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ILLINOIS TIMBER PRICES

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PRICES PAID ILLINOIS TIMBER PRODUCERS NOVEMBER 1998 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1999

Winter sawtimber prices paid to Illinois timber growers generally showed mixed trends for F.O.B. Mill and stumpage compared to both the previous winter and summer. Of the timber buyers reporting volume of their 1998-99 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	November 1997 - February 1998		May 1998 - August 1998		November 1998 - February 1999	
	Stumpage	F.O. B. Mill	Stumpage	F.O.B. Mill	Stumpage	F.O.B. Mill
Ash	150	330	160	310	160	300
Basswood	100	230	90	210	100	250
Beech	75	180	70	160	80	200
Cottonwood	55	160	60	160	55	160
Sweet Gum	60	170	80	180	80	180
Elm & Hackberry	70	170	70	180	75	180
Hickory	80	200	80	220	100	240
Soft Maple	100	240	120	240	100	240
Sugar Maple	150	320	190	300	160	320
Black Oak	160	320	170	310	170	300
Pin Oak	90	180	85	180	85	200
Red Oak	240	420	260	410	220	360
White Oak	230	400	250	390	220	360
Yellow Poplar	140	270	130	230	140	280
Sycamore	70	170	70	180	70	170
Black Walnut	310	490	350	480	350	510
Woods Run Bottomland	110	210	100	210	100	210
Woods Run Upland	180	330	180	270	150	250
FACE VENEER - \$ PER M BD. FT.						
Red Oak	600	1,220	530	890	480	920
White Oak	1,120	1,840	820	1,530	970	1,660
Walnut	1,470	2,330	1,550	2,780	1,390	1,940
COOPERAGE - \$ PER M BD. FT.						
White Oak	300	550	300	580	280	450
UNPEELED PULPWOOD - \$ PER TON						
Ton	2.70	19.00	3.20	19.70	3.00	19.50

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Timber Prices
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MOST COMMONLY REPORTED PRICES PAID ILLINOIS TIMBER PRODUCERS							
November 1998-February 1999							
PRODUCT	UNIT	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3	
		Stumpage	F.O.B. Mill	Stumpage	F.O.B. Mill	Stumpage	F.O.B. Mill
1. <u>Sawtimber</u>							
Ash	M bd. ft.	100-250	200-300	80-300	300-400	60-250	180-370
Basswood	M bd. ft.	NA	150-350	40-155	150-400	60-225	160-350
Beech	M bd. ft.	50-100	190-200	80-100	200	NA	NA
Cottonwood	M bd. ft.	50-80	150-190	25-90	120-200	20-80	100-200
Sweet Gum	M bd. ft.	50-125	130-220	60-120	120-210	NA	NA
Elm & Hackberry	M bd. ft.	50-100	150-300	40-120	120-250	30-100	120-250
Hickory	M bd. ft.	75-150	150-350	40-200	125-400	50-200	150-400
Soft Maple	M bd. ft.	50-100	150-350	40-200	150-380	50-200	160-360
Sugar Maple	M bd. ft.	100-250	200-450	80-350	190-600	60-300	180-450
Black Oak	M bd. ft.	100-300	220-400	75-400	150-500	50-200	150-350
Pin Oak	M bd. ft.	50-125	150-220	40-120	120-250	50-150	150-300
Red Oak	M bd. ft.	200-370	220-500	80-400	240-500	100-350	200-500
White Oak	M bd. ft.	180-400	350-550	80-400	220-500	80-350	200-490
Yellow Poplar	M bd. ft.	100-200	200-400	60-250	200-400	NA	NA
Sycamore	M bd. ft.	50-100	130-220	30-100	100-250	30-100	120-200
Black Walnut	M bd. ft.	150-800	250-650	60-700	250-700	120-550	200-850
Woods Run Bottomland	M bd. ft.	80-150	180-300	50-200	120-250	20-150	200-300
Woods Run Upland	M bd. ft.	80-250	190-400	60-300	160-325	50-300	250-300
STATEWIDE							
		Stumpage				F.O.B. Mill	
2. <u>Face Veneer</u>							
Red Oak	M bd. ft.	200-1,000				800-1,000	
White Oak	M bd. ft.	200-1,800				950-2,500	
Walnut	M bd. ft.	600-2,000				1,500-2,500	
3. <u>Cooperage</u>							
White Oak	M bd. ft.	150-400				300-550	
4. <u>Pulpwood</u>							
Unpeeled	M bd. ft.	2.00-4.00				17.25-22.00	

LOG SCALES USED BY REPORTING BUYERS		
Scale	Percent Using	
Doyle	96	
Scribner	4	
International	-	

CUSTOM SAWING BY THOSE REPORTING		
Region	Percent Reporting	Rated Reported \$/M bd. ft.
Zone 1	18	100-200
Zone 2	14	140-300
Zone 3	16	110-250
Illinois	15	100-300

VOLUME OF 1997 OPERATIONS				
Size in (000) bd. ft.	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	All
	%	%	%	%
1 - 100	19	32	42	32
100 - 500	25	25	42	31
500 - 1,000	25	4	4	9
1,000 - 3,000	31	25	4	19
3,000 +	-	14	8	9

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 - NOVEMBER 1998 - FEBRUARY 1999
STATEWIDE STUMPAGE

Woods Run Upland \$137-\$401/M bd. ft.
Woods Run Bottomland Insufficient Reports

*Prices supplied to District Foresters by seller, may include some veneer.