



Lumber Track

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

Production	Full Year	10 months YTD			% Chg	Oct-20	Sep-20	Oct-19	M to M %	Y to Y %	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
	2019	2020	2019										
West	14,254	11,995	12,039	-0.4	1,288	1,196	1,303	7.7	-1.2		3,713	3,562	4.2
South	19,365	17,301	16,487	4.9	1,796	1,677	1,855	7.1	-3.2		5,300	4,985	6.3
Other	1,546	1,347	1,312	2.7	142	132	145	7.3	-2.4		414	393	5.4
Total	35,165	30,643	29,838	2.7	3,225	3,005	3,304	7.3	-2.4		9,427	8,940	5.4

Shipments

West	14,287	12,207	12,132	0.6	1,240	1,217	1,289	1.9	-3.8		3,817	3,600	6.0
South	19,365	17,301	16,487	4.9	1,796	1,677	1,855	7.1	-3.2		5,300	4,985	6.3
Other	1,548	1,357	1,316	3.1	140	133	145	4.9	-3.4		419	395	6.2
Total	35,199	30,865	29,935	3.1	3,175	3,027	3,288	4.9	-3.4		9,536	8,980	6.2

New Orders

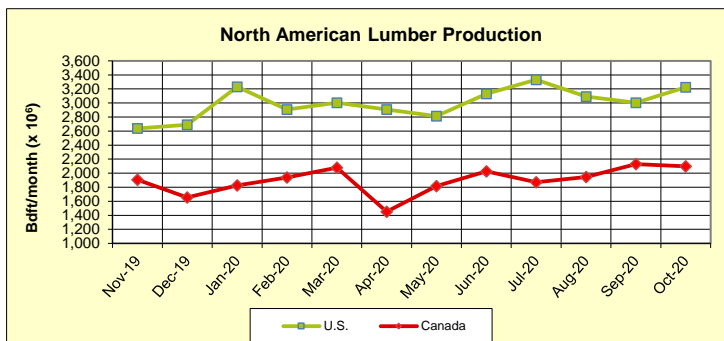
West	14,253	12,149	12,074	0.6	1,233	1,196	1,301	3.1	-5.2		3,797	3,581	6.0
South	19,365	17,301	16,487	4.9	1,796	1,677	1,855	7.1	-3.2		5,300	4,985	6.3
Other	1,546	1,354	1,313	3.1	139	132	145	5.4	-4.0		418	394	6.2
Total	35,164	30,805	29,874	3.1	3,168	3,005	3,301	5.4	-4.0		9,516	8,960	6.2

Unfilled Orders

	Oct-20	Oct-19	% Chg
West	476	452	-5.3
South	646	646	0.0
Other	70	68	-3.7
Total	1,192	1,140	-2.3

Inventories

	Oct-20	Oct-19	% Chg
West	1,249	1,041	-12.5
South	1,697	1,697	0.0
Other	161	150	-5.1
Total	3,107	2,888	-5.1



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	10 months YTD			% Chg	Oct-20	Sep-20	Oct-19	M to M %	Y to Y %	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
	2019	2020	2019										
British Columbia	9,679	7,412	8,347	-11.2	836	845	782	-1.2	6.8		2,423	2,275	6.5
East of the Rockies	14,332	11,771	12,104	-2.7	1,263	1,284	1,307	-1.6	-3.3		3,523	3,401	3.6
Total	24,011	19,184	20,450	-6.2	2,099	2,129	2,089	-1.4	0.5		5,946	5,676	4.8

Shipments

British Columbia	9,971	7,449	8,612	-13.5	872	842	795	3.6	9.7		2,408	2,416	-0.3
East of the Rockies	13,986	11,371	11,916	-4.6	1,173	1,198	1,240	-2.1	-5.4		3,458	3,500	-1.2
Total	23,956	18,820	20,528	-8.3	2,045	2,040	2,035	0.2	0.5		5,867	5,916	-0.8

