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Western Wood Products Association's 2019 Annual Mill Operating Survey results have been compiled and the final revisions for 2019 have been made in all WWPA statistical reports. Revisions to 2020 year-to-date data have also been applied and are reflected in this edition of ***Lumber Track***.

Sincerely,

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U.S. West

	2018	2019	Variation
	(MMBF)		(%)
Production	14,418	14,254	-1.14%
Shipments	14,275	14,287	0.09%
Orders	14,248	14,253	0.04%



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

Production	Full Year	5 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg
West	14,254	5,730	6,032	-5.0	1,085	1,046	1,232	3.7	-12.0	3,599	3,543	1.6
South	19,365	8,443	8,041	5.0	1,570	1,732	1,615	-9.4	-2.8	5,141	4,734	8.6
Other	1,546	652	647	0.7	122	128	131	-4.4	-6.8	402	381	5.6
Total	35,165	14,825	14,720	0.7	2,777	2,906	2,978	-4.4	-6.8	9,142	8,658	5.6

Shipments

West	14,287	5,850	6,076	-3.7	1,130	1,104	1,348	2.3	-16.2	3,616	3,452	4.7
South	19,365	8,443	8,041	5.0	1,570	1,732	1,615	-9.4	-2.8	5,141	4,734	8.6
Other	1,548	657	649	1.2	124	130	136	-4.8	-8.9	403	376	7.0
Total	35,199	14,951	14,766	1.2	2,824	2,967	3,100	-4.8	-8.9	9,159	8,562	7.0

New Orders

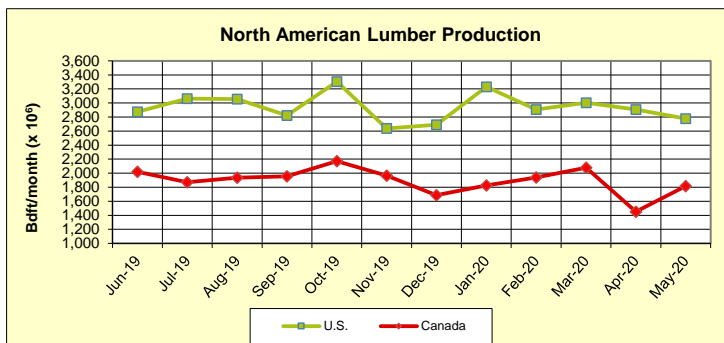
West	14,253	5,839	6,001	-2.7	1,125	1,113	1,314	1.1	-14.4	3,600	3,416	5.4
South	19,365	8,443	8,041	5.0	1,570	1,732	1,615	-9.4	-2.8	5,141	4,734	8.6
Other	1,546	657	646	1.7	124	131	135	-5.3	-8.0	402	375	7.3
Total	35,164	14,939	14,688	1.7	2,819	2,976	3,064	-5.3	-8.0	9,143	8,524	7.3

Unfilled Orders

	May-20	May-19	
West	476	435	9.1
South	646	646	0.0
Other	70	68	2.0
Total	1,192	1,149	3.6

Inventories

	May-20	May-19	
West	1,249	1,133	-8.5
South	1,697	1,697	0.0
Other	161	155	-3.1
Total	3,107	3,095	-3.6



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)

Production	Full Year	5 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg
British Columbia	9,847	3,365	4,503	-25.3	677	436	916	55.2	-26.2	2,253	2,684	-16.1
East of the Rockies	14,585	5,746	6,325	-9.2	1,140	1,016	1,324	12.2	-13.9	3,591	3,698	-2.9
Total	24,432	9,111	10,829	-15.9	1,816	1,452	2,240	25.1	-18.9	5,843	6,382	-8.4

Shipments

British Columbia	10,026	3,457	4,567	-24.3	564	723	968	-21.9	-41.7	2,170	2,642	-17.8
East of the Rockies	14,139	5,470	5,960	-8.2	1,145	1,045	1,294	9.6	-11.5	3,280	3,436	-4.6
Total	24,166	8,927	10,527	-15.2	1,709	1,768	2,262	-3.3	-24.4	5,450	6,078	-10.3

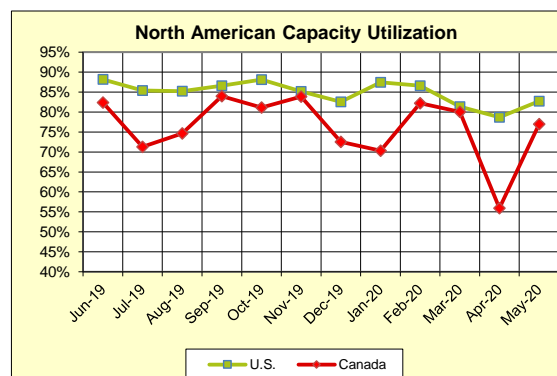
Inventories

	May-20	May-19	
British Columbia	1,093	1,007	-20.0
East of the Rockies	1,993	1,909	-10.8
Total	3,086	2,916	-14.2

