

2008 1st quarter stumpage survey respondent comments:

Only the strong will survive

Most species still “down”; gas and diesel prices having an effect on what equipment loggers choose to use. Nothing new to report yet. Have 3 more sales about ready for bid out; hoping pine and s. maple markets up at about the same time!

No timber lots purchased at this time.

Buyers predicted volume over-runs on above sales! Sales on 1 & 2 over 300mbf (this is survey #10 – they also marked “none of the above” instead, Research Forester).

Market down, hope they improve soon – no further sales until they do.

If you haven't noticed, there are fewer loggers and many fewer mills, and still fewer markets. Eventually, and not very far off, we'll see a real crisis all across the country, in that, foreign markets and wood suppliers will put us all out of business with their lower cost products, if the do-gooders in the USA don't wake up and realize that as soon as those foreign markets know that they are out sole providers, they'll start raising their prices; and there won't be anything we can do about it. (do-gooders = tree huggers).

Very poor, no purchase of stumpage for the period.

Nothing to report this quarter. Logging is in trouble/mills closing. Hard to sell logs.

White pine price to logger will drop again to compensate for trucking's fuel cost.

Bad

The timber depression continues.....

Another "bubble" has burst! Very slow markets - so it goes-

Terrible! Fuel is so high you can't get trucks from up north...idiots are flooding the market with beer money. Firewood prices! Just when you think it can't get any worse it does! I guess we'll have to shoot more deer and turkey and eat more fish!

Prices are up for quality hardwood.