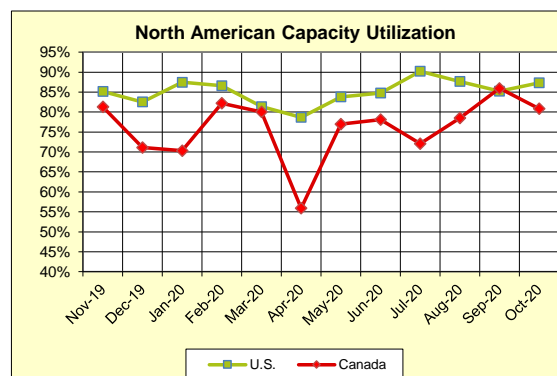
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	Oct-20	Oct-19	% Chg
British Columbia	1,002	1,070	4.4
East of the Rockies	1,866	1,736	-1.9
Total	2,868	2,806	0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	10 months YTD			% Chg
	2019	2020	2019		
West	81%	82%	81%	85%	83%
South	89%	89%	89%	90%	94%
Total U.S.	85%	85%	85%	87%	88%
British Columbia	73%	68%	73%	75%	70%
East of the Rockies	83%	82%	84%	86%	84%
Total Canada	79%	76%	79%	81%	78%



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

Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	10 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Oct-20	Sep-20	Oct-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
From British Columbia ¹	5,576	4,538	4,774	-4.9	605	563	451	7.5	34.3	1,576	1,398	12.7
East of the Rockies ¹	7,496	6,249	6,317	-1.1	647	709	645	-8.7	0.4	1,938	1,882	3.0
Total Canadian Imports ¹	13,072	10,787	11,090	-2.7	1,253	1,273	1,095	-1.6	14.4	3,514	3,280	7.1
From Canada ²	13,045	10,775	11,064	-2.6	1,252	1,272	1,094	-1.6	14.5	3,512	3,275	7.2
From Latin America ²	391	381	334	13.9	49	46	34	7.5	43.4	121	93	29.8
From Europe ²	937	1,098	714	53.8	147	100	90	46.3	63.0	314	175	79.5
Total Non-Canadian ²	1,505	1,642	1,196	37.3	212	163	138	30.4	53.6	488	314	55.5
Total Lumber Imports ²	14,551	12,417	12,260	1.3	1,464	1,435	1,232	2.1	18.8	4,000	3,594	11.3

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	10 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Oct-20	Sep-20	Oct-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
To Canada	303	236	263	-10.1	20	23	29	-14.5	-30.7	70	72	-2.6
To China	116	88	102	-13.2	5	5	7	-10.6	-29.7	20	26	-25.4
To Japan	94	61	79	-23.0	5	4	8	30.2	-31.6	14	23	-38.2
To Mexico	277	202	233	-13.3	26	21	25	23.7	4.5	64	72	-12.0
To Other Countries	536	346	451	-23.3	42	31	42	33.2	-0.4	95	136	-30.0
Total Lumber Exports	1,325	933	1,128	-17.2	98	85	110	15.0	-11.2	263	329	-20.2

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

From Canada	77	46	62	-26.1	9	3	9	220.0	-9.8	11	19	-43.0
Non-Canadian Sources	20	22	20	10.2	0	0	4	0.0	0.0	5	5	3.2
Total Log Imports	97	67	81	-17.3	9	3	14	208.5	-38.7	16	24	-33.7

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

To China	652	525	565	-7.1	73	33	45	122.3	63.2	187	138	35.8
To Japan	345	310	280	10.8	32	25	6	28.6	464.0	82	98	-16.3
To Canada	137	107	116	-7.7	10	10	11	2.9	-7.3	26	33	-18.9
To Other Countries	161	100	133	-24.7	10	14	20	-31.7	-50.2	33	46	-28.8
Total Log Exports	1,294	1,042	1,094	-4.8	125	82	81	52.3	54.5	329	315	4.4

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	10,787	11,090	-2.7	1,253	1,273	1,095	-1.6	14.4	3,514	3,280	7.1
To China	1,940	1,066	1,717	-37.9	75	70	130	7.0	-42.4	259	408	-36.5
To Japan	775	475	648	-26.8	40	43	64	-6.1	-37.2	118	196	-40.1
Other	584	398	500	-20.5	34	33	47	3.0	-27.6	100	137	-26.9
Total Lumber Exports	16,372	12,725	13,956	-8.8	1,402	1,419	1,337	-1.2	4.9	3,991	4,022	-0.8

