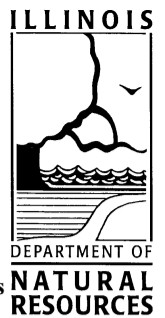




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NOVEMBER 2007 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2008

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PRICES PAID ILLINOIS TIMBER PRODUCERS NOVEMBER 2007 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2008



This report is prepared by the Illinois Field Office of the National Agriculture Statistics Service in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry. *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. Of the timber buyers reporting volume of their 2007 operations, 51% indicated their volume was 500 thousand board feet or more.

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 Forestry, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

Prices from 1978 to current can be seen at:
http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/forestry/il_timber_prices/index.html

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

| SPECIES | November 2006- February 2007 | | May 2007 - August 2007 | | November 2007 - February 2008 | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | Stumpage | F.O.B. Mill | Stumpage | F.O.B. Mill | Stumpage | F.O.B. Mill |
| Ash | 135 | 300 | 140 | 290 | 140 | 300 |
| Basswood | 110 | 265 | 100 | 250 | 90 | 240 |
| Beech | 80 | 210 | 90 | 230 | 70 | 220 |
| Cottonwood | 70 | 200 | 80 | 220 | 70 | 210 |
| Sweet Gum | 90 | 200 | 100 | 210 | 90 | 220 |
| Elm & Hackberry | 80 | 220 | 80 | 230 | 80 | 210 |
| Hickory | 140 | 230 | 140 | 250 | 130 | 280 |
| Soft Maple | 140 | 270 | 130 | 280 | 130 | 290 |
| Cherry | 440 | 750 | 410 | 700 | 410 | 680 |
| Sugar Maple | 285 | 510 | 270 | 490 | 220 | 430 |
| Black Oak | 170 | 330 | 150 | 310 | 160 | 320 |
| Pin Oak | 100 | 220 | 100 | 220 | 90 | 220 |
| Red Oak | 230 | 425 | 220 | 390 | 230 | 400 |
| White Oak | 320 | 610 | 370 | 600 | 370 | 600 |
| Yellow Poplar | 140 | 305 | 120 | 280 | 130 | 290 |
| Sycamore | 80 | 215 | 80 | 220 | 80 | 220 |
| Black Walnut | 635 | 1,000 | 750 | 1,030 | 630 | 950 |
| Woods Run Bottomland | 130 | 225 | 130 | 250 | 130 | 240 |
| Woods Run Upland | 225 | 390 | 240 | 400 | 220 | 370 |

FACE VENEER - \$ PER M BD. FT.

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Red Oak | 670 | 1,260 | 510 | 990 | 480 | 760 |
| White Oak | 1,175 | 1,860 | 1,270 | 2,350 | 1,250 | 2,250 |
| Walnut | 2,075 | 2,900 | 2,160 | 3,660 | 2,100 | 3,450 |
| Cherry | 1,165 | 2,050 | 980 | 1,790 | 820 | 1,510 |

COOPERAGE - \$ PER M BD. FT

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| White Oak | 325 | 620 | 300 | 570 | 300 | 590 |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

UNPEELED PULPWOOD - \$ PER TON

| | | | | | | |
|-----|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Ton | 4.00 | 24.00 | 4.00 | 24.00 | 4.00 | 24.00 |
|-----|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|

