



Lumber Track

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

Production	Full Year	9 months YTD											
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg	
West	14,254	10,707	10,736	-0.3	1,196	1,227	1,142	-2.6	4.7	3,713	3,562	4.2	
South	19,365	15,487	14,632	5.8	1,659	1,727	1,557	-3.9	6.6	5,282	4,985	6.0	
Other	1,546	1,205	1,167	3.3	131	136	124	-3.4	5.8	414	393	5.2	
Total	35,165	27,398	26,534	3.3	2,986	3,090	2,823	-3.4	5.8	9,408	8,940	5.2	

Shipments

West	14,287	10,967	10,843	1.1	1,217	1,252	1,140	-2.7	6.8	3,817	3,600	6.0
South	19,365	15,487	14,632	5.8	1,659	1,727	1,557	-3.9	6.6	5,282	4,985	6.0
Other	1,548	1,216	1,171	3.8	132	137	124	-3.4	6.7	418	395	6.0
Total	35,199	27,670	26,646	3.8	3,009	3,116	2,821	-3.4	6.7	9,517	8,980	6.0

New Orders

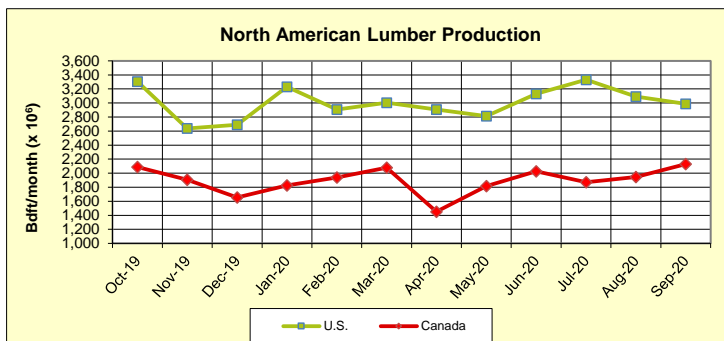
West	14,253	10,916	10,773	1.3	1,196	1,269	1,140	-5.7	4.9	3,797	3,581	6.0
South	19,365	15,487	14,632	5.8	1,659	1,727	1,557	-3.9	6.6	5,282	4,985	6.0
Other	1,546	1,214	1,168	3.9	131	138	124	-4.7	5.9	418	394	6.0
Total	35,164	27,617	26,573	3.9	2,986	3,133	2,821	-4.7	5.9	9,497	8,960	6.0

Unfilled Orders

	Sep-20	Sep-19	% Chg
West	476	440	-1.2
South	646	646	0.0
Other	70	68	-5.4
Total	1,192	1,154	-0.8

Inventories

	Sep-20	Sep-19	% Chg
West	1,249	993	-15.5
South	1,697	1,697	0.0
Other	161	149	-5.4
Total	3,107	3,029	-6.3



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	9 months YTD			Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	M to M %	Y to Y %	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg								
British Columbia	9,679	6,577	7,564	-13.1	845	800	716	5.6	18.0	2,423	2,275	6.5
East of the Rockies	14,332	10,508	10,797	-2.7	1,284	1,146	1,190	12.1	7.9	3,523	3,401	3.6
Total	24,011	17,085	18,361	-7.0	2,129	1,946	1,906	9.4	11.7	5,946	5,676	4.8

Shipments

British Columbia	9,971	6,577	7,817	-15.9	842	796	808	5.7	4.1	2,408	2,416	-0.3
East of the Rockies	13,986	10,199	10,676	-4.5	1,198	1,123	1,202	6.7	-0.3	3,458	3,500	-1.2
Total	23,956	16,776	18,493	-9.3	2,040	1,919	2,010	6.3	1.5	5,867	5,916	-0.8

