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To: Lumber Track Subscribers

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SUBJECT: Design changes for Lumber Track

Based on comments from Members and others, WWPA is changing the look of the monthly Lumber Track report starting with this edition.

The new version has been shortened to two pages by removing the commentary section and the charts showing housing and construction expenditures for the U.S. and Canada.

We have also added the North American Activity and Consumption Update as a regular part of the Lumber Track report. This update show monthly data for North American production, shipments, orders and inventories for the past 18 months.

We will be reviewing other elements of the Lumber Track report and may add new data in the future.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at bbernhardt@wwpa.org or call 503-306-3488.



Lumber Track

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WWPA'S MONTHLY REVIEW OF NORTH AMERICAN LUMBER STATISTICS, INCLUDING TRADE HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY MARKETS

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

	Full Year		8 months YTD									
	2009	2010	2009	% Chg	Aug-10	Jul-10	Aug-09	M to M %	Y to Y %	2nd Qtr 10	2nd Qtr 09	% Chg
Production												
West	10,395	7,628	6,908	10.4	991	902	914	9.8	8.5	2,892	2,676	8.1
South	11,788	8,087	8,233	-1.8	1,034	1,092	1,024	-5.3	1.0	3,209	3,201	0.2
Other	1,238	878	845	3.9	114	112	108	1.6	5.1	340	328	3.8
Total	23,420	16,593	15,986	3.8	2,139	2,106	2,046	1.6	4.5	6,442	6,205	3.8

Shipments

West	10,630	7,551	7,116	6.1	982	923	925	6.3	6.2	2,850	2,805	1.6
South	11,788	8,087	8,233	-1.8	1,034	1,092	1,024	-5.3	1.0	3,209	3,201	0.2
Other	1,251	873	856	1.9	114	112	109	1.6	4.5	338	335	0.9
Total	23,669	16,512	16,206	1.9	2,129	2,127	2,058	0.1	3.5	6,397	6,341	0.9

New Orders

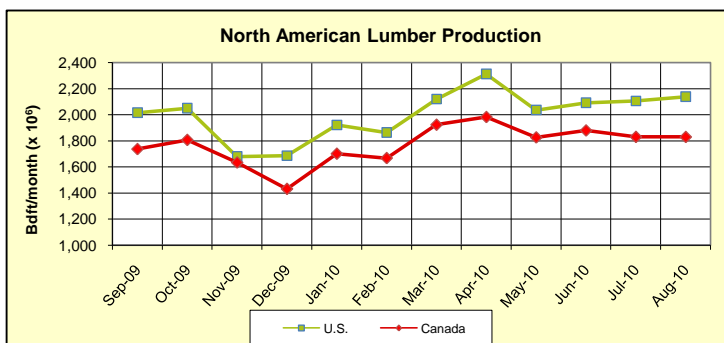
West	10,592	7,603	7,040	8.0	1,002	912	906	9.9	10.5	2,780	2,847	-2.3
South	11,788	8,087	8,233	-1.8	1,034	1,092	1,024	-5.3	1.0	3,209	3,201	0.2
Other	1,249	876	852	2.7	114	112	108	1.6	5.5	334	337	-1.0
Total	23,629	16,566	16,125	2.7	2,149	2,116	2,038	1.6	5.5	6,324	6,386	-1.0

Unfilled Orders

		Aug-10	Aug-09	
West	399	450	377	19.5
South	807	807	807	0.0
Other	122	125	120	4.2
Total	1,327	1,381	1,303	6.0

Inventories

		Aug-10	Aug-09	
West	994	1,169	1,022	14.4
South	1,818	1,818	1,818	0.0
Other	271	275	272	1.0
Total	3,083	3,262	3,112	4.8



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		8 months YTD									
	2009	2010	2009	% Chg	Aug-10	Jul-10	Aug-09	M to M %	Y to Y %	2nd Qtr 10	2nd Qtr 09	% Chg
Production												
British Columbia	9,681	7,618	6,274	21.4	939	1,011	751	-7.1	24.9	2,878	2,452	17.4
East of the Rockies	9,123	7,024	5,920	18.6	891	820	745	-8.7	19.7	2,811	2,093	34.3
Total	18,804	14,642	12,194	20.1	1,830	1,830	1,496	0.0	22.3	5,689	4,545	25.2

