# Lumber Track

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

		Full Year	2 months	s YTD						ı i			
Production		2015	2016	2015	% Chg	Feb-16	Jan-16	Feb-15	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 15	4th Qtr 14	% Chg
	West	13,892	2,247	2,319	-3.1	1,140	1,107	1,146	3.0	-0.5	3,349	3,389	-1.2
	South	16,661	2,731	2,592	5.4	1,394	1,337	1,257	4.3	10.9	4,033	4,065	-0.8
	Other	1,475	228	227	0.6	117	111	111	5.2	5.4	409	344	18.8
	Total	32,028	5,207	5,138	1.3	2,651	2,555	2,514	3.8	5.4	7,791	7,799	-0.1
Shipments													
	West	13,925	2,197	2,273	-3.3	1,139	1,058	1,140	7.7	-0.1	3,307	3,297	0.3
	South	16,661	2,731	2,592	5.4	1,394	1,337	1,257	4.3	10.9	4,033	4,065	-0.8
	Other	1,476	226	225	0.5	117	109	111	7.4	5.6	407	340	19.6
	Total	32,062	5,154	5,090	1.3	2,650	2,504	2,508	5.9	5.7	7,747	7,703	0.6
New Orders	3												
	West	13,904	2,217	2,280	-2.7	1,146	1,072	1,144	6.9	0.1	3,333	3,301	1.0
	South	16,661	2,731	2,592	5.4	1,394	1,337	1,257	4.3	10.9	4,033	4,065	-0.8
	Other	1,476	227	225	0.8	117	110	111	7.0	5.7	408	340	20.0
	Total	32,041	5,175	5,097	1.5	2,657	2,518	2,512	5.5	5.8	7,775	7,707	0.9

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<b>Unfilled Orders</b>		Feb-16	Feb-15	
West	519	540	540	0.0
South	688	688	688	0.0
Other	70	71	59	20.9
Total	1,277	1,299	1,286	1.0
Inventories		Feb-16	Feb-15	
West	1,291	1,342	1,363	-1.6
South	1,509	1,509	1,509	0.0
Other	159	162	136	18.7
Total	2.050	2 012	3 008	0.1



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)

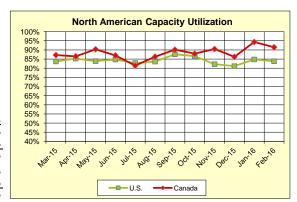
	Full Year	2 months	YTD									
Production	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	2015	% Chg	Feb-16	<u>Jan-16</u>	Feb-15	M to M %	Y to Y %	4th Qtr 15	4th Qtr 14	% Chg
British Columbia	13,214	2,246	2,082	7.9	1,125	1,121	1,039	0.3	8.3	3,308	3,043	8.7
East of the Rockies	13,473	2,365	1,980	19.4	1,201	1,163	1,023	3.3	17.5	3,528	3,022	16.7
Total	26,687	4,611	4,063	13.5	2,327	2,285	2,061	1.8	12.9	6,836	6,065	12.7
Shipments												
British Columbia	13,141	2,233	1,981	12.7	1,138	1,095	1,011	3.9	12.5	3,386	3,136	8.0
East of the Rockies	13,192	2,260	1,805	25.2	1,164	1,095	903	6.3	28.9	3,460	2,909	18.9
Total	26,333	4,493	3,786	18.7	2,302	2,190	1,915	5.1	20.2	6,846	6,045	13.3

Inventories		Feb-16	Feb-15	
British Columbia	1,188	1,215	1,301	-6.6
East of the Rockies	1,769	1,840	1,626	13.2
Total	2.957	3.055	2.928	4.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

#### **Production as Percent of Practical Capacity**

	Full Year	2 months				
	2015	<u>2016</u>	2015	Feb-16	<u>Jan-16</u>	Feb-15
West	78%	78%	80%	77%	79%	81%
South_	90%	91%	87%	91%	92%	86%
Total U.S.	84%	84%	83%	84%	85%	83%
British Columbia	88%	93%	86%	91%	95%	88%
East of the Rockies	85%	93%	77%	92%	93%	82%
Total Canada	86%	030/	220/	01%	0.49/.	95%



