

TEXAS TIMBER PRICE TRENDS

Market Overview*

Timber prices remained sluggish during May/June 2009. Statewide average stumpage prices of all five major timber products dropped in various degrees. Although still weak, favorable signs were seen on housing starts and lumber prices nationally at the end of the period.

Statewide pine sawlog prices averaged \$22.46 per ton, down 9 percent from the last period but 20 percent off the same period in 2008. The average pine sawlog price was \$20.41 per ton for Northeast Texas and \$22.60 per ton for Southeast Texas.

The average pine pulpwood stumpage price was \$5.43 per ton, roughly the same level as the last period, but a 32 percent decrease from a year ago and about one-third of its record high in November/December 2007.

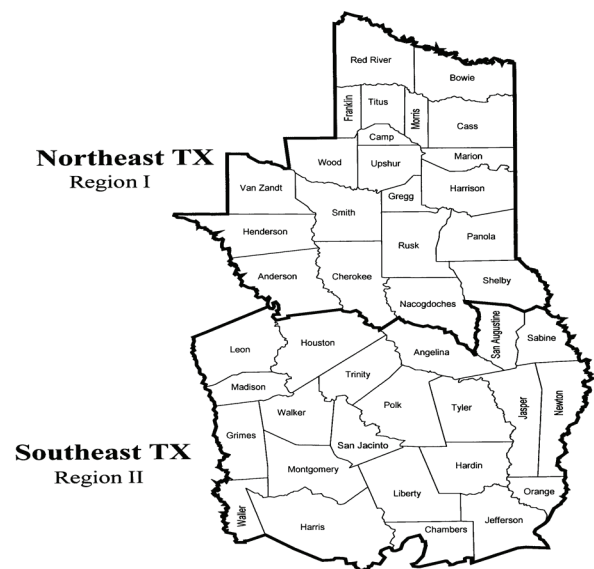
Small diameter pine sawlog (CNS) prices averaged \$9.78 per ton statewide, down 21 percent or \$2.59 per ton from the last period. This was a 26 percent decrease compared to the price a year ago.

The average hardwood sawlog price was \$18.13 per ton in East Texas, 14 percent down from the last period but 24 percent down from a year ago.

Statewide hardwood pulpwood stumpage prices averaged \$6.09 per ton during the period.

*The average prices reported here represent statewide transactions of 168,521 tons of pine sawlogs, 279,805 tons of pine pulpwood, 134,797 tons of pine CNS, 27,401 tons of hardwood sawlogs, and 48,380 tons of hardwood pulpwood during May/June 2009.

