

THE STAR MARKET REPORT

BUILDING MATERIAL MARKET REVIEW - APRIL 2020

Although the market has firmed up on some commodity items and there have been some supply pinches on products due to production curtailments, a cautious tone exists in the market as purchasers are not wanting to speculate too far ahead. Many can see the light at the end of the tunnel in getting past the challenges of the pandemic but the problem is we are still in the tunnel.

LUMBER/PLYWOOD/OSB

Due to mill curtailments and buy-in from the offshore markets, framing lumber found some footing over the past few weeks. 2x4 Pricing went from lows of the low \$400/M to settling in the \$440/M-\$450/M, with availability tightening up.

Plywood leveled off last week, but with some production scheduled to come back online in May, it doesn't seem to have any upward momentum.

OSB is still struggling to find a bottom and pricing continues its downward trend. As of now, there have been no announcements of any curtailments from the Western OSB mills.

ENGINEERED WOOD PRODUCTS

We are beginning to seeing production outpace demand. Inventory levels on joists and beams remain in good balance.

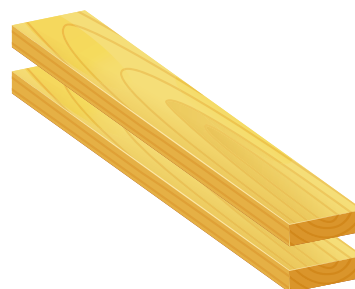
We have had no supply issues to date despite our supplier Boise Cascade reporting a production curtailment.

FINISHING PRODUCTS

Potential supply chain disruptions that were mentioned last month have become a reality.

Weiser's production facility in the Philippines has extended its shutdown for two more weeks. Once they get back up and running they estimate it will take 3-4 months for their supply chain to normalize once again.

Due to the weak Canadian dollar, we are beginning to see price increase notifications from some suppliers. Most of these do not come into effect until June/July as suppliers try to balance the increases with the reality of the pandemic.



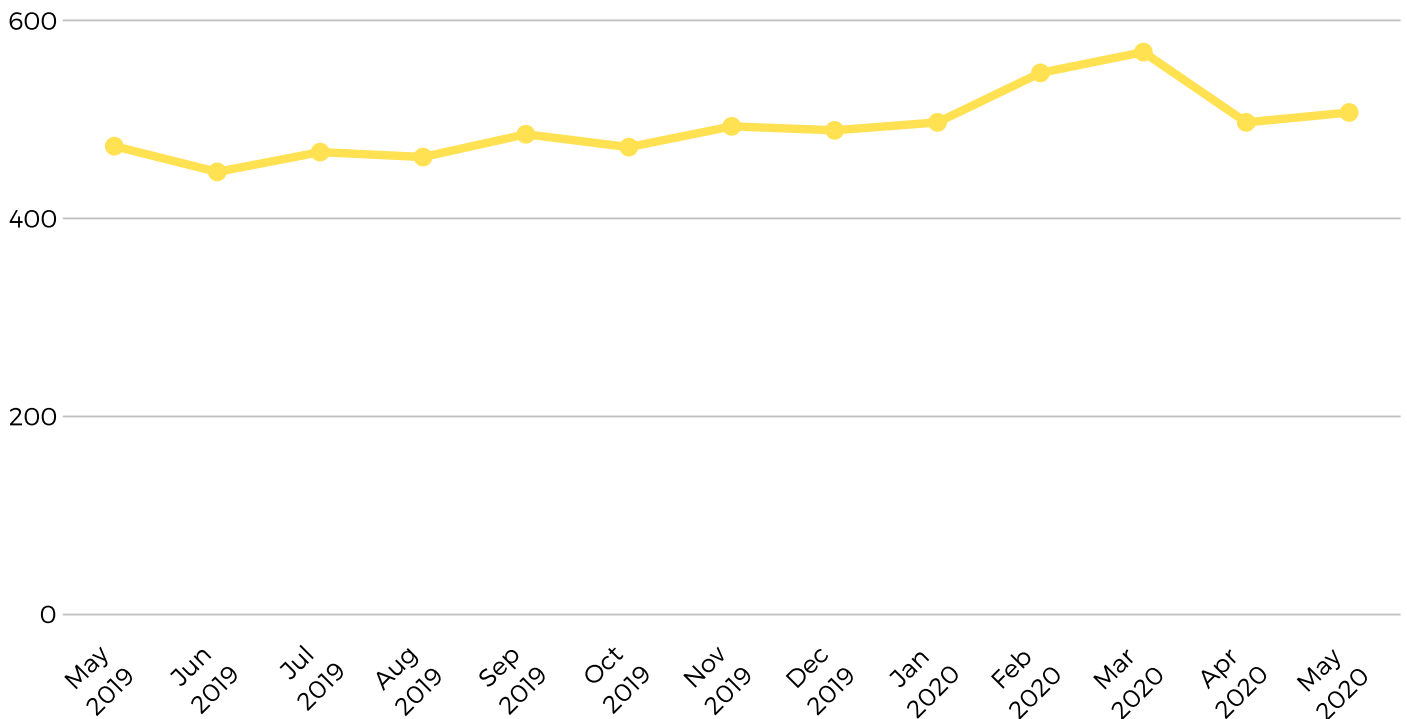
FRAMING LUMBER COMPOSITE PRICE

MAY 1, 2020 LUMBER MARKET REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Framing lumber trends showed their strongest weekly gains since the coronavirus pandemic, led by a spike in Southern Pine prices.
- Surging demand from home centres set the stage for the strongest single-week price gains in years across the Southern Pine producing regions.
- Demand overwhelmed supplies decimated by weeks of mill curtailments.

