



# Lumber Track

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## U.S. Softwood Lumber Industry Activity by Region (million board feet)

Production	Full Year	4 months YTD											
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Apr-20	Mar-20	Apr-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg	
West	14,335	4,664	4,828	-3.4	1,050	1,219	1,264	-13.8	-16.9	3,613	3,564	1.4	
South	19,365	6,848	6,426	6.6	1,708	1,659	1,692	3.0	0.9	5,140	4,734	8.6	
Other	1,665	569	556	2.3	136	142	146	-4.2	-6.7	433	410	5.5	
Total	35,366	12,080	11,810	2.3	2,895	3,020	3,102	-4.2	-6.7	9,186	8,708	5.5	

## Shipments

West	14,353	4,739	4,750	-0.2	1,109	1,221	1,282	-9.1	-13.5	3,630	3,469	4.7
South	19,365	6,848	6,426	6.6	1,708	1,659	1,692	3.0	0.9	5,140	4,734	8.6
Other	1,666	573	552	3.7	139	142	147	-2.2	-5.3	433	405	6.9
Total	35,384	12,160	11,729	3.7	2,956	3,022	3,121	-2.2	-5.3	9,203	8,608	6.9

## New Orders

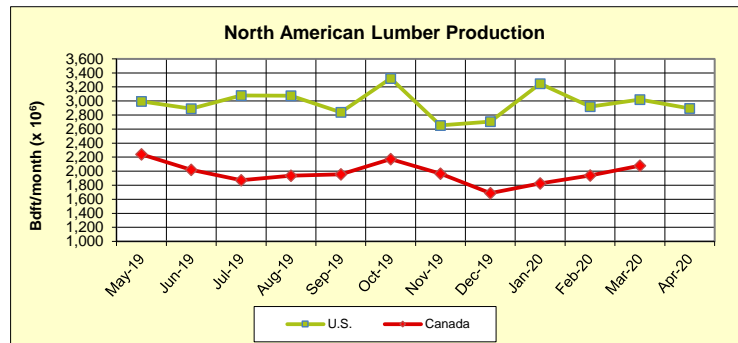
West	14,319	4,733	4,709	0.5	1,118	1,218	1,277	-8.2	-12.5	3,615	3,432	5.3
South	19,365	6,848	6,426	6.6	1,708	1,659	1,692	3.0	0.9	5,140	4,734	8.6
Other	1,664	572	550	4.0	140	142	147	-1.8	-4.8	433	403	7.2
Total	35,348	12,153	11,686	4.0	2,966	3,019	3,116	-1.8	-4.8	9,187	8,570	7.2

## Unfilled Orders

	Apr-20	Apr-19	
West	473	466	0.1
South	716	716	0.0
Other	69	69	0.0
Total	1,258	1,251	0.0

## Inventories

	Apr-20	Apr-19	
West	1,275	1,200	-12.4
South	1,654	1,654	0.0
Other	161	158	-5.1
Total	3,091	3,011	-5.6



Source: Southern Forest Products Association, U.S. Census Bureau, Council of Forest Industries-CAN, WWPA

## Canadian Softwood Lumber Industry Activity by Region (million board feet)

N/A indicates data currently not available

Production	Full Year	4 months YTD											
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Apr-20	Mar-20	Apr-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg	
British Columbia	9,847	N/A	3,587	N/A	N/A	792	903	N/A	N/A	2,253	2,684	-16.1	
East of the Rockies	14,585	N/A	5,001	N/A	N/A	1,286	1,303	N/A	N/A	3,591	3,698	-2.9	
Total	24,432	N/A	8,588	N/A	N/A	2,078	2,206	N/A	N/A	5,843	6,382	-8.4	

## Shipments

British Columbia	10,026	N/A	3,599	N/A	N/A	810	957	N/A	N/A	2,170	2,642	-17.8
East of the Rockies	14,139	N/A	4,666	N/A	N/A	1,127	1,230	N/A	N/A	3,280	3,436	-4.6
Total	24,166	N/A	8,265	N/A	N/A	1,938	2,187	N/A	N/A	5,450	6,078	-10.3

