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Western Wood Products Association's 2020 Annual Mill Operating Survey results have been compiled and the final revisions for 2020 have been made in all WWPA statistical reports. Revisions to 2021 year-to-date data have also been applied and are reflected in this edition of ***Lumber Track***.

Sincerely,

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U.S. West

	2019	2020	Variation
	(MMBF)		(%)
Production	14,254	14,453	1.40%
Shipments	14,287	14,550	1.84%
Orders	14,253	14,546	2.06%



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

		Full Year	5 months YTD										
		2020	2021	2020	% Chg	May-21	Apr-21	May-20	M to M %	Y to Y %	1st Qtr 21	1st Qtr 20	% Chg
Production	West	14,453	6,335	5,778	9.6	1,219	1,324	1,095	-7.9	11.3	3,793	3,630	4.5
	South	20,793	8,762	8,478	3.3	1,761	1,937	1,605	-9.1	9.7	5,064	5,141	-1.5
	Other	1,661	711	672	5.9	140	154	127	-8.6	10.4	417	413	1.0
	Total	36,907	15,809	14,928	5.9	3,120	3,415	2,827	-8.6	10.4	9,274	9,184	1.0

Shipments

West	14,550	6,242	5,863	6.5	1,229	1,331	1,132	-7.6	8.6	3,682	3,623	1.6
South	20,793	8,762	8,478	3.3	1,761	1,937	1,605	-9.1	9.7	5,064	5,141	-1.5
Other	1,666	707	676	4.6	141	154	129	-8.5	9.2	412	413	-0.2
Total	37,009	15,711	15,016	4.6	3,131	3,422	2,866	-8.5	9.2	9,158	9,177	-0.2

New Orders

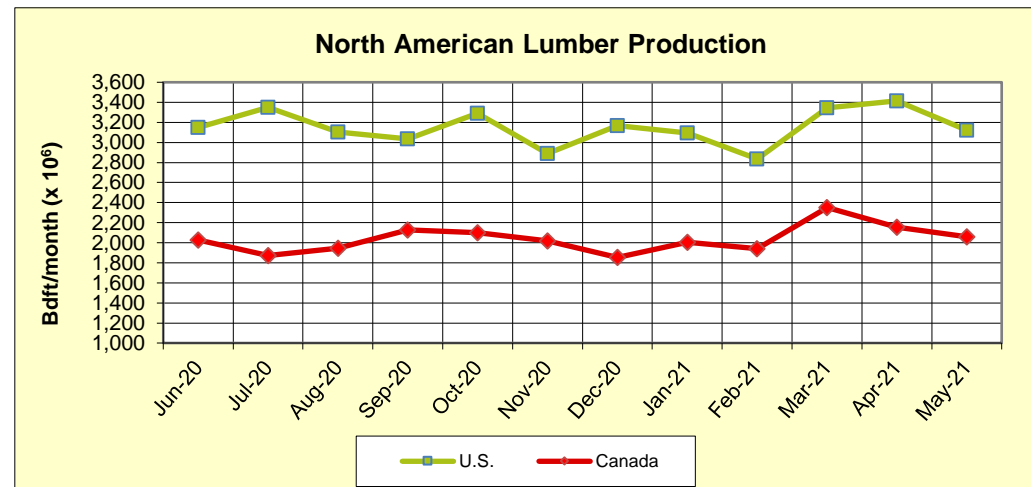
West	14,546	6,233	5,851	6.5	1,204	1,319	1,128	-8.7	6.8	3,710	3,608	2.8
South	20,793	8,762	8,478	3.3	1,761	1,937	1,605	-9.1	9.7	5,064	5,141	-1.5
Other	1,665	707	675	4.6	140	153	129	-8.9	8.5	413	412	0.3
Total	37,005	15,702	15,005	4.6	3,104	3,409	2,861	-8.9	8.5	9,188	9,161	0.3

Unfilled Orders

		May-21	May-20	
West	483	478	475	0.5
South	646	646	646	0.0
Other	69	69	69	-0.1
Total	1,198	1,193	1,190	0.2

Inventories

		May-21	May-20	
West	1,115	1,207	1,127	7.1
South	1,697	1,697	1,697	0.0
Other	156	161	157	2.4
Total	2,968	3,065	2,981	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)

		Full Year	5 months YTD										
		2020	2021	2020	% Chg	May-21	Apr-21	May-20	M to M %	Y to Y %	1st Qtr 21	1st Qtr 20	% Chg
Production	British Columbia	8,921	4,175	3,365	24.1	820	881	677	-6.9	21.2	2,474	2,253	9.8
	East of the Rockies	14,135	6,333	5,746	10.2	1,239	1,275	1,140	-2.8	8.7	3,820	3,591	6.4
	Total	23,055	10,508	9,111	15.3	2,059	2,156	1,816	-4.5	13.3	6,294	5,843	7.7

