



Lumber Track

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

Production	Full Year	7 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Jul-19	Jun-19	Jul-18	M to M %	Y to Y%	2nd Qtr 19	2nd Qtr 18	% Chg
West	14,419	8,416	8,561	-1.7	1,202	1,148	1,168	4.7	2.9	3,651	3,742	-2.4
South	18,846	11,298	11,169	1.2	1,673	1,596	1,603	4.8	4.4	4,897	5,031	-2.7
Other	1,644	973	975	-0.2	142	136	137	4.8	3.7	422	433	-2.6
Total	34,908	20,687	20,705	-0.1	3,017	2,879	2,908	4.8	3.7	8,970	9,206	-2.6

Shipments

West	14,274	8,494	8,485	0.1	1,217	1,172	1,175	3.9	3.6	3,808	3,725	2.2
South	18,846	11,298	11,169	1.2	1,673	1,596	1,603	4.8	4.4	4,897	5,031	-2.7
Other	1,637	978	971	0.7	143	137	137	4.4	4.0	430	433	-0.6
Total	34,757	20,770	20,625	0.7	3,033	2,905	2,915	4.4	4.0	9,135	9,189	-0.6

New Orders

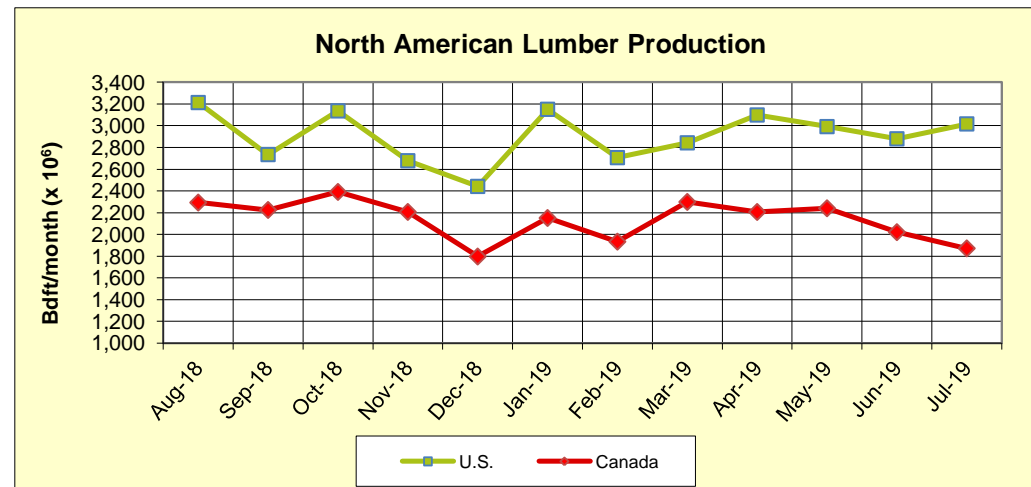
West	14,248	8,439	8,464	-0.3	1,214	1,196	1,174	1.5	3.3	3,793	3,734	1.6
South	18,846	11,298	11,169	1.2	1,673	1,596	1,603	4.8	4.4	4,897	5,031	-2.7
Other	1,635	975	970	0.5	143	138	137	3.4	3.9	429	433	-0.9
Total	34,729	20,712	20,603	0.5	3,029	2,930	2,915	3.4	3.9	9,120	9,199	-0.9

Unfilled Orders

		Jul-19	Jul-18	
West	505	452	511	-11.5
South	702	716	702	2.0
Other	71	68	71	-4.4
Total	1,278	1,236	1,284	-3.7

Inventories

		Jul-19	Jul-18	
West	1,293	1,215	1,225	-0.8
South	1,620	1,654	1,620	2.1
Other	162	158	159	-0.9
Total	3,075	3,027	3,004	0.8



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	7 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg	Jul-19	Jun-19	Jul-18	M to M %	Y to Y %	2nd Qtr 19	2nd Qtr 18	% Chg
British Columbia	12,374	6,104	7,523	-18.9	780	821	1,051	-5.0	-25.8	2,640	3,327	-20.6
East of the Rockies	14,908	8,616	8,848	-2.6	1,091	1,200	1,129	-9.1	-3.4	3,827	3,879	-1.4
Total	27,282	14,720	16,371	-10.1	1,871	2,020	2,180	-7.4	-14.2	6,467	7,206	-10.3

