

Southern New England Stumpage Price Survey

1st quarter 2003

COMMENTS ON MARKET CONDITIONS OR TRENDS:

Market trends look good regarding fuel wood due to labor costs and most certainly insurance costs.

When can hemlock be better utilized as 2 X's?

Looking for market information on Burls, Bird's Eye, furniture and specialty demand.

Firewood from tops more of a clean up job than value added to stumpage w/ pine prices fluctuating.

- Not enough money for bo/wo/soft maple
- Hard wood chip market up but what about the pulp!
- Holding off on marketing low grade Timber until after mud season.
- Prices from bids received 2/20/03. We will not have anymore bid openings before 3/31/03.
- It would be helpful to have a 5 + year chart of stumpage values. Keep up the good work.
- Prices seem stable right now but a major drop is anticipated for this summer.
- Price has been steady all winter thanks to an agreement with a MA saw mill. We are waiting for our government to lift tariffs before dealing with Canadian mills.
- Red oak price rising late March; white pine strong through winter
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