



Lumber Track

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

Production	Full Year	2 months YTD										
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>Feb-20</u>	<u>Jan-20</u>	<u>Feb-19</u>	<u>M to M %</u>	<u>Y to Y %</u>	<u>4th Qtr 19</u>	<u>4th Qtr 18</u>	<u>% Chg</u>
West	14,335	2,394	2,382	0.5	1,149	1,245	1,107	-7.7	3.8	3,538	3,431	3.1
South	19,365	3,479	3,204	8.6	1,632	1,847	1,475	-11.6	10.6	4,733	4,436	6.7
Other	1,665	290	276	5.1	137	153	128	-10.1	7.7	409	389	5.1
Total	35,366	6,163	5,862	5.1	2,918	3,245	2,709	-10.1	7.7	8,680	8,255	5.1

Shipments

West	14,353	2,410	2,286	5.4	1,164	1,246	1,034	-6.6	12.5	3,459	3,437	0.6
South	19,365	3,479	3,204	8.6	1,632	1,847	1,475	-11.6	10.6	4,733	4,436	6.7
Other	1,666	291	271	7.3	138	153	124	-9.6	11.4	405	389	4.1
Total	35,384	6,179	5,761	7.3	2,934	3,246	2,633	-9.6	11.4	8,597	8,262	4.1

New Orders

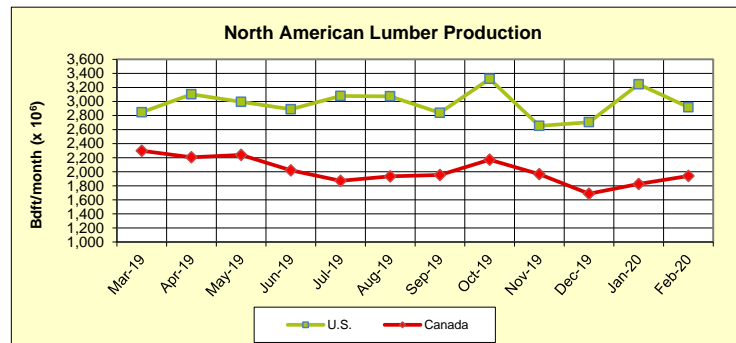
West	14,319	2,397	2,264	5.9	1,128	1,269	1,027	-11.2	9.7	3,496	3,426	2.0
South	19,365	3,479	3,204	8.6	1,632	1,847	1,475	-11.6	10.6	4,733	4,436	6.7
Other	1,664	290	270	7.5	136	154	124	-11.4	10.3	407	388	4.7
Total	35,348	6,166	5,738	7.5	2,896	3,270	2,626	-11.4	10.3	8,635	8,251	4.7

Unfilled Orders

	Feb-20	Feb-19	% Chg
West	473	484	-5.0
South	716	716	0.0
Other	69	70	-1.7
Total	1,258	1,245	-2.0

Inventories

	Feb-20	Feb-19	% Chg
West	1,275	1,260	-9.2
South	1,654	1,654	0.0
Other	161	167	-3.8
Total	3,091	3,075	-4.2



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	2 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg								
					Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19	M to M %	Y to Y %	4th Qtr 19	4th Qtr 18	% Chg
British Columbia	9,847	1,461	1,726	-15.3	762	699	803	9.0	-5.1	2,222	2,774	-19.9
East of the Rockies	14,585	2,305	2,358	-2.3	1,178	1,127	1,130	4.6	4.2	3,602	3,620	-0.5
Total	24,432	3,766	4,084	-7.8	1,940	1,826	1,933	6.3	0.4	5,824	6,393	-8.9

Shipments

British Columbia	10,026	1,360	1,667	-18.4	698	662	778	5.6	-10.3	2,199	2,794	-21.3
East of the Rockies	14,139	2,152	2,266	-5.0	1,019	1,133	1,074	-10.0	-5.1	3,333	3,396	-1.8
Total	24,166	3,512	3,933	-10.7	1,718	1,794	1,853	-4.3	-7.3	5,532	6,190	-10.6

