The Arkansas Timber Price Report Q3 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 Q3 2025	% Change from Previous Year | Q3 2025 to Q3 2026
	State Average Q3 2026	**Q2 2026**	**up/(dn)**	**Q3 2025**	**up/(dn) %**
Pine Sawtimber	**$21.23**	**$21.52**	($0.29)	$23.60	(10.0%)
Oak Sawtimber	**$46.68**	$43.13	($3.55)	$45.87	(5.97%)
Mixed Hardwood Sawtimber	**$34.69**	**$37.30**	($2.61)	$40.93	(15.2%)
Pine Chip-n-Saw	**$12.16**	**$12.49**	($0.33)	$13.74	(11.5%)
Pine Pulpwood	**$3.10**	**$3.48**	($0.38)	$3.89	(20.3%)
Hardwood Pulpwood	**$5.96**	**$5.82**	$0.14	$7.13	(16.4%)

**Oak sawtimber was not included in the Q2 2026 report, so its change from last quarter cannot be calculated. % change from previous year = (Q3 2026 – Q3 2025) ÷ Q3 2025. Source: TimberMart-South, Arkansas Stumpage Prices, 3rd Quarter 2026 and 3rd Quarter 2025.*

Average Stumpage Prices, Q3 2021–Q3 2026

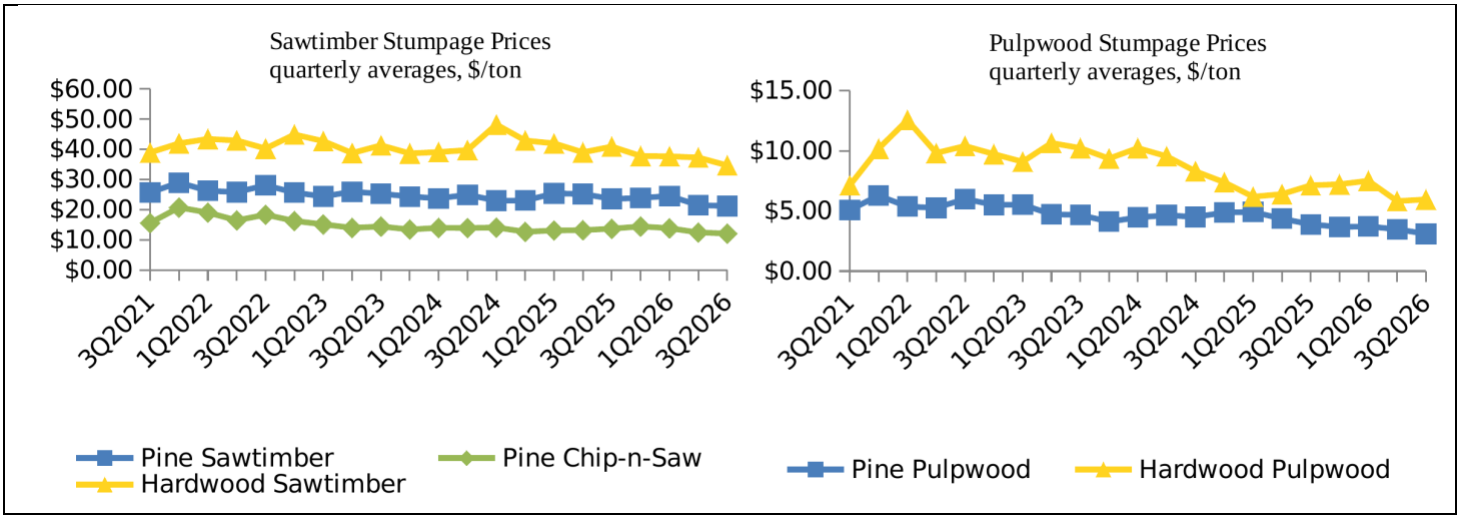


Figure 1: Moving statewide average in $/ton of sawtimber and chip-n-saw (left) and pulpwood (right) since Q3 2021 (Source: TimberMart-South). (Note: these are average values and trends may be different in your area depending on supply and demand)

Arkansas Highlights from the 3Q 2026 TimberMart-South Bulletin

Mill and industry news

- Domtar agreed to pay a $1.5 million civil penalty to settle and resolve alleged Clean Air Act violations at its Ashdown, AR, pulp mill.
- Arauco experienced an explosion and fire at its Malvern, AR, MDF panel mill. No worker injuries were reported.
- Weyerhaeuser is on track to finish construction of its new engineered wood products (EWP) facility in Monticello, AR, in the first half of 2027.

Weather and drought

- Precipitation averaged below normal across most of the South, with the driest conditions in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. Temperatures ran hotter in states west of the Mississippi River, including Arkansas.
- Pockets of severe to extreme drought emerged across Arkansas during the quarter.

How Arkansas compares with the South-wide market

- South-wide pine and hardwood sawtimber stumpage prices rose this quarter (+$0.54 and +$1.11 per ton), but Arkansas prices fell for both (−$0.29 and −$2.61 per ton).
- Arkansas pine stumpage remained below the South-wide averages: pine sawtimber by $2.65 per ton ($21.23 vs. $23.88), pine chip-n-saw by $4.62 ($12.16 vs. $16.78), and pine pulpwood by $2.08 ($3.10 vs. $5.18).
- Arkansas mixed hardwood sawtimber remained above the South-wide average by $3.14 per ton ($34.69 vs. $31.55). Hardwood pulpwood was close to the regional average ($5.96 vs. $6.07).
- The bulletin cites transportation challenges and high diesel prices as limits on timber supply. The September Gulf Coast #2 diesel price was $5.98 per gallon, up 30% from last quarter and 76% from a year earlier. In Arkansas, delivered pine sawtimber prices rose $2.38 per ton while stumpage fell, widening the gap between what mills pay and what landowners receive.

Pulp and Paper Indicators (U.S.)

U.S. paper and paperboard production totaled 32.1 million tons year-to-date through June, the latest data available from the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA). This was down 1.4 million tons (4%) from the same period in 2025.

Pulp prices slipped this quarter after rising in Q2. The September Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft (NBSK) pulp index was $1,625 per ton, down 2% from last quarter (−$28) but up 9% from a year earlier (+$129). Bleached Hardwood Kraft Pulp (BHKP) was $1,323 per ton, down 5% from last quarter (−$76) but up 32% from a year earlier (+$323).

Lumber, Plywood, and OSB

Southern pine lumber prices fell this quarter, while both panel products rose. The September Random Lengths Southern Pine Composite was $429 per thousand board feet (mbf), down 7% from last quarter (−$32) but up 35% from a year earlier (+$111). Southern pine plywood held a premium of nearly $300 per thousand square feet (msf) over Southern OSB, near the record level.

According to Random Lengths, the September price for 3/8-inch Southern Pine exterior sheathing plywood was $494 per msf, up less than 1% from last quarter (+$2) and 36% from a year earlier (+$132). The September Southern OSB price was $215 per msf, up 10% from last quarter (+$20) and 23% from a year earlier (+$40).

Timber Specifications:

Pulpwood: 6” + DBH
Chip-N-Saw: 8”–11” 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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