# Sonoco Products Company

General discussion of fiber recycling and quality from the perspective of recycled board manufacturers



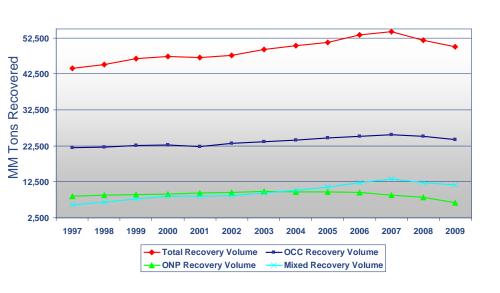
## **Discussion Topics**

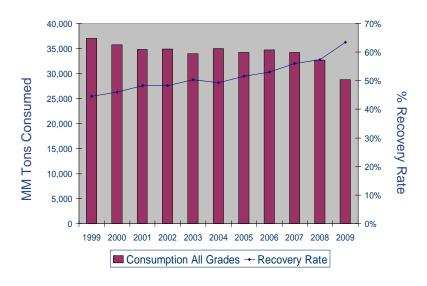
- Market trends for recovery and consumption
- Sonoco's recycling and paper manufacturing footprint
- Sonoco's recovered fiber mix trends over the last decade
- Recovered fiber quality determinants (mill perspective)
- Ongoing, non-recyclable or difficult to recycle fiber



## U.S. Fiber Recovery & Paper Consumption...

#### "Recovery Down, Rate Up"

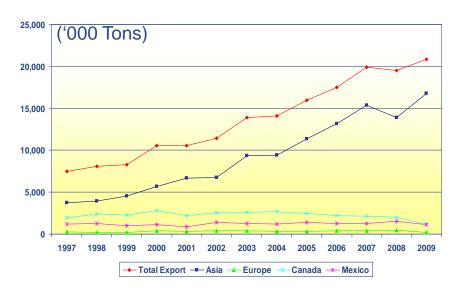


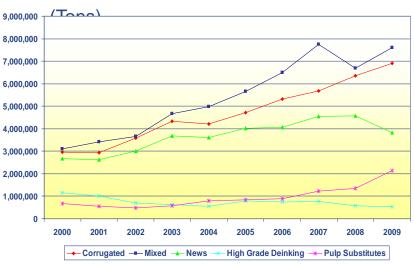


- ■Total recovery volume down 3.4% vs '08 (1,787 tons) and 7.9% cumulative vs '07 while US achieves **record total recovery rate of 63.4%** (up over 5.7 percentage points YOY)
  - ■OCC recovery volume down 5% from '07
  - ■ONP recovery tons continue to decline as readership shifts to electronic, down 24% in 2 years
  - ■Mixed down 15% from '07
- ■Reaching entitlement rates on Commercial (OCC) Future recovery will come from Residential (Mixed/ONP)
- ■Domestic mill consumption totaled 28.8 MM tons, down 12.5% vs '08



#### Export Market Up in '09





- Scrap paper exports totaled 21MM tons, up 7.5% compared to '08
  - 42% of the scrap paper collected in US was exported, up from 37%
    - 28.7% of OCC, 50.6% of News (Mech'l pulp) and 65.2% of Mixed was exported
  - 28.4% of all scrap paper recovered in US was shipped to China, up from 22.1%
    - ■China has eclipsed the US as the world's largest producer of paper
  - India will continue to influence the markets we participate in
- Major competitors/partners (GP/Harmon, SSCE, ACN) will continue to grow export
- Container availability continues to be an issue (imbalance of imports vs exports)
  - Container rates up 100% from August '08 (\$1,500/container...\$60/ton)



# Sonoco's NA Recycled Paper Operations





# Sonoco's Recycling Operations





# Paper Mill Furnish Quality Determinants



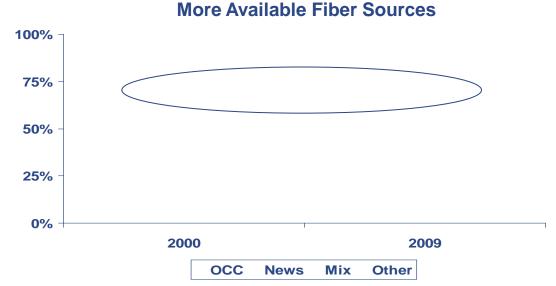


# Sonoco's Trend for Recovered Fiber Sourcing

Sonoco's mix change over

small changes, big impact

the last decade....



60,000 Tons Shifted to Lower Cost,

#### **Internal Priorities**

- Focus on productivity, furnish costs
- Long-term supply security, ability to run higher variety of furnish sources
- Ongoing investment in mill cleaning systems
- Expansion of Recycling Business: geographic footprint and materials collected

#### **Market Dynamics**

- Continued export growth
- Consumer preference for "greener", recyclable products
- Expansion of MRFs, recycling programs
- Shift to single stream
- Increasing level of contaminants



# Sonoco's Recycling Message







# Still a Challenge.....

- Glass contaminants
- Other non-fiber contaminants
- Consistency of news grades
- Wax and other coated boards
- Wet-Strength

