



Lumber Track

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

Production	Full Year	8 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Aug-19	Jul-19	Aug-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 19	2nd Qtr 18	% Chg
West	14,419	9,649	9,837	-1.9	1,233	1,201	1,276	2.6	-3.4	3,651	3,742	-2.4
South	18,846	12,972	12,955	0.1	1,642	1,705	1,786	-3.7	-8.1	4,897	5,031	-2.7
Other	1,644	1,116	1,126	-0.9	142	144	151	-1.1	-6.1	422	433	-2.6
Total	34,908	23,737	23,918	-0.8	3,017	3,050	3,213	-1.1	-6.1	8,970	9,206	-2.6

Shipments

West	14,274	9,749	9,787	-0.4	1,254	1,217	1,302	3.0	-3.6	3,808	3,725	2.2
South	18,846	12,972	12,955	0.1	1,642	1,705	1,786	-3.7	-8.1	4,897	5,031	-2.7
Other	1,637	1,122	1,124	-0.1	143	144	153	-0.9	-6.2	430	433	-0.6
Total	34,757	23,843	23,865	-0.1	3,040	3,067	3,241	-0.9	-6.2	9,135	9,189	-0.6

New Orders

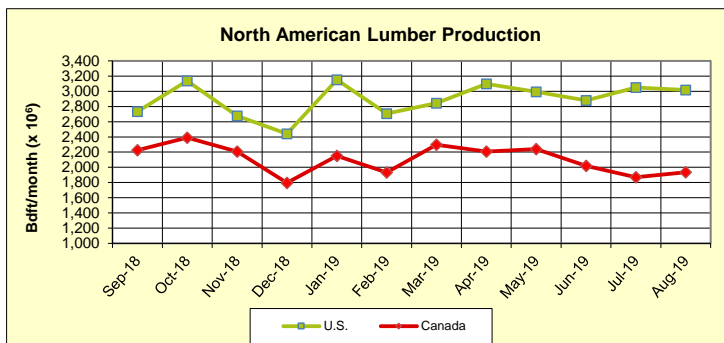
West	14,248	9,679	9,759	-0.8	1,239	1,214	1,295	2.1	-4.3	3,793	3,734	1.6
South	18,846	12,972	12,955	0.1	1,642	1,705	1,786	-3.7	-8.1	4,897	5,031	-2.7
Other	1,635	1,119	1,122	-0.3	142	144	152	-1.3	-6.5	429	433	-0.9
Total	34,729	23,769	23,837	-0.3	3,024	3,063	3,233	-1.3	-6.5	9,120	9,199	-0.9

Unfilled Orders

	Aug-19	Aug-18	
West	505	437	504
South	702	716	702
Other	71	67	71
Total	1,278	1,220	1,277

Inventories

	Aug-19	Aug-18	
West	1,293	1,193	1,199
South	1,620	1,654	1,620
Other	162	156	158
Total	3,075	3,004	2,977



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	8 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Aug-19	Jul-19	Aug-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 19	2nd Qtr 18	% Chg
British Columbia	12,374	6,887	8,587	-19.8	784	780	1,064	0.5	-26.3	2,640	3,327	-20.6
East of the Rockies	14,908	9,767	10,077	-3.1	1,151	1,091	1,229	5.5	-6.4	3,827	3,879	-1.4
Total	27,282	16,655	18,664	-10.8	1,935	1,871	2,293	3.4	-15.6	6,467	7,206	-10.3

Shipments

British Columbia	12,408	7,016	8,559	-18.0	802	786	1,164	2.1	-31.1	2,786	3,402	-18.1
East of the Rockies	14,177	9,597	9,654	-0.6	1,197	1,148	1,264	4.2	-5.3	3,816	3,841	-0.6
Total	26,585	16,613	18,212	-8.8	1,999	1,934	2,428	3.4	-17.7	6,602	7,243	-8.9

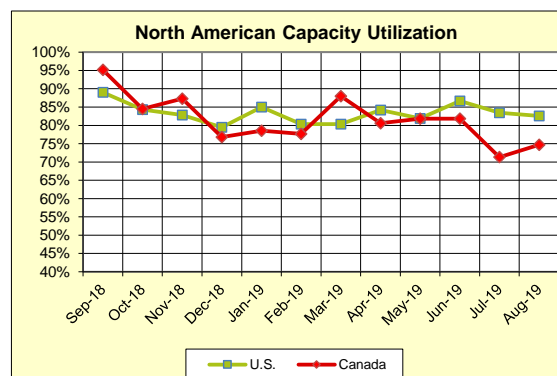
Inventories

	Aug-19	Aug-18	
British Columbia	1,273	1,196	1,356
East of the Rockies	1,947	1,839	1,856
Total	3,219	3,035	3,212