Shipments

British Columbia	9,979	7,518	6,523	15.3	934	994	784	-6.0	19.2	2,821	2,552	10.5
East of the Rockies	9,486	7,031	6,209	13.2	839	907	735	-7.5	14.2	2,866	2,310	24.0
Total	19,466	14,549	12,732	14.3	1,773	1,901	1,518	-6.7	16.8	5,687	4,862	17.0

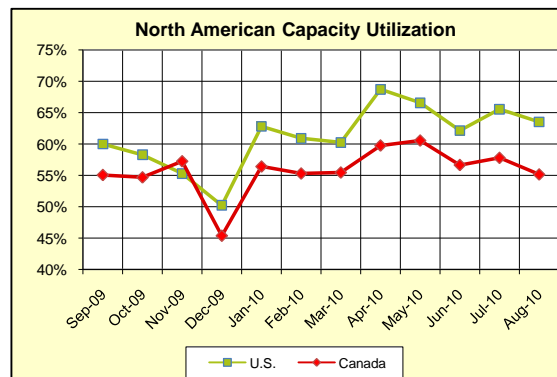
Inventories

		Aug-10	Aug-09	
British Columbia	943	1,033	992	4.1
East of the Rockies	1,408	1,506	1,482	1.6
Total	2,350	2,539	2,474	2.6

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	8 months YTD				
	2009	2010	2009	Aug-10	Jul-10	Aug-09
West	60%	73%	59%	73%	70%	63%
South	56%	57%	59%	57%	63%	59%
Total U.S.	58%	64%	59%	64%	66%	61%
British Columbia	51%	59%	49%	57%	64%	48%
East of the Rockies	48%	55%	46%	54%	52%	47%
Total Canada	49%	57%	48%	55%	58%	47%



Source: USDA Profile:Softwood Sawmills in the United States and Canada, WWPA

Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	8 months YTD										
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>Aug-10</u>	<u>Jul-10</u>	<u>Aug-09</u>	<u>M to M %</u>	<u>Y to Y%</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 10</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 09</u>	<u>% Chg</u>
From British Columbia	5,075	3,765	3,375	11.6	404	485	488	-16.8	-17.3	1,546	1,299	19.0
East of the Rockies	3,228	2,425	2,175	11.5	297	294	279	1.0	6.7	1,012	813	24.4
Total Canadian Imports	8,303	6,190	5,550	11.5	701	780	767	-10.1	-8.6	2,558	2,112	21.1
From Latin America	284	159	198	-19.8	19	23	21	-16.0	-9.9	59	73	-19.6
From Europe	177	74	137	-46.1	11	8	7	47.0	57.7	31	40	-23.6
Total Non-Canadian	551	303	391	-22.5	39	41	35	-5.1	12.4	120	138	-12.6
Total Lumber Imports	8,855	6,493	5,941	9.3	740	821	802	-9.8	-7.6	2,678	2,250	19.0

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

	Full Year	8 months YTD										
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>Aug-10</u>	<u>Jul-10</u>	<u>Aug-09</u>	<u>M to M %</u>	<u>Y to Y%</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 10</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 09</u>	<u>% Chg</u>
To Canada	268	277	157	75.9	32	31	25	3.8	26.8	109	62	75.4
To Japan	115	104	70	48.6	13	14	10	-1.8	33.9	43	25	75.4
To Mexico	182	136	123	10.4	17	15	13	19.5	31.8	55	45	22.7
To Other Countries	417	351	267	31.6	56	52	42	8.2	34.3	140	98	42.1
Total Lumber Exports	983	868	617	40.6	118	110	90	7.2	31.8	347	230	50.8

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

From Canada	89	63	71	-11.6	11	17	5	-38.4	105.1	30	29	0.9
Non-Canadian Sources	1	0	1	-74.5	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total Log Imports	90	63	72	-12.2	11	17	6	-38.4	90.7	30	29	1.0

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

To Japan	430	280	276	1.5	41	33	46	23.7	-9.5	120	110	9.0
To Canada	537	356	379	-6.2	37	37	37	0.0	1.6	97	91	6.5
To Other Countries	537	600	326	83.8	133	96	61	38.8	119.2	236	145	63.2
Total Log Exports	1,504	1,235	981	25.9	212	167	143	27.1	48.0	453	346	31.0

