



Lumber Track

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

Production	Full Year	9 months YTD				Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	M to M %	Y to Y %	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg									
West	14,419	10,799	10,988	-1.7	1,150	1,233	1,151	-6.7	-0.1		3,584	3,595	-0.3
South	18,846	14,564	14,410	1.1	1,512	1,689	1,455	-10.5	3.9		4,926	4,844	1.7
Other	1,644	1,253	1,255	-0.1	132	144	129	-8.9	2.1		421	417	0.8
Total	34,908	26,616	26,653	-0.1	2,793	3,066	2,735	-8.9	2.1		8,931	8,856	0.8

Shipments

West	14,274	10,895	10,837	0.5	1,146	1,254	1,051	-8.6	9.1		3,618	3,527	2.6
South	18,846	14,564	14,410	1.1	1,512	1,689	1,455	-10.5	3.9		4,926	4,844	1.7
Other	1,637	1,258	1,247	0.8	131	145	124	-9.7	6.1		422	414	2.1
Total	34,757	26,717	26,495	0.8	2,790	3,089	2,629	-9.7	6.1		8,966	8,785	2.1

New Orders

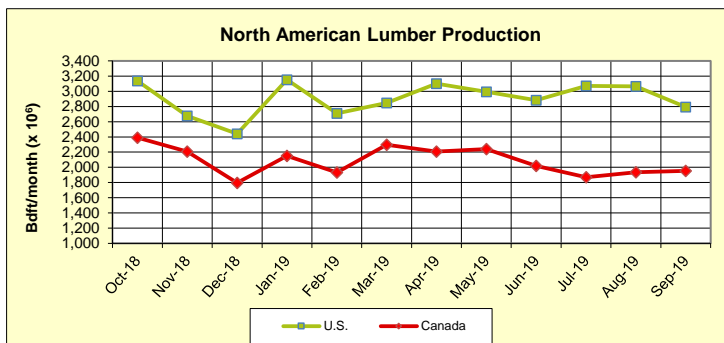
West	14,248	10,825	10,822	0.0	1,146	1,239	1,063	-7.5	7.8		3,599	3,532	1.9
South	18,846	14,564	14,410	1.1	1,512	1,689	1,455	-10.5	3.9		4,926	4,844	1.7
Other	1,635	1,254	1,247	0.6	131	145	124	-9.2	5.6		421	414	1.8
Total	34,729	26,643	26,479	0.6	2,789	3,073	2,642	-9.2	5.6		8,946	8,790	1.8

Unfilled Orders

	Sep-19	Sep-18	
West	505	436	516
South	702	716	702
Other	71	68	72
Total	1,278	1,220	1,290

Inventories

	Sep-19	Sep-18	
West	1,293	1,197	1,299
South	1,620	1,654	1,620
Other	162	158	163
Total	3,075	3,008	3,082



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)

Production	Full Year	9 months YTD				Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	M to M %	Y to Y %	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg									
British Columbia	12,374	7,625	9,601	-20.6	738	784	1,014	-5.9	-27.2		2,301	3,128	-26.4
East of the Rockies	14,908	10,983	11,288	-2.7	1,216	1,151	1,211	5.7	0.4		3,458	3,569	-3.1
Total	27,282	18,608	20,889	-10.9	1,954	1,935	2,225	1.0	-12.2		5,759	6,698	-14.0

Shipments

British Columbia	12,408	7,827	9,614	-18.6	812	802	1,055	1.2	-23.1		2,400	3,345	-28.3
East of the Rockies	14,177	10,806	10,782	0.2	1,209	1,197	1,128	1.0	7.2		3,554	3,532	0.6
Total	26,585	18,634	20,395	-8.6	2,021	1,999	2,183	1.1	-7.4		5,954	6,877	-13.4

