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## MEK (USA)

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### SPOT PRICES

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<a href="#">EX-TANK</a>	US CTS/LB	n/c	<b>71.00-75.00</b>	n/c	1565-1653
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US methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) contract prices were unchanged during the week ended 9 April, but prices continued to firm at plus 3 cents/lb (\$66/tonnes) on raw material pressure, sources said.

Spot values were also stable for the week.

Demand continued to improve gradually, sources said, and none reported significant supply problems.

But cracker outages in recent weeks have constrained some supply of feedstocks, producers said.

The NYMEX crude contract for May delivery finished down on 9 April for the third consecutive session after peaking at \$87.09 on Tuesday. Although the dollar underperformed versus the euro, pre-weekend selling led by gasoline pressured the rest of the energy complex.

NYMEX crude futures

Date	19 March	26 March	1 April	9 April
(US\$/bbl)	80.68	80.00	84.87	84.92

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