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Georgia-Pacific Corp., exceeding some analysts 'expectations', said third-quarter earnings rose 56 % to \$ 178 million , or \$ 2.03 a share , from \$ 114 million , or \$ named:x-c n:x v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x n:x v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x n:x v:e-i-c card:i-i-c card:i-i-c n.x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c n:x car Sales increased 10 % to \$ 2.65 billion from \$ 2.41 billion n_of:x-i v:e-i card:i-i-c n_of:x p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c were enhanced by the company 's share buy-back program , which reduced the average shares outstanding to 87.5 million in the quarter from 95.8 million in the same quarter of 1988 — v:e-i-p _ q:i-h-h _ n_of:x-i _ n_of:x-i _ n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-p _ q:i-h-h _ a:e-p _ n_of:x = v:e-i-i _ q:i-h-h _ a:e-p _ n_of:x = v:e-i-i _ card:i-i-c _ With strong prices in the company 's two major areas – building products as well as pulp and paper – analysts had expected a roaring quarter . p:e-u-i a:e-p n_of:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ card:i-i-c a:e-p n_of:x n:x _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h v:e-i-p n_temp:x _ n.x _ n:x _ n:x _ n:x _ n:x _ n:x _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h v:e-i-p n_temp:x _ n.x _ n:x But the performance exceeded some estimates of around \$ 1.90 a share c:i-i-i q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n:x card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n_of:x-i One reason : efforts to protect the spotted owl led to restrictions on logging in the Pacific Northwest , constricting supply and forcing prices up . cardi:-i-c n_for:x-i _ n:x-h _ v:e-i-p n:x v_to:e-i-p i _ n_of:x-i _ p:e-u-i v:e-i-p p:e-u-i v:e-i-p p:e-u-i v:e-i-p named:x-c _ v_cause:e-i-p n:x _ v:e-i-p-h n_of:x p:e-i _ v:e-i-p-h n_of:x p:e-i _ v:e-i-p-h n_of:x p:e-i _ v:e-i-p-h n_of:x p:e-i-p-h n_of:x p:e-i-Another reason : strikes , both at Georgia-Pacific and other lumber companies also cut supplies and raised prices , analysts said .

q:i-h-h n_for:x-i _ n:x _ q:i-h-h p:e-u-i _ named:x-c _ a:e-i _ n:x _ n_of:x-i _ a:e-h _ v:e-i-p _ n:x _ v_cause:e-i-p _ n_of:x _ n:x _ v_to:e-i-h-i _ . For the nine months , Georgia-Pacific 's earnings increased 49 % to \$ 504 million , or \$ 5.58 a share pre-u-i q:i-h-h card:i-i-c n:x named:x-c n:x v:e-i card:i-i-c n_of:x p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n_of:x p:e-u-i n_o Sales rose 11 % to \$ 7.73 billion from \$ 6.94 billion n_of:x-i v:e-i card:i-i-c n_of:x p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c p:e-u-i n:x card:i-i-c card:i-i-c