

TEXAS TIMBER PRICE TRENDS

Market Overview*

Very slow market conditions continued for timber products in East Texas during July/August 2009. Prices for four of the five timber products held steady or improved slightly except for hardwood pulpwood. As an encouraging sign, the national housing inventory has been declining since the start of the year and housing starts have been in an uptrend since May.

Statewide pine sawlog prices averaged \$22.81 per ton, roughly the same level as the last period, but a 38 percent decrease from a year ago. The average pine sawlog price was \$24.38 per ton for Northeast Texas and \$22.66 per ton for Southeast Texas.

The average pine pulpwood stumpage price was up 9 percent, to \$5.85 per ton. This was still 36% lower than the same period last year.

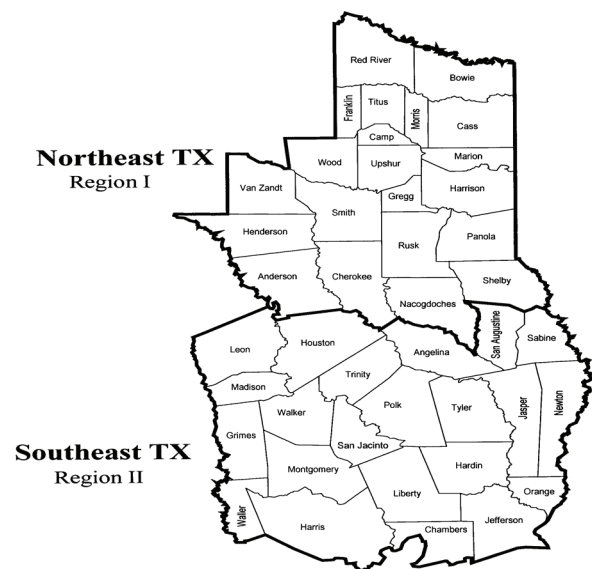
Small diameter pine sawlog (CNS) prices averaged \$11.80 per ton statewide, a 21 percent increase from the last period. This was 19 percent below the same period a year ago.

The average hardwood sawlog price was \$19.07 per ton in East Texas, a 6 percent increase from the last period but a 27 percent decrease from a year ago.

Statewide average hardwood pulpwood stumpage price dropped \$1.50 to \$4.47 per ton during the period.

*The average prices reported here represent statewide transactions of 150,297 tons of pine sawlogs, 541,227 tons of pine pulpwood, 105,942 tons of pine CNS, 46,961 tons of hardwood sawlogs, and 78,736 tons of hardwood pulpwood during July/August 2009.

