

Recycling Modernization Act:

Average Commodity Value

Under Oregon’s new Recycling Modernization Act, a Producer Responsibility Organization, must pay commingled recycling processing facilities the Processor Commodity Risk Fee, as calculated by OAR 340-090-0820. To do so, the DEQ must first calculate the Average Commodity Value, which is “the average revenue paid by brokers or end markets, after processing by a commingled recycling processing facility, for a composite ton of commingled material collected for recycling in Oregon.”

The PCRf is determined by first multiplying the ACV and the Oregon-specific average commodity value differential of 1.0719, then subtracting that value from the Fee Rates established in OAR 340-090-0820 (2). The set-in-rule fee rate for the 2025 and 2026 program years (July 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2026) is (a) \$200 per ton. Lastly, the resulting value is multiplied by the total eligible tons of material processed by an individual CRPF to determine the total PCRf invoice to be paid by the PRO.

For purposes of the PCRf, an eligible ton is a ton of commingled recyclable material collected, that has not been previously processed by a commingled recycling processing facility, that came from a collection program providing the opportunity to recycle into a commingled recycling processing facility that meets the requirements under ORS 459A.905(2)(a).

Average commodity values for 2026

January (USD) — \$61.96

February – \$63.07

Pursuant to OAR 340-090-0820(3), DEQ will notify commingled recycling processing facilities of the Average Commodity Value for materials received during a given month within five business days of the start of subsequent month and will publish the Average Commodity Value on a designated DEQ webpage or in another manner similarly available to the public.

Weighting factors associated with Average Commodity Value

Pursuant to the algorithm under OAR 340-090-0820(3)(b)(B), DEQ recently updated the weighting factors used to determine the Average Commodity Value, which are as follows:

- Cardboard, 0.5977; (i.e., 59.8%)
- Paper Fiber other than Cardboard, 0.243; (24.3%)
- Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET), 0.0096; (1.0%)
- High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE), Natural, 0.0053; (0.5%)
- High-Density Polyethylene, Color, 0.0082; (0.8%)
- Mixed Plastic, 0.0110; (1.1%)
- Tin and Steel Cans, 0.0111; (1.1%)
- Aluminum, 0.0021; and (0.2%)
- Other Materials (including contamination), 0.1115. (11.2%)

These weighting factors will remain in place until the next quarterly updating of the weighting factors has been undertaken by DEQ.

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