Shipments

British Columbia	9,030	4,278	3,457	23.7	883	939	564	-5.9	56.6	2,456	2,170	13.1
East of the Rockies	13,687	5,936	5,470	8.5	1,188	1,288	1,145	-7.8	3.7	3,461	3,280	5.5
Total	22,717	10,214	8,927	14.4	2,071	2,226	1,709	-7.0	21.2	5,917	5,450	8.6

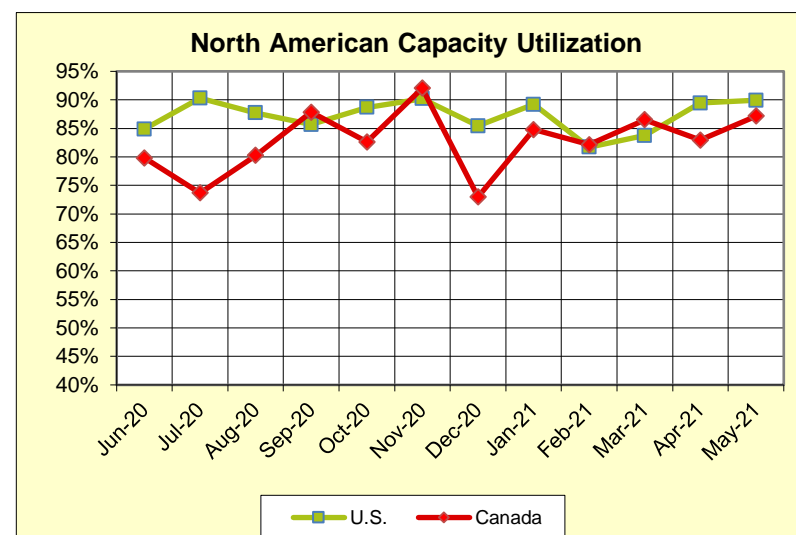
Inventories

		May-21	May-20	
British Columbia	997	971	1,007	-3.6
East of the Rockies	1,726	1,924	1,909	0.8
Total	2,723	2,896	2,916	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	5 months YTD				
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>May-21</u>	<u>Apr-21</u>	<u>May-20</u>
West	80%	85%	77%	86%	85%	77%
South	91%	88%	89%	93%	93%	89%
Total U.S.	86%	87%	84%	90%	89%	84%
British Columbia	73%	81%	66%	84%	82%	70%
East of the Rockies	82%	87%	81%	90%	84%	85%
Total Canada	78%	85%	74%	87%	83%	79%



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

Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	5 months YTD										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
From British Columbia ¹	5,588	2,813	1,942	44.8	656	590	316	11.2	107.3	1,567	1,208	29.7
East of the Rockies ¹	7,534	3,140	3,054	2.8	675	656	602	2.9	12.2	1,808	1,836	-1.5
Total Canadian Imports ¹	13,122	5,953	4,996	19.1	1,331	1,246	918	6.8	45.0	3,375	3,045	10.9
From Canada ²	13,078	5,947	4,972	19.6	1,330	1,245	915	6.9	45.3	3,372	3,028	11.4
From Latin America ²	479	186	167	11.1	45	38	43	17.9	4.2	104	92	13.2
From Europe ²	1,421	716	537	33.3	163	169	118	-3.5	38.4	385	296	30.1
Total Non-Canadian ²	2,105	976	783	24.6	222	223	178	-0.8	24.4	531	416	27.7
Total Lumber Imports ²	15,183	6,923	5,755	20.3	1,552	1,468	1,093	5.7	41.9	3,903	3,461	12.8

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	5 months YTD										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
To Canada	287	165	122	35.6	35	39	27	-8.8	28.9	92	69	32.1
To China	97	21	49	-56.2	3	5	12	-31.0	-73.3	14	24	-43.3
To Japan	70	20	35	-41.5	4	4	8	-7.5	-45.8	12	20	-40.2
To Mexico	247	111	95	16.3	25	25	13	2.2	99.6	60	71	-15.4
To Other Countries	416	194	182	6.6	39	45	26	-14.6	49.8	110	132	-16.9
Total Lumber Exports	1,117	512	483	6.0	106	118	85	-9.5	25.1	288	317	-9.3