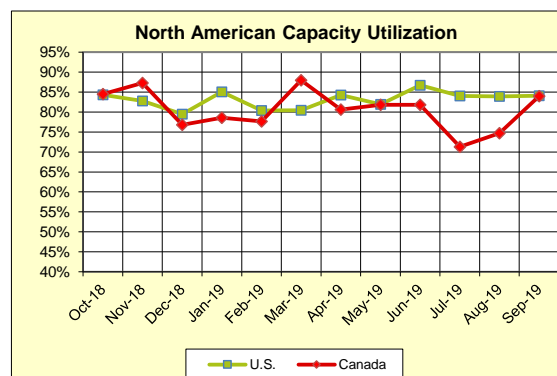
Inventories

	Sep-19	Sep-18	
British Columbia	1,273	1,134	1,322
East of the Rockies	1,947	1,809	1,893
Total	3,219	2,942	3,215

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	9 months YTD			
	2018	2019	2018	Sep-19	Sep-18
West	80%	81%	81%	83%	85%
South	90%	86%	91%	85%	93%
Total U.S.	85%	83%	86%	84%	89%
British Columbia	88%	74%	91%	76%	96%
East of the Rockies	87%	84%	87%	90%	94%
Total Canada	87%	80%	89%	84%	95%



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

Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
From British Columbia ¹	6,600	4,323	5,131	-15.8	492	490	618	0.5	-20.3	1,398	1,885	-25.8
East of the Rockies ¹	7,040	5,672	5,371	5.6	659	618	595	6.6	10.8	1,882	1,766	6.5
Total Canadian Imports ¹	13,639	9,995	10,502	-4.8	1,151	1,108	1,213	3.9	-5.1	3,280	3,651	-10.2
From Canada ²	13,629	9,981	10,495	-4.9	1,151	1,107	1,211	3.9	-5.0	3,278	3,648	-10.2
From Latin America ²	439	300	322	-7.0	32	28	37	14.2	-13.2	93	117	-20.1
From Europe ²	890	624	644	-3.1	49	66	55	-26.4	-12.1	175	220	-20.3
Total Non-Canadian ²	1,520	1,060	1,109	-4.4	97	111	108	-12.2	-9.6	319	384	-17.0
Total Lumber Imports ²	15,150	11,041	11,603	-4.8	1,248	1,218	1,319	2.4	-5.4	3,597	4,035	-10.9

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	9 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
To Canada	369	234	290	-19.2	22	24	26	-9.9	-16.1	72	91	-20.2
To China	287	95	248	-61.7	6	9	10	-29.7	-35.9	26	48	-44.8
To Japan	94	72	71	0.8	6	9	8	-25.4	-21.8	23	25	-9.1
To Mexico	289	208	216	-3.8	25	23	22	9.3	11.4	72	76	-5.0
To Other Countries	645	407	490	-16.9	44	45	53	-2.3	-18.0	135	156	-13.1
Total Lumber Exports	1,684	1,016	1,315	-22.8	103	109	120	-5.7	-13.9	329	395	-16.7

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

From Canada	62	52	58	-9.6	8	6	4	39.5	116.6	19	21	-10.4
Non-Canadian Sources	4	15	1	1552.8	0	4	0	0.0	0.0	5	1	0.0
Total Log Imports	67	68	59	15.1	9	11	4	-19.2	102.4	24	22	9.4

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

To China	1,104	520	849	-38.7	29	61	76	-52.8	-62.0	138	286	-51.7
To Japan	385	274	292	-6.1	33	38	34	-11.8	-2.5	98	98	0.6
To Canada	422	105	319	-67.2	9	13	38	-26.3	-75.7	33	109	-70.0
To Other Countries	157	113	110	3.1	15	16	8	-8.6	73.5	46	38	23.4
Total Log Exports	2,068	1,012	1,570	-35.5	86	127	156	-32.4	-45.0	315	530	-40.5

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

Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	13,639	9,995	10,502	-4.8	1,151	1,108	1,213	3.9	-5.1	3,280	3,651	-10.2
To China	2,181	1,587	1,494	6.2	126	119	187	6.3	-32.7	408	521	-21.8
To Japan	937	584	737	-20.7	68	67	82	1.6	-16.5	196	230	-14.5
Other	765	453	580	-21.9	39	44	64	-10.9	-38.5	137	185	-25.7
Total Lumber Exports	17,522	12,619	13,314	-5.2	1,385	1,338	1,546	3.5	-10.4	4,022	4,587	-12.3