**Texas Timber Price Trends
Market Regions**

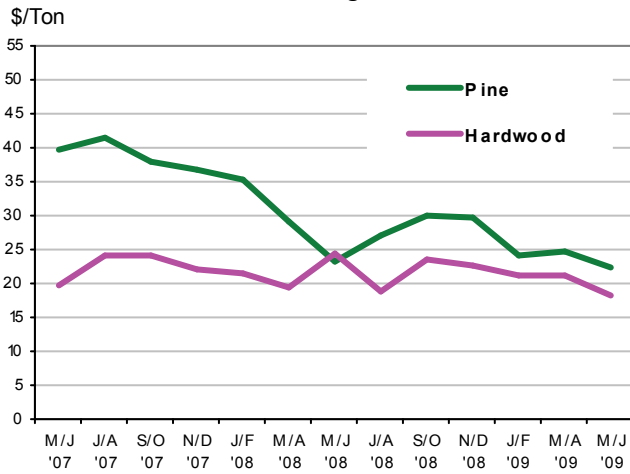


Stumpage Prices in Texas

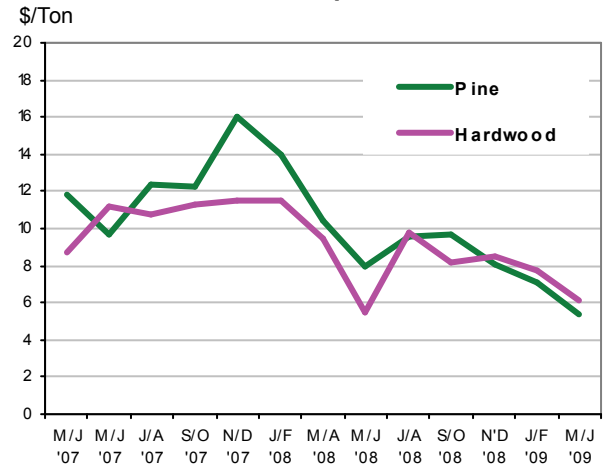
Product /Region	Average Price		Last Period			Year Ago			Report	
PINE										
Sawlogs	\$/ton	\$/MBF	\$/ton	\$/MBF	Chg	\$/ton	\$/MBF	Chg	Number	
Northeast TX	20.41	169.87	26.87	199.47	-24% ↓	32.96	243.81	-38% ↓	23	
Southeast TX	22.60	173.68	24.03	184.75	-6% ↓	26.73	200.64	-15% ↓	28	
Statewide	22.46	173.46	24.72	188.44	-9% ↓	27.98	209.37	-20% ↓	51	
USFS	12.53	100.26	17.81	142.51	-30% ↓	25.01	200.11	-50% ↓	5	
Pulpwood	\$/ton	\$/cord	\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg	\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg	Number	
Northeast TX	4.93	13.20	5.20	13.86	-5% ↓	10.53	28.34	-53% ↓	39	
Southeast TX	5.65	15.25	5.85	15.79	-3% ↓	6.65	17.96	-15% ↓	36	
Statewide	5.43	14.62	5.68	15.30	-4% ↓	7.99	21.55	-32% ↓	75	
USFS	2.80	7.55	2.51	6.77	12% ↑	4.96	13.40	-44% ↓	3	
Chip-N-Saw	\$/ton	\$/cord	\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg	\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg	Number	
Northeast TX	**	**	19.84	53.57	**	13.75	37.12	**	**	
Southeast TX	9.78	26.40	12.37	33.39	-21% ↓	13.23	35.73	-26% ↓	19	
Statewide	9.78	26.41	12.66	34.19	-23% ↓	13.24	35.74	-26% ↓	20	
HARDWOOD										
Mixed Sawlogs	\$/ton	\$/MBF	\$/ton	\$/MBF	Chg	\$/ton	\$/MBF	Chg	Number	
Northeast TX	19.27	173.47	21.05	175.76	-8% ↓	19.13	178.16	1% ↑	34	
Southeast TX	17.04	153.35	**	**	**	27.01	238.14	-36.9% ↓	15	
Statewide	18.13	163.21	21.12	176.47	-14% ↓	23.93	215.50	-24% ↓	49	
USFS	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	
Pulpwood	\$/ton	\$/cord	\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg	\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg	Number	
Northeast TX	8.07	22.69	8.57	24.09	-6% ↓	8.32	23.56	-3% ↓	19	
Southeast TX	5.17	14.47	9.50	26.60	-46% ↓	4.19	11.72	23% ↑	17	
Statewide	6.09	17.06	9.03	25.33	-33% ↓	5.45	15.31	12% ↑	36	
USFS	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	

1. Stumpage price statistics include gatewood sales. Stumpage prices for gatewood sales are estimated by subtracting cut-and-haul costs, other expenses, and profits provided by reporter.
2. Price is calculated from a specific conversion factor reported for each sale if available; otherwise, the average conversion factors listed on page 4 are used. MBF = Thousand Board Feet. The DOYLE LOG SCALE is used for board foot measurements.
3. Statewide data excludes U.S. Forest Service sales.
4. ** indicates insufficient sales to report price statistics (less than three sales).
5. Prices listed for previous periods may differ from previously published values because additional data have been received.
6. Price change in percentage is calculated based on price in ton.
7. Extreme outliers from reported data are detected and filtered out based on statistical methods.
8. Price changes are calculated based on price in ton.