## Inventories

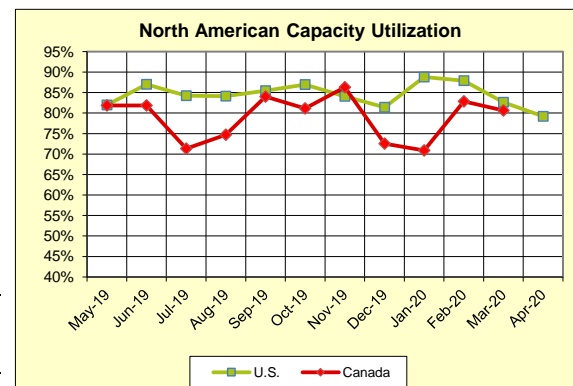
	Apr-20	Apr-19	
British Columbia	1,093	1,303	N/A
East of the Rockies	1,993	2,115	N/A
Total	3,086	3,418	N/A

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

## Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

N/A indicates data currently not available

	Full Year	4 months YTD				
	2019	2020	2019	Apr-20	Mar-20	Apr-19
West	81%	78%	80%	69%	80%	82%
South	86%	90%	85%	87%	85%	87%
Total U.S.	84%	85%	83%	79%	83%	84%
British Columbia	74%	N/A	75%	N/A	74%	73%
East of the Rockies	84%	N/A	86%	N/A	85%	86%
Total Canada	80%	N/A	81%	N/A	81%	81%



Sources: FEA, LLC: Softwood Sawmills in the United States and Canada, WWPA

## Trade Statistics

### U. S. Softwood Lumber Imports (million board feet)

	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Apr-20	Mar-20	Apr-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg
From British Columbia <sup>1</sup>	5,576	1,626	1,858	-12.5	417	488	601	-14.4	-30.6	1,208	1,256	-3.8
East of the Rockies <sup>1</sup>	7,496	2,452	2,442	0.4	616	717	712	-14.1	-13.6	1,836	1,729	6.2
Total Canadian Imports <sup>1</sup>	13,072	4,078	4,300	-5.2	1,033	1,204	1,314	-14.2	-21.4	3,045	2,986	2.0
From Canada <sup>2</sup>	13,056	4,072	4,291	-5.1	1,032	1,202	1,311	-14.2	-21.3	3,041	2,979	2.0
From Latin America <sup>2</sup>	391	125	146	-14.5	33	35	38	-4.7	-13.8	92	108	-14.7
From Europe <sup>2</sup>	937	420	277	51.5	124	116	81	7.1	54.0	296	196	50.5
Total Non-Canadian <sup>2</sup>	1,507	605	479	26.5	172	164	134	4.9	28.3	433	338	28.1
Total Lumber Imports <sup>2</sup>	14,563	4,677	4,769	-1.9	1,204	1,366	1,445	-11.9	-16.7	3,474	3,324	4.5

1 - Data provided by Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-Canada

2 - Data provided by U.S. International Trade Commission / U.S Census

Note: The data sources for all U.S. SW lumber import values are noted above.

### U. S. Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Apr-20	Mar-20	Apr-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg
To Canada	303	93	106	-11.8	25	25	28	0.6	-8.0	68	78	-13.1
To China	116	37	54	-30.5	13	8	17	59.9	-24.9	24	36	-33.1
To Japan	94	27	33	-16.7	7	8	8	-8.6	-8.7	20	25	-19.4
To Mexico	277	82	94	-12.3	11	22	23	-48.6	-52.1	71	71	0.8
To Other Countries	534	157	172	-8.7	24	39	44	-39.7	-46.0	134	129	3.8
Total Lumber Exports	1,323	397	458	-13.3	80	102	120	-21.3	-32.8	317	339	-6.4

### U. S. Softwood Log Imports (million board feet)

From Canada	77	17	21	-18.9	1	5	2	-73.9	-19.6	16	19	-18.9
Non-Canadian Sources	20	10	5	87.3	4	0	0	0.0	0.0	6	5	18.4
Total Log Imports	97	27	26	2.2	5	5	2	-3.3	190.6	22	24	-11.1

