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Western Wood Products Association's 2011 Annual Mill Operating Survey results have been compiled. Final revisions for 2011 have been made in all WWPA statistical reports. Revisions to 2012 data (year-to-date) have also been applied and are reflected in this edition of ***Lumber Track***.

Sincerely,

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U.S. West

	2010	2011	Variation
	(MMBF)		(%)
Production	11,137	11,618	4.32%
Shipments	11,041	11,611	5.16%
Orders	11,126	11,631	4.54%



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

Production	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2011	2012	2011	% Chg	Apr-12	Mar-12	Apr-11	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 12	1st Qtr 11	% Chg
West	11,618	4,160	3,935	5.7	1,047	1,082	950	-3.2	10.3	3,112	2,985	4.3
South	13,474	4,754	4,434	7.2	1,222	1,211	1,142	0.9	7.0	3,532	3,292	7.3
Other	1,414	498	472	5.5	127	128	118	-1.0	7.5	371	354	4.9
Total	26,505	9,412	8,841	6.5	2,396	2,421	2,209	-1.0	8.4	7,015	6,631	5.8

Shipments

West	11,611	4,073	3,799	7.2	1,050	1,055	964	-0.5	9.0	3,023	2,835	6.6
South	13,474	4,754	4,434	7.2	1,222	1,211	1,142	0.9	7.0	3,532	3,292	7.3
Other	1,418	493	465	5.9	127	126	119	0.3	6.6	366	346	5.7
Total	26,503	9,320	8,699	7.1	2,399	2,393	2,225	0.3	7.8	6,921	6,474	6.9

New Orders

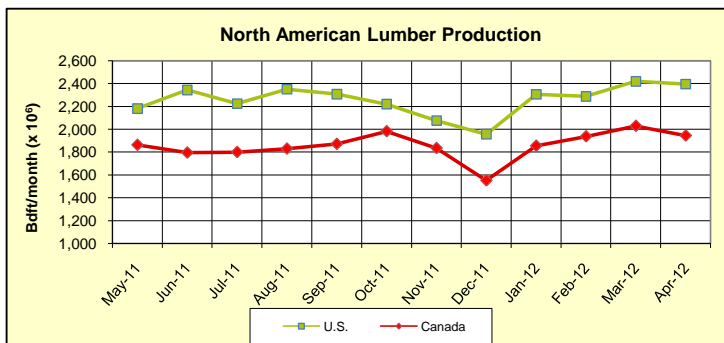
West	11,631	4,072	3,832	6.3	1,055	1,039	993	1.6	6.3	3,017	2,839	6.3
South	13,474	4,754	4,434	7.2	1,222	1,211	1,142	0.9	7.0	3,532	3,292	7.3
Other	1,419	493	467	5.5	127	126	121	1.2	5.4	366	347	5.5
Total	26,524	9,319	8,733	6.7	2,404	2,375	2,255	1.2	6.6	6,915	6,478	6.7

Unfilled Orders

	Apr-12	Apr-11	
West	463	475	0.2
South	669	669	0.6
Other	68	68	-1.1
Total	1,200	1,212	0.3

Inventories

	Apr-12	Apr-11	
West	1,213	1,341	-2.8
South	1,359	1,359	9.1
Other	154	164	-3.5
Total	2,726	2,865	2.8



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	4 months YTD										
	2011	2012	2011	% Chg	Apr-12	Mar-12	Apr-11	M to M %	Y to Y %	1st Qtr 12	1st Qtr 11	% Chg
British Columbia	12,041	4,245	4,038	5.1	1,044	1,101	1,070	-5.1	-2.4	3,201	2,968	7.8
East of the Rockies	9,968	3,523	3,439	2.4	900	929	879	-3.1	2.5	2,622	2,560	2.4
Total	22,009	7,768	7,477	3.9	1,945	2,030	1,949	-4.2	-0.2	5,823	5,528	5.3

Shipments

British Columbia	12,348	4,132	3,958	4.4	1,024	1,092	1,085	-6.2	-5.6	3,108	2,873	8.2
East of the Rockies	9,175	3,222	2,975	8.3	871	814	783	7.1	11.2	2,351	2,192	7.3
Total	21,523	7,355	6,933	6.1	1,895	1,906	1,868	-0.6	1.5	5,459	5,065	7.8