	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO
FRAMING LUMBER COMPOSITE PRICE	\$507	\$497	\$473
2X4 #2&BTR KD WESTERN S-P-F	\$468	\$468	\$435
2X6 #2&BTR KD WESTERN S-P-F	\$409	\$404	\$431
2X4X9' STUDS	\$528	\$527	\$418
2X6X9' STUDS	\$534	\$535	\$501
2X10 #2&BTR KD WESTERN S-P-F	\$594	\$593	\$570

2019- 2020 FRAMING LUMBER COMPOSITE PRICE



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May 4, 2020
Source: Random Lengths Market Report



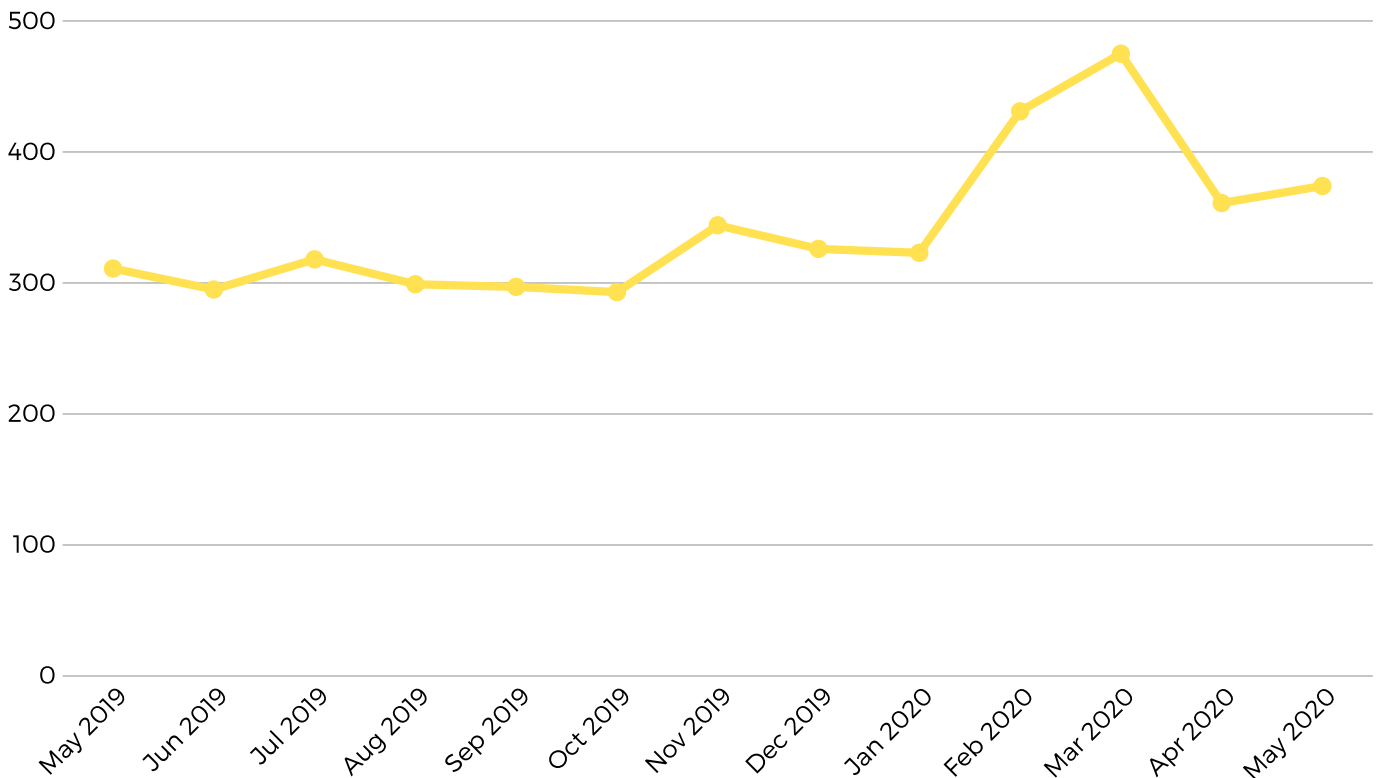
STRUCTURAL PANEL COMPOSITE PRICE

MAY 1, 2020 PANEL MARKET REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Structural panel prices continued to gain ground amid steady trading.
- OSB prices finished higher in most markets across North America, with levels in the North finding a bottom, and in some cases pushing higher.
- Steady sales and tight supplies of Southern Pine plywood supported double-digit price gains in rated sheathing.
- Increased activity allowed western Fir plywood producers to firm quotes.
- Canadian sheathing sales gained momentum after mills saw a bump in activity last week.

	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO
ORIENTED STRAND BOARD COMPOSITE	\$374	\$361	\$307
3/8" 4X8 OSB	\$290	\$285	\$205
23/32" 4X8 OSB T&G	\$525	\$525	\$495
3/8" 4X8 SPRUCE PLYWOOD	\$394	\$386	\$440

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