



NEBRASKA'S FOREST PRODUCTS BULLETIN

TIMBER TALK

LUMBER MARKET REPORTS

Northern

Despite a pandemic and the transition to a new administration, the US economy and housing market are performing well. The most recent report on US GDP shows Q4 2020 GDP increased 4.0% over Q3 2020, and Q3 GDP jumped 33.4% over the previous quarter. Housing starts continue to rise, and data on sales point out sharp gains, with new and existing inventories at extremely low levels. All of these factors bode well for hardwood products manufacturers and their suppliers. In fact, all secondary manufacturers surveyed state demand for finished goods is either steady or good. Each also acknowledges that lumber inventories are either low or adequate. And, there are no reports of excessive finished goods supplies. Hardwood producers have not been able to ramp up mill output in a meaningful way, though better logging conditions are increasing log decks. Labor and cash issues are credited with restricting sawmill production most. But, some areas are contending with paper plant closures that are affecting hardwood log availability. Too, there are hardwood mills processing softwoods rather than hardwoods, due to a better return on investment.

Southern

The hardwood industry has experienced a much needed increase in lumber prices. Historically low production fostered some of the gains, while domestic and international demand increases have added to price inflation, also. However, secondary manufacturers are struggling to pass through rapidly rising raw material costs. While progress has been made, solid wood flooring, cabinet, molding/millwork, and furniture manufacturers state margins are thin. Yet, the supply pipeline cannot rebuild without incentives for sawmill operators to make a reasonable return on investment. Advancing lumber prices are enticing additional mill output. Preliminary data show solid production gains in January.

Appalachian

Preliminary HMR estimates show a solid upturn in Eastern US hardwood sawmill production in January. That said, production is still low relative to historic averages. While markets are welcoming the additional lumber, most remain undersupplied. Secondary wood products manufacturers are attempting to increase finished goods output, but many are struggling to find enough employees and lumber to do so. Likewise, drying operations would like to significantly boost lumber receipts to capitalize on favorable market conditions and surging kiln-dried lumber prices, but that has proven to be challenging. Log decks in this and other regions are larger, overall, than a month ago. As such, buyers expect further growth in lumber availability in the months ahead. However, few expect supply to catch up with demand until the third quarter of this year, at the earliest.

(Source: Condensed from Hardwood Market Report, February 5, 2021. For more information or to subscribe to Hardwood Market Report, call (901) 767-9216, email: hmr@hmr.com, website: www.hmr.com)

Hardwood Lumber Prices - Green

Species	FAS				#1C				#2A			
	2/21	11/20	8/20	6/20	2/21	11/20	8/20	6/20	2/21	11/20	8/20	6/20
Ash	930	830	775	775	540	495	460	475	305	295	290	320
Basswood	830	740	755	780	425	400	410	420	205	195	205	275
Cottonwood	780	780	780	780	575	575	575	575	260	260	260	260
Cherry	1120	900	925	980	615	485	480	500	360	290	290	290
Elm	670	670	670	670	420	420	420	420	290	290	290	290
Hackberry	530	530	530	530	480	480	480	480	295	295	295	295
Hickory	875	795	755	785	615	530	500	515	430	430	400	415
Soft Maple	1365	1245	1245	1305	890	805	790	830	470	450	450	470
Red Oak	1090	915	855	855	705	605	555	555	495	425	415	445
White Oak	2045	1815	1725	1725	935	820	810	875	545	480	480	510
Walnut	3025	2470	2265	2240	1715	1325	1175	1175	850	590	465	465

Note: Lumber prices quoted in \$/MBF, average market prices FOB mill, truckload and greater quantities, 4/4, rough, green, random widths and lengths graded in accordance with NHLA rules. Prices for ash, basswood, northern soft grey elm, unselected soft maple, red oak and white oak from Northern Hardwoods list. Prices for cottonwood and hackberry from Southern Hardwoods list. Prices for cherry, hickory and walnut (steam treated) from Appalachian Hardwoods list. (Source: Hardwood Market Report (HMR), above prices are from the first issue of the identified month. To subscribe to HMR, call 901-767-9126; email hmr@hmr.com; or go to www.hmr.com.)

