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

Production	Full Year	11 months YTD			% Chg	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
	2018	2019	2018										
West	14,419	13,203	13,390	-1.4	1,096	1,311	1,103	-16.4	-0.6		3,582	3,595	-0.3
South	18,846	17,873	17,548	1.9	1,392	1,850	1,449	-24.8	-3.9		4,984	4,844	2.9
Other	1,644	1,536	1,529	0.4	123	156	126	-21.3	-2.5		423	417	1.5
Total	34,908	32,612	32,467	0.4	2,611	3,317	2,678	-21.3	-2.5		8,990	8,856	1.5

## Shipments

West	14,274	13,268	13,272	0.0	1,080	1,295	1,169	-16.6	-7.6		3,617	3,527	2.5
South	18,846	17,873	17,548	1.9	1,392	1,850	1,449	-24.8	-3.9		4,984	4,844	2.9
Other	1,637	1,539	1,523	1.0	122	155	129	-21.4	-5.6		425	414	2.7
Total	34,757	32,680	32,342	1.0	2,594	3,300	2,747	-21.4	-5.6		9,026	8,785	2.7

## New Orders

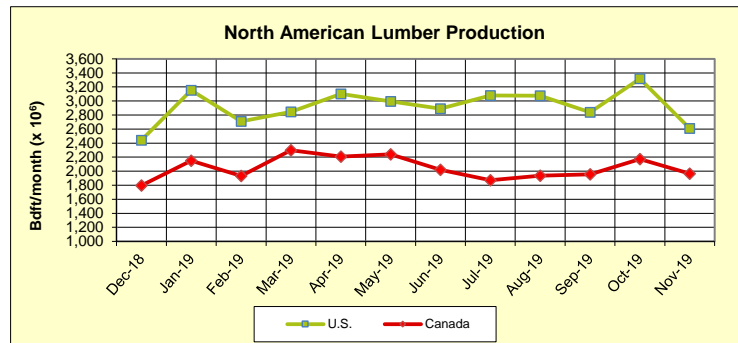
West	14,248	13,209	13,240	-0.2	1,080	1,307	1,163	-17.4	-7.2		3,598	3,532	1.9
South	18,846	17,873	17,548	1.9	1,392	1,850	1,449	-24.8	-3.9		4,984	4,844	2.9
Other	1,635	1,536	1,521	1.0	122	156	129	-21.7	-5.4		424	414	2.5
Total	34,729	32,618	32,309	1.0	2,594	3,312	2,741	-21.7	-5.4		9,006	8,790	2.5

## Unfilled Orders

		Nov-19	Nov-18	
West	505	448	499	-10.3
South	702	716	702	2.0
Other	71	68	71	-3.7
Total	1,278	1,232	1,272	-3.2

## Inventories

		Nov-19	Nov-18	
West	1,293	1,228	1,267	-3.1
South	1,620	1,654	1,620	2.1
Other	162	159	161	-1.2
Total	3,075	3,041	3,048	-0.2



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	11 months YTD			% Chg	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
	2018	2019	2018										
British Columbia	12,374	9,206	11,615	-20.7	746	835	951	-10.6	-21.6		2,301	3,128	-26.4
East of the Rockies	14,908	13,539	13,871	-2.4	1,219	1,336	1,255	-8.7	-2.8		3,458	3,569	-3.1
Total	27,282	22,745	25,486	-10.8	1,966	2,171	2,207	-9.5	-10.9		5,759	6,698	-14.0

## Shipments

British Columbia	12,408	9,330	11,600	-19.6	683	819	935	-16.6	-26.9		2,400	3,345	-28.3
East of the Rockies	14,177	13,126	13,231	-0.8	1,081	1,239	1,212	-12.8	-10.8		3,554	3,532	0.6
Total	26,585	22,457	24,831	-9.6	1,764	2,059	2,147	-14.3	-17.8		5,954	6,877	-13.4

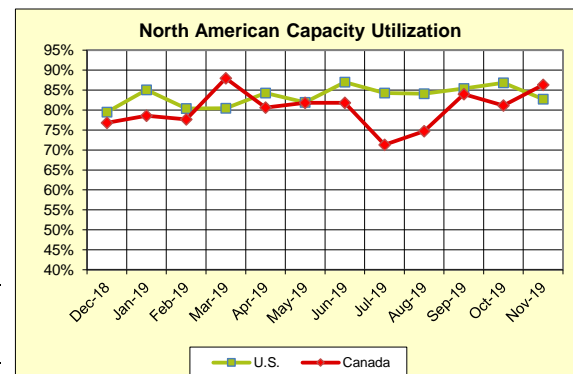
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		Nov-19	Nov-18	
British Columbia	1,273	1,194	1,324	-9.8
East of the Rockies	1,947	1,965	1,899	3.5
Total	3,219	3,159	3,223	-2.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

## Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	11 months YTD				
	2018	2019	2018	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18
West	80%	81%	81%	83%	82%	77%
South	90%	86%	91%	82%	90%	88%
Total U.S.	85%	84%	86%	83%	87%	83%
British Columbia	88%	75%	89%	81%	75%	86%
East of the Rockies	87%	85%	87%	90%	86%	88%
Total Canada	87%	80%	88%	86%	81%	87%



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

## Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	11 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
From British Columbia <sup>1</sup>	6,600	5,139	6,137	-16.3	365	451	448	-19.0	-18.5	1,398	1,885	-25.8
East of the Rockies <sup>1</sup>	7,040	6,861	6,491	5.7	545	645	549	-15.5	-0.9	1,882	1,766	6.5
Total Canadian Imports <sup>1</sup>	13,639	12,000	12,628	-5.0	910	1,095	997	-17.0	-8.8	3,280	3,651	-10.2
From Canada <sup>2</sup>	13,629	11,984	12,618	-5.0	909	1,094	996	-16.9	-8.7	3,278	3,648	-10.2
From Latin America <sup>2</sup>	439	361	399	-9.5	27	34	37	-21.0	-26.4	93	117	-20.1
From Europe <sup>2</sup>	890	814	838	-2.9	99	90	79	10.5	26.5	175	220	-20.3
Total Non-Canadian <sup>2</sup>	1,520	1,338	1,409	-5.0	141	138	130	1.9	8.0	319	384	-17.0
Total Lumber Imports <sup>2</sup>	15,150	13,323	14,027	-5.0	1,050	1,232	1,127	-14.8	-6.8	3,597	4,035	-10.9

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	11 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
To Canada	369	284	348	-18.4	21	29	28	-25.1	-22.0	72	91	-20.2
To China	287	109	280	-61.1	7	7	12	4.9	-42.8	26	48	-44.8
To Japan	94	87	86	0.6	7	8	8	-5.4	-7.1	23	25	-9.1
To Mexico	289	257	270	-4.9	24	25	22	-5.7	7.0	72	76	-5.0
To Other Countries	645	492	607	-19.0	43	42	56	4.2	-22.2	135	156	-13.1
Total Lumber Exports	1,684	1,228	1,591	-22.8	103	110	126	-6.3	-18.1	329	395	-16.7

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

From Canada	62	69	62	11.7	7	9	1	-24.7	1050.4	19	21	-10.4
Non-Canadian Sources	4	20	4	357.3	0	4	0	0.0	0.0	5	1	0.0
Total Log Imports	67	89	66	34.5	7	14	1	-48.5	1004.9	24	22	9.4

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

To China	1,104	614	1,022	-39.9	49	45	112	9.4	-56.4	138	286	-51.7
To Japan	385	314	354	-11.3	34	6	24	489.4	39.5	98	98	0.6
To Canada	422	125	390	-67.9	9	11	34	-14.8	-72.2	33	109	-70.0
To Other Countries	157	147	147	0.2	14	20	21	-29.5	-34.2	46	38	23.4
Total Log Exports	2,068	1,200	1,912	-37.3	106	81	192	30.7	-44.6	315	530	-40.5

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

### Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	13,639	12,000	12,628	-5.0	910	1,095	997	-17.0	-8.8	3,280	3,651	-10.2
To China	2,181	1,841	1,930	-4.6	124	130	251	-5.1	-50.8	408	521	-21.8
To Japan	937	717	881	-18.7	69	64	68	7.7	1.4	196	230	-14.5
Other	765	539	704	-23.4	39	47	58	-18.3	-33.3	137	185	-25.7
Total Lumber Exports	17,522	15,097	16,143	-6.5	1,140	1,337	1,374	-14.7	-17.0	4,022	4,587	-12.3

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	11 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	34,757	32,680	32,342	1.0	2,594	3,300	2,747	-21.4	-5.6	9,026	8,785	2.7
Plus Imports	15,150	13,323	14,027	-5.0	1,050	1,232	1,127	-14.8	-6.8	3,597	4,035	-10.9
Minus Exports	(1,684)	(1,228)	(1,591)	-22.8	(103)	(110)	(126)	-6.3	-18.1	(329)	(395)	-16.7
Apparent Consumption	48,222	44,774	44,778	0.0	3,541	4,422	3,748	-19.9	-5.5	12,294	12,425	-1.1

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	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 19	3rd Qtr 18	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	26,585	22,457	24,831	-9.6	1,764	2,059	2,147	-14.3	-17.8	5,954	6,877	-13.4
Plus Imports	398	307	376	-18.4	23	31	30	-25.1	-22.0	78	98	-20.2
Minus Exports	(17,522)	(15,097)	(16,143)	-6.5	(1,140)	(1,337)	(1,374)	-14.7	-17.0	(4,022)	(4,587)	-12.3
Apparent Consumption	9,461	7,667	9,065	-15.4	647	753	803	-14.1	-19.4	2,010	2,388	-15.8



