



# Lumber Track

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

Production		Full Year	8 months YTD										
		2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 20	2nd Qtr 19	% Chg
	West	14,254	9,511	9,594	-0.9	1,227	1,289	1,226	-4.8	0.1	3,395	3,630	-6.5
	South	19,365	13,809	13,075	5.6	1,709	1,895	1,696	-9.8	0.8	5,064	4,913	3.1
	Other	1,546	1,072	1,042	2.9	135	146	134	-7.8	0.5	389	393	-1.0
Total	35,165	24,392	23,711	2.9	3,071	3,331	3,056	-7.8	0.5	8,848	8,936	-1.0	

## Shipments

West	14,287	9,750	9,703	0.5	1,252	1,348	1,249	-7.2	0.2	3,534	3,791	-6.8
South	19,365	13,809	13,075	5.6	1,709	1,895	1,696	-9.8	0.8	5,064	4,913	3.1
Other	1,548	1,083	1,047	3.4	136	149	135	-8.7	0.5	395	400	-1.2
Total	35,199	24,642	23,826	3.4	3,097	3,392	3,080	-8.7	0.5	8,993	9,104	-1.2

## New Orders

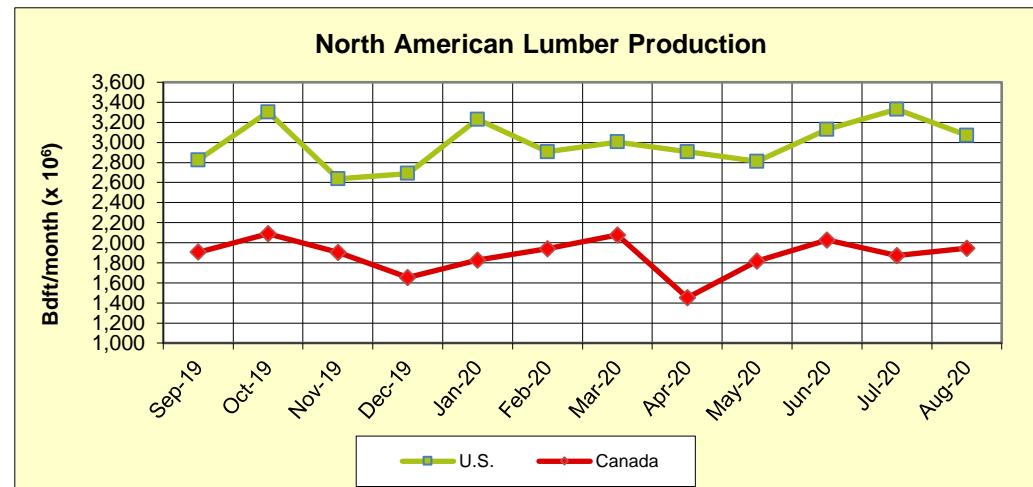
West	14,253	9,721	9,633	0.9	1,269	1,333	1,234	-4.8	2.8	3,518	3,776	-6.8
South	19,365	13,809	13,075	5.6	1,709	1,895	1,696	-9.8	0.8	5,064	4,913	3.1
Other	1,546	1,082	1,044	3.6	137	148	135	-7.8	1.6	395	400	-1.2
Total	35,164	24,612	23,753	3.6	3,115	3,377	3,064	-7.8	1.6	8,977	9,088	-1.2

## Unfilled Orders

		Aug-20	Aug-19	
West	476	457	440	3.7
South	646	646	646	0.0
Other	70	68	68	0.5
Total	1,192	1,171	1,154	1.4

## Inventories

		Aug-20	Aug-19	
West	1,249	1,014	1,172	-13.5
South	1,697	1,697	1,697	0.0
Other	161	150	157	-4.7
Total	3,107	2,861	3,027	-5.5



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										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	M to M %	Y to Y %	2nd Qtr 20	2nd Qtr 19	% Chg
British Columbia	9,679	5,731	6,848	-16.3	800	777	792	3.0	1.0	1,901	2,632	-27.8
East of the Rockies	14,332	9,225	9,607	-4.0	1,146	1,094	1,133	4.7	1.1	3,394	3,786	-10.3
Total	24,011	14,956	16,455	-9.1	1,946	1,871	1,925	4.0	1.1	5,295	6,418	-17.5

## Shipments

British Columbia	9,971	5,735	7,009	-18.2	796	770	802	3.4	-0.8	1,998	2,771	-27.9
East of the Rockies	13,986	9,001	9,474	-5.0	1,123	1,137	1,185	-1.2	-5.2	3,461	3,782	-8.5
Total	23,956	14,736	16,483	-10.6	1,919	1,907	1,987	0.6	-3.4	5,459	6,553	-16.7

