



Lumber Track

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

Production	Full Year	11 months YTD			% Chg	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	M to M %	Y to Y %	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
	2019	2020	2019										
West	14,254	13,112	13,128	-0.1	1,117	1,288	1,089	-13.3	2.5		3,713	3,562	4.2
South	19,365	18,955	17,919	5.8	1,610	1,838	1,432	-12.4	12.4		5,300	4,985	6.3
Other	1,546	1,474	1,428	3.3	125	144	116	-12.8	8.2		414	393	5.4
Total	35,165	33,542	32,475	3.3	2,852	3,270	2,637	-12.8	8.2		9,427	8,940	5.4

Shipments

West	14,287	13,309	13,207	0.8	1,103	1,239	1,075	-10.9	2.6		3,817	3,600	6.0
South	19,365	18,955	17,919	5.8	1,610	1,838	1,432	-12.4	12.4		5,300	4,985	6.3
Other	1,548	1,484	1,431	3.7	125	141	115	-11.8	8.2		419	395	6.2
Total	35,199	33,747	32,557	3.7	2,838	3,218	2,622	-11.8	8.2		9,536	8,980	6.2

New Orders

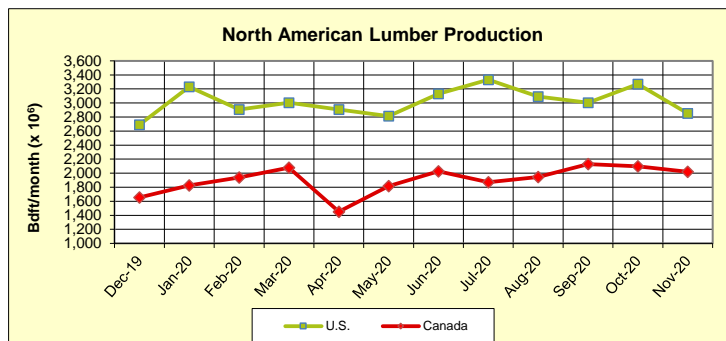
West	14,253	13,272	13,148	0.9	1,124	1,232	1,075	-8.7	4.6		3,797	3,581	6.0
South	19,365	18,955	17,919	5.8	1,610	1,838	1,432	-12.4	12.4		5,300	4,985	6.3
Other	1,546	1,482	1,429	3.7	126	141	115	-10.9	9.1		418	394	6.2
Total	35,164	33,709	32,496	3.7	2,860	3,211	2,622	-10.9	9.1		9,516	8,960	6.2

Unfilled Orders

	Nov-20	Nov-19	% Chg
West	476	452	-0.5
South	646	646	0.0
Other	70	68	-2.3
Total	1,192	1,166	-0.3

Inventories

	Nov-20	Nov-19	% Chg
West	1,249	1,057	-12.2
South	1,697	1,697	0.0
Other	161	151	-5.0
Total	3,107	3,059	-5.1



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-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	M to M %	Y to Y %	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
	2019	2020	2019										
British Columbia	9,679	8,172	9,056	-9.8	760	836	709	-9.0	7.2		2,423	2,275	6.5
East of the Rockies	14,332	13,030	13,300	-2.0	1,259	1,263	1,197	-0.3	5.2		3,523	3,401	3.6
Total	24,011	21,202	22,356	-5.2	2,019	2,099	1,906	-3.8	5.9		5,946	5,676	4.8

Shipments

British Columbia	9,971	8,246	9,294	-11.3	797	872	682	-8.7	16.9		2,408	2,416	-0.3
East of the Rockies	13,986	12,600	12,984	-3.0	1,229	1,173	1,068	4.8	15.1		3,458	3,500	-1.2
Total	23,956	20,846	22,278	-6.4	2,025	2,045	1,749	-0.9	15.8		5,867	5,916	-0.8

