



Lumber Track

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

Production	Full Year	8 months YTD											
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg	Aug-21	Jul-21	Aug-20	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 21	2nd Qtr 20	% Chg	
	West	14,453	9,922	9,595	3.4	1,153	1,152	1,238	0.1	-6.9	3,825	3,425	11.7
	South	20,793	14,278	13,830	3.2	1,802	1,756	1,727	2.6	4.3	5,582	5,066	10.2
	Other	1,661	1,140	1,104	3.3	139	137	140	1.6	-0.3	443	400	10.8
Total	36,907	25,341	24,529	3.3	3,094	3,045	3,105	1.6	-0.3	9,850	8,891	10.8	

Shipments

West	14,550	9,739	9,771	-0.3	1,164	1,068	1,254	9.0	-7.2	3,825	3,542	8.0
South	20,793	14,278	13,830	3.2	1,802	1,756	1,727	2.6	4.3	5,582	5,066	10.2
Other	1,666	1,132	1,112	1.8	140	133	140	5.0	-0.5	443	406	9.3
Total	37,009	25,148	24,713	1.8	3,106	2,957	3,122	5.0	-0.5	9,851	9,014	9.3

New Orders

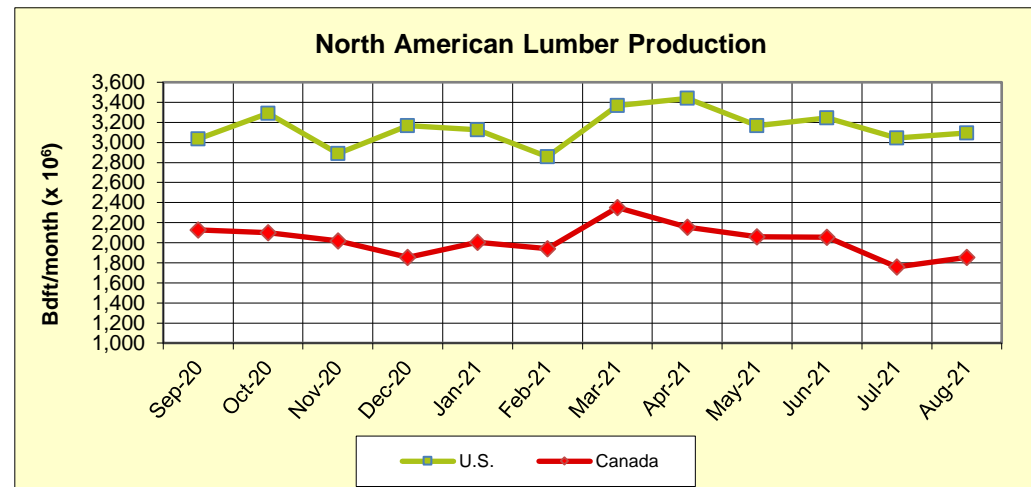
West	14,546	9,832	9,742	0.9	1,182	1,115	1,271	6.0	-7.0	3,825	3,526	8.5
South	20,793	14,278	13,830	3.2	1,802	1,756	1,727	2.6	4.3	5,582	5,066	10.2
Other	1,665	1,136	1,111	2.3	141	135	141	3.9	-0.5	443	405	9.5
Total	37,005	25,246	24,683	2.3	3,124	3,006	3,139	3.9	-0.5	9,850	8,997	9.5

Unfilled Orders

		Aug-21	Aug-20	
West	483	580	457	26.9
South	646	646	646	0.0
Other	69	74	68	8.2
Total	1,198	1,300	1,171	11.0

Inventories

		Aug-21	Aug-20	
West	1,115	1,298	1,036	25.3
South	1,697	1,697	1,697	0.0
Other	156	165	153	8.1
Total	2,968	3,160	2,885	9.5



