory and apparent demand for containerboard as data points and graphs. The report is provided through cooperation with the American Forest and Paper Association (AF&PA) and Paper Packaging Canada (PPC) and is issued monthly to FBA members.

North American Corrugated Industry Bulletin



The *North American Corrugated Industry Bulletin* provides data for Canadian and U.S. shipments, consumption and inventory as data points and graphs. The report is being provided in cooperation with the Canadian Corrugated Containerboard Association (CCCA) and is issued monthly to FBA members.

U.S. Corrugated Industry Statistics (Quarterly Report)



The *U.S. Corrugated Industry Statistics* reports data on MSF shipments for the total industry broken down by the 25 FBA regions within 6 FBA reporting areas. The report also includes data on dollar value and price indexes, as well as, containerboard consumption, inventory and mill production. Data is included for each month and year-to-date compared to the previous year.

The report includes graphs with accompanying key message bullet points on U.S. corrugated shipments, U.S. corrugated box exports, U.S. month-end containerboard inventories, box shipments vs. U.S. production of nondurable goods, purchasing managers' index, purchasing managers' new orders index, industrial production of non-durable consumer goods, box shipments per unit of U.S. industrial production, non-durable goods trade deficit, inventory/sales ratios and U.S. exports of non-durable goods.

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The Statistical Bulletin provides a one-page summary of the statistical report.

Industry Annual Report



The Annual Report provides data on U.S. corrugated industry statistics and trend data for the following categories:

- Shipments according to value, area, type of plant, and North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)
- Corrugated production by board type and basis weight
- Containerboard production, consumption and inventory
- Hours, earnings and productivity

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)



The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is the standard used by federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments and captures business activity across North America. FBA requests NAICS shipment data from members annually. The report is used for the FBA Industry Annual Report and all Forecast Reports.

Benchmarking

Key Performance Indicator Survey (KPI)

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The *Key Performance Indicator Survey (KPI)* is a highly-valued benchmarking survey which includes data on sales/costs/profit ratio, capital, receivables, fixed assets, inventories and other key operating statistics at the corrugated plant level.

The report includes participation from approximately 500 plants operated by 50 companies.

The *Productivity & Waste Survey* provides useful benchmarking data on productivity, waste and starch consumption, and offers the best-in-class data for users to compare operations.

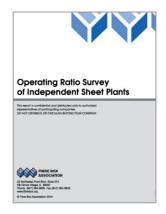
Participating companies are surveyed on their machinery, labor operations and waste. The Survey contains a summary and detailed report broken down by U.S. plants and by all other countries for:

- converting equipment
- reporting on basis weight, starch consumption & total plant productivity
- equipment listings by plant

Data is further segmented by machinery size in the following major finishing equipment categories:

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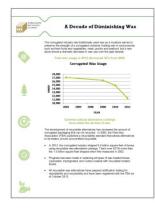
Independent Sheet Plant Operating Ratio Survey (SPORS)



The *Independent Sheet Plant Operating Ratio Survey* provides participants with information that can be used to benchmark their operations against other facilities. The output report is available in three different formats: actual dollars, dollars per MSF and percentage of net sales and contains a section with fulfillment center and/or warehouse breakouts.

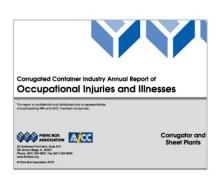
The report also includes plant annual sales history for the past five years. All data is de-identified and only available to participating members.

Wax Survey



Each year a wax survey is conducted to continually show the decrease in usage of wax coatings. The Corrugated Packaging Alliance (CPA) then releases a wax fact sheet using data from the survey.

Occupational Injuries & Illnesses Report (OII)



The Occupational Injuries and Illnesses report is a compilation of recordable employee injury and illness data for corrugator and sheet plants. Available only to participating members, the report is divided into two sections: the first presents data on sheet plants by category of hours worked and the second presents data on corrugator plants by category of hours worked.

The data in this report determines the annual FBA/AICC Safety Award winners. Annual Safety Awards are presented to those facilities having the lowest total case incidence rate for the preceding calendar year in five sheet plant and nine corrugator plant categories. Safety Excellence Awards are also presented to all sheet plant or corrugator facilities that attain a zero lost workday case (lost work days only) incidence rate during the calendar year.

Labor

Labor Trends and News



The *Labor Trends and News Report* provides top-line data and news on U.S. labor-related activity. Issued quarterly, the report includes gathered news summarized with links to articles and other pertinent organizations and websites.

Informational

North American Directory of Corrugated Plants (online)



The *North American Directory of Corrugated Plants* lists companies and their related plant facilities that manufacture corrugated and solid fiber paperboard products in North America. The directory is formatted in an Excel spreadsheet, and includes type of plant, complete address and phone number.

Interactive Facility Map (online)



The interactive facility map offers information for industry facilities located in the United States. Members can search by type of facility, company, geographic location and by FBA region. The interactive map is linked to the FBA database and updated in real time. Current data includes all sheet plants, sheet feeders, corrugator box plants and paper mills. FBA is also working to add to our database other types of facilities including Asitrade operators, display & POPs, folding carton plants, Hexacomb plants, packaging supply stores, partition plants, plastic plants and technology centers.

Market Data (online)

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Each month FBA highlights a different end-use market segment, offering current news and developments with links to further information. We pull information from a variety of sources so members can see the overall picture on the market segments that might affect their business.

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Many companies and government organizations around the world have committed to the reduction of single-use plastics as part of their sustainability goals. FBA has created a spreadsheet (updated monthly) with detailed information on the plastic reduction effort.