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

### **Trade Statistics**

Apparent Consumption

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

U. S. SURWOOD	Full Year	2 months		Joanu le	et)							
	2015	2016	201 <u>5</u>	% Chg	Feb-16	Jan-16	Feb-15	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 15	4th Qtr 14	% Chg
From British Columbia	6,654	1,293	965	34.1	721	572	487	25.9	48.0	1,783	1,586	12.4
East of the Rockies	6,606	1,483	893	66.1	861	622	453	38.4	90.2	1,899	1,520	25.0
Total Canadian Imports	13,259	2,776	1,858	49.4	1,582	1,195	940	32.4	68.3	3,682	3,106	18.6
From Latin America	362	65	78	-17.2	18	47	19	-62.5	-6.1	70	149	-52.7
From Europe	212	30	20	50.3	14	16	8	-14.8	85.5	45	34	30.6
Total Non-Canadian _	688	114	113	1.5	40	74	32	-46.2	23.5	145	210	-31.1
Total Lumber Imports	13,947	2,891	1,970	46.7	1,622	1,269	972	27.8	66.8	3,827	3,316	15.4
U. S. Softwood				board fe	et)							
	Full Year		nths YTD									
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	% Chg	<u>Feb-16</u>	<u>Jan-16</u>	<u>Feb-15</u>	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 15	4th Qtr 14	% Chg
To Canada	334	52	58	-10.1	24	28	29	-11.8	-15.8	77	86	-10.6
To China	254	50	33	53.4	26	23	18	12.5	45.8	71	54	30.4
To Japan	127	17	19	-13.9	7	10	10	-28.0	-33.6	31	25	24.8
To Mexico	319	48	49	-1.2	26	23	25	13.2	3.9	80	80	-0.4
To Other Countries _	530	97	75	30.6	58	39	39	48.2	50.0	127	140	-9.3
Total Lumber Exports	1,563	264	233	13.3	142	123	121	15.4	17.0	385	385	0.0
U. S. Softwood		orts (mill		d feet)					·			
From Canada	126	17	25	-30.7	9	8	12	10.0	-25.7	14	35	-58.8
Non-Canadian Sources _	1	1	0	0.0	1	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total Log Imports	127	19	25	-25.4	10	8	12	26.2	-14.8	14	35	-58.7
U. S. Softwood	Log Exp	orts (mill	ion boar	d feet)								
To China	805	86	89	-3.1	56	30	45	85.3	23.6	205	199	3.0
To Japan	415	74	54	36.9	39	35	36	10.3	7.2	126	120	4.9
To Canada	467	96	110	-12.8	51	45	65	13.3	-21.5	106	93	14.5
To Other Countries	137	14	18	-12.6	7	45 7	13	0.2	-21.5 -46.6	36	93 42	-16.0
Total Log Exports	1,823	270	271	-0.3	153	117	159	30.2	-4.2	473	454	4.0
Source: U.S. Department of Com		ernational Trade	Commission, F	· ·					·			
Canadian Softw		•	•		•				1			
To U.S.	13,259	2,776	1,858	49.4	1,582	1,195	940	32.4	68.3	3,682	3,106	18.6
To China	2,769	426	382	11.5	234	192	213	21.5	9.7	698	778	-10.2
To Japan	966	132	137	-3.7	62	70	66	-11.5	-5.8	251	233	7.8
Other_	912	3,478	138	4.3	76 1,953	1,525	1 200	11.6	-6.8	222	203	9.2
Total Lumber Exports	17,906	,	2,515	38.3	1,953	1,525	1,300	28.1	50.2	4,853	4,319	12.4
Source: Statistics Canada, Coun	cii of Forest Ind	ustries-CAN										
U.S. Softwood Lu	mber Co	nsumpti	on (milli	on board	d feet)							
	Full Year	_	nths YTD		,							
	2015	2016	2015	% Chq	Feb-16	Jan-16	Feb-15	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 15	4th Qtr 14	% Chq
Lumber Shipments	32,062	5,154	5,090	1.3	2,650	2,504	2,508	5.9	5.7	7,747	7,703	0.6
Plus Imports	13,947	2,891	1,970	46.7	1,622	1,269	972	27.8	66.8	3,827	3,316	15.4
Minus Exports	(1.563)	(264)	(233)	13.3	(142)	(123)	(121)	15.4	17.0	(385)	(385)	0.0
Apparent Consumption	44,447	7,780	6,827	14.0	4,131	3,650	3,359	13.2	23.0	11,188	10,633	5.2
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Canadian Softwo			-	(million	board fe	eet)						
	Full Year	2 mor	nths YTD									
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	% Chg	Feb-16	<u>Jan-16</u>	Feb-15	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 15	4th Qtr 14	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	26,333	4,493	3,786	18.7	2,302	2,190	1,915	5.1	20.2	6,846	6,045	13.3
Plus Imports	361	56	63	-10.1	26	30	31	-11.8	-15.8	83	93	-10.6
Minus Exports _	(17,906)	(3,478)	(2,515)	38.3	(1,953)	(1,525)	(1,300)	28.1	50.2	(4,853)	(4,319)	12.4