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										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg	Aug-21	Jul-21	Aug-20	M to M %	Y to Y %	2nd Qtr 21	2nd Qtr 20	% Chg
British Columbia	8,921	6,445	5,731	12.5	704	751	800	-6.3	-12.0	2,516	1,901	32.3
East of the Rockies	14,135	9,731	9,225	5.5	1,150	1,007	1,146	14.2	0.4	3,754	3,394	10.6
Total	23,055	16,176	14,956	8.2	1,854	1,758	1,946	5.4	-4.7	6,270	5,295	18.4

Shipments

British Columbia	9,030	6,620	5,735	15.4	751	731	796	2.7	-5.7	2,683	1,998	34.3
East of the Rockies	13,687	9,195	9,001	2.2	1,106	1,020	1,123	8.4	-1.5	3,609	3,461	4.3
Total	22,717	15,815	14,736	7.3	1,857	1,751	1,919	6.0	-3.3	6,291	5,459	15.2

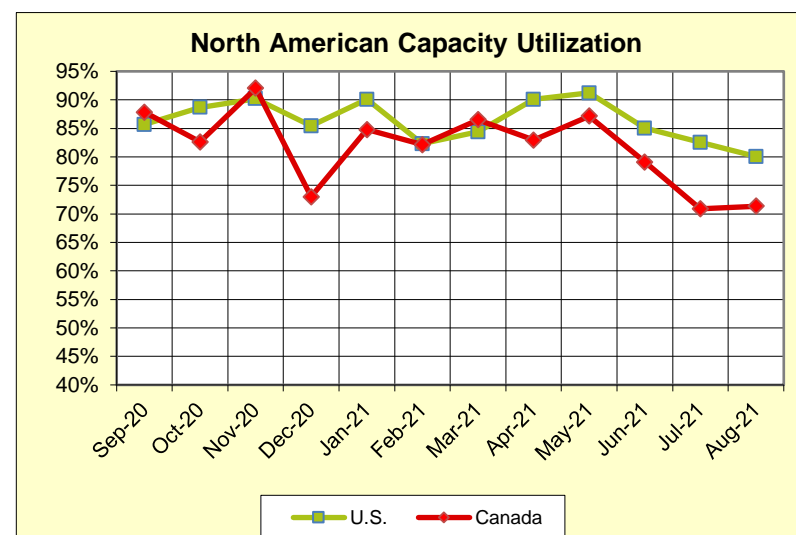
Inventories

		Aug-21	Aug-20	
British Columbia	997	914	1,120	-18.4
East of the Rockies	1,726	1,945	1,681	15.7
Total	2,723	2,859	2,801	2.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

		Full Year	8 months YTD			
		2020	2021	2020	Aug-21	
Total U.S.	West	80%	82%	79%	74%	83%
	South	91%	88%	90%	85%	92%
	Total	86%	86%	85%	80%	88%
Total Canada	British Columbia	73%	77%	70%	65%	79%
	East of the Rockies	82%	83%	80%	76%	81%
	Total	78%	81%	76%	71%	80%



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										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
From British Columbia ¹	5,588	4,377	3,369	29.9	474	495	559	-4.2	-15.2	1,841	1,147	60.5
East of the Rockies ¹	7,534	4,941	4,893	1.0	603	566	631	6.6	-4.4	1,964	1,828	7.4
Total Canadian Imports ¹	13,122	9,318	8,261	12.8	1,077	1,061	1,190	1.5	-9.5	3,805	2,975	27.9
From Canada ²	13,078	9,310	8,221	13.2	1,077	1,060	1,190	1.5	-9.5	3,801	2,955	28.6
From Latin America ²	479	317	285	11.1	45	43	36	3.1	24.2	126	119	6.3
From Europe ²	1,421	1,193	851	40.2	170	135	107	26.2	58.3	504	341	47.7
Total Non-Canadian ²	2,105	1,632	1,267	28.8	229	195	159	17.5	43.9	678	489	38.6
Total Lumber Imports ²	15,183	10,942	9,488	15.3	1,305	1,255	1,349	4.0	-3.2	4,479	3,464	29.3

