

# TEXAS TIMBER PRICE TRENDS

## Market Overview\*

U.S. housing starts in February is down. According to the latest statistics reported by the US Census Bureau, privately-owned housing starts in February were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,162,000 which is 8.7% below the January of 1,273,000. Similarly, single-family housing starts in February were at a rate of 805,000 and this is 17.0% below the January figure of 970,000. A down February U.S. housing starts might reflect the tough winter, issue of housing affordability, and data collection delays etc.

Statewide pine sawtimber prices averaged \$26.92 per ton, up 7% from last period and down 21% from a year ago. Average pine sawtimber price was \$27.47 per ton in Northeast Texas and \$26.42 per ton in Southeast Texas.

The statewide average pine pulpwood price was \$10.77 per ton. This was up 57% from last period and up 37% from the price a year ago. In Northeast Texas, the average pine pulpwood price was \$8.85 per ton. It was \$12.32 per ton in Southeast Texas.

Chip-N-Saw averaged \$14.34 per ton statewide, up 2% from last period. It was up 6% from the price a year ago.

The statewide average mixed hardwood sawtimber price was \$34.42 per ton, up 11% from last period and also up 11% from the price a year ago.

The statewide average hardwood pulpwood price was \$12.77 per ton, up 12% from last period and up 11% from the price a year ago.

\*The average prices reported here represent statewide volumes reported for 54,678 tons of pine sawtimber, 584,468 tons of pine pulpwood, 11,005 tons of pine Chip-N-Saw, 2,056 tons of mixed hardwood sawtimber, and 14,804 tons of hardwood pulpwood during January/February 2019.

### Texas Timber Price Trends Market Regions

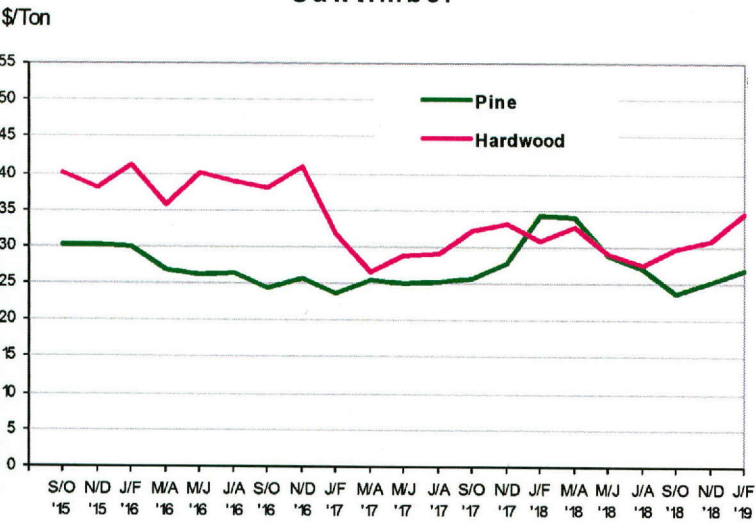


# Stumpage Prices in Texas

Product /Region	Average Price		Last Period			Year Ago			Report
<b>PINE</b>									
<b>Sawtimber</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	\$27.47	\$219.73	\$24.17	\$193.88	14% ↑	\$35.08	\$280.68	-22% ↓	17
Southeast TX	\$26.42	\$211.34	\$27.06	\$216.48	-2% ↓	\$33.08	\$265.45	-20% ↓	15
Statewide	\$26.92	\$215.38	\$25.20	\$201.59	7% ↑	\$34.18	\$273.47	-21% ↓	32
<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	\$8.85	\$23.91	\$6.60	\$17.81	34% ↑	\$7.75	\$20.93	14% ↑	54
Southeast TX	\$12.32	\$33.26	\$7.96	\$21.50	55% ↑	\$7.96	\$21.50	55% ↑	40
Statewide	\$10.77	\$29.07	\$6.87	\$18.55	57% ↑	\$7.89	\$21.30	37% ↑	94
<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	\$15.03	\$40.57	\$13.54	\$36.55	11% ↑	**	**	** ↓	8
Southeast TX	\$13.66	\$36.89	\$14.89	\$40.22	-8% ↓	\$13.45	\$36.33	2% ↑	6
Statewide	\$14.34	\$38.72	\$14.09	\$38.05	2% ↑	\$13.50	\$36.45	6% ↑	14
<b>HARDWOOD</b>									
<b>Mixed Sawtimber</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	\$34.42	\$309.77	\$30.05	\$270.47	15% ↑	\$31.42	\$282.77	10% ↑	3
Southeast TX	**	**	\$31.74	\$285.64	**	\$29.94	\$269.44	**	**
Statewide	\$34.42	\$309.77	\$30.87	\$277.83	11% ↑	\$30.95	\$278.52	11% ↑	3
<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	\$13.39	\$37.50	\$11.09	\$31.05	21% ↑	\$10.46	\$29.30	28% ↑	12
Southeast TX	\$11.79	\$33.02	\$12.08	\$33.81	-2% ↓	\$12.78	\$35.79	-8% ↓	9
Statewide	\$12.77	\$35.77	\$11.44	\$32.03	12% ↑	\$11.51	\$32.23	11% ↑	21