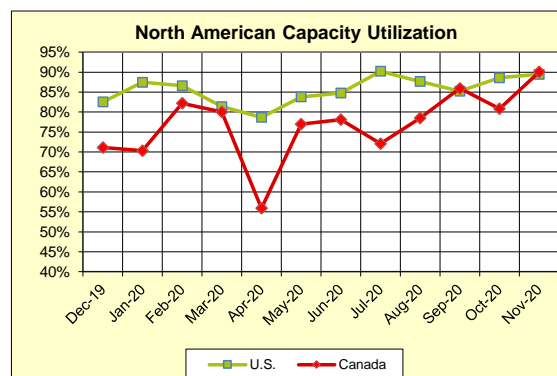
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	Nov-20	Nov-19	% Chg
British Columbia	1,002	1,027	-2.3
East of the Rockies	1,866	1,736	-6.7
Total	2,868	2,762	-5.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	11 months YTD				
	2019	2020	2019	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19
West	81%	82%	81%	86%	85%	84%
South	89%	89%	89%	93%	92%	87%
Total U.S.	85%	86%	85%	89%	89%	85%
British Columbia	73%	69%	73%	79%	75%	74%
East of the Rockies	83%	83%	84%	99%	86%	87%
Total Canada	79%	77%	79%	90%	81%	81%



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									
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
From British Columbia ¹	5,576	5,060	5,139	-1.5	522	605	365	-13.8	43.0	1,576	1,398	12.7
East of the Rockies ¹	7,496	6,904	6,861	0.6	655	647	545	1.1	20.2	1,938	1,882	3.0
Total Canadian Imports ¹	13,072	11,964	12,000	-0.3	1,177	1,253	910	-6.1	29.4	3,514	3,280	7.1
From Canada ²	13,045	11,950	11,974	-0.2	1,176	1,252	909	-6.1	29.3	3,512	3,275	7.2
From Latin America ²	391	428	361	18.6	48	49	27	-3.2	75.9	121	93	29.8
From Europe ²	937	1,234	813	51.8	136	147	99	-7.3	37.3	314	175	79.5
Total Non-Canadian ²	1,505	1,847	1,336	38.2	205	212	140	-3.2	46.4	488	314	55.5
Total Lumber Imports ²	14,551	13,797	13,310	3.7	1,381	1,464	1,049	-5.7	31.6	4,000	3,594	11.3

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		11 months YTD									
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
To Canada	303	258	284	-9.1	22	20	21	11.6	3.2	70	72	-2.6
To China	116	93	109	-15.0	4	5	7	-11.2	-40.5	20	26	-25.4
To Japan	94	66	87	-23.5	5	5	7	-2.0	-29.2	14	23	-38.2
To Mexico	277	225	257	-12.2	23	26	24	-10.3	-0.7	64	72	-12.0
To Other Countries	536	380	494	-23.0	35	42	43	-17.0	-19.6	95	136	-30.0
Total Lumber Exports	1,325	1,023	1,230	-16.8	90	98	103	-8.3	-12.6	263	329	-20.2

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

From Canada	77	56	69	-19.0	10	9	7	18.5	42.1	11	19	-43.0
Non-Canadian Sources	20	22	20	10.5	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	5	5	3.2
Total Log Imports	97	78	89	-12.4	10	9	7	19.7	42.7	16	24	-33.7

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

To China	652	575	614	-6.3	51	73	49	-30.3	4.0	187	138	35.8
To Japan	345	328	314	4.4	18	32	34	-45.4	-47.7	82	98	-16.3
To Canada	137	117	125	-6.2	11	10	9	3.1	12.3	26	33	-18.9
To Other Countries	161	107	147	-27.5	6	10	14	-36.1	-54.9	33	46	-28.8
Total Log Exports	1,294	1,127	1,200	-6.1	85	125	106	-31.9	-19.5	329	315	4.4

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

Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	13,072	11,964	12,000	-0.3	1,177	1,253	910	-6.1	29.4	3,514	3,280	7.1
To China	1,940	1,147	1,841	-37.7	81	75	124	8.4	-34.2	259	408	-36.5
To Japan	775	529	717	-26.2	54	40	69	35.5	-21.0	118	196	-40.1
Other	584	443	539	-17.9	45	34	39	30.5	15.7	100	137	-26.9
Total Lumber Exports	16,372	14,082	15,097	-6.7	1,357	1,402	1,140	-3.2	19.0	3,991	4,022	-0.8