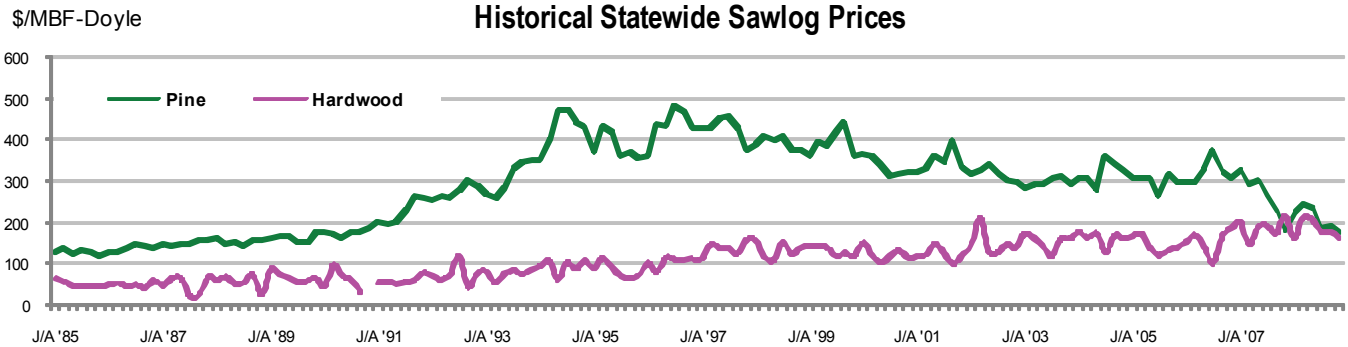
Sawlogs



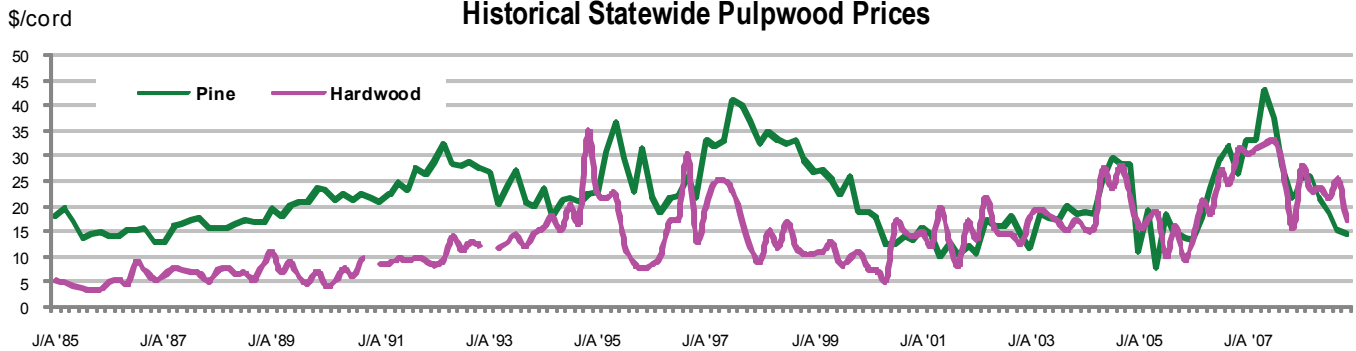
Pulpwood



Historical Statewide Sawlog Prices



Historical Statewide Pulpwood Prices



Note: A gap in the chart means less than 3 sales were reported and no price statistics were compiled.
 For chart data, please go to <http://txforests.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=145>.



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This report is intended only as a guide to general price levels. Individuals inter-

ested in buying and selling timber can use this report to monitor market trends and get a general idea of what timber is worth. However, it should not be used to judge the fair market value of a specific timber sale, which may vary considerably due to many factors.

HOW ARE AVERAGE PRICES CALCULATED?

Data published in this report are from actual timber sales as reported by as many as 60 cooperators active in the East Texas timber market. Reporters include forest product companies, logging contractors, consulting foresters, family forest landowners, financial institutions, and federal agencies.

The prices are volume weighted average prices. The price per ton for each product category is as reported or using a specific conversion factor provided by the reporters. When a specific conversion factor for each sale is not available, an average conversion factor listed here is used instead.

VOLUME CONVERSION FACTORS

Sawlogs & Chip-N-Saw

Pine— 8 tons=1 MBF-Doyle

Pine CNS— 2.7 tons= 1 Cord

Hardwood— 9 tons= 1 MBF-Doyle

Pulpwood

Pine— 2.7 tons=1 Cord

Hardwood— 2.8 tons= 1 Cord

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