



Lumber Track

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WWPA'S MONTHLY REVIEW OF NORTH AMERICAN LUMBER STATISTICS, INCLUDING TRADE HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY MARKETS

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

	Full Year		9 months YTD		% Chg	Sep-10	Aug-10	Sep-09	M to M %	Y to Y %	3rd Qtr 10	3rd Qtr 09	% Chg
	2009	2010	2009	2010									
Production													
West	10,395	8,594	7,863	9.3	966	991	954	-2.5	1.3		2,859	2,782	2.8
South	11,788	9,120	9,188	-0.7	983	1,045	955	-5.9	2.9		3,131	3,045	2.8
Other	1,238	987	951	3.7	109	114	107	-4.3	2.1		334	325	2.8
Total	23,420	18,701	18,002	3.9	2,058	2,149	2,016	-4.2	2.1		6,325	6,153	2.8

Shipments

West	10,630	8,527	8,043	6.0	972	985	926	-1.4	4.9		2,881	2,787	3.4
South	11,788	9,120	9,188	-0.7	983	1,045	955	-5.9	2.9		3,131	3,045	2.8
Other	1,251	982	961	2.2	109	113	105	-3.6	3.9		335	325	2.8
Total	23,669	18,629	18,192	2.4	2,064	2,143	1,986	-3.7	3.9		6,346	6,157	3.1

New Orders

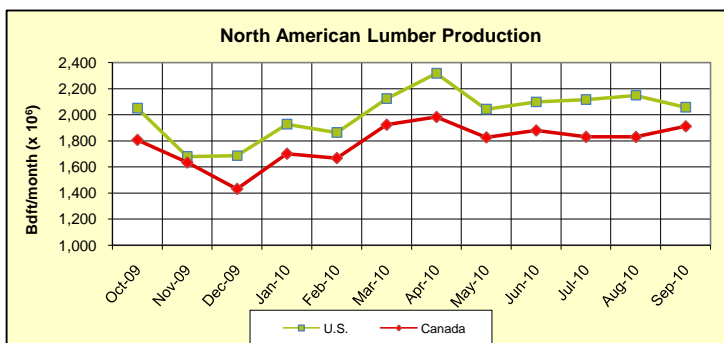
West	10,592	8,592	7,980	7.7	985	1,005	941	-2.0	4.7		2,902	2,775	4.6
South	11,788	9,120	9,188	-0.7	983	1,045	955	-5.9	2.9		3,131	3,045	2.8
Other	1,249	987	958	3.0	110	114	106	-3.8	3.8		337	325	3.8
Total	23,629	18,699	18,126	3.2	2,078	2,164	2,001	-4.0	3.8		6,370	6,145	3.7

Unfilled Orders

	Sep-10	Sep-09	% Chg
West	399	463	18.5
South	807	807	0.0
Other	122	125	4.2
Total	1,327	1,395	5.9

Inventories

	Sep-10	Sep-09	% Chg
West	994	1,168	11.3
South	1,818	1,818	0.0
Other	271	275	0.2
Total	3,083	3,261	3.8



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)

	Full Year		9 months YTD		% Chg	Sep-10	Aug-10	Sep-09	M to M %	Y to Y %	3rd Qtr 10	3rd Qtr 09	% Chg
	2009	2010	2009	2010									
Production													
British Columbia	9,681	8,598	7,132	20.5	979	939	858	4.4	14.1		2,929	2,461	19.0
East of the Rockies	9,123	7,956	6,799	17.0	932	891	879	4.6	6.0		2,643	2,289	15.4
Total	18,804	16,553	13,931	18.8	1,911	1,830	1,737	4.5	10.0		5,571	4,751	17.3

Shipments

British Columbia	9,979	8,509	7,378	15.3	991	934	855	6.1	15.9		2,920	2,582	13.1
East of the Rockies	9,486	8,012	7,075	13.3	981	839	866	17.0	13.4		2,727	2,363	15.4
Total	19,466	16,522	14,453	14.3	1,973	1,773	1,721	11.2	14.6		5,647	4,945	14.2

