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SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY MARKET - QUARTERLY UPDATE

3rd QUARTER, 2018

SC Sawtimber and Pulpwood Stumpage Price Trends

South Carolina statewide pine sawtimber prices, on average, were \$24.64/ton in the third quarter, 2018. The sawtimber prices were down slightly from the previous quarter prices, and were down 2.9% from the prices this time in the previous year. South Carolina statewide mixed hardwood sawtimber prices, on average, were \$28.36/ton in the third quarter. The hardwood prices increased 3.4% as compared to the prices in the last quarter, but the overall prices were down 2.9% from the prices this time in the previous year.

South Carolina statewide pine pulpwood prices, on average, were about \$10.20/ton in the third quarter, 2018. The pine pulpwood prices were down 4.2% as compared to the last quarter prices, but the overall price decline was 2.3% as compared to the prices this time last year. The statewide hardwood pulpwood prices, on average, were \$7.82/ton in this quarter. The hardwood pulpwood prices decreased 4.4% in this quarter, but the overall price decline was 4.8% as compared to the prices this time last year. It is important to note that price trends in local markets could vary significantly depending on factors such as:

- size and species composition,
- quality of timber,
- total acre and volume,
- logging operability,
- distance from mills, and
- current market condition.

Price Conversions

- Pine sawtimber/MBF= Tons*7.5
Hardwood sawtimber/MBF = Tons*8.75
- CNS and pine pulpwood/cords=
Tons*2.68
Hardwood pulpwood/cords = Tons*2.90

The timber and pulpwood price data included in this newsletter are published with permission from TimberMart-South, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia, Athens GA 30602 and email, tmart@uga.edu.

Timber as a Commodity

- Pulpwood: 6-9" DBH. Pulpwood trees are chipped into small pieces, chemically treated, and made into paper.
- Chip-n-saw: 10-13" DBH. By using a combination of techniques, these mid-sized trees produce chips for pulpwood as well as small dimension lumber.
- Sawtimber: 14"+ DBH. Trees are cut into lumber. Waste material is converted into chips for fuel or paper production. Visit SCFC website for more information.

Extension Specialist Joins the Clemson Extension Team

Dr. David Coyle recently joined the Clemson Forestry and Environmental Conservation faculty as an Extension Specialist in forest health and invasive species. Dave brings his 22+ years of experience from the University of Georgia, where most recently he developed and operated a regional forest health and invasive species program which served the needs of forestry professionals across the 13-state southeastern region. Dave can be reached at dcoyle@clemson.edu or 864-656-9766. Dave maintains an active social media presence as @drdavecoyle on Twitter and Instagram, and serves as an expert diagnostician for the Southern Forest and Tree Health Diagnostics Facebook page



(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SouthernTreeHealthDiagnostics/>), a free, open page where anyone can post pictures of their forest or tree health issue and experts will help determine what the problem is and make recommendations as to proper management tactics. Dave's regional forest health and invasive species Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/southernforesthealth/>. Welcome to the team, Dave!

News Section

➤ Forest Industry News:

- Ridgeland Pellet Co., LLC plans to launch new manufacturing operations in Jasper County. The company's \$8.1 million investment is projected to create 27 new jobs over the next five years.
- Resolute Forest Products Inc. announced that it has entered into a definitive asset purchase agreement with New-Indy Containerboard, LLC for the sale of its Catawba, South Carolina, paper and pulp mill, for a total purchase price of about \$300 million.
- On October 8, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order 2018-47 which extends the waiver for truck weight limits up to 90,000 pounds for 120 days in response to Hurricane Florence.
- Governor McMaster signed House Bill 4727 that permanently reauthorized the Conservation Bank in South Carolina.

➤ Forestry Association of South Carolina

- Annual convention (November 7-9, 2018) at Hilton Head Island, SC.
- The next meeting of the Darlington-Florence Forest Landowners will be a tour of Domtar Paper at their Bennettsville mill on Monday, November 19th at 10 a.m. Domtar will provide lunch following the tour.
- NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK! Oct. 21-27, 2018. It was established in 1960 and begins every year on the third Sunday of October.

- **SC Arbor Day Celebration.** Friday, December 7, 2018 at Clemson, SC. South Carolina's General Assembly created the state's Arbor Day in 1934 and set it on the first Friday of December. December is the real start of the planting season in South Carolina's subtropical climate.

Update on the emerald ash borer in South Carolina

- Dr. David Coyle

Just over a year ago, in August 2017, the emerald ash borer was found in South Carolina. In addition to being present throughout Eastern North America, this invasive species has been found in three Upstate counties. There appears to be little stopping further expansion of this pest's range. High-value ash tree on your property? You can save it! Chemical injection treatment of individual trees is effective and getting more economically reasonable all the time (emamectin benzoate, an often-used active ingredient, can provide up to three years' of treatment). Have ash trees you wish to harvest? Provided the logs stay within the quarantine zone, which includes all of South Carolina as well as Georgia, North Carolina, and eastern Tennessee (the blue line in the map; source:



https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/downloads/MultiState.pdf), you can move wood can move freely within this boundary. For more information on the emerald ash borer in South Carolina, contact Clemson Regulatory Services (<https://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/index.html>).

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