The Arkansas Timber Price Report Q2 2026



The Arkansas Timber Price Report is a quarterly report of timber stumpage prices in Arkansas. Survey data for this report are provided by *Timber Mart-South*. The price summary is provided to illustrate current, statewide market trends in timber product values for standing timber. These values may not reflect the stumpage values for a particular tract of timber. Timber prices may vary greatly depending on many factors including location in the state, species, products, access, distance to mills, and site conditions. To download a report, visit https://www.uaex.uada.edu/environment-nature/forestry/timber-price-report.aspx. You can also contact your local county Extension agent. If you have questions about the report, please contact: Dr. Jacob J. Hackman, 501-910-4553, email: jhackman@uada.edu

Table 1: Statewide average stumpage prices ($/ton) for common timber classes across the state of Arkansas.

Arkansas Average v. Last Quarter v. Previous year

Product	Stumpage Prices $/ton				
	Current Quarter	Last Quarter	Change from Previous Quarter	Previous Year Q2 2025	Change from Previous Year | Q2 2025 to Q2 2026
	State Average Q2 2026	**Q12025**	**up/(dn)**	**Q2 2025**	**up/(dn)**
Pine Sawtimber	**$21.52**	**$24.60**	($3.08)	$25.23	($3.71)
Pine Chip-n-Saw	**$12.49**	**$13.90**	($1.41)	$13.25	($0.76)
Pine Pulpwood	**$3.48**	**$3.72**	($0.24)	$4.36	($0.88)
Mixed Hardwood Sawtimber	**$37.30**	**$37.69**	($0.39)	$39.03	($1.73)
Hardwood Pulpwood	**$5.82**	**$7.51**	($1.69)	$6.40	($0.58)

Average Q2 Stumpage Prices since Q1 2021-Q2 2026

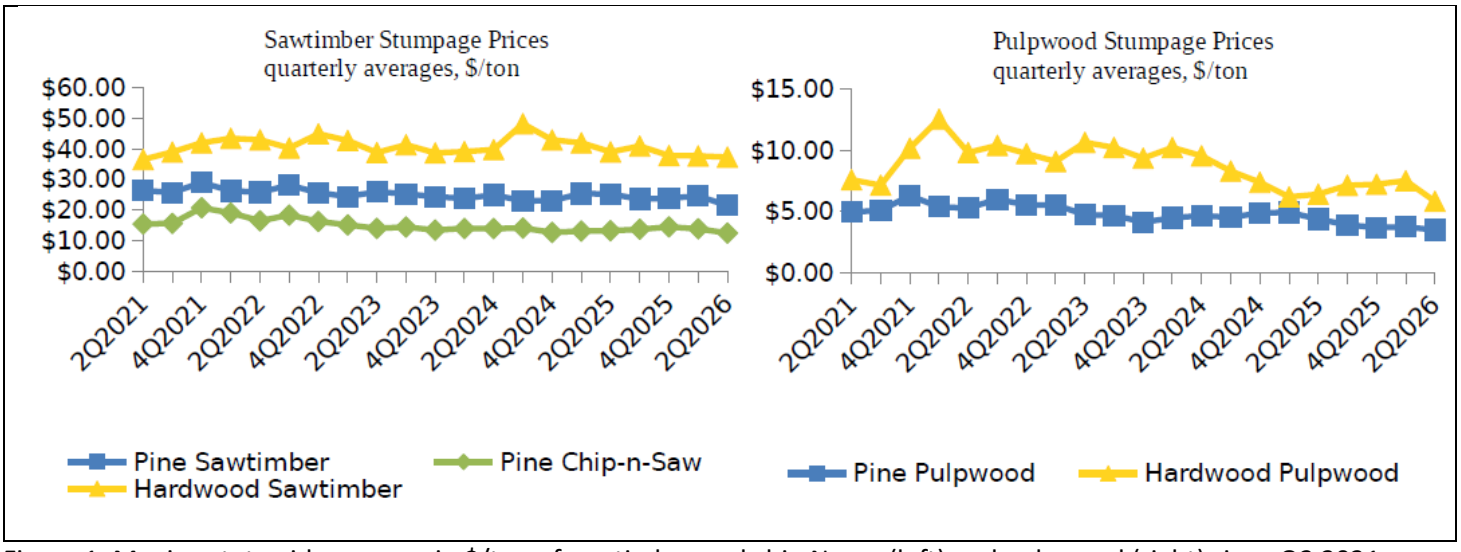


Figure 1: Moving statewide average in $/ton of sawtimber and chip N saw (left) and pulpwood (right) since Q2 2021. (note: these are average values and trends may be different in your area depending on supply and demand)

Arkansas Relevant Q2 2026 news:

Canfor is on track to finish rebuilding its Iron Mountain sawmill in El Dorado AR by the end of 2026.

Clearwater Paper temporarily halved solid bleached sulfate production and laid off employees at its Cypress Bend AR mill amid market oversupply.

Drought continues to play a role in stressing overstocked stands across Arkasnas, decreasing forest health and causing increased likelihood of pest and pathogen damage.

Small landowners across the state are finding it difficult to get their timber thinned, with diesel prices raising operations costs for loggers the sub 100 acre pulpwood stands are not feasible for many loggers to cut with margins so thin.