**Texas Timber Price Trends
Market Regions**

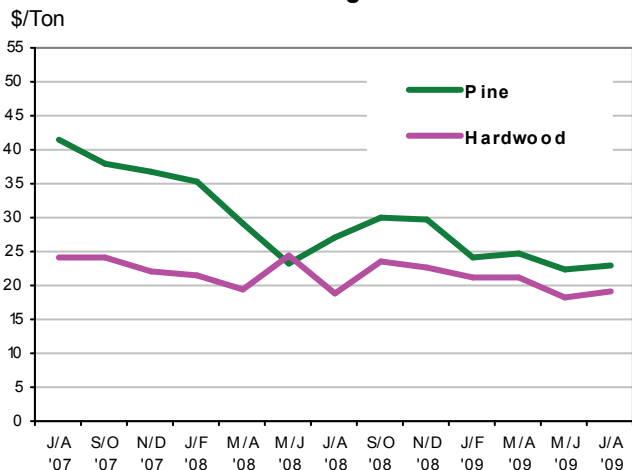


Stumpage Prices in Texas

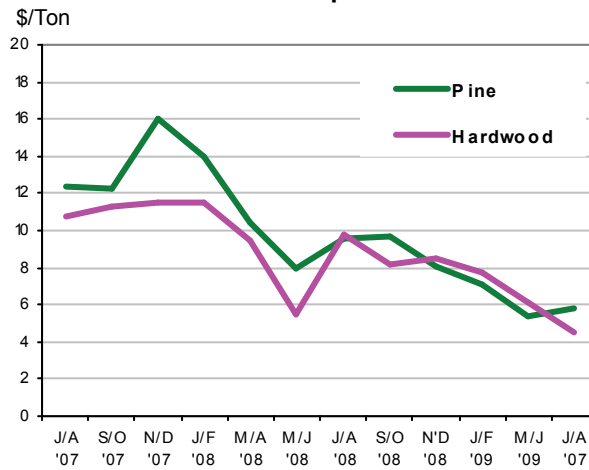
Product /Region	Average Price		Last Period			Year Ago			Report		
PINE											
Sawlogs	\$/ton	\$/MBF	\$/ton	\$/MBF	Chg		\$/ton	\$/MBF	Chg	Number	
Northeast TX	24.38	189.36	26.25	214.17	-7%	↓	38.68	295.14	-37%	↓	22
Southeast TX	22.66	177.50	22.91	176.30	-1%	↓	35.87	286.96	-37%	↓	15
Statewide	22.81	178.54	23.28	180.31	-2%	↓	36.64	289.26	-38%	↓	37
USFS	**	**	12.53	100.26	**		22.58	180.64	**		**
Pulpwood	\$/ton	\$/cord	\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg		\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg	Number	
Northeast TX	4.93	13.25	4.88	13.10	1%	↑	10.10	27.14	-51%	↓	31
Southeast TX	6.07	16.39	5.61	15.13	8%	↑	8.86	23.93	-31%	↓	43
Statewide	5.85	15.80	5.38	14.49	9%	↑	9.20	24.81	-36%	↓	74
USFS	**	**	2.80	7.55	**		5.73	15.47	**		**
Chip-N-Saw	\$/ton	\$/cord	\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg		\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg	Number	
Northeast TX	**	**	**	**	**		16.36	44.18	**		**
Southeast TX	11.80	31.85	9.78	26.40	21%	↑	14.61	39.44	-19%	↓	14
Statewide	11.80	31.85	9.78	26.41	21%	↑	14.63	39.50	-19%	↓	15
HARDWOOD											
Mixed Sawlogs	\$/ton	\$/MBF	\$/ton	\$/MBF	Chg		\$/ton	\$/MBF	Chg	Number	
Northeast TX	20.99	188.91	18.94	170.50	11%	↑	21.00	183.82	0%	↓	25
Southeast TX	17.53	157.81	17.02	153.18	3%	↑	30.16	271.45	-42%	↓	30
Statewide	19.07	171.64	17.93	161.36	6%	↑	25.99	230.96	-27%	↓	55
USFS	**	**	**	**	**		4.41	39.70	**		**
Pulpwood	\$/ton	\$/cord	\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg		\$/ton	\$/cord	Chg	Number	
Northeast TX	5.65	15.81	7.60	21.37	-26%	↓	9.57	27.30	-41%	↓	13
Southeast TX	4.29	12.02	5.15	14.42	-17%	↓	6.92	19.37	-38%	↓	33
Statewide	4.47	12.52	5.97	16.74	-25%	↓	7.59	21.34	-41%	↓	46
USFS	**	**	**	**	**		2.12	5.94	**		**

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.

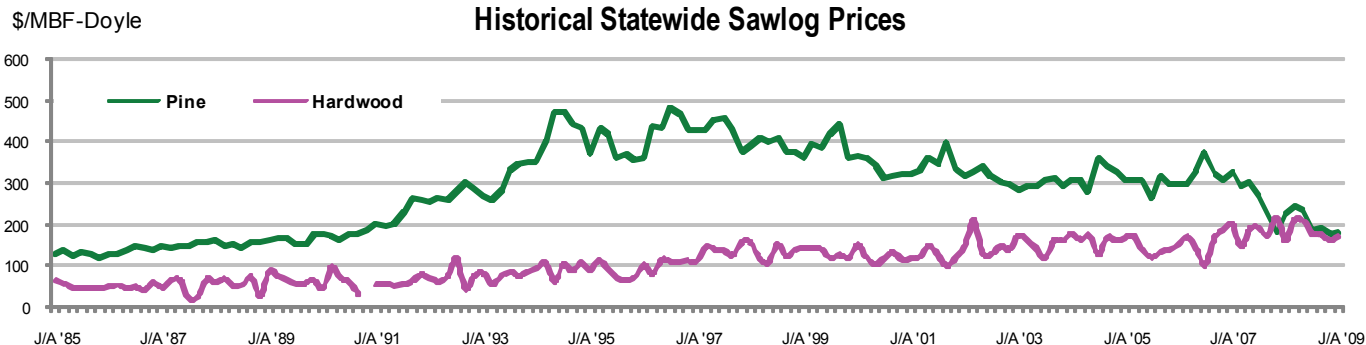
Sawlogs



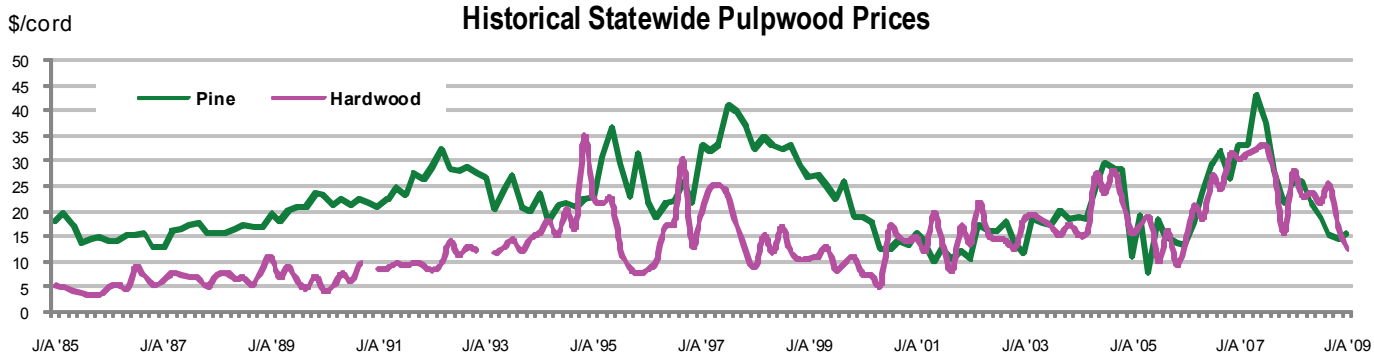
Pulpwood



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://txforestservicetamu.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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