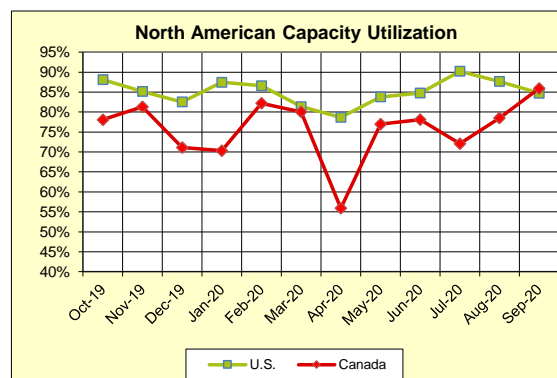
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	Sep-20	Sep-19	% Chg
British Columbia	1,002	1,107	7.2
East of the Rockies	1,866	1,714	-0.8
Total	2,868	2,760	2.2

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	9 months YTD		
	2019	2020	2019	Sep-20
West	81%	81%	81%	83%
South	89%	89%	89%	87%
Total U.S.	85%	85%	85%	85%
British Columbia	73%	67%	73%	79%
East of the Rockies	83%	82%	84%	91%
Total Canada	79%	75%	79%	86%



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

Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
From British Columbia ¹	5,576	3,932	4,323	-9.0	563	559	492	0.8	14.4	1,576	1,398	12.7
East of the Rockies ¹	7,496	5,602	5,672	-1.2	709	631	659	12.4	7.6	1,938	1,882	3.0
Total Canadian Imports ¹	13,072	9,534	9,995	-4.6	1,273	1,190	1,151	6.9	10.5	3,514	3,280	7.1
From Canada ²	13,045	9,523	9,970	-4.5	1,272	1,189	1,151	7.0	10.5	3,512	3,275	7.2
From Latin America ²	391	331	300	10.6	46	36	32	26.9	41.3	121	93	29.8
From Europe ²	937	951	624	52.4	100	107	49	-6.6	106.2	314	175	79.5
Total Non-Canadian ²	1,505	1,430	1,058	35.1	163	159	97	2.2	66.8	488	314	55.5
Total Lumber Imports ²	14,551	10,952	11,029	-0.7	1,435	1,348	1,248	6.4	14.9	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	9 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
To Canada	303	216	234	-7.6	23	24	22	-1.3	7.9	70	72	-2.6
To China	116	84	95	-12.1	5	6	6	-10.5	-17.8	20	26	-25.4
To Japan	94	56	72	-22.0	4	5	6	-9.9	-37.1	14	23	-38.2
To Mexico	277	176	208	-15.5	21	21	25	2.0	-15.8	64	72	-12.0
To Other Countries	536	304	409	-25.6	31	35	44	-9.2	-28.5	95	136	-30.0
Total Lumber Exports	1,325	836	1,018	-17.9	85	89	103	-4.7	-17.7	263	329	-20.2

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

From Canada	77	37	52	-29.1	3	5	8	-43.9	-68.4	11	19	-43.0
Non-Canadian Sources	20	22	15	42.4	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	5	5	3.2
Total Log Imports	97	59	68	-12.9	3	5	9	-41.9	-67.3	16	24	-33.7

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

To China	652	452	520	-13.2	33	78	29	-58.1	14.2	187	138	35.8
To Japan	345	278	274	1.3	25	36	33	-29.8	-24.6	82	98	-16.3
To Canada	137	96	105	-7.8	10	10	9	3.3	7.4	26	33	-18.9
To Other Countries	161	90	113	-20.2	14	10	15	41.7	-1.4	33	46	-28.8
Total Log Exports	1,294	916	1,012	-9.5	82	134	86	-38.5	-4.3	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	9,534	9,995	-4.6	1,273	1,190	1,151	6.9	10.5	3,514	3,280	7.1
To China	1,940	991	1,587	-37.6	70	66	126	5.9	-44.5	259	408	-36.5
To Japan	775	435	584	-25.6	43	37	68	14.0	-37.4	118	196	-40.1
Other	584	364	453	-19.7	33	28	39	16.9	-15.4	100	137	-26.9
Total Lumber Exports	16,372	11,323	12,619	-10.3	1,419	1,322	1,385	7.3	2.4	3,991	4,022	-0.8

