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Dear Lumber Track Subscriber,

Canadian lumber production activity data provided by Statistics Canada is still unavailable at this time. Statistics Canada is unable to provide a timeline for the release of the January 2020 and later lumber production survey data, due to the COVID-19 situation.

This issue of WWPA's Lumber Track publication is a preliminary version, which includes all data with the exception of Canadian lumber production activity provided by Statistics Canada. Data that is currently not available is indicated by **N/A** throughout this report.

Preliminary monthly Lumber Track reports will be updated and reissued as complete versions, as soon as the Canadian data is available.

Thank you for your understanding and patience with this situation.

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Thank you,

The WWPA Lumber Track Team



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WWPA'S MONTHLY REVIEW OF NORTH AMERICAN LUMBER STATISTICS, INCLUDING TRADE HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY MARKETS

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

Production	Full Year	1 month YTD											
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Jan-20	Dec-19	Jan-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 19	4th Qtr 18	% Chg	
West	14,335	1,245	1,275	-2.3	1,245	1,132	1,275	10.0	-2.3	3,538	3,431	3.1	
South	19,365	1,824	1,729	5.5	1,824	1,446	1,729	26.1	5.5	4,733	4,436	6.7	
Other	1,665	152	148	2.2	152	127	148	19.1	2.2	409	389	5.1	
Total	35,366	3,221	3,153	2.2	3,221	2,705	3,153	19.1	2.2	8,680	8,255	5.1	

Shipments

West	14,353	1,246	1,252	-0.5	1,246	1,085	1,252	14.8	-0.5	3,459	3,437	0.6	
South	19,365	1,824	1,729	5.5	1,824	1,446	1,729	26.1	5.5	4,733	4,436	6.7	
Other	1,666	152	147	3.0	152	125	147	21.3	3.0	405	389	4.1	
Total	35,384	3,221	3,128	3.0	3,221	2,656	3,128	21.3	3.0	8,597	8,262	4.1	

New Orders

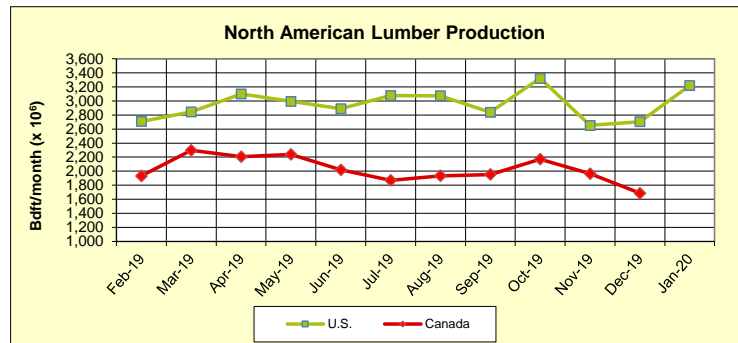
West	14,319	1,269	1,236	2.7	1,269	1,110	1,236	14.4	2.7	3,496	3,426	2.0	
South	19,365	1,824	1,729	5.5	1,824	1,446	1,729	26.1	5.5	4,733	4,436	6.7	
Other	1,664	153	147	4.3	153	126	147	21.0	4.3	407	388	4.7	
Total	35,348	3,246	3,112	4.3	3,246	2,682	3,112	21.0	4.3	8,635	8,251	4.7	

Unfilled Orders

	Jan-20	Jan-19	
West	473	496	491
South	716	716	716
Other	69	71	70
Total	1,258	1,283	1,277

Inventories

	Jan-20	Jan-19	
West	1,275	1,275	1,316
South	1,654	1,654	1,654
Other	161	161	163
Total	3,091	3,090	3,134



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)

N/A indicates data currently not available

Production	Full Year	1 month YTD											
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Jan-20	Dec-19	Jan-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 19	4th Qtr 18	% Chg	
British Columbia	9,847	N/A	923	N/A	N/A	641	923	N/A	N/A	2,222	2,774	-19.9	
East of the Rockies	14,585	N/A	1,228	N/A	N/A	1,046	1,228	N/A	N/A	3,602	3,620	-0.5	
Total	24,432	N/A	2,151	N/A	N/A	1,687	2,151	N/A	N/A	5,824	6,393	-8.9	

Shipments

British Columbia	10,026	N/A	889	N/A	N/A	696	889	N/A	N/A	2,199	2,794	-21.3	
East of the Rockies	14,139	N/A	1,191	N/A	N/A	1,013	1,191	N/A	N/A	3,333	3,396	-1.8	
Total	24,166	N/A	2,080	N/A	N/A	1,709	2,080	N/A	N/A	5,532	6,190	-10.6	