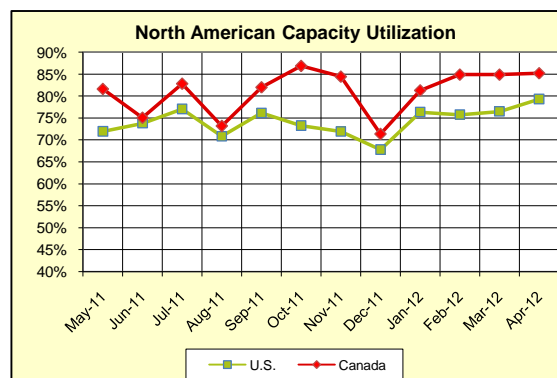
Inventories

	Apr-12	Apr-11	
British Columbia	1,100	1,257	-10.4
East of the Rockies	1,410	1,765	-12.2
Total	2,510	3,022	-11.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	4 months YTD		
	2011	2012	2011	Apr-12
West	70%	75%	70%	77%
South	75%	79%	74%	82%
Total U.S.	73%	77%	72%	79%
British Columbia	82%	86%	82%	86%
East of the Rockies	77%	81%	79%	84%
Total Canada	80%	84%	81%	85%



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

Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2011	2012	2011	% Chg	Apr-12	Mar-12	Apr-11	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 12	1st Qtr 11	% Chg
From British Columbia	4,797	1,622	1,546	4.9	411	445	400	-7.7	2.6	1,212	1,146	5.8
East of the Rockies	4,051	1,307	1,309	-0.2	345	341	353	1.4	-2.3	961	956	0.6
Total Canadian Imports	8,848	2,929	2,855	2.6	756	786	754	-3.8	0.3	2,173	2,101	3.4
From Latin America	202	52	68	-23.1	10	11	18	-4.0	-41.5	42	50	-16.8
From Europe	147	24	41	-41.5	6	7	9	-15.7	-38.0	19	32	-42.5
Total Non-Canadian	441	103	141	-27.4	23	23	36	-1.2	-36.4	80	105	-24.2
Total Lumber Imports	9,289	3,032	2,996	1.2	779	809	790	-3.7	-1.4	2,253	2,206	2.1

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

	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2011	2012	2011	% Chg	Apr-12	Mar-12	Apr-11	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 12	1st Qtr 11	% Chg
To Canada	350	123	119	3.3	33	34	32	-4.5	4.0	90	88	3.0
To China	422	101	125	-19.2	16	26	27	-36.7	-39.9	85	98	-13.6
To Japan	175	54	55	-1.5	13	14	15	-8.2	-8.7	41	40	1.1
To Mexico	235	92	73	25.5	24	26	20	-5.3	23.8	67	53	26.1
To Other Countries	484	160	167	-4.0	48	41	49	18.0	-1.5	112	118	-5.0
Total Lumber Exports	1,667	530	539	-1.7	135	141	142	-4.4	-4.8	395	397	-0.6

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

From Canada	84	44	35	25.4	14	14	7	-5.0	83.1	31	28	9.8
Non-Canadian Sources	0	0	0	468.9	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total Log Imports	84	45	35	26.0	14	14	8	-4.8	83.4	31	28	10.6

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

To China	1,267	255	364	-29.9	56	89	130	-37.5	-57.1	200	234	-14.8
To Japan	450	129	132	-2.3	17	37	26	-52.6	-33.3	112	106	5.3
To Canada	458	195	214	-8.9	25	52	39	-51.5	-35.6	170	175	-2.9
To Other Countries	327	95	108	-12.8	30	22	29	36.2	2.6	64	79	-18.5
Total Log Exports	2,501	674	819	-17.7	128	200	224	-35.7	-42.8	546	595	-8.2