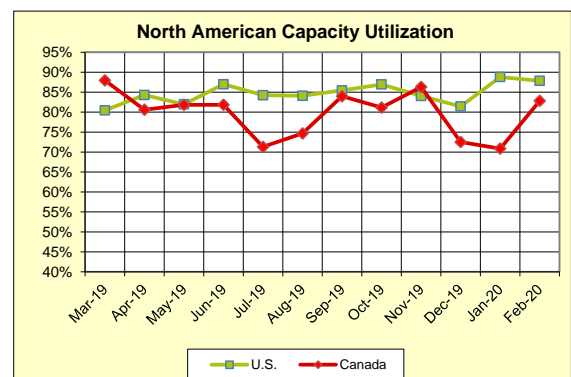
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	Feb-20	Feb-19	% Chg
British Columbia	1,093	1,102	-17.3
East of the Rockies	1,993	1,897	-3.3
Total	3,086	2,999	-9.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	2 months YTD			Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19
	2019	2020	2019				
West	81%	83%	79%	83%	82%	77%	
South	86%	93%	86%	92%	94%	83%	
Total U.S.	84%	88%	83%	88%	89%	80%	
British Columbia	74%	72%	73%	78%	65%	72%	
East of the Rockies	84%	80%	82%	86%	75%	83%	
Total Canada	80%	77%	78%	83%	71%	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	2 months YTD			Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 19	4th Qtr 18	% Chg
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg								
From British Columbia ¹	5,576	721	748	-3.7	402	319	356	26.2	13.1	1,253	1,469	-14.7
East of the Rockies ¹	7,496	1,120	1,077	4.0	553	567	555	-2.5	-0.4	1,824	1,669	9.3
Total Canadian Imports ¹	13,072	1,841	1,825	0.9	955	886	910	7.8	4.9	3,077	3,137	-1.9
From Canada ²	13,056	1,838	1,822	0.9	953	885	909	7.6	4.9	3,075	3,134	-1.9
From Latin America ²	391	57	75	-24.3	22	35	31	-36.8	-28.8	91	116	-21.6
From Europe ²	937	180	138	30.3	86	93	56	-7.5	53.4	312	246	27.1
Total Non-Canadian ²	1,507	270	242	11.3	123	146	99	-15.6	25.2	447	409	9.3
Total Lumber Imports ²	14,563	2,108	2,064	2.1	1,076	1,031	1,007	4.3	6.8	3,522	3,546	-0.7

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	2 months YTD			Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 19	4th Qtr 18	% Chg
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg								
To Canada	303	43	47	-9.3	23	20	23	17.3	-0.9	69	79	-12.9
To China	116	16	26	-38.1	8	8	15	-4.0	-45.9	21	39	-46.4
To Japan	94	12	16	-28.5	5	6	9	-14.5	-37.1	22	23	-5.0
To Mexico	277	50	49	0.5	21	29	19	-26.2	11.7	68	72	-5.1
To Other Countries	534	95	89	6.0	51	44	41	14.1	22.3	127	156	-18.5
Total Lumber Exports	1,323	215	229	-5.9	108	107	107	0.9	1.2	307	369	-16.8

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

From Canada	77	10	11	-5.1	9	1	4	654.4	143.3	25	5	440.0
Non-Canadian Sources	20	6	5	17.6	6	0	5	0.0	0.0	5	4	29.0
Total Log Imports	97	16	16	2.0	15	1	9	1124.5	74.1	30	8	263.7

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

To China	652	45	102	-55.8	31	14	43	111.2	-29.0	131	254	-48.4
To Japan	345	71	53	33.7	42	29	29	43.4	43.5	70	93	-24.6
To Canada	137	35	32	8.5	15	20	15	-23.2	-1.5	32	104	-69.1
To Other Countries	161	14	14	-0.5	7	6	7	18.5	5.1	48	47	2.4
Total Log Exports	1,294	164	201	-18.1	95	69	95	36.6	0.3	282	498	-43.5

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

Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	13,072	1,841	1,825	0.9	955	886	910	7.8	4.9	3,077	3,137	-1.9
To China	1,940	173	396	-56.5	90	82	196	9.8	-53.9	353	687	-48.5
To Japan	775	84	115	-27.1	48	36	54	33.6	-11.8	191	200	-4.6
Other	584	75	93	-18.9	40	35	48	12.4	-17.6	131	185	-29.0
Total Lumber Exports	16,372	2,172	2,429	-10.6	1,133	1,039	1,209	9.0	-6.3	3,753	4,209	-10.8

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	2 months YTD			Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 19	4th Qtr 18	% Chg
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	35,384	6,179	5,761	7.3	2,934	3,246	2,633	-9.6	11.4	8,597	8,262	4.1
Plus Imports	14,563	2,108	2,064	2.1	1,076	1,031	1,007	4.3	6.8	3,522	3,546	-0.7
Minus Exports	(1,323)	(215)	(229)	-5.9	(108)	(107)	(107)	0.9	1.2	(307)	(369)	-16.8
Apparent Consumption	48,624	8,072	7,597	6.3	3,902	4,170	3,534	-6.4	10.4	11,812	11,439	3.3

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	2 months YTD			Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 19	4th Qtr 18	% Chg
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	24,166	3,512	3,933	-10.7	1,718	1,794	1,853	-4.3	-7.3	5,532	6,190	-10.6
Plus Imports	327	46	51	-9.3	25	21	25	17.3	-0.9	74	85	-12.9
Minus Exports	(16,372)	(2,172)	(2,429)	-10.6	(1,133)	(1,039)	(1,209)	9.0	-6.3	(3,753)	(4,209)	-10.8
Apparent Consumption	8,121	1,387	1,555	-10.8	610	776	669	-21.4	-8.8	1,854	2,066	-10.3



