

# TEXAS TIMBER PRICE TRENDS

## Market Overview\*

The U.S. economy grew at a modest pace in 2016. Real GDP increased 1.6%, compared with an increase of 2.6% in 2015. U.S. housing starts, a principal driver of the wood products industry, averaged 1.2 million units in 2016, up 4.9% from 2015 and the highest since 2007. Timber prices, however, remained relatively flat or trended downward in 2016, mostly due to soaring U.S. lumber imports from Canada and overseas.

Statewide pine sawlog prices averaged \$25.73 per ton, up 6% from last period and down 15% from the price a year ago. Average pine sawlog price was \$24.54 per ton in Northeast Texas and \$27.99 per ton in Southeast Texas.

The statewide average pine pulpwood price was \$8.87 per ton. This was down 3% from last period and up 8% from the price a year ago. In Northeast Texas, the average pine pulpwood price was \$8.44 per ton. It was \$9.00 per ton in Southeast Texas.

Small diameter pine sawlogs (CNS) averaged \$13.06 per ton statewide, down 8% from last period. It was down 1% from the price a year ago.

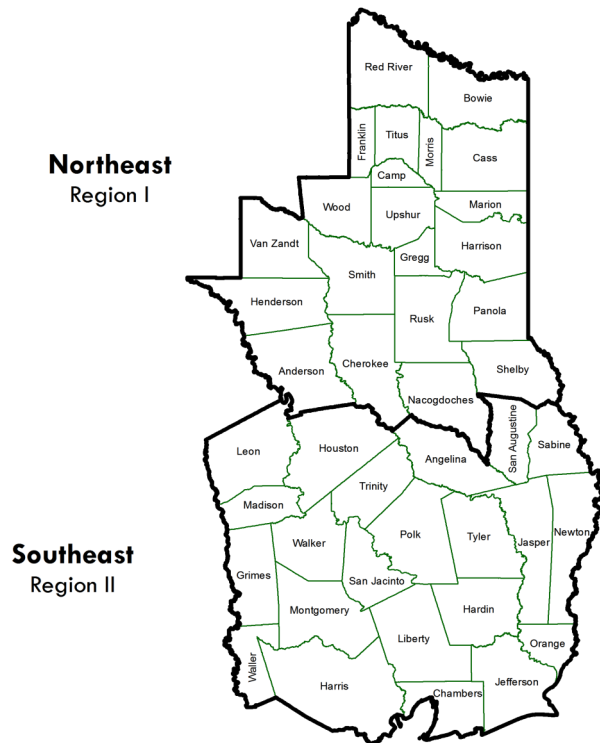
The statewide average mixed hardwood sawlog price was \$40.98 per ton, up 8% from last period and up 7% from the price a year ago.

The statewide average hardwood pulpwood

price was \$10.46 per ton, just about equal to the price from last period. It was down 28% from the price a year ago.

\*The average prices reported here represent statewide volumes of 53,142 tons of pine sawlogs, 202,021 tons of pine pulpwood, 3,860 tons of pine CNS, 24,042 tons of mixed hardwood sawlogs, and 36,193 tons of hardwood pulpwood during November/December 2016.