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year		11 months YTD									
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	35,199	33,747	32,557	3.7	2,838	3,218	2,622	-11.8	8.2	9,536	8,980	6.2
Plus Imports	14,551	13,797	13,310	3.7	1,381	1,464	1,049	-5.7	31.6	4,000	3,594	11.3
Minus Exports	(1,325)	(1,023)	(1,230)	-16.8	(90)	(98)	(103)	-8.3	-12.6	(263)	(329)	-20.2
Apparent Consumption	48,425	46,522	44,637	4.2	4,129	4,584	3,569	-9.9	15.7	13,273	12,245	8.4

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year		11 months YTD									
	2019	2020	2019	% Chg	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 20	3rd Qtr 19	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	23,956	20,846	22,278	-6.4	2,025	2,045	1,749	-0.9	15.8	5,867	5,916	-0.8
Plus Imports	327	279	307	-9.1	24	21	23	11.6	3.2	76	78	-2.6
Minus Exports	(16,372)	(14,082)	(15,097)	-6.7	(1,357)	(1,402)	(1,140)	-3.2	19.0	(3,991)	(4,022)	-0.8
Apparent Consumption	7,912	7,042	7,488	-6.0	692	664	632	4.2	9.5	1,951	1,973	-1.1



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

Region	2019							2020							AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL				
Coast	707	738	750	690	799	673	697	752	709	759	658	669	780	786	750	717	787	696
Inland	378	402	420	391	444	368	379	441	384	409	360	370	422	437	426	425	441	369
Cal. Coast	56	55	55	61	60	49	50	47	51	45	28	46	62	67	52	54	61	52
Total West	1,141	1,195	1,226	1,142	1,303	1,089	1,126	1,241	1,144	1,214	1,046	1,085	1,264	1,289	1,227	1,196	1,288	1,117
South	1,606	1,732	1,696	1,557	1,855	1,432	1,446	1,847	1,635	1,659	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,677	1,838	1,610
Other	126	135	134	124	145	116	118	142	128	132	128	124	137	146	136	132	144	125
Total U.S.	2,874	3,061	3,056	2,823	3,304	2,637	2,690	3,230	2,907	3,005	2,906	2,814	3,131	3,332	3,090	3,005	3,270	2,852
British Columbia	813	766	792	716	782	709	623	699	762	792	436	677	788	777	800	845	836	760
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,193	1,078	1,133	1,190	1,307	1,197	1,032	1,127	1,178	1,286	1,016	1,140	1,239	1,094	1,146	1,284	1,263	1,259
Total Canada	2,006	1,844	1,925	1,906	2,089	1,906	1,655	1,826	1,940	2,078	1,452	1,816	2,027	1,871	1,946	2,129	2,099	2,019
Total North America	4,880	4,905	4,981	4,729	5,393	4,543	4,345	5,056	4,847	5,083	4,358	4,630	5,158	5,203	5,036	5,134	5,369	4,871

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

Region	2019							2020							AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL				
Coast	715	743	770	694	796	664	669	754	709	755	678	691	789	809	743	733	760	692
Inland	401	409	420	390	431	362	362	434	399	407	375	388	440	467	444	427	420	358
Cal. Coast	50	60	58	56	62	50	49	53	51	54	51	51	70	72	64	57	59	53
Total West	1,166	1,212	1,249	1,140	1,289	1,075	1,080	1,241	1,159	1,215	1,104	1,130	1,300	1,348	1,252	1,217	1,239	1,103
South	1,606	1,732	1,696	1,557	1,855	1,432	1,446	1,847	1,635	1,659	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,677	1,838	1,610
Other	127	135	135	124	145	115	116	142	128	132	130	126	139	149	137	133	141	125
Total U.S.	2,900	3,079	3,080	2,821	3,288	2,622	2,643	3,230	2,923	3,007	2,967	2,861	3,168	3,393	3,116	3,027	3,218	2,838
British Columbia	851	806	802	808	795	682	677	662	698	810	723	564	711	770	796	842	872	797
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,266	1,113	1,185	1,202	1,240	1,068	1,002	1,133	1,019	1,127	1,045	1,145	1,271	1,137	1,123	1,198	1,173	1,229
Total Canada	2,117	1,919	1,987	2,010	2,035	1,749	1,679	1,794	1,718	1,938	1,768	1,709	1,982	1,907	1,919	2,040	2,045	2,025
Total North America	5,017	4,998	5,067	4,831	5,323	4,372	4,321	5,025	4,640	4,944	4,735	4,570	5,150	5,301	5,035	5,067	5,263	4,863