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. \*\* indicates insufficient sales to report price statistics (less than three sales).
4. Prices listed for previous periods may differ from previously published values because additional data were received.
5. Price changes are calculated based on price per ton.
6. Extreme outliers from reported data are detected and removed using statistical methods.

Sawtimber

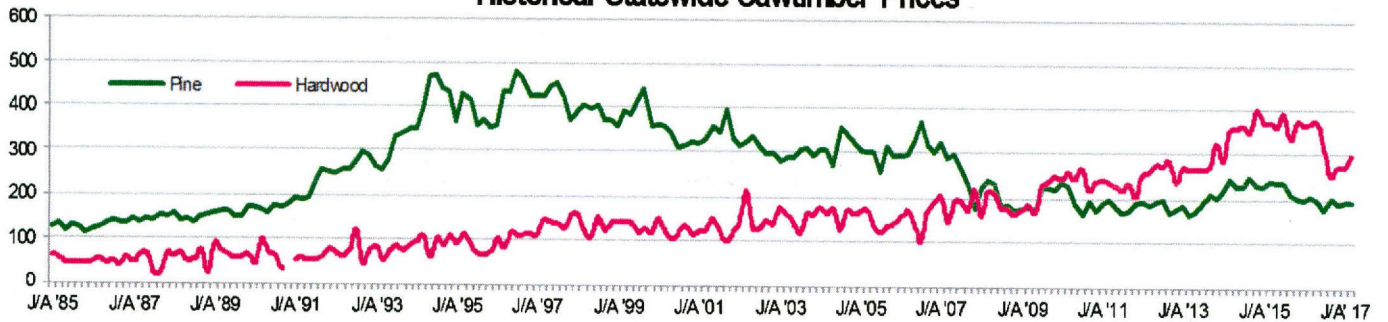


Pulpwood



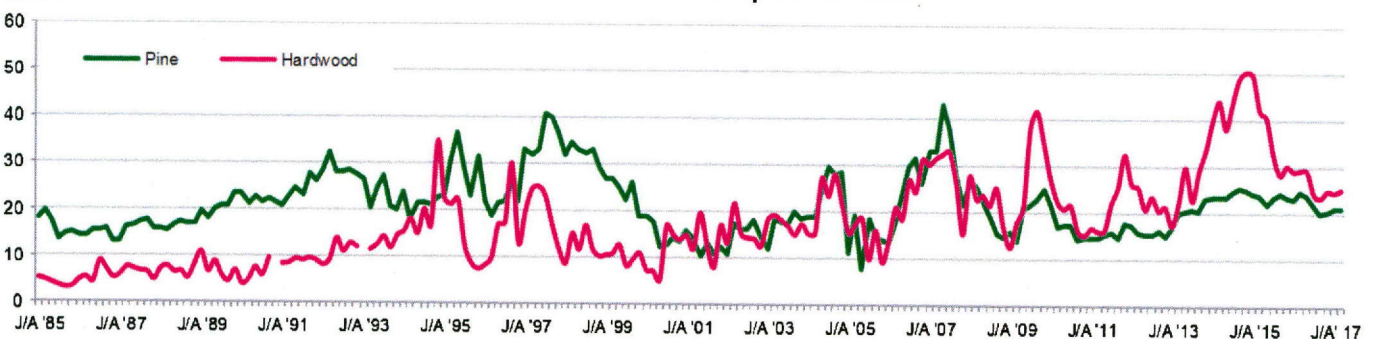
\$/MBF-Doyle

Historical Statewide Sawtimber Prices



\$/cord

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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Individuals interested 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, and financial institutions.

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**

##### **Sawtimber & Chip-N-Saw**

Pine— 8 tons=1 MBF-Doyle

Pine Chip-N-Saw— 2.7 tons= 1 Cord

Hardwood— 9 tons= 1 MBF-Doyle

##### **Pulpwood**

Pine— 2.7 tons=1 Cord

Hardwood— 2.8 tons= 1 Cord

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