## Texas Timber Price Trends Market Regions

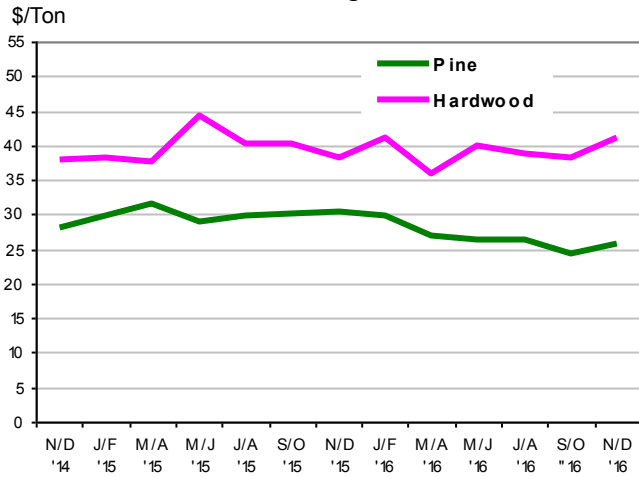


## Stumpage Prices in Texas

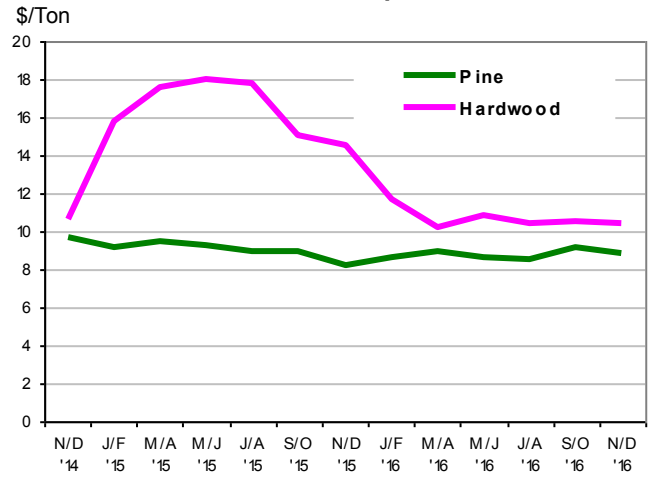
Product /Region	Average Price		Last Period			Year Ago			Report
<b>PINE</b>									
<b>Sawlogs</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/MBF</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/MBF</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/MBF</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>Number</b>
Northeast TX	\$24.54	\$188.81	\$23.95	\$206.86	2% ↑	\$32.75	\$262.00	-25% ↓	34
Southeast TX	\$27.99	\$223.96	\$26.97	\$215.09	4% ↑	\$29.67	\$231.10	-6% ↓	23
Statewide	\$25.73	\$200.61	\$24.34	\$207.99	6% ↑	\$30.27	\$237.02	-15% ↓	57
USFS	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
<b>Pulpwood</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/Cord</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/Cord</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/Cord</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>Number</b>
Northeast TX	\$8.44	\$22.39	\$9.74	\$26.14	-13% ↓	\$9.14	\$24.67	-8% ↓	23
Southeast TX	\$9.00	\$24.29	\$7.99	\$21.58	13% ↑	\$7.84	\$21.12	15% ↑	22
Statewide	\$8.87	\$23.85	\$9.14	\$24.60	-3% ↓	\$8.18	\$22.05	8% ↑	45
USFS	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
<b>Chip-N-Saw</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/Cord</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/Cord</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/Cord</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>Number</b>
Northeast TX	**	**	\$15.19	\$41.00	**	\$14.00	\$37.80	**	**
Southeast TX	\$13.67	\$36.91	\$12.00	\$32.39	14% ↑	\$13.24	\$35.76	3% ↑	6
Statewide	\$13.06	\$35.27	\$14.13	\$38.16	-8% ↓	\$13.25	\$35.79	-1% ↓	7
<b>HARDWOOD</b>									
<b>Mixed Sawlogs</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/MBF</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/MBF</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/MBF</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>Number</b>
Northeast TX	\$35.29	\$343.38	\$38.09	\$370.58	-7% ↓	\$37.11	\$333.99	-5% ↓	10
Southeast TX	\$42.16	\$379.48	**	**	**	\$38.81	\$382.20	**	11
Statewide	\$40.98	\$373.66	\$38.08	\$370.12	8% ↑	\$38.15	\$362.63	7% ↑	21
USFS	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
<b>Pulpwood</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/Cord</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/Cord</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>\$/Ton</b>	<b>\$/Cord</b>	<b>Chg</b>	<b>Number</b>
Northeast TX	\$9.38	\$26.36	\$10.43	\$29.31	-10% ↓	\$14.52	\$40.64	-35% ↓	17
Southeast TX	\$11.49	\$32.17	\$11.51	\$32.23	0%	\$14.54	\$40.72	-21% ↓	22
Statewide	\$10.46	\$29.34	\$10.48	\$29.44	0%	\$14.54	\$40.70	-28% ↓	39
USFS	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**

1. Stumpage price statistics include gateway sales. Stumpage prices for gateway 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 changes are calculated based on price in ton.
7. Extreme outliers from reported data are detected and filtered out based on statistical methods.