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

Region	2018							2019							AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL				
Coast	769	738	784	709	813	696	640	797	692	731	799	774	714	745	758	697	807	680
Inland	407	389	445	391	436	359	344	429	366	397	415	404	381	404	423	393	446	370
Cal. Coast	53	40	47	51	51	47	44	49	49	54	50	61	53	52	52	57	57	46
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,096</b>
South	1,620	1,603	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	1,556	1,850	1,392
Other	141	137	151	129	148	126	115	148	128	134	146	141	136	145	145	134	156	123
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,990</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>3,136</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>2,709</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>3,102</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>3,078</b>	<b>3,074</b>	<b>2,838</b>	<b>3,317</b>	<b>2,611</b>
British Columbia	1,076	1,051	1,064	1,014	1,062	951	760	923	803	958	903	916	821	780	784	738	835	746
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,219	1,129	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
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>1,966</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>5,285</b>	<b>5,088</b>	<b>5,506</b>	<b>4,959</b>	<b>5,527</b>	<b>4,884</b>	<b>4,238</b>	<b>5,303</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>5,145</b>	<b>5,308</b>	<b>5,235</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>4,949</b>	<b>5,008</b>	<b>4,791</b>	<b>5,488</b>	<b>4,576</b>

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

Region	2018							2019							AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL				
Coast	754	745	820	643	795	740	639	781	642	759	788	842	720	749	776	700	802	669
Inland	402	391	444	367	429	381	325	424	350	372	439	450	403	410	421	391	432	363
Cal. Coast	49	39	38	41	40	48	38	47	42	51	54	63	49	58	57	54	60	48
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>1,080</b>
South	1,620	1,603	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	1,556	1,850	1,392
Other	140	137	153	124	146	129	114	147	124	134	147	147	137	146	146	133	155	122
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,965</b>	<b>2,915</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>2,747</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>3,121</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>2,915</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>2,594</b>
British Columbia	1,120	1,126	1,164	1,055	1,051	935	808	889	778	975	957	968	861	786	802	812	819	683
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,212	1,140	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
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>2,183</b>	<b>2,288</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>1,754</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>2,262</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>1,764</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>5,297</b>	<b>5,181</b>	<b>5,669</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>5,389</b>	<b>4,895</b>	<b>4,169</b>	<b>5,208</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>4,992</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>5,378</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>5,029</b>	<b>5,095</b>	<b>4,855</b>	<b>5,358</b>	<b>4,358</b>

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

Region	2018							2019							AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL				
Coast	765	768	824	654	784	738	643	751	655	742	786	835	712	761	758	697	807	678
Inland	406	368	433	370	431	377	326	439	330	376	437	423	435	395	424	393	439	354
Cal. Coast	49	39	38	38	40	48	39	47	42	51	55	62	49	58	57	55	61	48
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>1,080</b>
South	1,620	1,603	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	1,556	1,850	1,392
Other	140	137	152	124	145	129	114	147	124	133	147	145	138	146	145	133	156	122
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>2,915</b>	<b>3,233</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>3,090</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>2,626</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>2,594</b>

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

Region	2018							2019							AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL				
Coast	252	275	279	290	279	276	280	249	262	245	242	235	227	239	221	219	224	233
Inland	226	203	192	196	198	193	194	211	192	195	192	165	198	182	185	187	193	184
Cal. Coast	33	33	33	30	30	30	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	30	31	31	31
<b>Total West</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>448</b>
South	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	716
Other	71	71	71	72	71	71	71	70	70	69	69	67	69	68	68	68	68	68
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>1,232</b>

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

Region	2018							2019							AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL				
Coast	601	594	558	624	642	598	599	613	663	635	646	578	571	568	549	547	552	563
Inland	536	534	535	560	566	543	563	568	585	609	585	539	517	511	513	515	529	536
Cal. Coast	95	97	106	115	126	126	131	134	141	144	140	138	142	136	131	134	131	129
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,228</b>
South	1,620	1,620	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
Other	159	159	158	163	164	161	162	163	167	167	166	160	159	158	157	158	158	159
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>3,011</b>	<b>3,004</b>	<b>2,977</b>	<b>3,082</b>	<b>3,118</b>	<b>3,048</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>3,134</b>	<b>3,209</b>	<b>3,209</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>3,069</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>3,004</b>	<b>3,008</b>	<b>3,025</b>	<b>3,041</b>
British Columbia	1,482	1,434	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
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,953	1,911	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
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>3,345</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>3,223</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>3,275</b>	<b>3,295</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>3,418</b>	<b>3,398</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>3,118</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>2,942</b>	<b>3,051</b>	<b>3,159</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>6,447</b>	<b>6,348</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>6,297</b>	<b>6,418</b>	<b>6,272</b>	<b>6,295</b>	<b>6,409</b>	<b>6,504</b>	<b>6,682</b>	<b>6,608</b>	<b>6,467</b>	<b>6,305</b>	<b>6,146</b>	<b>6,039</b>	<b>5,950</b>	<b>6,076</b>	<b>6,200</b>