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**Total North America** 

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Western Wood Products Association - North American Activity and Consumption Update 1500 SW First Avenue, Suite 870, Portland, OR 97201 503-224-3930 February 2016 Issued: May 13, 2016 Estimated North American Production (million board feet) 2016 2014 2015 <u>SE</u>P DEC FEB MAR APR MAY JUN AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC FEB Region JAN JUL JAN Coast 733 806 627 655 722 714 792 802 666 698 670 663 661 715 628 633 653 680 448 349 393 404 400 436 383 436 433 417 419 Inland 414 440 436 431 456 392 406 Cal. Redwood 45 46 35 31 47 33 31 41 37 42 44 41 42 43 39 37 37 42 1,300 1,079 1,173 1,280 1,149 1,137 1,133 1,059 1,075 1,107 1,140 **Total West** 1.192 1.011 1.146 1.263 1.086 1.176 1.214 1,394 1,329 1.583 1,257 1,510 1.475 1,393 1.519 South 1.146 1.336 1,335 1.388 1,421 1.330 1,505 1.170 1.358 1,337 Other 117 133 100 112 116 111 123 125 112 124 121 115 120 151 124 134 111 117 Total U.S. 2,638 3,016 2.257 2.526 2,624 2.514 2,774 2,825 2,528 2,810 2,745 2,646 2,772 2,870 2,354 2,567 2,555 2,651 1,125 British Columbia 1,061 1,088 981 974 1,044 1,039 1,160 1,131 1,055 1,159 1,129 1,082 1,107 1,127 1,093 1,089 1,121 Prairies & Eastern Canada 1,066 1,106 1,013 903 958 1,023 1,163 1,173 1,133 1,158 1,040 1,112 1,185 1,216 1,208 1,104 1,163 1,201 1.877 2,061 2,193 2,327 **Total Canada** 2,127 2,194 1.994 2,001 2,323 2,304 2,189 2.317 2,169 2.194 2,292 2,343 2,301 2,285 **Total North America** 4,765 5,210 4,251 4,403 4,625 4,576 5,096 5,130 4,716 5,127 4,914 4,840 5,064 5,212 4,655 4,760 4,840 4,978 **Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)** 2015 2016 Region SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN **AUG** SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB JUL Coast 726 785 600 669 684 704 765 782 701 768 699 657 672 704 616 647 615 675 Inland 415 437 317 368 402 389 429 440 414 466 440 408 418 456 386 385 420 Cal. 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