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

Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	8,848	2,929	2,855	2.6	756	786	754	-3.8	0.3	2,173	2,101	3.4
To China	3,112	1,089	867	25.5	278	296	213	-6.0	30.9	810	655	23.7
To Japan	1,158	367	351	4.5	105	103	91	2.2	15.4	262	260	0.6
Other	951	353	300	17.5	111	88	84	26.2	32.2	242	216	11.8
Total Lumber Exports	14,069	4,738	4,374	8.3	1,251	1,273	1,142	-1.7	9.6	3,487	3,233	7.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2011	2012	2011	% Chg	Apr-12	Mar-12	Apr-11	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 12	1st Qtr 11	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	26,503	9,320	8,699	7.1	2,399	2,393	2,225	0.3	7.8	6,921	6,474	6.9
Plus Imports	9,289	3,032	2,996	1.2	779	809	790	-3.7	-1.4	2,253	2,206	2.1
Minus Exports	(1,667)	(530)	(539)	-1.7	(135)	(141)	(142)	-4.4	-4.8	(395)	(397)	-0.6
Apparent Consumption	34,125	11,822	11,156	6.0	3,043	3,061	2,873	-0.6	5.9	8,779	8,283	6.0

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2011	2012	2011	% Chg	Apr-12	Mar-12	Apr-11	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 12	1st Qtr 11	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	21,523	7,355	6,933	6.1	1,895	1,906	1,868	-0.6	1.5	5,459	5,065	7.8
Plus Imports	379	133	129	3.3	36	37	34	-4.5	4.0	98	95	3.0
Minus Exports	(14,069)	(4,738)	(4,374)	8.3	(1,251)	(1,273)	(1,142)	-1.7	9.6	(3,487)	(3,233)	7.9
Apparent Consumption	7,832	2,750	2,688	2.3	680	670	761	1.5	-10.6	2,070	1,927	7.4



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

Region	2010		2011												2012			
	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	515	543	587	559	698	574	587	642	565	668	619	572	539	507	620	632	653	649
Inland	303	328	328	308	389	335	288	330	342	387	370	363	323	330	350	362	388	355
Cal. Redwood	36	29	18	49	50	40	31	37	34	44	43	26	23	15	33	35	41	43
Total West	854	900	933	915	1,137	950	905	1,009	940	1,099	1,031	961	885	851	1,002	1,029	1,082	1,047
South	972	998	1,053	1,029	1,210	1,142	1,160	1,210	1,166	1,127	1,154	1,141	1,081	1,001	1,182	1,139	1,211	1,222
Other	102	106	112	110	132	118	116	125	119	126	123	118	111	104	122	121	128	127
Total U.S.	1,928	2,003	2,097	2,054	2,480	2,209	2,182	2,344	2,225	2,352	2,309	2,221	2,076	1,957	2,306	2,289	2,421	2,396
British Columbia	950	858	1,013	929	1,026	1,070	1,027	1,007	1,013	1,015	1,012	1,059	1,002	868	1,037	1,063	1,101	1,044
Prairies & Eastern Canada	945	755	790	842	928	879	837	788	787	815	860	924	834	684	819	875	929	900
Total Canada	1,895	1,613	1,804	1,770	1,954	1,949	1,863	1,795	1,801	1,830	1,872	1,983	1,836	1,552	1,856	1,938	2,030	1,945
Total North America	3,823	3,616	3,901	3,824	4,434	4,158	4,045	4,139	4,026	4,182	4,180	4,204	3,912	3,509	4,162	4,226	4,451	4,341

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

Region	2010		2011												2012			
	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	514	562	566	521	647	588	618	628	567	665	631	593	543	541	592	623	637	641
Inland	295	314	323	299	375	339	325	359	320	374	356	341	329	337	334	357	382	371
Cal. Redwood	38	33	35	31	37	37	35	34	33	44	43	33	33	30	32	29	36	38
Total West	847	908	925	852	1,059	964	979	1,022	919	1,082	1,029	967	905	908	958	1,009	1,055	1,050
South	972	998	1,053	1,029	1,210	1,142	1,160	1,210	1,166	1,127	1,154	1,141	1,081	1,001	1,182	1,139	1,211	1,222
Other	102	106	112	106	128	119	121	126	118	125	123	119	112	108	120	120	126	127
Total U.S.	1,921	2,013	2,089	1,987	2,397	2,225	2,260	2,358	2,203	2,334	2,307	2,227	2,098	2,017	2,260	2,268	2,393	2,399
British Columbia	926	895	931	856	1,086	1,085	1,045	1,124	1,057	1,021	1,086	1,057	1,038	962	967	1,049	1,092	1,024
Prairies & Eastern Canada	832	732	693	705	794	783	809	823	796	725	774	844	796	632	756	782	814	871
Total Canada	1,758	1,627	1,623	1,561	1,880	1,868	1,854	1,947	1,853	1,746	1,859	1,901	1,834	1,594	1,722	1,831	1,906	1,895
Total North America	3,679	3,640	3,713	3,548	4,278	4,093	4,114	4,305	4,056	4,081	4,166	4,129	3,932	3,611	3,982	4,100	4,299	4,294