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	8 months YTD					
	2018	2019	2018	Aug-19	Jul-19	Aug-18	
West	80%	80%	81%	81%	79%	78%	
South	90%	85%	91%	84%	87%	94%	
Total U.S.	85%	83%	86%	83%	83%	86%	
British Columbia	88%	74%	90%	71%	69%	83%	
East of the Rockies	87%	84%	87%	77%	73%	79%	
Total Canada	87%	79%	88%	75%	71%	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	8 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Aug-19	Jul-19	Aug-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 19	2nd Qtr 18	% Chg
From British Columbia ¹	6,600	3,831	4,513	-15.1	490	416	652	17.7	-24.9	1,668	1,807	-7.7
East of the Rockies ¹	7,040	5,013	4,776	5.0	618	604	579	2.3	6.7	2,061	1,973	4.4
Total Canadian Imports ¹	13,639	8,843	9,290	-4.8	1,108	1,021	1,231	8.6	-10.0	3,729	3,780	-1.3
From Canada ²	13,629	8,831	9,284	-4.9	1,107	1,020	1,231	8.6	-10.0	3,724	3,778	-1.4
From Latin America ²	439	267	285	-6.2	28	33	44	-13.3	-35.1	99	102	-3.3
From Europe ²	890	576	589	-2.3	66	60	60	9.5	10.5	253	215	17.7
Total Non-Canadian ²	1,520	962	1,001	-3.8	111	111	120	0.3	-7.5	396	361	9.6
Total Lumber Imports ²	15,150	9,793	10,284	-4.8	1,218	1,131	1,351	7.8	-9.8	4,120	4,141	-0.5

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	8 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Aug-19	Jul-19	Aug-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 19	2nd Qtr 18	% Chg
To Canada	369	213	264	-19.5	24	27	35	-11.5	-31.3	83	106	-21.3
To China	287	89	238	-62.8	9	11	18	-12.8	-47.9	33	90	-64.0
To Japan	94	65	63	3.7	9	8	9	10.5	1.7	24	24	1.4
To Mexico	289	183	194	-5.6	23	24	30	-6.4	-24.8	65	71	-8.2
To Other Countries	645	363	436	-16.8	45	47	52	-4.6	-14.8	143	177	-19.3
Total Lumber Exports	1,684	913	1,195	-23.6	109	117	144	-6.3	-24.0	348	468	-25.7

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

From Canada	62	44	54	-18.7	6	4	12	43.6	-51.3	14	16	-13.1
Non-Canadian Sources	4	15	1	2300.2	4	0	0	0.0	0.0	5	0	0.0
Total Log Imports	67	59	54	8.4	11	4	13	134.0	-16.0	20	17	18.8

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

To China	1,104	492	774	-36.5	61	48	113	26.2	-46.3	226	352	-35.7
To Japan	385	241	258	-6.6	38	27	26	41.8	47.3	81	88	-8.2
To Canada	422	95	280	-66.0	13	11	38	16.1	-66.7	24	76	-68.3
To Other Countries	157	99	102	-2.8	16	16	10	0.8	63.4	36	32	13.2
Total Log Exports	2,068	926	1,413	-34.5	127	102	187	25.3	-31.8	367	547	-33.0

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

Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	13,639	8,843	9,290	-4.8	1,108	1,021	1,231	8.6	-10.0	3,729	3,780	-1.3
To China	2,181	1,461	1,307	11.8	119	163	169	-27.2	-29.9	554	533	3.8
To Japan	937	516	655	-21.2	67	61	70	9.5	-4.2	198	258	-23.3
Other	765	414	516	-19.9	44	54	59	-18.2	-24.7	167	222	-24.8
Total Lumber Exports	17,522	11,234	11,768	-4.5	1,338	1,299	1,529	3.0	-12.5	4,648	4,793	-3.0

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	8 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Aug-19	Jul-19	Aug-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 19	2nd Qtr 18	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	34,757	23,843	23,865	-0.1	3,040	3,067	3,241	-0.9	-6.2	9,135	9,189	-0.6
Plus Imports	15,150	9,793	10,284	-4.8	1,218	1,131	1,351	7.8	-9.8	4,120	4,141	-0.5
Minus Exports	(1,684)	(913)	(1,195)	-23.6	(109)	(117)	(144)	-6.3	-24.0	(348)	(468)	-25.7
Apparent Consumption	48,222	32,723	32,955	-0.7	4,149	4,081	4,448	1.7	-6.7	12,907	12,862	0.4

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	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Aug-19	Jul-19	Aug-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 19	2nd Qtr 18	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	26,585	16,613	18,212	-8.8	1,999	1,934	2,428	3.4	-17.7	6,602	7,243	-8.9
Plus Imports	398	230	285	-19.5	26	29	38	-11.5	-31.3	90	115	-21.3
Minus Exports	(17,522)	(11,234)	(11,768)	-4.5	(1,338)	(1,299)	(1,529)	3.0	-12.5	(4,648)	(4,793)	-3.0
Apparent Consumption	9,461	5,608	6,729	-16.7	687	664	937	3.4	-26.7	2,044	2,564	-20.3