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	5 months YTD					
	2019	2020	2019	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	
West	81%	79%	80%	79%	69%	82%	
South	89%	87%	87%	86%	86%	85%	
Total U.S.	85%	83%	84%	83%	79%	83%	
British Columbia	74%	62%	75%	66%	39%	74%	
East of the Rockies	85%	81%	87%	85%	69%	89%	
Total Canada	80%	73%	82%	77%	56%	82%	



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

Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	5 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg
From British Columbia ¹	5,576	1,942	2,427	-20.0	316	417	569	-24.2	-44.4	1,208	1,256	-3.8
East of the Rockies ¹	7,496	3,054	3,133	-2.5	602	616	691	-2.2	-12.9	1,836	1,729	6.2
Total Canadian Imports ¹	13,072	4,996	5,560	-10.1	918	1,033	1,261	-11.1	-27.2	3,045	2,986	2.0
From Canada ²	13,056	4,989	5,551	-10.1	917	1,032	1,260	-11.1	-27.2	3,041	2,979	2.0
From Latin America ²	391	168	180	-6.7	43	33	34	29.4	26.9	92	108	-14.7
From Europe ²	937	537	370	45.4	118	124	93	-5.1	27.0	296	196	50.5
Total Non-Canadian ²	1,507	783	621	26.1	178	172	142	3.6	25.0	433	338	28.1
Total Lumber Imports ²	14,563	5,772	6,172	-6.5	1,095	1,204	1,403	-9.0	-21.9	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	5 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg
To Canada	303	121	136	-11.7	27	25	31	7.8	-11.3	68	78	-13.1
To China	116	49	62	-20.6	12	13	9	-5.9	39.7	24	36	-33.1
To Japan	94	35	42	-16.6	7	7	9	-0.7	-16.4	20	25	-19.4
To Mexico	277	95	115	-17.2	13	11	21	14.9	-39.2	71	71	0.8
To Other Countries	534	183	220	-16.8	26	24	48	9.7	-45.9	134	129	3.8
Total Lumber Exports	1,323	483	575	-16.1	85	80	117	6.3	-27.0	317	339	-6.4

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

From Canada	77	18	28	-36.2	1	1	7	-16.6	-85.0	16	19	-18.9
Non-Canadian Sources	20	12	11	15.8	3	4	5	-30.4	-52.9	6	5	18.4
Total Log Imports	97	30	39	-22.0	4	5	13	-26.7	-71.5	22	24	-11.1

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

To China	652	180	289	-37.7	85	38	75	126.9	14.3	57	156	-63.7
To Japan	345	166	144	15.2	28	27	37	2.9	-24.7	111	95	16.6
To Canada	137	53	64	-17.1	5	3	8	39.9	-42.4	45	48	-6.9
To Other Countries	161	39	51	-23.7	5	8	10	-37.1	-48.8	26	31	-17.2
Total Log Exports	1,294	437	547	-20.1	123	76	130	61.8	-5.2	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	4,996	5,560	-10.1	918	1,033	1,261	-11.1	-27.2	3,045	2,986	2.0
To China	1,940	594	1,005	-40.9	172	146	169	17.7	1.8	276	625	-55.8
To Japan	775	259	314	-17.5	62	60	56	2.8	9.8	138	190	-27.8
Other	584	221	261	-15.5	47	49	63	-3.2	-24.5	125	148	-15.7
Total Lumber Exports	16,372	6,070	7,141	-15.0	1,199	1,288	1,548	-6.9	-22.6	3,584	3,950	-9.3

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	5 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	35,199	14,951	14,766	1.2	2,824	2,967	3,100	-4.8	-8.9	9,159	8,562	7.0
Plus Imports	14,563	5,772	6,172	-6.5	1,095	1,204	1,403	-9.0	-21.9	3,474	3,324	4.5
Minus Exports	(1,323)	(483)	(575)	-16.1	(85)	(80)	(117)	6.3	-27.0	(317)	(339)	-6.4
Apparent Consumption	48,440	20,240	20,363	-0.6	3,834	4,090	4,385	-6.3	-12.6	12,316	11,548	6.7

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	5 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 20	1st Qtr 19	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	24,166	8,927	10,527	-15.2	1,709	1,768	2,262	-3.3	-24.4	5,450	6,078	-10.3
Plus Imports	327	130	147	-11.7	29	27	33	7.8	-11.3	73	85	-13.1
Minus Exports	(16,372)	(6,070)	(7,141)	-15.0	(1,199)	(1,288)	(1,548)	-6.9	-22.6	(3,584)	(3,950)	-9.3
Apparent Consumption	8,121	2,987	3,533	-15.5	540	507	747	6.4	-27.7	1,940	2,213	-12.3