Hardwood Lumber Prices - Kiln Dried

Species	FAS				#1C				#2A			
	2/21	11/20	8/20	6/20	2/21	11/20	8/20	6/20	2/21	11/20	8/20	6/20
Ash	1350	1260	1200	1225	870	765	715	765	580	565	575	595
Basswood	1250	1100	1165	1200	735	725	710	720	465	465	465	475
Cottonwood	1025	1025	1025	1025	760	760	760	760	----	----	----	----
Cherry	1860	1500	1550	1495	1130	950	985	970	650	545	620	575
Elm	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Hackberry	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Hickory	1525	1450	1400	1425	1160	1050	1035	1000	985	885	900	860
Soft Maple	1990	1810	1810	1810	1210	1145	1145	1165	780	765	765	790
Red Oak	1655	1385	1275	1250	1230	1070	995	995	875	775	775	790
White Oak	3110	2655	2445	2375	1515	1290	1290	1330	1035	960	945	995
Walnut	4385	3800	3650	3650	2610	2180	2030	2050	1545	1170	1080	1130

Note: Kiln dried prices in \$/MBF, FOB mill, is an estimate of predominant prices for 4/4 lumber measured after kiln drying. Prices for cottonwood and hackberry from Southern Hardwoods list. Prices for ash, basswood, northern soft grey elm, unselected soft maple, red oak, and white oak from Northern Hardwood list. Prices for cherry, hickory and walnut (steam treated) from Appalachian Hardwoods list. (Source: Hardwood Market Report (HMR), above prices are from the first issue of the identified month. To subscribe to HMR, call 901-767-9126; email hmr@hmr.com; or go to www.hmr.com.)

FOREST NEWS

The Nebraska Forest Service partnered with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Northeast-Midwest State Foresters Alliance to complete an analysis of the economic impacts and contributions of Nebraska's forest industry (including wood products manufacturing, loggers, contractors and other entities) to the state of Nebraska. Information included in the report is based on 2017 IMPLAN economic indicator data.

Highlights of direct contributions from the industry:

- 5,800 jobs provided
- \$283.2 million in labor income
- \$1.534 billion in economic output.

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Emerald Ash Borer Quarantines Rescinded by State and Federal Departments of Agriculture



Effective January 14, 2021, both the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA) have discontinued quarantine programs and removed regulations used to slow the spread of emerald ash borer (EAB). The NDA rescinded their quarantine on October 29, 2020 and released the following statement via their Facebook page.

Due to the confirmations of EAB in several new counties in Nebraska in 2020, covering a wide geographic area, NDA has determined that regulatory enforcement of a state quarantine is no longer warranted, and will rescind the Nebraska EAB quarantine effective immediately. NDA will continue to work with USDA on biocontrol releases targeting EAB as a long-term mitigation strategy, and continue to promote responsible disposal of ash material and the "Don't Move Firewood" campaign.

The Nebraska EAB Working Group, which includes NDA, USDA, Nebraska Game and Parks, and the Nebraska Forest Service, offers the following suggestions to help prevent the human-assisted spread of EAB:

- Since EAB can easily be moved in firewood, always use locally-sourced firewood and burn it in the same county where you purchased it.
- Consider treating healthy, high-value ash tree located within a 15-mile radius of a known infestation. Treatment will need to be continually reapplied and will only prolong the tree's life, not save it. Trees that are experiencing declining health should be considered for removal.
- If you are in a non-infested county and think you have found an EAB infestation, please report it to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at 402-471-2351, the Nebraska Forest Service at 402-472-2944 or your local extension office.

EAB will continue to impact Nebraska's forests and communities for the next several decades. When transporting wood products, consider the potential impacts of spreading EAB across the state and region and understand the options available to you to slow the spread.

University of Arizona Extension Offering Online Biochar Workshop



Workshops Goals

- Raise awareness about biochar ecosystem services, including carbon sequestration; forest management and forest health concerns; wildfire/WUI risk and smoke impacts on public health.
- Raise awareness for entrepreneurs regarding economies of scale, including micro-scale opportunities; entrepreneurial clusters; markets and supply chains.
- Collect and refine stakeholder input on barriers and opportunities to develop biochar as an economically viable forest product.

