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- postponed sales due to perception of soft market for red oak
- red oak down
- other oaks should be broken out as black oak and scarlet oak. There is a significant price difference
- how can a consultant give prices on mixed woodlots unless of course they receive unit prices?
- \$325/Mbf for beech!!! I think that is a misprint
- Oak market is still soft
- Veneer market steady
- Firewood market strong
- Shortage of loggers; ♦ buyers reporting large backlog of work due to weather
- Oak and ash still down; sugar maple, cherry, ♦ white pine holding; firewood

- obviously moving, re a 22.5% increase in electric heating cost
- Ground conditions quite variable! 3 of my 4 pending cuts will have to be done in summer 06 instead, re no desire to mess up existing ground.

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