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										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
To Canada	287	264	195	35.5	32	32	24	-1.5	35.0	108	78	38.8
To China	97	46	78	-40.8	10	9	6	9.4	70.7	13	39	-67.3
To Japan	70	38	52	-26.1	7	6	5	11.9	51.9	13	22	-38.5
To Mexico	247	218	155	40.6	46	37	21	22.5	122.7	74	41	81.1
To Other Countries	416	335	271	23.5	55	44	35	25.6	60.1	126	75	67.3
Total Lumber Exports	1,117	901	751	20.0	150	129	89	16.1	68.2	335	255	31.0

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

From Canada	56	64	34	86.6	10	4	5	139.5	106.3	26	11	145.0
Non-Canadian Sources	23	20	22	-9.3	4	1	0	154.9	0.0	6	11	-41.1
Total Log Imports	79	84	56	49.5	13	5	5	143.4	179.8	33	22	51.5

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

To China	630	578	425	35.8	83	96	79	-13.5	5.7	237	212	11.7
To Japan	352	221	251	-12.1	22	29	36	-24.0	-38.9	77	85	-9.6
To Canada	119	139	78	77.8	27	26	10	5.8	169.5	42	19	121.3
To Other Countries	129	130	77	69.8	25	21	8	19.8	200.0	46	33	42.7
Total Log Exports	1,230	1,067	831	28.4	157	171	133	-8.4	18.0	402	348	15.4

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	9,318	8,261	12.8	1,077	1,061	1,190	1.5	-9.5	3,805	2,975	27.9
To China	1,240	368	921	-60.0	61	40	66	51.3	-8.3	91	455	-80.0
To Japan	581	409	392	4.4	67	51	37	29.8	78.5	152	179	-15.2
Other	493	434	330	31.3	61	51	28	20.0	115.3	164	138	18.5
Total Lumber Exports	15,437	10,529	9,904	6.3	1,266	1,203	1,322	5.2	-4.3	4,212	3,748	12.4

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	8 months YTD										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	37,009	25,148	24,713	1.8	3,106	2,957	3,122	5.0	-0.5	9,851	9,014	9.3
Plus Imports	15,183	10,942	9,488	15.3	1,305	1,255	1,349	4.0	-3.2	4,479	3,464	29.3
Minus Exports	(1,117)	(901)	(751)	20.0	(150)	(129)	(89)	16.1	68.2	(335)	(255)	31.0
Apparent Consumption	51,075	35,189	33,451	5.2	4,261	4,083	4,381	4.4	-2.7	13,995	12,222	14.5

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	8 months YTD										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	22,717	15,815	14,736	7.3	1,857	1,751	1,919	6.0	-3.3	6,291	5,459	15.2
Plus Imports	310	285	210	35.5	34	35	25	-1.5	35.0	117	84	38.8
Minus Exports	(15,437)	(10,529)	(9,904)	6.3	(1,266)	(1,203)	(1,322)	5.2	-4.3	(4,212)	(3,748)	12.4
Apparent Consumption	7,589	5,572	5,042	10.5	625	582	623	7.4	0.4	2,197	1,795	22.3



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

Region	2020										2021							
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	765	663	674	787	793	756	723	793	702	762	744	733	832	819	772	789	727	716
Inland	408	359	369	421	435	425	424	439	368	404	411	405	470	434	391	427	367	384
Cal. Coast	50	31	51	69	74	57	60	68	58	58	60	67	72	71	56	66	58	53
Total West	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	1,282	1,152	1,153
South	1,659	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,690	1,840	1,631	1,802	1,771	1,524	1,843	1,960	1,805	1,817	1,756	1,802
Other	136	131	127	142	151	140	137	148	130	143	141	129	152	155	142	146	137	139
Total U.S.	3,019	2,917	2,827	3,147	3,349	3,105	3,033	3,289	2,889	3,168	3,127	2,857	3,367	3,439	3,166	3,245	3,045	3,094
British Columbia	792	436	677	788	777	800	845	836	760	748	819	737	918	881	820	814	751	704
Prairies & Eastern Canada	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	1,241	1,007	1,150
Total Canada	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	2,056	1,758	1,854
Total North America	5,097	4,369	4,643	5,174	5,220	5,051	5,162	5,387	4,907	5,021	5,130	4,797	5,718	5,594	5,225	5,301	4,803	4,948