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

From Canada	56	42	18	131.6	8	9	1	-10.4	668.8	24	16	52.5
Non-Canadian Sources	23	14	12	11.7	1	4	3	0.0	-62.7	8	6	38.9
Total Log Imports	79	55	30	83.2	9	14	4	-31.5	159.5	32	22	48.7

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

To China	630	290	178	62.5	60	69	84	-12.7	-28.4	162	57	181.8
To Japan	352	152	164	-7.6	34	25	28	36.9	21.8	93	109	-14.9
To Canada	119	66	50	32.2	15	7	5	98.4	202.6	44	41	5.2
To Other Countries	129	70	40	75.6	24	8	5	195.7	383.9	38	27	40.5
Total Log Exports	1,230	578	433	33.6	132	109	121	21.7	9.2	337	235	42.9

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

Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	13,122	5,953	4,996	19.1	1,331	1,246	918	6.8	45.0	3,375	3,045	10.9
To China	1,240	228	594	-61.6	24	27	172	-11.1	-85.8	176	276	-36.2
To Japan	581	221	259	-14.8	44	38	62	17.0	-28.4	139	138	1.1
Other	493	270	221	22.2	59	54	47	9.3	24.7	157	125	25.9
Total Lumber Exports	15,437	6,672	6,070	9.9	1,459	1,365	1,199	6.8	21.7	3,848	3,584	7.4

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	5 months YTD										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	37,009	15,711	15,016	4.6	3,131	3,422	2,866	-8.5	9.2	9,158	9,177	-0.2
Plus Imports	15,183	6,923	5,755	20.3	1,552	1,468	1,093	5.7	41.9	3,903	3,461	12.8
Minus Exports	(1,117)	(512)	(483)	6.0	(106)	(118)	(85)	-9.5	25.1	(288)	(317)	-9.3
Apparent Consumption	51,075	22,122	20,289	9.0	4,577	4,772	3,875	-4.1	18.1	12,773	12,321	3.7

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	5 months YTD										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	22,717	10,214	8,927	14.4	2,071	2,226	1,709	-7.0	21.2	5,917	5,450	8.6
Plus Imports	310	179	132	35.6	38	42	29	-8.8	28.9	99	75	32.1
Minus Exports	(15,437)	(6,672)	(6,070)	9.9	(1,459)	(1,365)	(1,199)	6.8	21.7	(3,848)	(3,584)	7.4
Apparent Consumption	7,589	3,721	2,989	24.5	650	903	540	-28.0	20.4	2,168	1,941	11.7



Western Wood Products Association - North American Activity and Consumption Update

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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

	2019	2020													2021				
Region	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Coast	698	759	715	765	663	674	787	793	756	723	793	702	762	744	733	832	819	772	
Inland	379	440	383	408	359	369	421	435	425	424	439	368	404	411	405	470	434	391	
Cal. Coast	50	53	57	50	31	51	69	74	57	60	68	58	58	60	67	72	71	56	
Total West	1,127	1,251	1,155	1,224	1,054	1,095	1,276	1,302	1,238	1,207	1,301	1,128	1,224	1,215	1,205	1,373	1,324	1,219	
South	1,446	1,847	1,635	1,659	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,690	1,840	1,631	1,802	1,741	1,503	1,820	1,937	1,761	
Other	118	146	131	136	131	127	142	151	140	137	148	130	143	139	128	150	154	140	
Total U.S.	2,691	3,244	2,921	3,019	2,917	2,827	3,147	3,349	3,105	3,033	3,289	2,889	3,168	3,095	2,835	3,343	3,415	3,120	
British Columbia	623	699	762	792	436	677	788	777	800	845	836	760	748	819	737	918	881	820	
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,032	1,127	1,178	1,286	1,016	1,140	1,239	1,094	1,146	1,284	1,263	1,259	1,105	1,184	1,203	1,432	1,275	1,239	
Total Canada	1,655	1,826	1,940	2,078	1,452	1,816	2,027	1,871	1,946	2,129	2,099	2,019	1,853	2,003	1,940	2,351	2,156	2,059	
Total North America	4,346	5,070	4,861	5,097	4,369	4,643	5,174	5,220	5,051	5,162	5,387	4,907	5,021	5,099	4,775	5,694	5,570	5,179	