### U. S. Softwood Log Exports (million board feet)

To China	652	94	214	-55.9	38	12	57	219.9	-34.5	57	156	-63.7
To Japan	345	138	107	29.0	27	40	12	-31.7	128.3	111	95	16.6
To Canada	137	48	55	-13.2	3	10	8	-65.6	-53.6	45	48	-6.9
To Other Countries	161	34	41	-17.8	8	12	10	-36.5	-19.7	26	31	-17.2
Total Log Exports	1,294	314	417	-24.7	76	74	87	2.9	-12.2	238	331	-28.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. International Trade Commission, Foreign Agricultural Service

### Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	13,072	4,078	4,300	-5.2	1,033	1,204	1,314	-14.2	-21.4	3,045	2,986	2.0
To China	1,940	422	836	-49.5	146	104	211	40.5	-30.9	276	625	-55.8
To Japan	775	198	258	-23.4	60	54	68	11.5	-11.1	138	190	-27.8
Other	584	174	199	-12.7	49	50	51	-2.3	-3.9	125	148	-15.7
Total Lumber Exports	16,372	4,871	5,593	-12.9	1,288	1,412	1,643	-8.8	-21.6	3,584	3,950	-9.3

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

### U.S. Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Apr-20	Mar-20	Apr-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	35,384	12,160	11,729	3.7	2,956	3,022	3,121	-2.2	-5.3	9,203	8,608	6.9
Plus Imports	14,563	4,677	4,769	-1.9	1,204	1,366	1,445	-11.9	-16.7	3,474	3,324	4.5
Minus Exports	(1,323)	(397)	(458)	-13.3	(80)	(102)	(120)	-21.3	-32.8	(317)	(339)	-6.4
Apparent Consumption	48,624	16,440	16,040	2.5	4,079	4,286	4,446	-4.8	-8.3	12,360	11,593	6.6

### Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

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	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Apr-20	Mar-20	Apr-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	24,166	N/A	8,265	N/A	N/A	1,938	2,187	N/A	N/A	5,450	6,078	-10.3
Plus Imports	327	101	114	-11.8	27	27	30	0.6	-8.0	73	85	-13.1
Minus Exports	(16,372)	(4,871)	(5,593)	-12.9	(1,288)	(1,412)	(1,643)	-8.8	-21.6	(3,584)	(3,950)	-9.3
Apparent Consumption	8,121	N/A	2,786	N/A	N/A	553	573	N/A	N/A	1,940	2,213	-12.3



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### Estimated North American Production (million board feet) N/A indicates data currently not available

	2018		2019												2020			
Region	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	696	640	797	692	731	799	774	714	745	758	697	807	680	704	758	715	765	663
Inland	359	344	429	366	397	415	404	381	404	423	393	446	370	381	439	382	407	358
Cal. Coast	47	44	49	49	54	50	61	53	52	52	57	57	46	47	48	52	46	29
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>1,050</b>
South	1,449	1,298	1,729	1,475	1,530	1,692	1,615	1,606	1,732	1,696	1,557	1,855	1,432	1,446	1,847	1,634	1,659	1,708
Other	126	115	148	128	134	146	141	136	145	145	134	156	125	127	153	138	142	136
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>2,709</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>3,102</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>3,078</b>	<b>3,074</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>3,322</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>2,705</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>2,921</b>	<b>3,020</b>	<b>2,895</b>
British Columbia	951	760	923	803	958	903	916	821	780	784	738	835	746	641	699	762	792	N/A
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,255	1,036	1,228	1,130	1,340	1,303	1,324	1,200	1,091	1,151	1,216	1,336	1,219	1,046	1,127	1,178	1,286	N/A
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>1,966</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>1,826</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>4,884</b>	<b>4,238</b>	<b>5,303</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>5,145</b>	<b>5,308</b>	<b>5,235</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>4,949</b>	<b>5,008</b>	<b>4,792</b>	<b>5,493</b>	<b>4,618</b>	<b>4,393</b>	<b>5,071</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>5,098</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

