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ILLINOIS TIMBER PRICES

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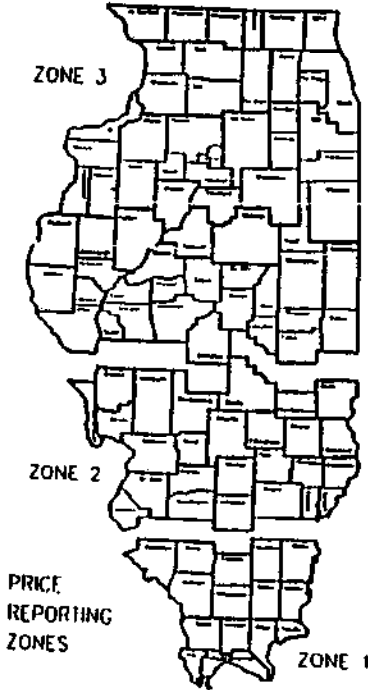
PRICES PAID ILLINOIS TIMBER PRODUCERS MAY 1997 THROUGH AUGUST 1997

Summer sawtimber prices paid to Illinois timber growers generally showed slight upward trends for F.O.B. Mill and stumpage compared to both the previous summer and winter. Of the timber buyers reporting volume of their 1997 operations, 37% indicated their volume was 500 thousand board feet or more.

This report is prepared by the Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Illinois Division of Forest Resources. Unless otherwise indicated, prices shown in this report are prices reported by licensed timber buyers. The cooperation of those timber buyers who participated in the survey is greatly appreciated.

Illinois is divided into three price-reporting zones, based on timber resources, similarity, utilization standards and practices and soil types. Zone 1 is the Southern Unit; Zone 2, the Claypan Unit; and Zone 3, the Prairie Unit. Ranges of prices for each zone are shown on the back of this report.

This report can be used only as a general guide for determining market value of timber. General market and economic conditions are the major price-determining factors. Certain local considerations such as accessibility, site and terrain, distance to market, size of sale, and tree size and quality also affect the price paid. For technical, marketing or management assistance, contact your local State Forester, or the Division of Forest Resources, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, 600 North Grand Avenue, West, Springfield, Illinois 62706.



AVERAGE PRICES FOR STUMPAGE AND F.O.B. IN SELECTED PERIODS SAWTIMBER - \$ PER M BD. FT.

SPECIES	May 1996-August 1996		November 1996 - February 1997		May 1997 - August 1997	
	Stumpage	F.O.B. Mill	Stumpage	F.O.B. Mill	Stumpage	F.O.B. Mill
Ash	170	340	170	300	150	320
Basswood	100	230	95	190	100	220
Beech	80	180	70	180	75	180
Cottonwood	50	150	40	140	60	150
Sweet Gum	85	170	85	170	75	180
Elm & Hackberry	60	150	60	140	75	170
Hickory	80	160	65	170	85	190
Soft Maple	95	210	95	170	95	220
Sugar Maple	120	190	140	300	140	300
Black Oak	160	270	150	250	160	300
Pin Oak	65	160	60	160	80	180
Red Oak	230	390	220	385	240	410
White Oak	220	390	200	340	220	380
Yellow Poplar	120	350	120	280	120	290
Sycamore	70	150	60	160	65	170
Black Walnut	320	510	330	510	340	510
Woods Run Bottomland	85	180	80	180	90	200
Woods Run Upland	110	300	140	270	130	270

FACE VENEER - \$ PER M BD. FT.

Red Oak	600	950	510	730	620	990
White Oak	1,000	1,800	1,100	1,900	1,000	1,800
Walnut	1,600	2,000	1,490	2,100	1,500	2,300

COOPERAGE - \$ PER M BD. FT.