Inventories

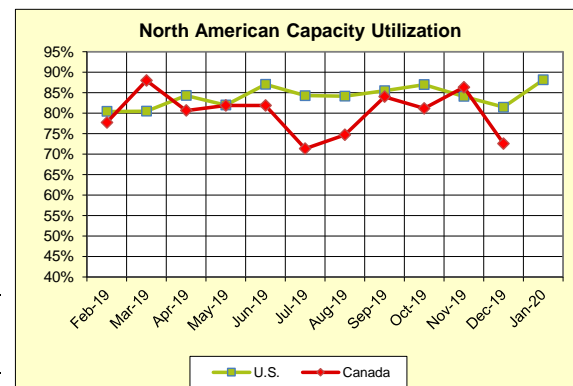
	Jan-20	Jan-19	
British Columbia	1,093	N/A	1,344
East of the Rockies	1,993	N/A	1,931
Total	3,086	N/A	3,275

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

N/A indicates data currently not available

	Full Year	1 month YTD			
	2019	2020	2019	Jan-20	Dec-19
West	81%	82%	81%	82%	82%
South	86%	93%	88%	93%	81%
Total U.S.	84%	88%	85%	88%	81%
British Columbia	74%	N/A	75%	N/A	66%
East of the Rockies	84%	N/A	82%	N/A	77%
Total Canada	80%	N/A	79%	N/A	73%



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

Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	1 month YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Jan-20	Dec-19	Jan-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 19	4th Qtr 18	% Chg
From British Columbia ¹	5,576	319	392	-18.8	319	437	392	-27.0	-18.8	1,253	1,469	-14.7
East of the Rockies ¹	7,496	567	522	8.7	567	635	522	-10.7	8.7	1,824	1,669	9.3
Total Canadian Imports ¹	13,072	886	914	-3.1	886	1,072	914	-17.4	-3.1	3,077	3,137	-1.9
From Canada ²	13,056	885	913	-3.0	885	1,072	913	-17.4	-3.0	3,075	3,134	-1.9
From Latin America ²	391	35	44	-21.2	35	30	44	17.0	-21.2	91	116	-21.6
From Europe ²	937	93	82	14.3	93	123	82	-24.1	14.3	312	246	27.1
Total Non-Canadian ²	1,507	146	144	1.8	146	169	144	-13.4	1.8	447	409	9.3
Total Lumber Imports ²	14,563	1,031	1,057	-2.4	1,031	1,241	1,057	-16.9	-2.4	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	1 month YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Jan-20	Dec-19	Jan-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 19	4th Qtr 18	% Chg
To Canada	303	20	24	-17.6	20	19	24	5.2	-17.6	69	79	-12.9
To China	116	8	12	-28.2	8	7	12	15.6	-28.2	21	39	-46.4
To Japan	94	6	8	-19.0	6	7	8	-9.4	-19.0	22	23	-5.0
To Mexico	277	29	31	-6.4	29	7	31	310.6	-6.4	68	72	-5.1
To Other Countries	534	44	48	-8.0	44	55	48	-19.0	-8.0	127	156	-18.5
Total Lumber Exports	1,323	107	122	-12.1	107	94	122	13.4	-12.1	307	369	-16.8

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

From Canada	77	1	7	-83.1	1	9	7	-85.8	-83.1	25	5	440.0
Non-Canadian Sources	20	0	0	-89.4	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	5	4	29.0
Total Log Imports	97	1	7	-83.2	1	9	7	-85.6	-83.2	30	8	263.7

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

To China	652	14	59	-75.4	14	38	59	-61.5	-75.4	131	254	-48.4
To Japan	345	29	24	21.8	29	24	24	21.8	21.8	70	93	-24.6
To Canada	137	20	17	17.6	20	12	17	67.8	17.6	32	104	-69.1
To Other Countries	161	6	7	-6.5	6	21	7	-70.2	-6.5	48	47	2.4
Total Log Exports	1,294	69	106	-34.5	69	94	106	-26.3	-34.5	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	886	914	-3.1	886	1,072	914	-17.4	-3.1	3,077	3,137	-1.9
To China	1,940	82	200	-58.9	82	58	200	41.2	-58.9	353	687	-48.5
To Japan	775	36	60	-40.8	36	58	60	-38.6	-40.8	191	200	-4.6
Other	584	35	44	-20.4	35	87	44	-59.2	-20.4	131	185	-29.0
Total Lumber Exports	16,372	1,039	1,220	-14.8	1,039	1,275	1,220	-18.5	-14.8	3,753	4,209	-10.8

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	1 month YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Jan-20	Dec-19	Jan-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 19	4th Qtr 18	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	35,384	3,221	3,128	3.0	3,221	2,656	3,128	21.3	3.0	8,597	8,262	4.1
Plus Imports	14,563	1,031	1,057	-2.4	1,031	1,241	1,057	-16.9	-2.4	3,522	3,546	-0.7
Minus Exports	(1,323)	(107)	(122)	-12.1	(107)	(94)	(122)	13.4	-12.1	(307)	(369)	-16.8
Apparent Consumption	48,624	4,146	4,063	2.0	4,146	3,802	4,063	9.0	2.0	11,812	11,439	3.3