Shipments

British Columbia	12,408	6,214	7,394	-16.0	786	861	1,126	-8.7	-30.2	2,786	3,402	-18.1
East of the Rockies	14,177	8,400	8,389	0.1	1,148	1,292	1,140	-11.1	0.7	3,816	3,841	-0.6
Total	26,585	14,614	15,784	-7.4	1,934	2,153	2,266	-10.2	-14.6	6,602	7,243	-8.9

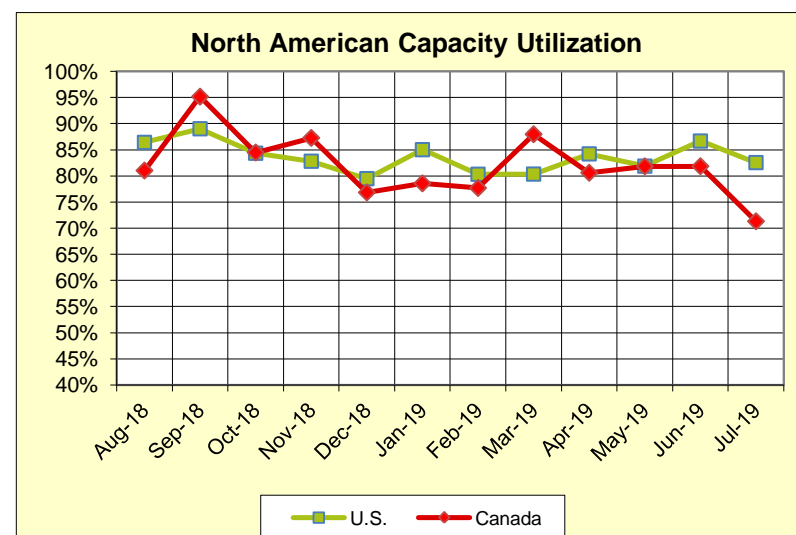
Inventories

		Jul-19	Jul-18	
British Columbia	1,273	1,211	1,434	-15.6
East of the Rockies	1,947	1,907	1,911	-0.2
Total	3,219	3,118	3,345	-6.8

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

		Full Year	7 months YTD		
		2018	2019	2018	Jul-19
West	80%	80%	81%	79%	83%
South	90%	85%	91%	86%	90%
Total U.S.	85%	83%	86%	83%	87%
British Columbia	88%	74%	91%	69%	75%
East of the Rockies	87%	85%	88%	73%	88%
Total Canada	87%	80%	89%	71%	82%



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

Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	7 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg								
From British Columbia ¹	6,600	3,341	3,861	-13.5	416	497	615	-16.3	-32.3	1,668	1,807	-7.7
East of the Rockies ¹	7,040	4,395	4,197	4.7	604	657	592	-8.0	2.1	2,061	1,973	4.4
Total Canadian Imports ¹	13,639	7,735	8,058	-4.0	1,021	1,154	1,207	-11.6	-15.4	3,729	3,780	-1.3
From Canada ²	13,629	7,723	8,053	-4.1	1,020	1,153	1,206	-11.5	-15.5	3,724	3,778	-1.4
From Latin America ²	439	239	241	-1.0	33	27	36	22.8	-9.2	99	102	-3.3
From Europe ²	890	509	529	-3.8	60	79	105	-24.0	-42.2	253	215	17.7
Total Non-Canadian ²	1,520	851	881	-3.4	111	120	159	-7.4	-30.5	396	361	9.6
Total Lumber Imports ²	15,150	8,575	8,933	-4.0	1,131	1,272	1,366	-11.1	-17.2	4,120	4,141	-0.5

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	7 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg								
To Canada	369	189	229	-17.7	27	25	30	6.9	-11.0	83	106	-21.3
To China	287	79	220	-64.0	11	7	20	58.7	-46.6	33	90	-64.0
To Japan	94	56	54	4.0	8	7	8	12.5	-7.6	24	24	1.4
To Mexico	289	160	164	-2.0	24	21	23	15.9	5.1	65	71	-8.2
To Other Countries	645	318	384	-17.0	47	52	50	-9.1	-6.0	143	177	-19.3
Total Lumber Exports	1,684	803	1,051	-23.6	117	111	132	4.7	-11.4	348	468	-25.7

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

From Canada	62	38	41	-8.9	4	5	5	-20.2	-7.9	14	16	-13.1
Non-Canadian Sources	4	11	1	1810.6	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	5	0	0.0
Total Log Imports	67	48	42	15.7	4	5	5	-16.0	-5.9	20	17	18.8