White Oak	280	600	250	430	250	420
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UNPEELED PULPWOOD - \$ PER TON

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Timber Prices
May 1997-August 1997
December 9, 1997

MOST COMMONLY REPORTED PRICES PAID ILLINOIS TIMBER PRODUCERS May 1997 - August 1997							
PRODUCT	UNIT	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3	
		Stumpage	F.O.B. Mill	Stumpage	F.O.B. Mill	Stumpage	F.O.B. Mill
1. Sawtimber							
Ash	M bd. ft.	90 - 200	200 - 400	100 - 250	200 - 400	100 - 210	200 - 450
Basswood	M bd. ft.	80 - 100	180 - 250	70 - 120	200 - 250	60 - 120	170 - 270
Beech	M bd. ft.	50 - 100	150 - 200	60 - 80	150 - 200	60 - 100	150 - 200
Cottonwood	M bd. ft.	30 - 90	140 - 170	40 - 100	140 - 200	20 - 100	120 - 170
Sweet Gum	M bd. ft.	50 - 130	150 - 200	50 - 100	150 - 190	50 - 100	150 - 200
Elm & Hackberry	M bd. ft.	50 - 100	150 - 180	50 - 100	150 - 190	30 - 120	150 - 200
Hickory	M bd. ft.	70 - 100	150 - 200	50 - 100	150 - 210	50 - 100	150 - 250
Soft Maple	M bd. ft.	60 - 120	150 - 250	60 - 120	150 - 270	60 - 140	150 - 270
Sugar Maple	M bd. ft.	60 - 200	150 - 400	70 - 200	150 - 400	80 - 200	200 - 400
Black Oak	M bd. ft.	80 - 200	200 - 400	80 - 250	200 - 400	90 - 200	200 - 350
Pin Oak	M bd. ft.	50 - 100	150 - 200	40 - 100	150 - 200	40 - 100	140 - 210
Red Oak	M bd. ft.	100 - 320	350 - 550	100 - 300	300 - 500	150 - 300	300 - 450
White Oak	M bd. ft.	150 - 300	300 - 500	150 - 300	250 - 500	150 - 300	250 - 450
Yellow Poplar	M bd. ft.	100 - 200	250 - 300	70 - 150	230 - 320	80 - 150	250 - 300
Sycamore	M bd. ft.	30 - 90	130 - 200	45 - 100	150 - 200	35 - 80	140 - 200
Black Walnut	M bd. ft.	200 - 400	400 - 600	180 - 400	400 - 600	200 - 400	400 - 600
Woods Run Bottomland	M bd. ft.	60 - 100	170 - 220	45 - 140	150 - 200	40 - 100	170 - 230
Woods Run Upland	M bd. ft.	100 - 150	180 - 300	60 - 170	150 - 350	100 - 150	200 - 350
STATEWIDE							
		Stumpage			F.O.B. Mill		
2. Face Veneer							
Red Oak	M bd. ft.	400 - 800			700 - 1,500		
White Oak	M bd. ft.	500 - 1,700			1,600 - 2,500		
Walnut	M bd. ft.	1,000 - 2,000			1,400 - 3,500		
3. Cooperage							
White Oak	M bd. ft.	150 - 350			400 - 450		
4. Pulpwood							
Unpeeled	Ton	1.80 - 3.00			16.00 - 18.00		

LOG SCALES USED BY REPORTING BUYERS		
Scale	Percent Using	
Doyte	99	
Scribner	1	
International	0	
CUSTOM SAWING BY THOSE REPORTING		
Region	Percent Reporting	Rates Reported \$/M bd. ft.
Zone 1	20	100 - 150
Zone 2	14	100 - 200
Zone 3	13	100 - 200
ILLINOIS	47	100 - 200

VOLUME OF 1997 OPERATIONS				
Size in (000) bd. ft.	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	All
	%	%	%	%
1 - 100	22	21	52	32
100 - 500	36	34	24	31
500 - 1,000	7	4	5	5
1,000 - 3,000	21	33	14	24
3,000 +	14	8	5	8

Cooperage is the manufacture of barrels. Face veneer is logs cut into thin sheets or "veneer" used mostly by furniture builders. Pulpwood is used in making paper, fiberboard, and similar products. M bd. ft. means thousand board feet. Sawtimber refers to logs that are cut into lumber or timbers. F.O.B. refers to the price paid for timber delivered to the mill.

MARKED TIMBER SALES - MAY 1997 - AUGUST 1997	
Woods Run Upland	STATEWIDE STUMPAGE*
Woods Run Bottomland	\$199-\$278/M bd. ft.
	Insufficient Data
*Prices applied to District Foresters by seller, may include some veneer.	