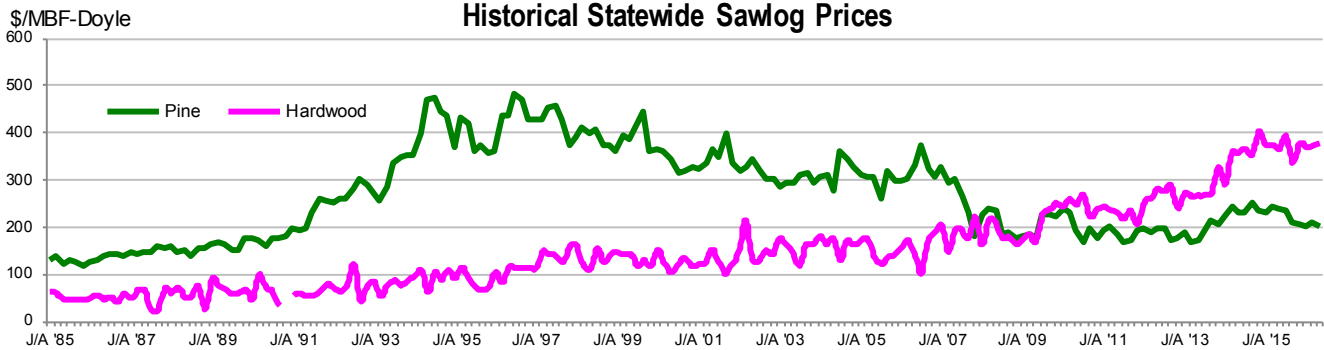
### Sawlogs



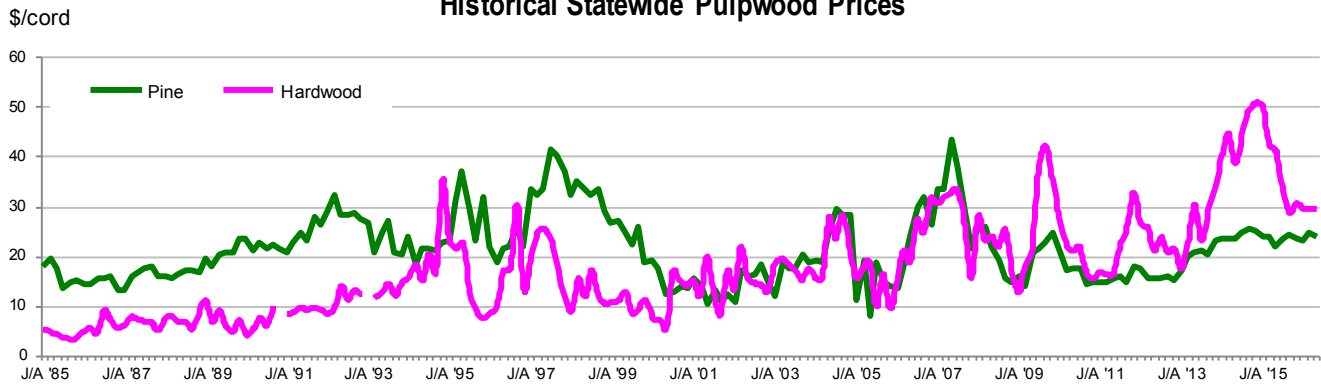
### Pulpwood



### 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://tfsweb.tamu.edu/timberpricetrends/>



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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

**This publication is also available on the Texas A&M Forest Service website at:**

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