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

To China	1,104	431	660	-34.8	48	94	97	-48.6	-50.1	226	352	-35.7
To Japan	385	203	232	-12.6	27	32	37	-16.5	-28.6	81	88	-8.2
To Canada	422	83	243	-65.9	11	8	33	34.3	-67.2	24	76	-68.3
To Other Countries	157	83	92	-9.8	16	17	19	-4.4	-18.4	36	32	13.2
Total Log Exports	2,068	799	1,227	-34.9	102	151	186	-32.5	-45.5	367	547	-33.0

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	7,735	8,058	-4.0	1,021	1,154	1,207	-11.6	-15.4	3,729	3,780	-1.3
To China	2,181	1,342	1,138	18.0	163	174	165	-6.5	-1.0	554	533	3.8
To Japan	937	449	585	-23.2	61	74	78	-17.4	-21.8	198	258	-23.3
Other	765	369	458	-19.3	54	54	62	-0.1	-13.5	167	222	-24.8
Total Lumber Exports	17,522	9,896	10,239	-3.3	1,299	1,457	1,512	-10.8	-14.1	4,648	4,793	-3.0

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	7 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	34,757	20,770	20,625	0.7	3,033	2,905	2,915	4.4	4.0	9,135	9,189	-0.6
Plus Imports	15,150	8,575	8,933	-4.0	1,131	1,272	1,366	-11.1	-17.2	4,120	4,141	-0.5
Minus Exports	(1,684)	(803)	(1,051)	-23.6	(117)	(111)	(132)	4.7	-11.4	(348)	(468)	-25.7
Apparent Consumption	48,222	28,541	28,507	0.1	4,047	4,065	4,149	-0.5	-2.5	12,907	12,862	0.4

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	7 months YTD										
	2018	2019	2018	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	26,585	14,614	15,784	-7.4	1,934	2,153	2,266	-10.2	-14.6	6,602	7,243	-8.9
Plus Imports	398	204	247	-17.7	29	27	33	6.9	-11.0	90	115	-21.3
Minus Exports	(17,522)	(9,896)	(10,239)	-3.3	(1,299)	(1,457)	(1,512)	-10.8	-14.1	(4,648)	(4,793)	-3.0
Apparent Consumption	9,461	4,921	5,792	-15.0	664	724	786	-8.2	-15.5	2,044	2,564	-20.3



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

	2018						2019											
Region	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Coast	719	792	784	798	769	738	784	709	813	696	640	797	692	731	799	774	714	745
Inland	398	426	416	435	407	389	445	391	436	359	344	429	366	397	415	404	381	404
Cal. Coast	30	34	32	48	53	40	47	51	51	47	44	49	49	54	50	61	53	52
Total West	1,147	1,252	1,232	1,281	1,229	1,168	1,276	1,151	1,300	1,103	1,028	1,275	1,107	1,182	1,264	1,239	1,148	1,202
South	1,442	1,550	1,651	1,760	1,620	1,603	1,786	1,455	1,689	1,449	1,298	1,728	1,473	1,527	1,689	1,612	1,596	1,673
Other	128	138	142	150	141	137	151	129	148	126	115	148	127	134	146	141	136	142
Total U.S.	2,717	2,940	3,025	3,191	2,990	2,908	3,213	2,735	3,136	2,678	2,441	3,151	2,706	2,843	3,099	2,992	2,879	3,017
British Columbia	961	1,086	1,134	1,117	1,076	1,051	1,064	1,014	1,062	951	760	923	803	958	903	916	821	780
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,216	1,337	1,303	1,357	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
Total Canada	2,177	2,423	2,437	2,475	2,295	2,180	2,293	2,225	2,391	2,207	1,796	2,151	1,933	2,299	2,206	2,240	2,020	1,871
Total North America	4,894	5,363	5,462	5,666	5,285	5,088	5,506	4,959	5,527	4,884	4,238	5,302	4,639	5,141	5,305	5,232	4,900	4,888