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

		2018								2019									
	Region	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
	Coast	792	784	798	769	738	784	709	813	696	640	797	692	731	799	774	714	745	758
	Inland	426	416	435	407	389	445	391	436	359	344	429	366	397	415	404	381	404	423
	Cal. Coast	34	32	48	53	40	47	51	51	47	44	49	49	54	50	61	53	52	52
	Total West	1,252	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
	South	1,550	1,651	1,760	1,620	1,603	1,786	1,455	1,689	1,449	1,298	1,728	1,473	1,527	1,689	1,612	1,596	1,705	1,642
	Other	138	142	150	141	137	151	129	148	126	115	148	127	134	146	141	136	144	142
	Total U.S.	2,940	3,025	3,191	2,990	2,908	3,213	2,735	3,136	2,678	2,441	3,151	2,706	2,843	3,099	2,992	2,879	3,050	3,017
	British Columbia	1,086	1,134	1,117	1,076	1,051	1,064	1,014	1,062	951	760	923	803	958	903	916	821	780	784
	Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,337	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
	Total Canada	2,423	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
	Total North America	5,363	5,462	5,666	5,285	5,088	5,506	4,959	5,527	4,884	4,238	5,302	4,639	5,141	5,305	5,232	4,900	4,921	4,951

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

	2018								2019									
Region	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	781	779	824	754	745	820	643	795	740	639	781	642	759	788	842	720	749	776
Inland	421	405	438	402	391	444	367	429	381	325	424	350	372	439	450	403	410	421
Cal. Coast	32	31	43	49	39	38	41	40	48	38	47	42	51	54	63	49	58	57
Total West	1,234	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
South	1,550	1,651	1,760	1,620	1,603	1,786	1,455	1,689	1,449	1,298	1,728	1,473	1,527	1,689	1,612	1,596	1,705	1,642
Other	138	142	151	140	137	153	124	146	129	114	147	124	134	147	147	137	144	143
Total U.S.	2,922	3,008	3,216	2,965	2,915	3,241	2,629	3,100	2,747	2,415	3,127	2,631	2,843	3,118	3,113	2,905	3,067	3,040
British Columbia	1,006	1,087	1,195	1,120	1,126	1,164	1,055	1,051	935	808	889	778	975	957	968	861	786	802
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,172	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
Total Canada	2,178	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
Total North America	5,100	5,360	5,774	5,297	5,181	5,669	4,813	5,389	4,895	4,169	5,207	4,484	4,988	5,304	5,375	5,058	5,001	5,038

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

	2018								2019									
Region	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	790	765	819	765	768	824	654	784	738	643	751	655	742	786	835	712	761	758
Inland	405	407	452	406	368	433	370	431	377	326	439	330	376	437	423	435	395	424
Cal. Coast	31	29	43	49	39	38	38	40	48	39	47	42	51	55	62	49	58	57
Total West	1,226	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
South	1,550	1,651	1,760	1,620	1,603	1,786	1,455	1,689	1,449	1,298	1,728	1,473	1,527	1,689	1,612	1,596	1,705	1,642
Other	137	141	152	140	137	152	124	145	129	114	147	123	133	147	145	138	144	142
Total U.S.	2,913	2,992	3,226	2,980	2,915	3,233	2,642	3,090	2,741	2,420	3,111	2,624	2,828	3,113	3,077	2,930	3,063	3,024

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

	2018								2019									
Region	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	260	245	241	252	275	279	290	279	276	280	249	262	245	242	235	227	239	221
Inland	207	209	222	226	203	192	196	198	193	194	211	192	195	192	165	198	182	185
Cal. Coast	35	34	34	33	33	33	30	30	30	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	30
Total West	502	488	497	511	511	504	516	506	499	505	491	484	470	466	431	455	452	437
South	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716
Other	71	70	71	71	71	71	72	71	71	71	70	70	69	69	67	68	68	67
Total U.S.	1,275	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	1,214	1,240	1,236	1,220

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

	2018								2019									
Region	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	608	612	586	601	594	558	624	642	598	599	613	663	635	646	578	571	568	549
Inland	523	534	531	536	534	535	560	566	543	563	568	585	609	585	539	517	511	513
Cal. Coast	85	86	91	95	97	106	115	126	126	131	134	141	144	140	138	142	136	131
Total West	1,215	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
South	1,620	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
Other	159	159	158	159	159	158	163	164	161	162	163	166	166	165	159	158	158	156
Total U.S.	2,994	3,011	2,986	3,011	3,004	2,977	3,082	3,118	3,048	3,075	3,133	3,208	3,208	3,189	3,068	3,043	3,026	3,004
British Columbia	1,553	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
Prairies & Eastern Canada	2,048	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
Total Canada	3,601	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
Total North America	6,595	6,650	6,515	6,447	6,348	6,189	6,297	6,418	6,272	6,295	6,408	6,503	6,681	6,607	6,466	6,304	6,145	6,038