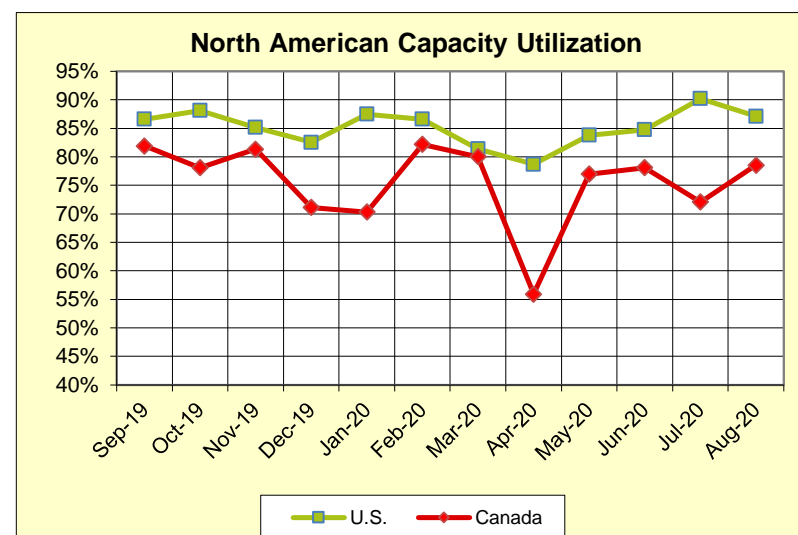
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		Aug-20	Aug-19	
British Columbia	1,002	1,120	1,138	-1.6
East of the Rockies	1,866	1,681	1,786	-5.9
Total	2,868	2,801	2,924	-4.2

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

## Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

		Full Year	8 months YTD			
		2019	2020	2019	Aug-20	Aug-19
Total U.S.	West	81%	81%	81%	85%	81%
	South	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%
	Total	85%	85%	85%	87%	85%
Total Canada	British Columbia	73%	66%	73%	75%	72%
	East of the Rockies	83%	80%	83%	81%	76%
	Total	79%	74%	79%	79%	74%



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										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg								
From British Columbia <sup>1</sup>	5,576	3,369	3,831	-12.1	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 20	2nd Qtr 19	% Chg
East of the Rockies <sup>1</sup>	7,496	4,893	5,013	-2.4	631	598	618	5.6	2.1	1,828	2,061	-11.3
Total Canadian Imports <sup>1</sup>	13,072	8,261	8,843	-6.6	1,190	1,052	1,108	13.1	7.4	2,975	3,729	-20.2
From Canada <sup>2</sup>	13,045	8,251	8,820	-6.5	1,189	1,051	1,107	13.2	7.4	2,970	3,719	-20.1
From Latin America <sup>2</sup>	391	286	267	6.9	36	39	28	-8.7	27.1	119	99	20.1
From Europe <sup>2</sup>	937	851	575	47.9	107	107	66	0.6	62.4	341	253	35.2
Total Non-Canadian <sup>2</sup>	1,505	1,267	961	31.9	159	167	111	-4.5	43.5	508	385	32.0
Total Lumber Imports <sup>2</sup>	14,551	9,518	9,780	-2.7	1,348	1,217	1,218	10.7	10.7	3,479	4,114	-15.4

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										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg								
To Canada	303	193	213	-9.1	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 20	2nd Qtr 19	% Chg
To China	116	78	89	-11.6	6	8	9	-28.4	-35.4	40	33	22.2
To Japan	94	52	65	-20.5	5	6	9	-19.5	-47.9	22	24	-9.2
To Mexico	277	155	183	-15.4	21	22	23	-6.1	-9.8	41	65	-37.0
To Other Countries	536	272	365	-25.3	35	29	45	18.9	-22.8	75	143	-47.5
Total Lumber Exports	1,325	751	914	-17.9	89	89	109	0.5	-18.5	256	348	-26.6

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

From Canada	77	34	44	-21.5	5	3	6	47.0	-21.4	11	14	-24.5
Non-Canadian Sources	20	22	15	42.0	0	5	4	0.0	-99.8	11	5	98.7
Total Log Imports	97	56	59	-5.0	5	8	11	-40.5	-54.6	22	20	9.7

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

To China	652	419	492	-14.8	78	76	61	2.8	28.5	208	226	-8.1
To Japan	345	252	241	4.9	36	21	38	71.5	-5.2	85	81	4.6
To Canada	137	87	95	-9.3	10	7	13	40.0	-23.3	25	24	5.4
To Other Countries	161	76	99	-23.0	10	8	16	20.0	-36.4	32	36	-11.7
Total Log Exports	1,294	834	926	-10.0	134	112	127	19.2	5.2	349	367	-4.8

