

Average sawlog prices were up for mid to lower grade logs and while high-quality logs largely trended downward across species. Mixed hardwoods (beech, sycamore, etc.) fared better across the higher log grades. Hickory and mixed hardwoods showed increases across grades. Nationally, railties, crane mats, and board road have played a key role in industry sales, and industrial forest products demand is expected to remain high. Dry conditions were influencing log supplies and prices. Ash sawlogs indicated a balanced supply and demand. White oak log exports are faring well regionally and here in Ohio, as are lumber and veneer sales. Walnut, white oak, and red oak saw small decreases in stumpage prices across the state. Basswood, mixed hardwoods, and soft maple prices experienced the largest statewide increases. Stumpage reports for the West and Southeast should be viewed cautiously this reporting period. Seasonally-adjusted sales of new, single-family homes are higher than at any point in 2011. The consumer confidence index has slipped 15% since February - Eric McConnell, Ph.D., OSU Extension

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Comparison of Prices Paid for Ohio SAWLOGS by Region, Doyle Scale -- SEPT-NOV 2011 (FALL) TO MAR-MAY 2012 (SPRING)

Species--Grade	No. Rptg.	MARCH-MAY 2012 Range	Mean		Median		% Change		
			FAL 11	SPR 12	FAL 11	SPR 12	Mean	Median	
----- (\$ / thousand board feet) -----									
Walnut									
Prime	5	1000-1200	1400	1050	1500	1000	-25	-33	
No. 1 common	5	700-1000	915	875	950	900	-4	-5	
No. 2 common	5	300-800	558	588	500	625	5	25	
Blocking	4	150-350	290	233	250	200	-20	-20	
All grades	9	700-1500	1003	981	1000	925	-2	-8	
White Oak									
Prime	5	450-800	786	588	800	550	-25	-31	
No. 1 common	5	350-600	503	425	400	375	-16	-6	
No. 2 common	5	250-400	337	325	338	325	-4	-4	
Blocking	5	150-300	215	218	200	210	1	5	
All grades	9	400-1000	504	550	500	475	9	-5	
Red Oak									
Prime	5	400-800	620	550	600	500	-11	-17	
No. 1 common	5	300-600	413	400	390	350	-3	-10	
No. 2 common	5	200-400	286	313	300	325	9	8	
Blocking	5	150-300	196	218	190	210	11	11	
All grades	9	350-1000	409	497	400	450	22	13	
Cherry									
Prime	5	500-800	800	600	800	600	-25	-25	
No. 1 common	5	350-600	544	413	500	350	-24	-30	
No. 2 common	5	200-400	311	325	300	350	5	17	
Blocking	5	150-300	201	218	200	220	8	10	
All grades	5	400-1000	529	606	500	600	15	20	
Hard Maple									
Prime	5	500-800	683	600	650	550	-12	-15	
No. 1 common	5	300-600	437	400	400	350	-8	-13	
No. 2 common	5	200-400	297	313	350	325	5	-7	
Blocking	5	150-300	201	218	200	210	8	5	
All grades	9	400-1000	508	613	500	600	21	20	
Soft Maple									
Prime	5	350-500	439	413	500	400	-6	-20	
No. 1 common	5	250-400	295	338	300	350	15	17	
No. 2 common	5	200-350	229	268	235	260	17	11	
Blocking	5	150-300	196	205	190	185	5	-3	
All grades	9	200-600	302	384	300	353	27	18	
Ash									
Prime	5	300-700	478	470	500	400	-2	-20	
No. 1 common	5	200-500	330	350	350	350	6	0	
No. 2 common	5	175-350	250	259	250	250	4	0	
Blocking	5	150-250	213	200	200	200	-6	0	
All grades	10	350-600	403	452	400	463	12	16	
Yellow Poplar									
Prime	5	300-500	400	388	400	375	-3	-6	
No. 1 common	5	250-500	279	313	255	300	12	18	
No. 2 common	5	200-400	197	268	195	235	36	21	
Blocking	4	150-220	189	173	180	150	-8	-17	
All grades	9	150-500	289	360	280	363	25	30	
Basswood									
Prime	4	200-220	321	207	325	200	-36	-38	
No. 1 common	4	200-220	208	207	200	200	0	0	
No. 2 common	4	200-220	191	207	193	200	8	4	
Blocking	4	150-220	184	173	160	150	-6	-6	
All grades	7	100-350	220	242	200	250	10	25	
Hickory									
Prime	5	350-600	372	413	400	350	11	-13	
No. 1 common	5	250-400	281	313	275	300	11	9	
No. 2 common	5	200-400	236	288	200	275	22	38	
Blocking	5	150-300	197	218	200	210	11	5	
All grades	9	200-600	317	353	305	325	11	7	