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	10 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Oct-20	Sep-20	Oct-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	35,199	30,865	29,935	3.1	3,175	3,027	3,288	4.9	-3.4	9,536	8,980	6.2
Plus Imports	14,551	12,417	12,260	1.3	1,464	1,435	1,232	2.1	18.8	4,000	3,594	11.3
Minus Exports	(1,325)	(933)	(1,128)	-17.2	(98)	(85)	(110)	15.0	-11.2	(263)	(329)	-20.2
Apparent Consumption	48,425	42,348	41,067	3.1	4,542	4,377	4,410	3.8	3.0	13,273	12,245	8.4

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	10 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Oct-20	Sep-20	Oct-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	23,956	18,820	20,528	-8.3	2,045	2,040	2,035	0.2	0.5	5,867	5,916	-0.8
Plus Imports	327	255	284	-10.1	21	25	31	-14.5	-30.7	76	78	-2.6
Minus Exports	(16,372)	(12,725)	(13,956)	-8.8	(1,402)	(1,419)	(1,337)	-1.2	4.9	(3,991)	(4,022)	-0.8
Apparent Consumption	7,912	6,350	6,856	-7.4	664	646	729	2.8	-8.9	1,951	1,973	-1.1



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

	2019				2020															
Region	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT		
Coast	766	707	738	750	690	799	673	697	752	709	759	658	669	780	786	750	717	786		
Inland	402	378	402	420	391	444	368	379	441	384	409	360	370	422	437	426	425	441		
Cal. Coast	64	56	55	55	61	60	49	50	47	51	45	28	46	62	67	52	54	61		
Total West	1,232	1,141	1,195	1,226	1,142	1,303	1,089	1,126	1,241	1,144	1,214	1,046	1,085	1,264	1,289	1,227	1,196	1,288		
South	1,615	1,606	1,732	1,696	1,557	1,855	1,432	1,446	1,847	1,635	1,659	1,732	1,604	1,728	1,896	1,727	1,677	1,796		
Other	131	126	135	134	124	145	116	118	142	128	132	128	124	138	146	136	132	142		
Total U.S.	2,978	2,874	3,061	3,056	2,823	3,304	2,637	2,690	3,230	2,907	3,005	2,906	2,813	3,130	3,332	3,090	3,005	3,225		
British Columbia	912	813	766	792	716	782	709	623	699	762	792	436	677	788	777	800	845	836		
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,316	1,193	1,078	1,133	1,190	1,307	1,197	1,032	1,127	1,178	1,286	1,016	1,140	1,239	1,094	1,146	1,284	1,263		
Total Canada	2,228	2,006	1,844	1,925	1,906	2,089	1,906	1,655	1,826	1,940	2,078	1,452	1,816	2,027	1,871	1,946	2,129	2,099		
Total North America	5,206	4,880	4,905	4,981	4,729	5,393	4,543	4,345	5,056	4,847	5,083	4,358	4,629	5,157	5,203	5,036	5,134	5,324		

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

	2019				2020														
Region	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	
Coast	835	715	743	770	694	796	664	669	754	709	755	678	691	789	809	743	733	761	
Inland	448	401	409	420	390	431	362	362	434	399	407	375	388	440	467	444	427	420	
Cal. Coast	65	50	60	58	56	62	50	49	53	51	54	51	51	70	72	64	57	59	
Total West	1,348	1,166	1,212	1,249	1,140	1,289	1,075	1,080	1,241	1,159	1,215	1,104	1,130	1,300	1,348	1,252	1,217	1,240	
South	1,615	1,606	1,732	1,696	1,557	1,855	1,432	1,446	1,847	1,635	1,659	1,732	1,604	1,728	1,896	1,727	1,677	1,796	
Other	136	127	135	135	124	145	115	116	142	128	132	130	126	139	149	137	133	140	
Total U.S.	3,100	2,900	3,079	3,080	2,821	3,288	2,622	2,643	3,230	2,923	3,007	2,967	2,860	3,167	3,393	3,116	3,027	3,175	
British Columbia	970	851	806	802	808	795	682	677	662	698	810	723	564	711	770	796	842	872	
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,291	1,266	1,113	1,185	1,202	1,240	1,068	1,002	1,133	1,019	1,127	1,045	1,145	1,271	1,137	1,123	1,198	1,173	
Total Canada	2,261	2,117	1,919	1,987	2,010	2,035	1,749	1,679	1,794	1,718	1,938	1,768	1,709	1,982	1,907	1,919	2,040	2,045	
Total North America	5,361	5,017	4,998	5,067	4,831	5,323	4,372	4,321	5,025	4,640	4,944	4,735	4,569	5,149	5,301	5,035	5,067	5,220	