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

Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	8,303	6,190	5,550	11.5	701	780	767	-10.1	-8.6	2,558	2,112	21.1
To Japan	918	739	552	33.7	83	88	75	-6.3	10.8	309	194	59.8
Other	1,824	1,536	1,148	33.8	238	189	170	26.0	40.5	609	516	18.0
Total Lumber Exports	11,046	8,464	7,250	16.7	1,022	1,057	1,011	-3.3	1.1	3,476	2,822	23.2

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	8 months YTD										
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>Aug-10</u>	<u>Jul-10</u>	<u>Aug-09</u>	<u>M to M %</u>	<u>Y to Y%</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 10</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 09</u>	<u>% Chg</u>
Lumber Shipments	23,669	16,512	16,206	1.9	2,129	2,127	2,058	0.1	3.5	6,397	6,341	0.9
Plus Imports	8,855	6,493	5,941	9.3	740	821	802	-9.8	-7.6	2,678	2,250	19.0
Minus Exports	(983)	(868)	(617)	40.6	(118)	(110)	(90)	7.2	31.8	(347)	(230)	50.8
Apparent Consumption	31,541	22,136	21,529	2.8	2,751	2,838	2,769	-3.0	-0.6	8,728	8,361	4.4

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	8 months YTD										
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>Aug-10</u>	<u>Jul-10</u>	<u>Aug-09</u>	<u>M to M %</u>	<u>Y to Y%</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 10</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 09</u>	<u>% Chg</u>
Lumber Shipments	19,466	14,549	12,732	14.3	1,773	1,901	1,518	-6.7	16.8	5,687	4,862	17.0
Plus Imports	289	299	170	75.9	34	33	27	3.8	26.8	118	67	75.4
Minus Exports	(11,046)	(8,464)	(7,250)	16.7	(1,022)	(1,057)	(1,011)	-3.3	1.1	(3,476)	(2,822)	23.2
Apparent Consumption	8,710	6,384	5,652	12.9	785	876	534	-10.4	46.9	2,328	2,107	10.5



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Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

Region	2009									2010								
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	500	610	458	596	568	576	590	654	480	462	577	581	624	679	604	555	541	614
Inland	276	313	289	319	309	302	323	304	283	278	315	312	352	307	301	319	318	329
Cal. Redwood	24	29	23	39	37	36	41	39	14	18	25	23	34	44	37	47	44	48
Total West	800	953	770	954	915	914	954	997	777	758	917	915	1,010	1,030	942	920	902	991
South	1,038	1,102	941	1,158	1,066	1,024	955	946	814	840	904	850	998	1,161	987	1,061	1,092	1,034
Other	103	115	95	118	111	108	107	108	89	89	102	99	112	122	108	111	112	114
Total U.S.	1,941	2,169	1,806	2,229	2,091	2,046	2,016	2,051	1,680	1,687	1,922	1,864	2,120	2,313	2,037	2,092	2,106	2,139
British Columbia	718	867	772	814	852	751	858	940	831	778	953	884	954	1,041	895	942	1,011	939
Prairies & Eastern Canada	787	673	708	712	666	745	879	868	803	654	749	784	970	942	931	938	820	891
Total Canada	1,504	1,540	1,480	1,526	1,518	1,496	1,737	1,807	1,634	1,432	1,701	1,668	1,924	1,983	1,826	1,880	1,830	1,830
Total North America	3,445	3,709	3,286	3,755	3,609	3,542	3,753	3,858	3,314	3,119	3,624	3,532	4,044	4,296	3,863	3,972	3,936	3,969

Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

Region	2009									2010								
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	528	570	543	597	573	579	581	630	513	498	553	565	623	670	566	550	566	604
Inland	296	314	314	358	320	311	310	309	283	265	306	306	355	353	295	299	310	337
Cal. Redwood	32	36	31	41	42	35	35	33	28	28	25	30	34	43	38	36	47	41
Total West	855	920	888	997	935	925	926	972	825	791	884	900	1,012	1,065	899	885	923	982
South	1,038	1,102	941	1,158	1,066	1,024	955	946	814	840	904	850	998	1,161	987	1,061	1,092	1,034
Other	106	113	102	120	112	109	105	107	91	91	100	98	112	124	105	109	112	114
Total U.S.	1,999	2,135	1,931	2,275	2,113	2,058	1,986	2,025	1,730	1,722	1,887	1,848	2,122	2,351	1,992	2,055	2,127	2,129
British Columbia	742	881	779	892	943	784	855	936	826	839	962	890	916	1,034	841	946	994	934
Prairies & Eastern Canada	835	709	759	843	762	735	866	870	852	689	759	749	912	1,002	902	962	907	839
Total Canada	1,577	1,590	1,538	1,735	1,706	1,518	1,721	1,807	1,678	1,529	1,721	1,639	1,829	2,036	1,743	1,908	1,901	1,773
Total North America	3,576	3,725	3,469	4,010	3,819	3,576	3,707	3,831	3,408	3,250	3,608	3,487	3,951	4,386	3,735	3,963	4,028	3,903

Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

Region	2009									2010								
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	550	561	572	590	562	573	594	636	531	486	599	529	652	667	509	573	561	614
Inland	309	326	331	367	325	308	312	311	288	247	357	277	397	340	273	309	307	348
Cal. Redwood	30	33	27	40	41	26	34	34	33	44	36	34	30	44	31	33	43	39
Total West	889	920	930	998	928	906	941	982	853	778	992	839	1,078	1,052	814	915	912	1,002
South	1,038	1,102	941	1,158	1,066	1,024	955	946	814	840	904	850	998	1,161	987	1,061	1,092	1,034
Other	108	113	104	120	111	108	106	108	93	90	106	94	116	123	100	110	112	114
Total U.S.	2,034	2,134	1,975	2,276	2,105	2,038	2,001	2,035	1,760	1,708	2,002	1,784	2,192	2,336	1,901	2,086	2,116	2,149

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

Region	2009									2010								
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	154	145	174	166	154	148	161	168	185	174	219	184	213	210	153	176	171	181
Inland	202	214	231	240	208	203	205	191	196	178	229	200	241	228	207	217	214	226
Cal. Redwood	44	40	36	36	35	26	24	26	31	47	58	62	58	60	52	50	46	43
Total West	399	399	441	442	397	377	391	384	412	399	507	446	512	498	412	442	431	450
South	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807	807
Other	119	119	121	121	121	120	120	121	122	122	128	124	128	127	123	124	124	125
Total U.S.	1,325	1,324	1,368	1,369	1,324	1,303	1,318	1,312	1,341	1,327	1,441	1,377	1,447	1,432	1,342	1,373	1,361	1,381

Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

Region	2009									2010								
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Coast	486	526	441	439	434	431	440	465	431	395	518	534	536	545	583	587	558	568
Inland	516	515	488	448	437	418	431	425	425	438	452	458	454	409	414	434	442	434
Cal. Redwood	192	186	178	176	172	173	178	184	171	160	159	152	152	153	152	163	160	166
Total West	1,195	1,227	1,106	1,063	1,042	1,022	1,049	1,074	1,027	994	1,129	1,144	1,142	1,107	1,149	1,184	1,159	1,169
South	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818	1,818
Other	281	283	277	274	273	272	274	275	273	271	273	274	273	271	274	276	275	275
Total U.S.	3,294	3,328	3,201	3,155	3,133	3,112	3,141	3,167	3,118	3,083	3,220	3,236	3,234	3,196	3,241	3,278	3,252	3,262
British Columbia	1,216	1,202	1,194	1,116	1,025	992	995	998	1,004	943	934	928	966	972	1,026	1,022	1,039	1,033
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,786	1,750	1,699	1,568	1,472	1,482	1,495	1,492	1,408	1,408	1,397	1,432	1,490	1,430	1,459	1,435	1,348	1,506
Total Canada	3,002	2,952	2,894	2,685	2,497	2,474	2,490	2,491	2,447	2,350	2,331	2,360	2,455	2,402	2,485	2,457	2,387	2,539
Total North America	6,296	6,279	6,095	5,840	5,630	5,586	5,632	5,658	5,565	5,434	5,551	5,596	5,689	5,598	5,727	5,736	5,639	5,801