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

Region	2018				2019												2020	
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Coast	709	813	696	640	797	692	731	799	774	714	745	758	697	807	680	704	758	715
Inland	391	436	359	344	429	366	397	415	404	381	404	423	393	446	370	381	439	382
Cal. Coast	51	51	47	44	49	49	54	50	61	53	52	52	57	57	46	47	48	52
Total West	1,151	1,300	1,103	1,028	1,275	1,107	1,182	1,264	1,239	1,148	1,201	1,233	1,148	1,311	1,096	1,132	1,245	1,149
South	1,455	1,689	1,449	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	1,632
Other	129	148	126	115	148	128	134	146	141	136	145	145	134	156	125	127	153	137
Total U.S.	2,735	3,136	2,678	2,441	3,153	2,709	2,846	3,102	2,995	2,890	3,078	3,074	2,839	3,322	2,653	2,705	3,245	2,918
British Columbia	1,014	1,062	951	760	923	803	958	903	916	821	780	784	738	835	746	641	699	762
Prairies & Eastern Canada	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	1,336	1,219	1,046	1,127	1,178
Total Canada	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	2,171	1,966	1,687	1,826	1,940
Total North America	4,959	5,527	4,884	4,238	5,303	4,642	5,145	5,308	5,235	4,910	4,949	5,008	4,792	5,493	4,618	4,393	5,071	4,858

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

Region	2018				2019												2020	
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Coast	643	795	740	639	781	642	759	788	842	720	749	776	700	802	669	674	760	715
Inland	367	429	381	325	424	350	372	439	450	403	410	421	391	432	363	363	432	398
Cal. Coast	41	40	48	38	47	42	51	54	63	49	58	57	54	60	48	48	54	52
Total West	1,051	1,265	1,169	1,003	1,252	1,034	1,182	1,282	1,355	1,172	1,217	1,254	1,145	1,295	1,080	1,085	1,246	1,164
South	1,455	1,689	1,449	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	1,632
Other	124	146	129	114	147	124	134	147	147	137	146	146	134	156	124	125	153	138
Total U.S.	2,629	3,100	2,747	2,415	3,128	2,633	2,846	3,121	3,116	2,915	3,095	3,096	2,835	3,305	2,636	2,656	3,246	2,934
British Columbia	1,055	1,051	935	808	889	778	975	957	968	861	786	802	812	819	683	696	662	698
Prairies & Eastern Canada	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	1,239	1,081	1,013	1,133	1,019
Total Canada	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	2,059	1,764	1,709	1,794	1,718
Total North America	4,813	5,389	4,895	4,169	5,208	4,486	4,992	5,307	5,378	5,068	5,029	5,095	4,856	5,364	4,400	4,365	5,040	4,652

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

Region	2018				2019												2020	
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Coast	654	784	738	643	751	655	742	786	835	712	761	758	697	807	678	678	768	699
Inland	370	431	377	326	439	330	376	437	423	435	395	424	393	439	354	384	448	376
Cal. Coast	38	40	48	39	47	42	51	55	62	49	58	57	55	61	48	48	54	52
Total West	1,063	1,255	1,163	1,008	1,236	1,027	1,168	1,277	1,320	1,196	1,214	1,239	1,145	1,307	1,080	1,110	1,269	1,128
South	1,455	1,689	1,449	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	1,632
Other	124	145	129	114	147	124	133	147	145	138	146	145	133	156	124	126	154	136
Total U.S.	2,642	3,090	2,741	2,420	3,112	2,626	2,832	3,116	3,080	2,940	3,091	3,080	2,835	3,318	2,636	2,682	3,270	2,896

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

Region	2018				2019												2020	
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Coast	290	279	276	280	249	262	245	242	235	227	239	221	219	224	233	236	245	230
Inland	196	198	193	194	211	192	195	192	165	198	182	185	187	193	184	205	221	199
Cal. Coast	30	30	30	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	31
Total West	516	506	499	505	491	484	470	466	431	455	452	437	436	448	448	473	496	460
South	702	702	702	702	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716
Other	72	71	71	71	70	70	69	69	67	69	68	68	68	68	68	69	71	69
Total U.S.	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	1,233	1,232	1,258	1,283	1,245

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

Region	2018				2019												2020	
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Coast	624	642	598	599	613	663	635	646	578	571	568	549	547	552	563	593	591	592
Inland	560	566	543	563	568	585	609	585	539	517	511	513	515	529	536	554	561	546
Cal. Coast	115	126	126	131	134	141	144	140	138	142	136	131	134	131	129	128	122	122
Total West	1,299	1,334	1,267	1,293	1,316	1,388	1,388	1,370	1,255	1,231	1,215	1,193	1,196	1,213	1,228	1,275	1,275	1,260
South	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	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,654
Other	163	164	161	162	163	167	167	166	160	159	158	157	158	158	159	161	161	161
Total U.S.	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	3,025	3,041	3,091	3,090	3,075
British Columbia	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	1,171	1,194	1,093	1,036	1,102
Prairies & Eastern Canada	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	1,880	1,965	1,993	1,785	1,897
Total Canada	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	3,051	3,159	3,086	2,821	2,999
Total North America	6,297	6,418	6,272	6,295	6,409	6,504	6,682	6,608	6,467	6,305	6,146	6,039	5,950	6,076	6,200	6,177	5,911	6,074