Alternative thinning methods are being developed by the University of Arkasnas that do not require heavy machinery to thin overstocked stands, however these methods currently have minimal ways of extracting the small diameter timber which could invite more unwanted pests and pathogens in the healthy trees.

Clearwater Paper set to “restructure” it’s bleached sulfate mill in Cypress Bend Arkansas, cutting production by half and reducing salaried operations personnel by 20%. Reason given is oversupply of timber has softened markets pressing margins and cash flow. The mill is expected to return to full production once markets improve.

Suzano’s acquisition of Pactiv Evergreen Paper Mill in Pine Bluff and projected modernization of the mill is expected to improve pine pulpwood production and prices in the area.

Weyerhauser’s new TimberStrand® facility near Monticello and Warren, Arkansas is expected to increase annual production capacity by 10 million cubic feet of wood to produce laminated strand lumber which is expected to alleviate some of the abysmal pulpwood prices for landowners in that area.

Pulp Country Wide Indicators

U.S. paper and paperboard production totaled 15.9 million tons year-to-date through March, based on the latest data from the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA). Output declined by 1.0 million tons (6%) compared with the same period in 2025, reflecting continued softness in production volumes.

Pulp pricing remained on an upward trajectory during the quarter. The Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft (NBSK) pulp index increased to $1,653 per ton in June, up 1% quarter over quarter (+$24) and 5% year over year (+$80). Meanwhile, Bleached Hardwood Kraft Pulp (BHKP) reached $1,399 per ton, representing a 10% quarterly increase (+$124) and a 23% increase from June of the prior year (+$261), highlighting continued strength in hardwood pulp pricing.

Plywood- vs OSB

Panel pricing trends diverged during the quarter, with Southern Pine plywood prices strengthening while Southern OSB prices continued to weaken. As a result, the price spread between the two products widened to a record level, with Southern Pine plywood commanding nearly a $300 per thousand square feet (msf) premium over Southern OSB in June.

According to Random Lengths, the June price for 3/8-inch Southern Pine exterior sheathing plywood increased to $492 per msf, representing a 13% quarter-over-quarter gain (+$55) and a 19% year-over-year increase (+$80). In contrast, the June price for Southern OSB declined to $195 per msf, down 24% from the prior quarter (-$62) and 13% below the same period last year (-$29).

Timber Specifications:

Pulpwood: 6” + DBH
Chip-N-Saw: 8”- 12” DBH
Sawtimber: 12” + DBH
DBH: Diameter Breast height

Timber Conversions:

1 Std. Cord: 128 ft^3 of wood or 8x4x4feet (bark, air, solid wood) ~ 90 ft^3 Bark/wood
1 Std. Cord of Pine: 75 ft^3 (Solid Wood) / 2.124 m^3
1 std. Cord of Mixed Hardwood: 80 ft^3 of (Solid Wood)/ 2.265 m^3
1 cubic meter (m^3) = 35.315 cubic feet (ft^3)
1 short ton (2,000 lb.) of green southern pine, wood & bark, has about 0.822 m^3 of solid wood.
1 short ton (2,000 lb.) of green mixed hardwood, wood & bark, has about 0.787 m^3 of solid wood
1 metric tonne = 1.102 short tons= 2,204 lbs·

Pine Sawtimber and Large Logs: 7.0 Tons per MBF Scribner; 8.0 Tons per MBF Doyle; 5.5 Tons per MBF International
Pine Chip-n-Saw (using log rules): 8.0 Tons per MBF Scribner; 9.975 Tons per MBF Doyle; 6.225 Tons per MBF International
Pine Pulpwood and Chip-n-Saw: 5,350 lbs (Range 5,000-5,620 lbs.) or2.68 Tons per Std.Cord. Ratio of weights between sawtimber & pulpwood is 2.80 cds. to MBF (Scribner).
Hardwood/Oak Sawtimber: 9.0 Tons per MBF Doyle; 8.0 Tons per MBF Scribner; 6.5 Tons per MBF International
Hardwood Pulpwood: 5,800 lbs/Std. Cord or2.90 Tons (Range 5,400-6,075 lbs.) Ratio of weight between sawtimber and pulpwood 3.02 cds. to MBF (Doyle).

Definitions:

MBF: Thousand board feet

MBF Doyle: The formula is: $(D-4)^2 \times (L/16)$, where D is the diameter inside the bark and L is the length in feet. Good for larger trees but loses accuracy the smaller the trees. Expressed in 1,000 board feet Good for early estimations of timber value.

MBF Scribner: The formula is: $(D - 4)^2 \times L / 16$, where D is the diameter inside the bark at the small end of the log and L is the length. Generally a more conservative estimate and good for measuring small/medium size timber. Scribner does not account for taper of trees, underestimating volume of longer logs. Expressed in 1,000 board feet.

MBF International: The formula is: Board Feet (BF) = ((Log Constant * D^2) - (Log Constant * D). Constant values change depending on log length. (see below) Most accurate of the three.

4-foot lengths: $BF = (0.199 * D^2) - (0.642 * D)$
8-foot lengths: $BF = (0.398 * D^2) - (1.086 * D) - 0.271$
12-foot lengths: $BF = (0.597 * D^2) - (1.330 * D) - 0.715$
16-foot lengths: $BF = (0.796 * D^2) - (1.375 * D) - 1.230$
20-foot lengths: $BF = (0.995 * D^2) - (1.221 * D) - 1.71$

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