



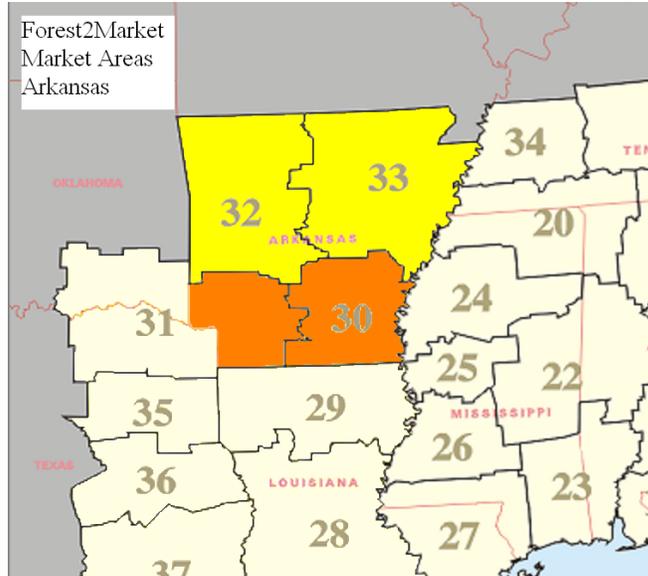
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# Arkansas Timber Report

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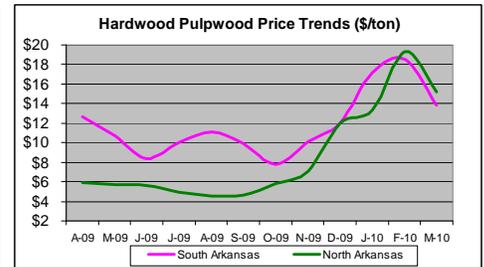
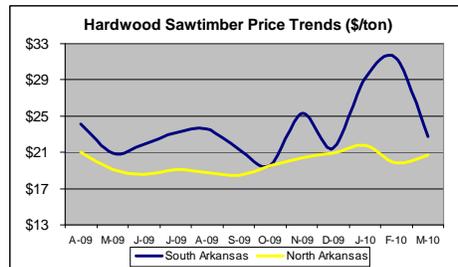
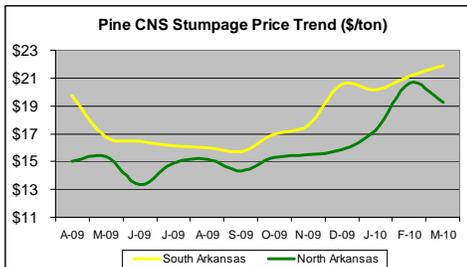
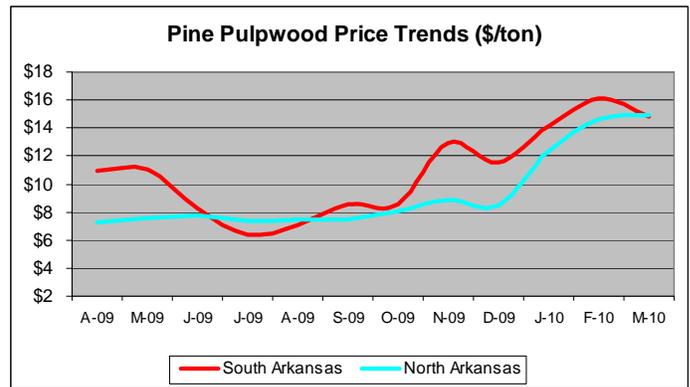
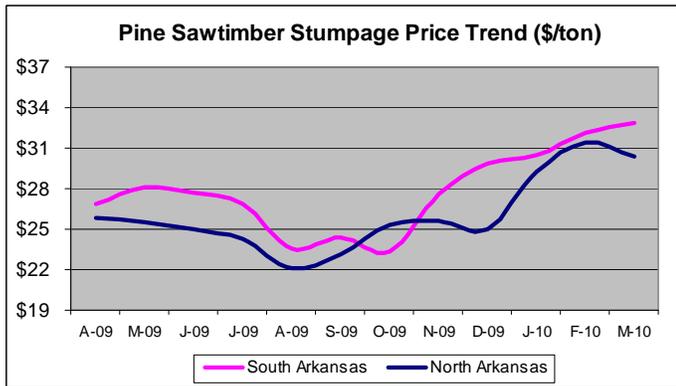
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## ARKANSAS STUMPAGE PRICE TRENDS



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North Arkansas				
Weighted Average Stumpage Prices (\$/ton) 1st Quarter 2010				
Product	Price	DBH	Price Change	Percent Change
Pine Pulpwood	\$ 14.24		\$5.81	68.9%
Pine Chip-n-Saw	\$ 19.29	10.4	\$3.72	23.9%
Pine Sawtimber	\$ 31.21	14.0	\$5.88	23.2%
Hardwood Pulpwood	\$ 16.98		\$8.69	104.8%
Hardwood Sawtimber	\$ 20.78		\$0.51	2.5%

South Arkansas				
Weighted Average Stumpage Prices (\$/ton) 1st Quarter 2010				
Product	Price	DBH	Price Change	Percent Change
Pine Pulpwood	\$ 15.25		\$3.43	29.0%
Pine Chip-n-Saw	\$ 21.27	10.9	\$2.86	15.5%
Pine Sawtimber	\$ 32.10	15.9	\$4.13	14.8%
Hardwood Pulpwood	\$ 17.73		\$6.87	63.2%
Hardwood Sawtimber	\$ 27.72		\$2.47	9.8%

## U.S. SOUTH TIMBER MARKET OUTLOOK

### PINE SAWTIMBER PRICES - U.S. SOUTH

Sawtimber prices continue to show signs of strength.

- Despite a two-week period in mid-March when lumber prices fell, the following two-week period reversed trend. The composite price for Southern Yellow Pine for the week of April 1 was more than \$340/mbf.
- Increases in the National Association of Realtors Pending Home Sales Index (+8.2 percent) and in the Mortgage Bankers Association's Mortgage Application Survey (+1.3 percent) suggest the homebuyer tax credits are having the desired effect on the housing market. Whether this trend will continue will depend upon whether the tax credit is extended beyond its April 30 contract/June 30 close deadline.

We continue to expect slow, steady growth in sawtimber prices throughout 2010.

### PULPWOOD PRICES

We anticipate that pulpwood prices—especially hardwoods—will continue to be strong for the short-term. In the first quarter of 2010, we saw record prices in some areas, as growth in GDP strengthened paper demand at the same time wet weather impeded harvests in some areas. The combination of these two events forced mills to pay higher stumpage prices.

Trends in pulpwood prices show that a new level has been set in the US South, which indicates prices are unlikely to fall back to the lows experienced in early 2009.