| MOST COMMONLY REPORTED PRICES PAID TO ILLINOIS TIMBER PRODUCERS | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| November 2007 - February 2008 | | | | | | | |
| 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. | 100-200 | 300 | 50-180 | 200-300 | 50-300 | 200-400 |
| Basswood | M bd. ft. | N/A | N/A | 50-120 | 200-300 | 50-150 | 150-300 |
| Beech | M bd. ft. | 50-75 | 200-250 | 50-120 | 190-250 | 30-50 | 180 |
| Cottonwood | M bd. ft. | 50-100 | 180-200 | 50-120 | 170-260 | 30-100 | 150-250 |
| Sweet Gum | M bd. ft. | 100-150 | 250 | 50-120 | 190-260 | 30-50 | 180-260 |
| Elm & Hackberry | M bd. ft. | 50-150 | 250 | 50-150 | 190-260 | 30-100 | 150-260 |
| Hickory | M bd. ft. | 100-200 | 150-250 | 80-180 | 200-380 | 50-200 | 200-400 |
| Soft Maple | M bd. ft. | 80-150 | 150-250 | 80-200 | 200-450 | 100-250 | 180-450 |
| Cherry | M bd. ft. | 200-500 | 400-800 | 300-500 | 500-1,000 | 250-600 | 400-1,000 |
| Sugar Maple | M bd. ft. | 150-300 | 250-500 | 100-450 | 200-650 | 100-400 | 300-700 |
| Black Oak | M bd. ft. | 100-200 | 250-300 | 100-250 | 220-600 | 100-300 | 200-450 |
| Pin Oak | M bd. ft. | 100-150 | 250-300 | 50-160 | 190-300 | 30-100 | 140-260 |
| Red Oak | M bd. ft. | 100-250 | 250-300 | 100-300 | 250-600 | 150-550 | 200-800 |
| White Oak | M bd. ft. | 200-400 | 300-500 | 200-500 | 400-800 | 150-500 | 250-700 |
| Yellow Poplar | M bd. ft. | 100-150 | 250-300 | 70-200 | 200-450 | 100-180 | 300-330 |
| Sycamore | M bd. ft. | 50-150 | 250 | 50-150 | 190-260 | 30-100 | 180-260 |
| Black Walnut | M bd. ft. | 300-600 | 400-1,000 | 250-1,000 | 500-1,200 | 300-800 | 750-1,200 |
| Woods Run Bottomland | M bd. ft. | 120-150 | 200-250 | 80-250 | 200-280 | 70-200 | 150-300 |
| Woods Run Upland | M bd. ft. | 170-200 | 250-300 | 100-400 | 300-500 | 150-350 | 250-600 |
| STATEWIDE | | | | | | | |
| | | Stumpage | | | | F.O.B. Mill | |
| 2. Face Veneer | | | | | | | |
| Red Oak | M bd. ft. | 200-800 | | | | 300-1,250 | |
| White Oak | M bd. ft. | 400-2,000 | | | | 550-2,500 | |
| Walnut | M bd. ft. | 800-4,000 | | | | 1,200-5,000 | |
| Cherry | M bd. ft. | 500-1,200 | | | | 500-2,000 | |
| 3. Cooperage | | | | | | | |
| White Oak | M bd. ft. | 200-400 | | | | 500-700 | |
| 4. Pulpwood | | | | | | | |
| Unpeeled | M bd. ft. | 3.00-4.00 | | | | 24.00 | |

| LOG SCALES USED BY REPORTING BUYERS | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Scale | Percent Using | |
| Doyle | 98 | |
| Scribner | 2 | |
| International | - | |

| CUSTOM SAWING BY THOSE REPORTING | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Region | Percent Reporting | Rated Reported \$/M bd. ft. |
| Zone 1 | 33 | 200 |
| Zone 2 | 7 | 200 |
| Zone 3 | 38 | 300-500 |
| Illinois | 26 | 200-500 |

| VOLUME OF NOVEMBER 2007 - FEBRUARY 2008 OPERATIONS | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|-----|--|
| Size in (000) bd. ft. | Zone 1 | Zone 2 | Zone 3 | All | |
| | % | % | % | % | |
| 1 - 100 | 25 | 7 | 50 | 30 | |
| 100 - 500 | 25 | 20 | 17 | 19 | |
| 500 - 1,000 | 25 | 13 | 11 | 13 | |
| 1,000 - 3,000 | 25 | 33 | 17 | 24 | |
| 3,000 + | - | 27 | 5 | 14 | |

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. Stumpage is the price for a standing tree.

N/A- Not Available Due To Insufficient Reports

MARKED TIMBER SALES - November 2007 through February 2008

Statewide Stumpage

Woods Run Upland - \$175- \$400/M bd.ft

Woods Run Bottomland - \$70 - \$250/M bd ft

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

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