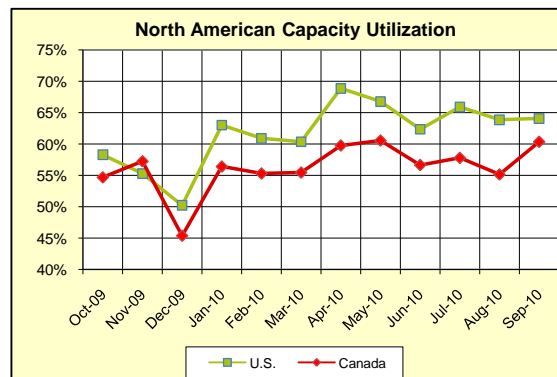
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	Sep-10	Sep-09	% Chg
British Columbia	943	1,006	1.1
East of the Rockies	1,408	1,520	1.6
Total	2,350	2,526	1.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year		9 months YTD		% Chg
	2009	2010	2009	2010	
West	60%	73%	60%	75%	73%
South	56%	58%	58%	56%	57%
Total U.S.	58%	64%	59%	64%	60%
British Columbia	51%	60%	50%	62%	57%
East of the Rockies	48%	55%	47%	59%	54%
Total Canada	49%	57%	49%	60%	55%



Source: USDA Profile:Softwood Sawmills in the United States and Canada, WWPA

Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2009	2010	2009	% Chg	Sep-10	Aug-10	Sep-09	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 10	3rd Qtr 09	% Chg
From British Columbia	5,075	4,136	3,824	8.2	372	404	449	-8.0	-17.3	1,261	1,369	-7.9
East of the Rockies	3,228	2,757	2,439	13.0	332	297	264	11.5	25.8	923	805	14.7
Total Canadian Imports	8,303	6,893	6,263	10.1	703	701	713	0.3	-1.4	2,184	2,174	0.5
From Latin America	284	184	219	-16.3	25	19	21	29.3	16.7	67	70	-5.1
From Europe	177	80	141	-43.2	6	11	4	-44.9	50.0	25	18	41.0
Total Non-Canadian	551	340	424	-19.8	37	39	33	-4.7	11.5	117	111	5.8
Total Lumber Imports	8,855	7,233	6,687	8.2	740	740	746	0.0	-0.8	2,301	2,285	0.7

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

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2009	2010	2009	% Chg	Sep-10	Aug-10	Sep-09	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 10	3rd Qtr 09	% Chg
To Canada	268	304	184	65.2	28	32	27	-12.5	2.9	90	74	21.8
To China	55	90	37	141.8	20	15	3	35.0	596.9	45	11	322.8
To Japan	115	119	80	49.0	15	13	10	9.9	51.5	42	28	46.2
To Mexico	182	152	137	10.5	16	17	14	-9.7	11.8	48	42	14.1
To Other Countries	362	328	260	26.1	47	41	28	13.2	70.1	129	97	32.9
Total Lumber Exports	983	993	699	42.1	125	118	81	5.3	53.7	354	252	40.4

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

From Canada	89	75	75	-0.8	12	11	4	10.1	187.6	40	16	155.2
Non-Canadian Sources	1	0	1	-58.5	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total Log Imports	90	75	76	-1.4	12	11	4	11.1	189.6	40	16	149.3

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

To Japan	430	307	307	-0.2	27	41	32	-34.8	-14.6	102	107	-4.8
To Canada	537	399	422	-5.4	43	37	42	14.3	1.4	117	115	2.0
To Other Countries	537	722	372	94.0	122	133	46	-8.4	167.0	352	157	123.8
Total Log Exports	1,504	1,427	1,101	29.6	192	212	119	-9.6	60.6	571	379	50.6