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

	2019	2020													2021				
Region	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Coast	670	757	712	758	681	694	793	813	746	736	763	695	766	724	694	820	821	762	
Inland	362	431	397	404	373	386	437	464	442	424	417	356	390	392	389	469	444	413	
Cal. Coast	49	55	53	56	53	53	73	75	66	59	61	54	56	55	67	72	66	54	
Total West	1,081	1,244	1,161	1,218	1,107	1,132	1,303	1,351	1,254	1,220	1,241	1,106	1,212	1,171	1,150	1,361	1,331	1,229	
South	1,446	1,847	1,635	1,659	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,690	1,840	1,631	1,802	1,741	1,503	1,820	1,937	1,761	
Other	116	146	132	136	134	129	143	153	140	137	145	129	142	137	125	150	154	141	
Total U.S.	2,643	3,236	2,928	3,013	2,973	2,866	3,175	3,400	3,122	3,047	3,227	2,866	3,156	3,049	2,778	3,331	3,422	3,131	
British Columbia	677	662	698	810	723	564	711	770	796	842	872	797	785	829	717	909	939	883	
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,002	1,133	1,019	1,127	1,045	1,145	1,271	1,137	1,123	1,198	1,173	1,229	1,087	1,095	1,097	1,270	1,288	1,188	
Total Canada	1,679	1,794	1,718	1,938	1,768	1,709	1,982	1,907	1,919	2,040	2,045	2,025	1,871	1,924	1,814	2,179	2,226	2,071	
Total North America	4,322	5,031	4,646	4,950	4,740	4,576	5,157	5,308	5,041	5,087	5,271	4,891	5,028	4,973	4,592	5,510	5,648	5,202	

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

	2019	2020													2021					
Region	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY		
Coast	673	766	697	772	679	672	786	820	751	732	766	716	754	726	692	828	814	769		
Inland	382	447	375	387	383	403	424	442	455	407	408	356	435	397	391	483	439	380		
Cal. Coast	49	55	54	56	55	53	73	75	66	59	61	54	56	55	67	72	66	55		
Total West	1,105	1,267	1,125	1,215	1,116	1,128	1,283	1,337	1,271	1,198	1,235	1,127	1,245	1,178	1,150	1,383	1,319	1,204		
South	1,446	1,847	1,635	1,659	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,690	1,840	1,631	1,802	1,741	1,503	1,820	1,937	1,761		
Other	117	147	130	135	134	129	142	152	141	136	145	130	144	138	125	151	153	140		
Total U.S.	2,668	3,261	2,890	3,010	2,982	2,861	3,154	3,385	3,139	3,024	3,220	2,888	3,190	3,056	2,778	3,354	3,409	3,104		

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

	2019	2020													2021					
Region	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY		
Coast	236	246	230	245	243	221	213	221	225	221	224	244	232	238	236	243	236	244		
Inland	209	233	211	194	204	221	208	186	199	182	172	173	218	223	225	239	234	201		
Cal. Coast	31	31	32	32	34	34	34	34	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33		
Total West	476	510	474	471	480	475	455	440	457	436	429	450	483	494	494	515	503	478		
South	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646		
Other	70	71	69	69	69	69	68	67	68	67	67	68	69	70	70	71	70	69		
Total U.S.	1,192	1,226	1,188	1,186	1,195	1,190	1,169	1,154	1,171	1,149	1,142	1,164	1,198	1,210	1,210	1,232	1,219	1,193		

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

	2019	2020													2021				
Region	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Coast	578	556	560	567	550	530	524	504	514	501	531	538	533	553	592	603	601	610	
Inland	548	544	530	534	520	503	487	458	442	441	463	475	489	508	523	524	514	492	
Cal. Coast	123	119	123	118	96	94	90	89	80	80	88	91	93	98	98	98	103	105	
Total West	1,250	1,219	1,212	1,218	1,165	1,127	1,101	1,052	1,036	1,022	1,082	1,103	1,115	1,159	1,213	1,225	1,218	1,207	
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	161	161	161	161	159	157	156	153	153	152	155	156	156	158	161	161	161	161	
Total U.S.	3,108	3,077	3,070	3,077	3,021	2,981	2,954	2,902	2,885	2,871	2,933	2,956	2,968	3,014	3,071	3,083	3,076	3,065	
British Columbia	1,002	1,036	1,102	1,123	867	1,007	1,089	1,126	1,120	1,107	1,070	1,027	997	997	1,039	1,057	1,013	971	
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,866	1,785	1,897	2,013	1,925	1,909	1,836	1,719	1,681	1,714	1,736	1,736	1,726	1,751	1,866	1,970	1,925	1,924	
Total Canada	2,868	2,821	2,999	3,136	2,792	2,916	2,924	2,845	2,801	2,821	2,806	2,762	2,723	2,749	2,905	3,027	2,938	2,896	
Total North America	5,976	5,898	6,069	6,213	5,813	5,897	5,878	5,747	5,687	5,693	5,740	5,719	5,691	5,763	5,976	6,111	6,014	5,960	