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	34,757	26,717	26,495	0.8	2,790	3,089	2,629	-9.7	6.1	8,966	8,785	2.1
Plus Imports	15,150	11,041	11,603	-4.8	1,248	1,218	1,319	2.4	-5.4	3,597	4,035	-10.9
Minus Exports	(1,684)	(1,016)	(1,315)	-22.8	(103)	(109)	(120)	-5.7	-13.9	(329)	(395)	-16.7
Apparent Consumption	48,222	36,742	36,783	-0.1	3,935	4,198	3,828	-6.3	2.8	12,234	12,425	-1.5

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	26,585	18,634	20,395	-8.6	2,021	1,999	2,183	1.1	-7.4	5,954	6,877	-13.4
Plus Imports	398	253	313	-19.2	23	26	28	-9.9	-16.1	78	98	-20.2
Minus Exports	(17,522)	(12,619)	(13,314)	-5.2	(1,385)	(1,338)	(1,546)	3.5	-10.4	(4,022)	(4,587)	-12.3
Apparent Consumption	9,461	6,267	7,395	-15.2	659	687	666	-4.0	-0.9	2,010	2,388	-15.8



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

	2018					2019												
Region	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	784	798	769	738	784	709	813	696	640	797	692	731	799	774	714	745	758	697
Inland	416	435	407	389	445	391	436	359	344	429	366	397	415	404	381	404	423	395
Cal. Coast	32	48	53	40	47	51	51	47	44	49	49	54	50	61	53	52	52	57
Total West	1,232	1,281	1,229	1,168	1,276	1,151	1,300	1,103	1,028	1,275	1,107	1,182	1,264	1,239	1,148	1,201	1,233	1,150
South	1,651	1,760	1,620	1,603	1,786	1,455	1,689	1,449	1,298	1,729	1,475	1,530	1,692	1,614	1,598	1,725	1,689	1,512
Other	142	150	141	137	151	129	148	126	115	148	128	134	146	141	136	145	144	132
Total U.S.	3,025	3,191	2,990	2,908	3,213	2,735	3,136	2,678	2,441	3,153	2,709	2,846	3,102	2,994	2,881	3,071	3,066	2,793
British Columbia	1,134	1,117	1,076	1,051	1,064	1,014	1,062	951	760	923	803	958	903	916	821	780	784	738
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,303	1,357	1,219	1,129	1,229	1,211	1,328	1,255	1,036	1,228	1,130	1,340	1,303	1,324	1,200	1,091	1,151	1,216
Total Canada	2,437	2,475	2,295	2,180	2,293	2,225	2,391	2,207	1,796	2,151	1,933	2,299	2,206	2,240	2,020	1,871	1,935	1,954
Total North America	5,462	5,666	5,285	5,088	5,506	4,959	5,527	4,884	4,238	5,303	4,642	5,145	5,308	5,234	4,902	4,942	5,001	4,747

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

	2018					2019												
Region	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	779	824	754	745	820	643	795	740	639	781	642	759	788	842	720	749	776	700
Inland	405	438	402	391	444	367	429	381	325	424	350	372	439	450	403	410	421	392
Cal. Coast	31	43	49	39	38	41	40	48	38	47	42	51	54	63	49	58	57	54
Total West	1,215	1,305	1,205	1,175	1,302	1,051	1,265	1,169	1,003	1,252	1,034	1,182	1,282	1,355	1,172	1,217	1,254	1,146
South	1,651	1,760	1,620	1,603	1,786	1,455	1,689	1,449	1,298	1,729	1,475	1,530	1,692	1,614	1,598	1,725	1,689	1,512
Other	142	151	140	137	153	124	146	129	114	147	124	134	147	147	137	145	145	131
Total U.S.	3,008	3,216	2,965	2,915	3,241	2,629	3,100	2,747	2,415	3,128	2,633	2,846	3,121	3,115	2,907	3,088	3,089	2,790
British Columbia	1,087	1,195	1,120	1,126	1,164	1,055	1,051	935	808	889	778	975	957	968	861	786	802	812
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,266	1,363	1,212	1,140	1,264	1,128	1,237	1,212	946	1,191	1,074	1,170	1,230	1,294	1,292	1,148	1,197	1,209
Total Canada	2,353	2,557	2,332	2,266	2,428	2,183	2,288	2,147	1,754	2,080	1,853	2,145	2,187	2,262	2,153	1,934	1,999	2,021
Total North America	5,360	5,774	5,297	5,181	5,669	4,813	5,389	4,895	4,169	5,208	4,486	4,992	5,307	5,377	5,060	5,022	5,088	4,811