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

Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	8,303	6,893	6,263	10.1	703	701	713	0.3	-1.4	2,184	2,174	0.5
To Japan	918	846	646	30.9	107	83	94	29.9	14.2	279	250	11.4
Other	1,824	1,791	1,307	37.0	255	238	160	7.0	59.8	683	488	40.0
Total Lumber Exports	11,046	9,530	8,217	16.0	1,066	1,022	967	4.2	10.2	3,145	2,912	8.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2009	2010	2009	% Chg	Sep-10	Aug-10	Sep-09	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 10	3rd Qtr 09	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	23,669	18,629	18,192	2.4	2,064	2,143	1,986	-3.7	3.9	6,346	6,157	3.1
Plus Imports	8,855	7,233	6,687	8.2	740	740	746	0.0	-0.8	2,301	2,285	0.7
Minus Exports	(983)	(993)	(699)	42.1	(125)	(118)	(81)	5.3	53.7	(354)	(252)	40.4
Apparent Consumption	31,541	24,869	24,181	2.8	2,680	2,765	2,652	-3.1	1.1	8,294	8,191	1.3

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2009	2010	2009	% Chg	Sep-10	Aug-10	Sep-09	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 10	3rd Qtr 09	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	19,466	16,522	14,453	14.3	1,973	1,773	1,721	11.2	14.6	5,647	4,945	14.2
Plus Imports	289	329	199	65.2	30	34	29	-12.5	2.9	97	80	21.8
Minus Exports	(11,046)	(9,530)	(8,217)	16.0	(1,066)	(1,022)	(967)	4.2	10.2	(3,145)	(2,912)	8.0
Apparent Consumption	8,710	7,321	6,435	13.8	937	785	783	19.3	19.7	2,599	2,113	23.0



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

Region	2009									2010								
	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	610	458	596	568	576	590	654	480	462	577	581	624	679	604	555	541	613	586
Inland	313	289	319	309	302	323	304	283	278	315	312	352	307	301	319	318	329	337
Cal. Redwood	29	23	39	37	36	41	39	14	18	25	23	34	44	37	47	44	48	43
Total West	953	770	954	915	914	954	997	777	758	917	915	1,010	1,030	942	920	902	991	966
South	1,102	941	1,158	1,066	1,024	955	946	814	840	910	850	1,002	1,166	993	1,068	1,103	1,045	983
Other	115	95	118	111	108	107	108	89	89	102	99	112	122	108	111	112	114	109
Total U.S.	2,169	1,806	2,229	2,091	2,046	2,016	2,051	1,680	1,687	1,928	1,864	2,124	2,318	2,043	2,099	2,117	2,149	2,058
British Columbia	867	772	814	852	751	858	940	831	778	953	884	954	1,041	895	942	1,011	939	979
Prairies & Eastern Canada	673	708	712	666	745	879	868	803	654	749	784	970	942	931	938	820	891	932
Total Canada	1,540	1,480	1,526	1,518	1,496	1,737	1,807	1,634	1,432	1,701	1,668	1,924	1,983	1,826	1,880	1,830	1,830	1,911
Total North America	3,709	3,286	3,755	3,609	3,542	3,753	3,858	3,314	3,119	3,630	3,532	4,048	4,301	3,869	3,979	3,947	3,979	3,970

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

Region	2009									2010								
	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	570	543	597	573	579	581	630	513	498	553	565	623	670	566	550	566	607	604
Inland	314	314	358	320	311	310	309	283	265	306	306	355	353	295	299	310	337	325
Cal. Redwood	36	31	41	42	35	35	33	28	28	25	30	34	43	38	36	47	41	43
Total West	920	888	997	935	925	926	972	825	791	884	900	1,012	1,065	899	885	923	985	972
South	1,102	941	1,158	1,066	1,024	955	946	814	840	910	850	1,002	1,166	993	1,068	1,103	1,045	983
Other	113	102	120	112	109	105	107	91	91	100	98	112	124	105	109	112	113	109
Total U.S.	2,135	1,931	2,275	2,113	2,058	1,986	2,025	1,730	1,722	1,893	1,848	2,126	2,356	1,998	2,062	2,139	2,143	2,064
British Columbia	881	779	892	943	784	855	936	826	839	962	890	916	1,034	841	946	994	934	991
Prairies & Eastern Canada	709	759	843	762	735	866	870	852	689	759	749	912	1,002	902	962	907	839	981
Total Canada	1,590	1,538	1,735	1,706	1,518	1,721	1,807	1,678	1,529	1,721	1,639	1,829	2,036	1,743	1,908	1,901	1,773	1,973
Total North America	3,725	3,469	4,010	3,819	3,576	3,707	3,831	3,408	3,250	3,614	3,487	3,955	4,391	3,741	3,970	4,040	3,917	4,037