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

Region	2018					2019					2020				
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Coast	640	788	685	724	791	766	707	738	750	690	799	673	697	752	709
Inland	344	427	364	395	412	402	378	402	420	391	444	368	379	441	384
Cal. Coast	44	52	51	57	53	64	56	55	55	61	60	49	50	47	51
Total West	1,028	1,267	1,100	1,176	1,256	1,232	1,141	1,195	1,226	1,142	1,303	1,089	1,126	1,241	1,144
South	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	1,635
Other	115	138	118	124	136	131	126	135	134	124	145	116	118	142	128
Total U.S.	2,441	3,134	2,694	2,830	3,084	2,978	2,874	3,061	3,056	2,823	3,304	2,637	2,690	3,230	2,907
British Columbia	760	923	803	958	903	916	821	780	784	738	835	746	641	699	762
Prairies & Eastern Canada	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
Total Canada	1,796	2,151	1,933	2,299	2,206	2,240	2,020	1,871	1,935	2,171	1,966	1,687	1,826	1,940	2,078
Total North America	4,237	5,285	4,627	5,128	5,290	5,218	4,894	4,932	4,991	4,777	5,474	4,603	4,378	5,056	4,847

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

Region	2018					2019					2020				
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Coast	639	775	638	753	782	835	715	743	770	694	796	664	669	754	709
Inland	325	422	349	371	438	448	401	409	420	390	431	362	362	434	399
Cal. Coast	38	48	43	53	56	65	50	60	58	56	62	50	49	53	51
Total West	1,003	1,246	1,030	1,177	1,276	1,348	1,166	1,212	1,249	1,140	1,289	1,075	1,080	1,241	1,159
South	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	1,635
Other	114	137	115	124	136	136	127	135	135	124	145	115	116	142	128
Total U.S.	2,414	3,111	2,620	2,831	3,104	3,100	2,900	3,079	3,080	2,821	3,288	2,622	2,643	3,230	2,923
British Columbia	808	889	778	975	957	968	861	786	802	812	819	683	696	662	698
Prairies & Eastern Canada	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
Total Canada	1,754	2,080	1,853	2,145	2,187	2,262	2,153	1,934	1,999	2,021	2,059	1,764	1,709	1,794	1,718
Total North America	4,168	5,191	4,473	4,977	5,291	5,362	5,053	5,013	5,079	4,842	5,347	4,387	4,352	5,025	4,640

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

Region	2018					2019					2020				
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Coast	643	745	650	736	779	828	706	755	753	692	801	673	673	762	694
Inland	326	438	329	374	436	421	433	393	423	392	438	353	383	449	378
Cal. Coast	39	48	44	52	56	64	51	59	58	56	62	49	49	53	52
Total West	1,008	1,230	1,022	1,163	1,271	1,314	1,190	1,208	1,234	1,140	1,301	1,075	1,105	1,265	1,123
South	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	1,635
Other	114	136	115	124	136	135	129	135	135	124	145	115	117	143	127
Total U.S.	2,420	3,096	2,612	2,817	3,100	3,064	2,925	3,075	3,064	2,821	3,301	2,622	2,668	3,255	2,885

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

Region	2018					2019					2020				
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Coast	280	249	262	245	242	235	227	239	222	219	224	233	236	246	230
Inland	194	215	195	198	196	169	201	186	189	190	197	188	209	233	212
Cal. Coast	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	31
Total West	505	495	488	474	470	435	459	456	440	440	452	452	476	509	473
South	640	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646
Other	71	70	70	69	69	68	69	69	68	68	68	68	70	71	69
Total U.S.	1,216	1,211	1,204	1,189	1,185	1,149	1,174	1,170	1,154	1,154	1,167	1,166	1,192	1,226	1,188

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

Region	2018					2019					2020				
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Coast	599	617	664	635	644	575	566	561	541	537	541	550	578	577	578
Inland	563	574	589	613	587	541	518	511	511	513	525	531	548	558	543
Cal. Coast	132	113	121	126	123	122	129	123	120	125	123	122	123	117	117
Total West	1,293	1,304	1,374	1,373	1,354	1,238	1,213	1,195	1,172	1,175	1,189	1,204	1,249	1,252	1,238
South	1,620	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	162	163	167	167	166	160	159	158	157	157	158	159	161	161	160
Total U.S.	3,075	3,164	3,238	3,237	3,217	3,095	3,069	3,051	3,027	3,029	3,045	3,059	3,107	3,110	3,095
British Columbia	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
Prairies & Eastern Canada	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
Total Canada	3,219	3,275	3,295	3,473	3,418	3,398	3,261	3,118	3,035	2,942	3,051	3,159	3,086	2,821	2,999
Total North America	6,295	6,439	6,533	6,709	6,635	6,493	6,330	6,169	6,061	5,972	6,095	6,218	6,193	5,931	6,094