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

Region	2020										2021							
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	758	681	694	793	813	746	736	763	695	766	724	694	820	821	762	788	672	745
Inland	404	373	386	437	464	442	424	417	356	390	392	389	469	444	413	410	335	366
Cal. Coast	56	53	53	73	75	66	59	61	54	56	55	67	72	66	54	67	61	53
Total West	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	1,265	1,068	1,164
South	1,659	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,690	1,840	1,631	1,802	1,771	1,524	1,843	1,960	1,805	1,817	1,756	1,802
Other	136	134	129	143	153	140	137	145	129	142	139	126	151	155	143	145	133	140
Total U.S.	3,013	2,973	2,866	3,175	3,400	3,122	3,047	3,227	2,866	3,156	3,080	2,800	3,355	3,446	3,177	3,227	2,957	3,106
British Columbia	810	723	564	711	770	796	842	872	797	785	829	717	909	939	883	861	731	751
Prairies & Eastern Canada	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	1,134	1,020	1,106
Total Canada	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	1,994	1,751	1,857
Total North America	4,950	4,740	4,576	5,157	5,308	5,041	5,087	5,271	4,891	5,028	5,004	4,614	5,534	5,672	5,248	5,222	4,707	4,962

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

Region	2020										2021							
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	772	679	672	786	820	751	732	766	716	754	726	692	828	814	769	831	697	716
Inland	387	383	403	424	442	455	407	408	356	435	397	391	483	439	380	404	358	412
Cal. Coast	56	55	53	73	75	66	59	61	54	56	55	67	72	66	55	67	61	54
Total West	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	1,302	1,115	1,182
South	1,659	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,690	1,840	1,631	1,802	1,771	1,524	1,843	1,960	1,805	1,817	1,756	1,802
Other	135	134	129	142	152	141	136	145	130	144	139	126	152	155	142	147	135	141
Total U.S.	3,010	2,982	2,861	3,154	3,385	3,139	3,024	3,220	2,888	3,190	3,088	2,800	3,378	3,433	3,151	3,266	3,006	3,124

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

Region	2020										2021							
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	245	243	221	213	221	225	221	224	244	232	238	236	243	236	244	288	312	283
Inland	194	204	221	208	186	199	182	172	173	218	223	225	239	234	201	195	217	263
Cal. Coast	32	34	34	34	34	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	34
Total West	471	480	475	455	440	457	436	429	450	483	494	494	515	503	478	515	563	580
South	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646
Other	69	69	69	68	67	68	67	67	68	69	70	70	71	70	69	71	73	74
Total U.S.	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	1,232	1,282	1,300

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

Region	2020										2021							
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	567	550	530	524	504	514	501	531	538	533	553	592	603	601	610	611	667	638
Inland	534	520	503	487	458	442	441	463	475	489	508	523	524	514	492	509	540	559
Cal. Coast	118	96	94	90	89	80	80	88	91	93	98	98	98	103	105	104	101	101
Total West	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	1,224	1,309	1,298
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	159	157	156	153	153	152	155	156	156	158	161	161	161	161	161	165	165
Total U.S.	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	3,083	3,171	3,160
British Columbia	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	934	955	914
Prairies & Eastern Canada	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	1,978	1,919	1,945
Total Canada	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	2,912	2,874	2,859
Total North America	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	5,995	6,045	6,019