	2018		2019												2020			
Region	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	740	639	781	642	759	788	842	720	749	776	700	802	669	674	760	715	761	683
Inland	381	325	424	350	372	439	450	403	410	421	391	432	363	363	432	398	405	374
Cal. Coast	48	38	47	42	51	54	63	49	58	57	54	60	48	48	54	52	55	52
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>1,109</b>
South	1,449	1,298	1,729	1,475	1,530	1,692	1,615	1,606	1,732	1,696	1,557	1,855	1,432	1,446	1,847	1,634	1,659	1,708
Other	129	114	147	124	134	147	147	137	146	146	134	156	124	125	153	138	142	139
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,747</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>3,121</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>2,915</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>2,835</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>2,656</b>	<b>3,246</b>	<b>2,936</b>	<b>3,022</b>	<b>2,956</b>
British Columbia	935	808	889	778	975	957	968	861	786	802	812	819	683	696	662	698	810	N/A
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,212	946	1,191	1,074	1,170	1,230	1,294	1,292	1,148	1,197	1,209	1,239	1,081	1,013	1,133	1,019	1,127	N/A
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>1,754</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>2,262</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>1,938</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>4,895</b>	<b>4,169</b>	<b>5,208</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>4,992</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>5,378</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>5,029</b>	<b>5,095</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>5,364</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>4,365</b>	<b>5,040</b>	<b>4,654</b>	<b>4,960</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

	2018		2019												2020			
Region	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	738	643	751	655	742	786	835	712	761	758	697	807	678	678	768	699	775	681
Inland	377	326	439	330	376	437	423	435	395	424	393	439	354	384	448	376	387	383
Cal. Coast	48	39	47	42	51	55	62	49	58	57	55	61	48	48	54	52	55	53
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>1,118</b>
South	1,449	1,298	1,729	1,475	1,530	1,692	1,615	1,606	1,732	1,696	1,557	1,855	1,432	1,446	1,847	1,634	1,659	1,708
Other	129	114	147	124	133	147	145	138	146	145	133	156	124	126	154	136	142	140
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>2,626</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>2,835</b>	<b>3,318</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>2,682</b>	<b>3,270</b>	<b>2,898</b>	<b>3,019</b>	<b>2,966</b>

### Estimated U.S. Unfilled Orders (million board feet)

	2018		2019												2020			
Region	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	276	280	249	262	245	242	235	227	239	221	219	224	233	236	245	230	244	242
Inland	193	194	211	192	195	192	165	198	182	185	187	193	184	205	221	199	182	191
Cal. Coast	30	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	32	33
<b>Total West</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>466</b>
South	702	702	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716
Other	71	71	70	70	69	69	67	69	68	68	68	68	68	69	71	69	69	69
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,251</b>

### Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

	2018		2019												2020			
Region	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	598	599	613	663	635	646	578	571	568	549	547	552	563	593	591	592	596	576
Inland	543	563	568	585	609	585	539	517	511	513	515	529	536	554	561	546	548	533
Cal. Coast	126	131	134	141	144	140	138	142	136	131	134	131	129	128	122	122	114	91
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>1,200</b>
South	1,620	1,620	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654
Other	161	162	163	167	167	166	160	159	158	157	158	158	159	161	161	161	161	158
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>3,048</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>3,134</b>	<b>3,209</b>	<b>3,209</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>3,069</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>3,004</b>	<b>3,008</b>	<b>3,025</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>3,090</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>3,073</b>	<b>3,011</b>
British Columbia	1,324	1,273	1,344	1,333	1,346	1,303	1,259	1,239	1,211	1,196	1,134	1,171	1,194	1,093	1,036	1,102	1,123	N/A
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,899	1,947	1,931	1,962	2,126	2,115	2,139	2,022	1,907	1,839	1,809	1,880	1,965	1,993	1,785	1,897	2,013	N/A
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>3,223</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>3,275</b>	<b>3,295</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>3,418</b>	<b>3,398</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>3,118</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>2,942</b>	<b>3,051</b>	<b>3,159</b>	<b>3,086</b>	<b>2,821</b>	<b>2,999</b>	<b>3,136</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>6,272</b>	<b>6,295</b>	<b>6,409</b>	<b>6,504</b>	<b>6,682</b>	<b>6,608</b>	<b>6,467</b>	<b>6,305</b>	<b>6,146</b>	<b>6,039</b>	<b>5,950</b>	<b>6,076</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>6,177</b>	<b>5,911</b>	<b>6,074</b>	<b>6,209</b>	<b>N/A</b>