AUDIENCE

- Biomass entrepreneurs: Active and potential
- Landowners and managers from: Mining companies, ranches, non-industrial forest lands, state, county, tribal and federal lands, turf industry, landfill/waste management industry, sawmills, horticulture, agriculture
- Potential markets: Wildland restoration, mining restoration, cattle industry, landfill/waste management, soil amendment for turf, saline soils, horticulture and farming

For more information about the workshops and to register, please visit

<https://extension.arizona.edu/events/2021-04-07/biochar-opportunities-southwest-extension-workshop>

TIMBER SALES

The following listings are for stands of timber or logs being offered for sale by owners or persons of delegated authority. Timber was cruised and/or marked for harvest by the Nebraska Forest Service or other professional foresters. Volumes in board feet (Doyle scale unless otherwise indicated) are estimates by the forester. If no volume is listed, the trees or logs were not marked by a forester and the listing is included only as a marketing service to the owner. Listings are prepared according to the information at the time of publication.

Timber Information	Forester/Date	Seller Information
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Black Walnut, 48 trees Veneer 3 – 1,675 bf Lumber 1 – 1,420 bf Lumber 2 – 2,840 bf Lumber 3 – 3,585 bf <u>Total – 9,518 bf</u>	Rasmussen J. Smith 2/2021	James Albrecht 1009 S Main Emerson, NE 68733 Ph: (712) 898-5035 Email: doca49@hotmail.com Location: Thurston County
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FOR SALE

Post Peeler. Morbark PS8 Post Peeler. Comes with 2 engines, 1 diesel and 1 electric. 8ft in-feed table with short return system. 33 ft of dead rolls with markers for trimming with hydraulic bar saw. Markers for 6½, 7, 8 and 10ft posts. Several bunks and banding equipment included. 24ft triple axle trailer for hauling also included. In excellent condition. Video available. Call John Hahn. 308-430-0630(c); 308-638-7531(h) Hay Springs, Nebraska.

Mulch. City of Nebraska City has approx. 60 semi loads of single grind mulch \$200/ semi load or \$50/dump truck load. Shipping not included. Arrangements will be made to load. Contact: Marty Stovall 402-873-5515 or email mstovall@nebraskacity.com

Sawmill. Mighty Mite bandsaw. 20 HP electric motor, tandem axles w/ brakes on one axle, 36" x 24' log capacity, (have cut 46" beams) hydraulic operation includes winch, knees, taper, near arm, dogging arms, far arm, dogging spike, log loading arms, and electric clutch and blade lift. Includes automatic blade sharpener, setting machine, 12 used blades and 4 new blades. Excellent condition. Never been used commercially. \$17,500. Contact: Gary Fisher, Crawford, NE. Phone: 308-665-1580; email: fisher@bbcwb.net.

Walnut Lumber. All dimensions. \$3.00 per board foot. Falls City, NE. Contact: Bruce Walker at 402-245-2031.

Portable Sawmilling Service. Offering portable sawmilling service, turning your logs into valuable lumber. Contact : Doug Patton, D&S Sawmill Services, Palmyra, NE. Phone : (402)-269-4866 or Email : dssawmillservices@gmail.com

Woodshop Services. Millwork made from your lumber on my planer/molder. Chris Marlowe, Butte, NE 402-775-5000. Marlowepasture@nntc.net.

Sawmill Service and Supplies. Saw hammering and welding. Precision knife and saw grinding. Contact: Tim Schram, Schram Saw and Machine, PO Box 718, 204 E. 3rd St., Ponca, NE 68770, 402-755-4294.

Used Portable Sawmills. North America's largest source of used portable sawmills and equipment. Contact: Sawmill Exchange, 800-459-2148, website: www.sawmillexchange.com.

WANTED

Wood Residue. Slab wood, cutoffs, sawdust, mulch, bales, etc. Lincoln, NE. Call Scott Hofeling at 402-432-0806 or email scott@hofelingenterprises.com.

Logs and Slabwood. Cottonwood, cedar and pine. 4-26" diameter and 90-100" lengths. Below saw grade logs acceptable. Contact: American Wood Fibers, Clarks, NE at 800-662- 5459; or email: Pat Krish at pkrish@AWF.com

Cottonwood Logs. Veneer-quality cottonwood logs, 16-36" diameter, 7' and longer. Pick up service available. Contact: Barcel Mill & Lumber, Bellwood, NE 68624. Ask for Barton or Megan. Phone: 800-201-4780; email: bj@barcelmill.com.



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