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

Region	2009									2010								
	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	561	572	590	562	573	594	636	531	486	599	529	652	667	509	573	561	617	617
Inland	326	331	367	325	308	312	311	288	247	357	277	397	340	273	309	307	349	327
Cal. Redwood	33	27	40	41	26	34	34	33	44	36	34	30	44	31	33	43	39	42
Total West	920	930	998	928	906	941	982	853	778	992	839	1,078	1,052	814	915	912	1,005	985
South	1,102	941	1,158	1,066	1,024	955	946	814	840	910	850	1,002	1,166	993	1,068	1,103	1,045	983
Other	113	104	120	111	108	106	108	93	90	106	94	116	123	100	110	113	114	110
Total U.S.	2,134	1,975	2,276	2,105	2,038	2,001	2,035	1,760	1,708	2,008	1,784	2,196	2,341	1,907	2,093	2,128	2,164	2,078

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

Region	2009									2010								
	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	145	174	166	154	148	161	168	185	174	219	184	213	210	153	176	171	181	194
Inland	214	231	240	208	203	205	191	196	178	229	200	241	228	207	217	214	226	227
Cal. Redwood	40	36	36	35	26	24	26	31	47	58	62	58	60	52	50	46	43	42
Total West	399	441	442	397	377	391	384	412	399	507	446	512	498	412	442	431	450	463
South	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807
Other	119	121	121	121	120	120	121	122	122	128	124	128	127	123	124	124	125	125
Total U.S.	1,324	1,368	1,369	1,324	1,303	1,318	1,312	1,341	1,327	1,441	1,377	1,447	1,432	1,342	1,373	1,361	1,381	1,395

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

Region	2009									2010								
	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	526	441	439	434	431	440	465	431	395	518	534	536	545	583	587	558	565	552
Inland	515	488	448	437	418	431	425	425	438	452	458	454	409	414	434	442	434	449
Cal. Redwood	186	178	176	172	173	178	184	171	160	159	152	152	153	152	163	160	166	167
Total West	1,227	1,106	1,063	1,042	1,022	1,049	1,074	1,027	994	1,129	1,144	1,142	1,107	1,149	1,184	1,159	1,165	1,168
South	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818
Other	283	277	274	273	272	274	275	273	271	273	274	273	271	274	276	275	275	275
Total U.S.	3,328	3,201	3,155	3,133	3,112	3,141	3,167	3,118	3,083	3,220	3,236	3,234	3,196	3,241	3,278	3,252	3,258	3,261
British Columbia	1,202	1,194	1,116	1,025	992	995	998	1,004	943	934	928	966	972	1,026	1,022	1,039	1,033	1,006
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,750	1,699	1,568	1,472	1,482	1,495	1,492	1,443	1,408	1,397	1,432	1,490	1,430	1,459	1,435	1,348	1,506	1,520
Total Canada	2,952	2,894	2,685	2,497	2,474	2,490	2,491	2,447	2,350	2,331	2,360	2,455	2,402	2,485	2,457	2,387	2,539	2,526
Total North America	6,279	6,095	5,840	5,630	5,586	5,632	5,658	5,565	5,434	5,551	5,596	5,689	5,598	5,727	5,736	5,639	5,797	5,787