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

	2018					2019												
Region	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	765	819	765	768	824	654	784	738	643	751	655	742	786	835	712	761	758	697
Inland	407	452	406	368	433	370	431	377	326	439	330	376	437	423	435	395	424	394
Cal. Coast	29	43	49	39	38	38	40	48	39	47	42	51	55	62	49	58	57	55
Total West	1,201	1,314	1,220	1,174	1,295	1,063	1,255	1,163	1,008	1,236	1,027	1,168	1,277	1,320	1,196	1,214	1,239	1,146
South	1,651	1,760	1,620	1,603	1,786	1,455	1,689	1,449	1,298	1,729	1,475	1,530	1,692	1,614	1,598	1,725	1,689	1,512
Other	141	152	140	137	152	124	145	129	114	147	124	133	147	145	138	145	145	131
Total U.S.	2,992	3,226	2,980	2,915	3,233	2,642	3,090	2,741	2,420	3,112	2,626	2,832	3,116	3,079	2,932	3,084	3,073	2,789

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

	2018					2019												
Region	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	245	241	252	275	279	290	279	276	280	249	262	245	242	235	227	239	221	219
Inland	209	222	226	203	192	196	198	193	194	211	192	195	192	165	198	182	185	187
Cal. Coast	34	34	33	33	33	30	30	30	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	30	31
Total West	488	497	511	511	504	516	506	499	505	491	484	470	466	431	455	452	437	436
South	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716
Other	70	71	71	71	71	72	71	71	71	70	70	69	69	67	69	68	68	68
Total U.S.	1,260	1,269	1,285	1,284	1,277	1,290	1,279	1,272	1,278	1,277	1,270	1,255	1,251	1,215	1,240	1,236	1,220	1,220

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

	2018					2019												
Region	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	612	586	601	594	558	624	642	598	599	613	663	635	646	578	571	568	549	547
Inland	534	531	536	534	535	560	566	543	563	568	585	609	585	539	517	511	513	516
Cal. Coast	86	91	95	97	106	115	126	126	131	134	141	144	140	138	142	136	131	134
Total West	1,232	1,208	1,232	1,225	1,199	1,299	1,334	1,267	1,293	1,316	1,388	1,388	1,370	1,255	1,231	1,215	1,193	1,197
South	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654
Other	159	158	159	159	158	163	164	161	162	163	167	167	166	160	159	158	157	158
Total U.S.	3,011	2,986	3,011	3,004	2,977	3,082	3,118	3,048	3,075	3,134	3,209	3,209	3,190	3,069	3,044	3,027	3,004	3,008
British Columbia	1,597	1,520	1,482	1,434	1,356	1,322	1,351	1,324	1,273	1,344	1,333	1,346	1,303	1,259	1,239	1,211	1,196	1,134
Prairies & Eastern Canada	2,042	2,009	1,953	1,911	1,856	1,893	1,949	1,899	1,947	1,931	1,962	2,126	2,115	2,139	2,022	1,907	1,839	1,809
Total Canada	3,639	3,529	3,436	3,345	3,212	3,215	3,300	3,223	3,219	3,275	3,295	3,473	3,418	3,398	3,261	3,118	3,035	2,942
Total North America	6,650	6,515	6,447	6,348	6,189	6,297	6,418	6,272	6,295	6,409	6,504	6,682	6,608	6,467	6,305	6,146	6,039	5,951