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	35,199	27,670	26,646	3.8	3,009	3,116	2,821	-3.4	6.7	9,517	8,980	6.0
Plus Imports	14,551	10,952	11,029	-0.7	1,435	1,348	1,248	6.4	14.9	4,000	3,594	11.3
Minus Exports	(1,325)	(836)	(1,018)	-17.9	(85)	(89)	(103)	-4.7	-17.7	(263)	(329)	-20.2
Apparent Consumption	48,425	37,787	36,657	3.1	4,358	4,374	3,966	-0.4	9.9	13,255	12,245	8.2

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	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	23,956	16,776	18,493	-9.3	2,040	1,919	2,010	6.3	1.5	5,867	5,916	-0.8
Plus Imports	327	234	253	-7.6	25	25	23	-1.3	7.9	76	78	-2.6
Minus Exports	(16,372)	(11,323)	(12,619)	-10.3	(1,419)	(1,322)	(1,385)	7.3	2.4	(3,991)	(4,022)	-0.8
Apparent Consumption	7,912	5,686	6,127	-7.2	646	623	648	3.8	-0.3	1,951	1,973	-1.1



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

	2019				2020														
Region	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	
Coast	791	766	707	738	750	690	799	673	697	752	709	759	658	669	780	786	750	717	
Inland	412	402	378	402	420	391	444	368	379	441	384	409	360	370	422	437	426	425	
Cal. Coast	53	64	56	55	55	61	60	49	50	47	51	45	28	46	62	67	52	54	
Total West	1,256	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	
South	1,692	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	1,659	
Other	136	131	126	135	134	124	145	116	118	142	128	132	128	124	138	146	136	131	
Total U.S.	3,084	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	2,986	
British Columbia	907	912	813	766	792	716	782	709	623	699	762	792	436	677	788	777	800	845	
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,277	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	
Total Canada	2,185	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	
Total North America	5,269	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	5,115	

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

	2019								2020									
Region	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	782	835	715	743	770	694	796	664	669	754	709	755	678	691	789	809	743	733
Inland	438	448	401	409	420	390	431	362	362	434	399	407	375	388	440	467	444	427
Cal. Coast	56	65	50	60	58	56	62	50	49	53	51	54	51	51	70	72	64	57
Total West	1,276	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
South	1,692	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	1,659
Other	136	136	127	135	135	124	145	115	116	142	128	132	130	126	139	149	137	132
Total U.S.	3,104	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	3,009
British Columbia	950	970	851	806	802	808	795	682	677	662	698	810	723	564	711	770	796	842
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,224	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
Total Canada	2,174	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
Total North America	5,279	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	5,048

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

	2019				2020														
Region	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	
Coast	779	828	706	755	753	692	801	673	673	762	694	769	676	669	782	816	747	729	
Inland	436	421	433	393	423	392	438	353	383	449	378	389	385	406	427	444	458	410	
Cal. Coast	56	64	51	59	58	56	62	49	49	53	52	55	53	51	71	72	63	57	
Total West	1,271	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	
South	1,692	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	1,659	
Other	136	135	129	135	135	124	145	115	117	143	127	132	131	126	138	148	138	131	
Total U.S.	3,100	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	2,986	

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

	2019				2020														
Region	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	
Coast	242	235	227	239	222	219	224	233	236	246	230	244	243	221	213	221	225	221	
Inland	196	169	201	186	189	190	197	188	209	233	212	194	204	221	208	186	199	182	
Cal. Coast	31	31	31	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	32	33	33	33	34	33	33	
Total West	470	435	459	456	440	440	452	452	476	509	473	470	479	475	455	440	457	435	
South	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	
Other	69	68	69	69	68	68	68	68	70	71	69	69	69	69	68	67	68	64	
Total U.S.	1,185	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	1,145	

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

	2019								2020									
Region	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	644	575	566	561	541	537	541	550	578	577	578	582	562	540	531	508	514	499
Inland	587	541	518	511	511	513	525	531	548	558	543	546	530	513	495	464	446	444
Cal. Coast	123	122	129	123	120	125	123	122	123	117	117	108	85	80	72	66	54	50
Total West	1,354	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
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	166	160	159	158	157	157	158	159	161	161	160	160	158	155	154	151	150	149
Total U.S.	3,217	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
British Columbia	1,293	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
Prairies & Eastern Canada	2,062	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
Total Canada	3,355	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
Total North America	6,571	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