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

	2019				2020															
Region	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT		
Coast	828	706	755	753	692	801	673	673	762	694	769	676	669	782	816	747	729	764		
Inland	421	433	393	423	392	438	353	383	449	378	389	385	406	427	444	458	410	410		
Cal. Coast	64	51	59	58	56	62	49	49	53	52	55	53	51	71	72	63	57	59		
Total West	1,314	1,190	1,208	1,234	1,140	1,301	1,075	1,105	1,265	1,123	1,213	1,113	1,125	1,280	1,333	1,269	1,196	1,233		
South	1,615	1,606	1,732	1,696	1,557	1,855	1,432	1,446	1,847	1,635	1,659	1,732	1,604	1,728	1,896	1,727	1,677	1,796		
Other	135	129	135	135	124	145	115	117	143	127	132	131	126	138	148	138	132	139		
Total U.S.	3,064	2,925	3,075	3,064	2,821	3,301	2,622	2,668	3,255	2,885	3,004	2,976	2,855	3,146	3,378	3,133	3,005	3,168		

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

	2019				2020															
Region	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT		
Coast	235	227	239	222	219	224	233	236	246	230	244	243	221	213	221	225	221	224		
Inland	169	201	186	189	190	197	188	209	233	212	194	204	221	208	186	199	182	172		
Cal. Coast	31	31	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	32	33	33	33	34	33	33	33		
Total West	435	459	456	440	440	452	452	476	509	473	470	479	475	455	440	457	435	428		
South	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646		
Other	68	69	69	68	68	68	68	70	71	69	69	69	69	68	67	68	67	66		
Total U.S.	1,149	1,174	1,170	1,154	1,154	1,167	1,166	1,192	1,226	1,188	1,185	1,195	1,190	1,169	1,153	1,171	1,148	1,140		

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

	2019					2020													
Region	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	
Coast	575	566	561	541	537	541	550	578	577	578	582	562	540	531	508	514	499	523	
Inland	541	518	511	511	513	525	531	548	558	543	546	530	513	495	464	446	444	465	
Cal. Coast	122	129	123	120	125	123	122	123	117	117	108	85	80	72	66	54	50	53	
Total West	1,238	1,213	1,195	1,172	1,175	1,189	1,204	1,249	1,252	1,238	1,236	1,178	1,133	1,097	1,038	1,014	993	1,041	
South	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	
Other	160	159	158	157	157	158	159	161	161	160	160	158	155	154	151	150	149	150	
Total U.S.	3,095	3,069	3,051	3,027	3,029	3,045	3,059	3,107	3,110	3,095	3,093	3,032	2,985	2,948	2,886	2,861	2,839	2,888	
British Columbia	1,205	1,183	1,155	1,138	1,033	1,025	1,050	1,002	1,036	1,102	1,123	867	1,007	1,089	1,126	1,120	1,107	1,070	
Prairies & Eastern Canada	2,059	1,959	1,884	1,786	1,727	1,769	1,860	1,866	1,785	1,897	2,013	1,925	1,909	1,836	1,719	1,681	1,714	1,736	
Total Canada	3,265	3,142	3,039	2,924	2,760	2,794	2,910	2,868	2,821	2,999	3,136	2,792	2,916	2,924	2,845	2,801	2,821	2,806	
Total North America	6,360	6,211	6,090	5,951	5,789	5,839	5,969	5,975	5,931	6,094	6,229	5,824	5,901	5,872	5,731	5,662	5,660	5,694	