Pine									
Prime	3	200-300	175	240	175	220	37	26	
No. 1 common	3	200-300	175	240	175	220	37	26	
No. 2 common	3	200-300	175	240	175	220	37	26	
Blocking	3	200-220	200	207	200	200	4	0	
All grades	4	200-300	220	230	220	210	5	-5	
Other									
Prime	5	150-300	175	218	175	210	25	20	
No. 1 common	5	150-300	157	218	150	210	39	40	
No. 2 common	5	150-300	133	218	150	210	64	40	
Blocking	5	150-300	186	218	150	210	17	40	
All grades	8	150-300	196	229	200	200	17	0	

Comparison of Prices Paid for Ohio STUMPAGE by Region, Doyle Scale -- SEPT-NOV 2011 (FALL) TO MAR-MAY 2012 (SPRING)

Species--Region	No. Rptg.	MARCH-MAY 2012 Range	MEAN		MEDIAN		% Change	
			FAL 11	SPR 12	FAL 11	SPR 12	Mean	Median

----- (\$ / thousand board feet) -----

Walnut									
West	1	1200-1200	1258	1200	1250	1200	-5	-4	
Northeast	9	500-1500	961	883	1000	800	-8	-20	
Southeast	2	600-1200	783	900	750	900	15	20	
State	12	500-1500	995	913	1000	825	-8	-18	
White Oak									
West	1	350-350	617	350	575	350	-43	-39	
Northeast	9	250-550	410	414	400	400	1	0	
Southeast	2	400-600	343	500	300	500	46	67	
State	12	250-600	443	423	400	400	-5	0	
Red Oak									
West	1	350-350	488	350	500	350	-28	-30	
Northeast	9	250-400	355	339	338	350	-5	4	
Southeast	2	300-600	293	450	250	450	54	80	
State	12	250-600	371	358	325	350	-4	8	
Cherry									
West	1	600-600	508	600	500	400	18	-20	
Northeast	9	200-800	500	413	500	400	-17	-20	
Southeast	2	400-800	357	600	300	600	68	100	
State	12	200-800	459	460	500	400	0	-20	
Hard Maple									
West	1	400-400	533	400	575	400	-25	-30	
Northeast	9	200-500	384	344	400	350	-10	-13	
Southeast	2	350-800	277	575	295	575	108	95	
State	12	200-800	390	388	350	375	-1	7	
Soft Maple									
West	1	350-350	225	350	225	350	56	56	
Northeast	9	150-300	232	229	250	250	-1	0	
Southeast	2	200-600	218	400	195	400	83	105	
State	12	150-600	226	268	200	250	19	25	
Ash									
West	1	300-300	326	300	300	300	-8	0	
Northeast	9	200-400	257	287	275	275	12	0	
Southeast	2	200-600	257	400	200	400	56	100	
State	12	200-600	276	307	275	288	11	5	
Yellow Poplar									
West	1	250-250	263	250	263	250	-5	-5	
Northeast	9	100-300	176	208	160	200	18	25	
Southeast	2	150-500	183	325	130	325	78	150	
State	12	100-500	200	231	178	200	16	12	
Basswood									
West	1	100-100	163	100	150	100	-39	-33	
Northeast	8	50-200	175	149	100	160	-15	60	
Southeast	2	50-400	131	225	110	225	72	105	
State	11	50-400	156	231	120	150	48	25	
Hickory									
West	1	200-200	217	200	225	200	-8	-11	
Northeast	9	125-300	223	195	200	200	-13	0	
Southeast	2	150-550	203	350	150	350	72	133	
State	12	125-550	215	221	200	200	3	0	
Pine									
West	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Northeast	2	50-200	100	125	100	125	25	25	
Southeast	1	320-320	155	320	155	320	106	106	
State	4	50-220	128	128	120	120	0	0	
Other									
West	1	75-75	112	75	100	75	-33	-25	
Northeast	7	50-200	114	126	100	140	11	40	
Southeast	2	50-320	86	185	80	185	115	131	
State	10	50-320	109	133	100	115	22	15	