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

Region	2019							2020							AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL				
Coast	706	755	753	692	801	673	673	762	694	769	676	669	782	816	747	729	763	713
Inland	433	393	423	392	438	353	383	449	378	389	385	406	427	444	458	410	410	359
Cal. Coast	51	59	58	56	62	49	49	53	52	55	53	51	71	72	63	57	59	53
Total West	1,190	1,208	1,234	1,140	1,301	1,075	1,105	1,265	1,123	1,213	1,113	1,125	1,280	1,332	1,269	1,196	1,232	1,124
South	1,606	1,732	1,696	1,557	1,855	1,432	1,446	1,847	1,635	1,659	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,677	1,838	1,610
Other	129	135	135	124	145	115	117	143	127	132	131	126	138	148	138	132	141	126
Total U.S.	2,925	3,075	3,064	2,821	3,301	2,622	2,668	3,255	2,885	3,004	2,976	2,856	3,147	3,378	3,133	3,005	3,211	2,860

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

Region	2019							2020							AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL				
Coast	227	239	222	219	224	233	236	246	230	244	243	221	213	221	225	221	224	244
Inland	201	186	189	190	197	188	209	233	212	194	204	221	208	186	199	182	172	172
Cal. Coast	31	31	30	31	31	31	31	31	31	32	33	33	33	34	33	33	33	33
Total West	459	456	440	440	452	452	476	509	473	470	479	475	455	440	457	435	428	449
South	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646
Other	69	69	68	68	68	68	70	71	69	69	69	69	68	67	68	67	66	67
Total U.S.	1,174	1,170	1,154	1,154	1,167	1,166	1,192	1,226	1,188	1,185	1,195	1,190	1,169	1,153	1,171	1,148	1,140	1,162

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

Region	2019							2020							AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL				
Coast	566	561	541	537	541	550	578	577	578	582	562	540	531	508	514	499	525	529
Inland	518	511	511	513	525	531	548	558	543	546	530	513	495	464	446	444	465	475
Cal. Coast	129	123	120	125	123	122	123	117	117	108	85	80	72	66	54	50	53	53
Total West	1,213	1,195	1,172	1,175	1,189	1,204	1,249	1,252	1,238	1,236	1,178	1,133	1,097	1,038	1,014	993	1,043	1,057
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	159	158	157	157	158	159	161	161	160	160	158	155	154	151	150	149	150	151
Total U.S.	3,069	3,051	3,027	3,029	3,045	3,059	3,107	3,110	3,095	3,093	3,032	2,985	2,948	2,886	2,861	2,839	2,890	2,904
British Columbia	1,183	1,155	1,138	1,033	1,025	1,050	1,002	1,036	1,102	1,123	867	1,007	1,089	1,126	1,120	1,107	1,070	1,027
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,959	1,884	1,786	1,727	1,769	1,860	1,866	1,785	1,897	2,013	1,925	1,909	1,836	1,719	1,681	1,714	1,736	1,736
Total Canada	3,142	3,039	2,924	2,760	2,794	2,910	2,868	2,821	2,999	3,136	2,792	2,916	2,924	2,845	2,801	2,821	2,806	2,762
Total North America	6,211	6,090	5,951	5,789	5,839	5,969	5,975	5,931	6,094	6,229	5,824	5,901	5,872	5,731	5,662	5,660	5,696	5,667