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

Region	2010		2011												2012			
	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	490	590	562	525	661	589	604	625	584	653	635	584	533	537	608	611	637	628
Inland	302	315	310	316	364	366	323	359	316	384	361	340	332	345	349	349	367	386
Cal. Redwood	34	31	33	32	36	38	34	37	33	47	37	33	41	23	30	32	35	41
Total West	826	936	906	873	1,061	993	961	1,020	934	1,084	1,033	957	906	905	987	992	1,039	1,055
South	972	998	1,053	1,029	1,210	1,142	1,160	1,210	1,166	1,127	1,154	1,141	1,081	1,001	1,182	1,139	1,211	1,222
Other	100	108	111	107	128	121	120	126	119	125	124	119	112	108	121	119	126	127
Total U.S.	1,898	2,042	2,069	2,009	2,399	2,255	2,241	2,356	2,218	2,336	2,310	2,216	2,099	2,014	2,290	2,250	2,375	2,404

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

Region	2010		2011												2012			
	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	202	236	237	241	255	256	242	239	256	245	249	240	230	226	241	230	230	221
Inland	190	191	153	170	159	186	185	185	182	193	197	196	198	206	221	219	206	221
Cal. Redwood	36	33	32	32	32	32	31	34	34	36	30	31	39	32	30	32	31	34
Total West	428	461	422	443	446	475	458	457	473	474	477	466	467	463	492	481	467	476
South	563	563	669	669	669	669	669	669	669	669	669	669	669	669	673	673	673	673
Other	65	67	65	67	67	68	67	67	68	68	68	68	68	68	69	68	67	68
Total U.S.	1,056	1,090	1,156	1,179	1,182	1,212	1,194	1,194	1,210	1,211	1,214	1,203	1,204	1,200	1,234	1,222	1,207	1,216

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

Region	2010		2011												2012			
	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	581	563	583	620	671	660	625	640	638	643	633	612	606	572	600	609	626	635
Inland	427	444	466	477	488	487	451	422	445	459	472	494	488	481	497	506	509	493
Cal. Redwood	179	174	161	179	192	195	190	192	192	193	193	186	176	160	161	167	172	177
Total West	1,187	1,181	1,210	1,275	1,351	1,341	1,266	1,254	1,275	1,296	1,298	1,292	1,270	1,213	1,257	1,282	1,307	1,304
South	1,297	1,297	1,359	1,359	1,359	1,359	1,359	1,359	1,359	1,359	1,359	1,359	1,359	1,359	1,482	1,482	1,482	1,482
Other	159	158	158	162	166	164	160	159	160	160	160	159	158	154	156	157	159	159
Total U.S.	2,643	2,636	2,728	2,796	2,876	2,865	2,785	2,772	2,794	2,815	2,817	2,810	2,786	2,726	2,896	2,921	2,948	2,945
British Columbia	1,102	1,077	1,199	1,289	1,249	1,257	1,264	1,172	1,152	1,174	1,131	1,167	1,163	1,100	1,165	1,154	1,137	1,127
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,574	1,548	1,598	1,677	1,741	1,765	1,717	1,604	1,518	1,529	1,526	1,508	1,450	1,410	1,447	1,518	1,561	1,549
Total Canada	2,676	2,625	2,797	2,966	2,990	3,022	2,981	2,775	2,670	2,703	2,656	2,675	2,613	2,510	2,612	2,672	2,698	2,676
Total North America	5,319	5,260	5,525	5,762	5,866	5,886	5,766	5,547	5,463	5,518	5,473	5,485	5,399	5,236	5,508	5,593	5,646	5,621