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

	2018												2019						
Region	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
Coast	708	781	779	824	754	745	820	643	795	740	639	781	642	759	788	842	720	748	
Inland	407	421	405	438	402	391	444	367	429	381	325	424	350	372	439	450	403	410	
Cal. Coast	27	32	31	43	49	39	38	41	40	48	38	47	42	51	54	63	49	58	
Total West	1,143	1,234	1,215	1,305	1,205	1,175	1,302	1,051	1,265	1,169	1,003	1,252	1,034	1,182	1,282	1,355	1,172	1,217	
South	1,442	1,550	1,651	1,760	1,620	1,603	1,786	1,455	1,689	1,449	1,298	1,728	1,473	1,527	1,689	1,612	1,596	1,673	
Other	128	138	142	151	140	137	153	124	146	129	114	147	124	134	147	147	137	143	
Total U.S.	2,712	2,922	3,008	3,216	2,965	2,915	3,241	2,629	3,100	2,747	2,415	3,127	2,631	2,843	3,118	3,113	2,905	3,033	
British Columbia	860	1,006	1,087	1,195	1,120	1,126	1,164	1,055	1,051	935	808	889	778	975	957	968	861	786	
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,115	1,172	1,266	1,363	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	
Total Canada	1,975	2,178	2,353	2,557	2,332	2,266	2,428	2,183	2,288	2,147	1,754	2,080	1,853	2,145	2,187	2,262	2,153	1,934	
Total North America	4,687	5,100	5,360	5,774	5,297	5,181	5,669	4,813	5,389	4,895	4,169	5,207	4,484	4,988	5,304	5,375	5,058	4,967	

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

	2018												2019						
Region	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
Coast	703	790	765	819	765	768	824	654	784	738	643	751	655	742	786	835	712	761	
Inland	378	405	407	452	406	368	433	370	431	377	326	439	330	376	437	423	435	395	
Cal. Coast	29	31	29	43	49	39	38	38	40	48	39	47	42	51	55	62	49	58	
Total West	1,110	1,226	1,201	1,314	1,220	1,174	1,295	1,063	1,255	1,163	1,008	1,236	1,027	1,168	1,277	1,320	1,196	1,214	
South	1,442	1,550	1,651	1,760	1,620	1,603	1,786	1,455	1,689	1,449	1,298	1,728	1,473	1,527	1,689	1,612	1,596	1,673	
Other	126	137	141	152	140	137	152	124	145	129	114	147	123	133	147	145	138	143	
Total U.S.	2,678	2,913	2,992	3,226	2,980	2,915	3,233	2,642	3,090	2,741	2,420	3,111	2,624	2,828	3,113	3,077	2,930	3,029	

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

	2018												2019						
Region	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
Coast	251	260	245	241	252	275	279	290	279	276	280	249	262	245	242	235	227	239	
Inland	223	207	209	222	226	203	192	196	198	193	194	211	192	195	192	165	198	182	
Cal. Coast	36	35	34	34	33	33	33	30	30	30	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	
Total West	510	502	488	497	511	511	504	516	506	499	505	491	484	470	466	431	455	452	
South	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	702	716	716	716	716	716	716	716	
Other	71	71	70	71	71	71	71	72	71	71	71	70	70	69	69	67	68	68	
Total U.S.	1,284	1,275	1,260	1,269	1,285	1,284	1,277	1,290	1,279	1,272	1,278	1,277	1,270	1,255	1,251	1,214	1,240	1,236	

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

	2018												2019						
Region	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
Coast	596	608	612	586	601	594	558	624	642	598	599	613	663	635	646	578	571	568	
Inland	518	523	534	531	536	534	535	560	566	543	563	568	585	609	585	539	517	511	
Cal. Coast	83	85	86	91	95	97	106	115	126	126	131	134	141	144	140	138	142	136	
Total West	1,198	1,215	1,232	1,208	1,232	1,225	1,199	1,299	1,334	1,267	1,293	1,316	1,388	1,388	1,370	1,255	1,231	1,215	
South	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	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	
Other	158	159	159	158	159	159	158	163	164	161	162	163	166	166	165	159	158	158	
Total U.S.	2,976	2,994	3,011	2,986	3,011	3,004	2,977	3,082	3,118	3,048	3,075	3,133	3,208	3,208	3,189	3,068	3,043	3,027	
British Columbia	1,468	1,553	1,597	1,520	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	
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,930	2,048	2,042	2,009	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	
Total Canada	3,398	3,601	3,639	3,529	3,436	3,345	3,212	3,215	3,300	3,223	3,219	3,275	3,295	3,473	3,418	3,398	3,261	3,118	
Total North America	6,373	6,595	6,650	6,515	6,447	6,348	6,189	6,297	6,418	6,272	6,295	6,408	6,503	6,681	6,607	6,466	6,304	6,145	