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

N/A indicates data currently not available

	Full Year	1 month YTD										
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Jan-20	Dec-19	Jan-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	4th Qtr 19	4th Qtr 18	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	24,166	N/A	2,080	N/A	N/A	1,709	2,080	N/A	N/A	5,532	6,190	-10.6
Plus Imports	327	21	26	-17.6	21	20	26	5.2	-17.6	74	85	-12.9
Minus Exports	(16,372)	(1,039)	(1,220)	-14.8	(1,039)	(1,275)	(1,220)	-18.5	-14.8	(3,753)	(4,209)	-10.8
Apparent Consumption	8,121	N/A	886	N/A	N/A	454	886	N/A	N/A	1,854	2,066	-10.3



Western Wood Products Association - North American Activity and Consumption Update

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Estimated North American Production (million board feet) N/A indicates data currently not available

	2018					2019												2020	
Region	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	JAN
Coast	784	709	813	696	640	797	692	731	799	774	714	745	768	697	807	680	704	758	758
Inland	445	391	436	359	344	429	366	397	415	404	381	404	423	393	446	370	381	439	439
Cal. Coast	47	51	51	47	44	49	49	54	50	61	53	52	52	57	57	46	47	48	48
Total West	1,276	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	1,245
South	1,786	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	1,824	1,824
Other	151	129	148	126	115	148	128	134	146	141	136	145	145	134	156	125	127	152	152
Total U.S.	3,213	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	3,221	3,221
British Columbia	1,064	1,014	1,062	951	760	923	803	958	903	916	821	780	784	738	835	746	641	N/A	N/A
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,229	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	N/A	N/A
Total Canada	2,293	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	N/A	N/A
Total North America	5,506	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	N/A	N/A

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

	2018					2019												2020	
Region	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	JAN
Coast	820	643	795	740	639	781	642	759	788	842	720	749	776	700	802	669	674	760	760
Inland	444	367	429	381	325	424	350	372	439	450	403	410	421	391	432	363	363	432	432
Cal. Coast	38	41	40	48	38	47	42	51	54	63	49	58	57	54	60	48	48	54	54
Total West	1,302	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	1,246
South	1,786	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	1,824	1,824
Other	153	124	146	129	114	147	124	134	147	147	137	146	146	134	156	124	125	152	152
Total U.S.	3,241	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	3,221	3,221
British Columbia	1,164	1,055	1,051	935	808	889	778	975	957	968	861	786	802	812	819	683	696	N/A	N/A
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,264	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	N/A	N/A
Total Canada	2,428	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	N/A	N/A
Total North America	5,669	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	N/A	N/A

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

	2018					2019												2020	
Region	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	JAN
Coast	824	654	784	738	643	751	655	742	786	835	712	761	758	697	807	678	678	768	768
Inland	433	370	431	377	326	439	330	376	437	423	435	395	424	393	439	354	384	448	448
Cal. Coast	38	38	40	48	39	47	42	51	55	62	49	58	57	55	61	48	48	54	54
Total West	1,295	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	1,269
South	1,786	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	1,824	1,824
Other	152	124	145	129	114	147	124	133	147	145	138	146	145	133	156	124	126	153	153
Total U.S.	3,233	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	3,246	3,246

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

	2018					2019												2020	
Region	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	JAN
Coast	279	290	279	276	280	249	262	245	242	235	227	239	221	219	224	233	236	245	245
Inland	192	196	198	193	194	211	192	195	192	165	198	182	185	187	193	184	205	221	221
Cal. Coast	33	30	30	30	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	31
Total West	504	516	506	499	505	491	484	470	466	431	455	452	437	436	448	448	473	496	496
South	702	702	702	702	702	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716
Other	71	72	71	71	71	70	70	69	69	67	69	68	68	68	68	68	69	71	71
Total U.S.	1,277	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	1,283

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

	2018					2019												2020	
Region	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	JAN
Coast	558	624	642	598	599	613	663	635	646	578	571	568	549	547	552	563	593	591	591
Inland	535	560	566	543	563	568	585	609	585	539	517	511	513	515	529	536	554	561	561
Cal. Coast	106	115	126	126	131	134	141	144	140	138	142	136	131	134	131	129	128	122	122
Total West	1,199	1,299	1,334	1,267	1,293	1,316	1,388	1,370	1,255	1,231	1,215	1,193	1,196	1,213	1,228	1,275	1,275	1,275	1,275
South	1,620	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	158	163	164	161	162	163	167	167	166	160	159	158	157	158	158	159	161	161	161
Total U.S.	2,977	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	3,090
British Columbia	1,356	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	N/A	N/A
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,856	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	N/A	N/A
Total Canada	3,212	3,215	3,300	3,223	3,219	3,275	3,295	3,472	3,418	3,398	3,261	3,118	3,035	2,942	3,051	3,159	3,086	N/A	N/A
Total North America	6,189	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	N/A	N/A