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	8,261	8,843	-6.6	1,190	1,052	1,108	13.1	7.4	2,975	3,729	-20.2
To China	1,940	921	1,461	-37.0	66	123	119	-46.1	-44.3	455	554	-17.8
To Japan	775	392	516	-24.1	37	38	67	-0.5	-44.2	179	198	-9.3
Other	584	330	414	-20.1	28	39	44	-26.3	-35.5	138	167	-17.3
Total Lumber Exports	16,372	9,904	11,234	-11.8	1,322	1,251	1,338	5.7	-1.2	3,748	4,648	-19.4

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	8 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	35,199	24,642	23,826	3.4	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 20	2nd Qtr 19	% Chg
Plus Imports	14,551	9,518	9,780	-2.7	1,348	1,217	1,218	10.7	10.7	3,479	4,114	-15.4
Minus Exports	(1,325)	(751)	(914)	-17.9	(89)	(89)	(109)	0.5	-18.5	(256)	(348)	-26.6
Apparent Consumption	48,425	33,409	32,692	2.2	4,356	4,521	4,189	-3.7	4.0	12,217	12,869	-5.1

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	8 months YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	23,956	14,736	16,483	-10.6	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 20	2nd Qtr 19	% Chg
Plus Imports	327	209	230	-9.1	25	26	26	-1.1	-1.5	84	90	-6.6
Minus Exports	(16,372)	(9,904)	(11,234)	-11.8	(1,322)	(1,251)	(1,338)	5.7	-1.2	(3,748)	(4,648)	-19.4
Apparent Consumption	7,912	5,040	5,478	-8.0	623	682	675	-8.7	-7.7	1,795	1,995	-10.0



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### Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

Region	2019										2020							
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	724	791	766	707	738	750	690	799	673	697	752	709	759	658	669	780	786	750
Inland	395	412	402	378	402	420	391	444	368	379	441	384	409	360	370	422	437	426
Cal. Coast	57	53	64	56	55	55	61	60	49	50	47	51	45	28	46	62	67	52
<b>Total West</b>	1,176	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
South	1,530	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	1,895	1,709
Other	124	136	131	126	135	134	124	145	116	118	142	128	132	128	124	138	146	135
<b>Total U.S.</b>	2,830	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	3,331	3,071
British Columbia	954	907	912	813	766	792	716	782	709	623	699	762	792	436	677	788	777	800
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,306	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
<b>Total Canada</b>	2,259	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
<b>Total North America</b>	5,089	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	5,202	5,017

### Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

Region	2019										2020							
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	753	782	835	715	743	770	694	796	664	669	754	709	755	678	691	789	809	743
Inland	371	438	448	401	409	420	390	431	362	362	434	399	407	375	388	440	467	444
Cal. Coast	53	56	65	50	60	58	56	62	50	49	53	51	54	51	51	70	72	64
<b>Total West</b>	1,177	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
South	1,530	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	1,895	1,709
Other	124	136	136	127	135	135	124	145	115	116	142	128	132	130	126	139	149	136
<b>Total U.S.</b>	2,831	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	3,392	3,097
British Columbia	964	950	970	851	806	802	808	795	682	677	662	698	810	723	564	711	770	796
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,167	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
<b>Total Canada</b>	2,130	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
<b>Total North America</b>	4,962	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	5,300	5,016

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

Region	2019										2020							
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	736	779	828	706	755	753	692	801	673	673	762	694	769	676	669	782	816	747
Inland	374	436	421	433	393	423	392	438	353	383	449	378	389	385	406	427	444	458
Cal. Coast	52	56	64	51	59	58	56	62	49	49	53	52	55	53	51	71	72	63
<b>Total West</b>	1,163	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
South	1,530	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	1,895	1,709
Other	124	136	135	129	135	135	124	145	115	117	143	127	132	131	126	138	148	137
<b>Total U.S.</b>	2,817	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	3,377	3,115

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

Region	2019										2020							
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	245	242	235	227	239	222	219	224	233	236	246	230	244	243	221	213	221	225
Inland	198	196	169	201	186	189	190	197	188	209	233	212	194	204	221	208	186	199
Cal. Coast	31	31	31	31	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	32	33	33	33	34	33
<b>Total West</b>	474	470	435	459	456	440	440	452	452	476	509	473	470	479	475	455	440	457
South	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646
Other	69	69	68	69	69	68	68	68	68	70	71	69	69	69	69	68	67	68
<b>Total U.S.</b>	1,189	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

### Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

Region	2019										2020							
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	635	644	575	566	561	541	537	541	550	578	577	578	582	562	540	531	508	514
Inland	613	587	541	518	511	511	513	525	531	548	558	543	546	530	513	495	464	446
Cal. Coast	126	123	122	129	123	120	125	123	122	123	117	117	108	85	80	72	66	54
<b>Total West</b>	1,373	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
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	167	166	160	159	158	157	157	158	159	161	161	160	160	158	155	154	151	150
<b>Total U.S.</b>	3,237	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
British Columbia	1,333	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
Prairies & Eastern Canada	2,047	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
<b>Total Canada</b>	3,380	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
<b>Total North America</b>	6,616	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