

# Louisiana Timber Harvest Statistics



2016

The projected Louisiana gross farm value of harvested forest products decreased by 10.96 percent during the 2016 calendar year, ending the year at \$898.125 million in mill-delivered revenue. The pine saw-timber harvest decreased by 14.8 percent from the prior year and posted a total statewide harvest of approximately 798.63 million board feet during 2016. The hardwood saw-timber harvest decreased as well during 2016, a 13.94 percent decrease to 98.8 million board feet. Pine Chip-N-Saw harvested during 2016 totaled 841,458 cords, a decrease of approximately 6.80 percent from 2015 levels. The pulpwood harvest was 5.87 million cords, down 238,777.46 cords (4 percent) from the 2015 harvest. Pine pulpwood harvest increased 1.09 percent, from 5.07 million cords during 2015 to 5.12 million cords in 2016. Hardwood pulpwood harvest decreased by 28.33 percent, from 1.04 million cords in 2015 to 744,462 cords in 2016.

Stumpage prices paid for pine saw-timber during 2016 averaged \$214.50 per thousand board feet. This average represents approximately a 6.64 percent decrease from the previous year (\$229.75 per thousand board feet). Prices paid for mixed hardwood saw-timber during 2016 averaged \$299.75 per thousand, which is a 2.13 percent increase from the previous year (\$293.50 per thousand). Pine Chip-N-Saw averaged \$46.42 per thousand in 2016, which was down \$1.55 from the previous year. In general, delivered prices were down across all three sawtimber class products over the period reported (ranging from 0.5 to 1.9 percent). Pulpwood stumpage prices averaged \$27.45 per cord per for pine, up 1.59 percent from the previous year, while hardwood pulpwood averaged \$34.66 per cord, down 17.13 percent from the previous year's average. As a caution, individual landowners should not look at Timber Mart South Prices as an indication of what they will get for timber sold on their land, but rather as a gauge to judge price trends and directions. Timber owners should contact a consulting forester who can help them best gauge the market for their timber, because the prices received for individual tracts vary considerably, depending on local conditions and specifics of their individual property.

During the year, Louisiana's private forest landowners received an estimated \$404.94 million from the sale of forest timber (stumpage), down 12.98 percent from the \$465.33 million in the previous year. Timber harvesting contractors and their employees earned approximately \$493.19 million from harvesting the trees and moving wood to mills during 2016, a decrease of 7.16 percent, from \$531.17 million in 2015.

As for predictions, it's more of the same from the prior several years. Since it is unlikely that Louisiana will experience the rainfall events as those that hit in 2016, slow, but upward growth in harvesting across all products is expected. However, prices for stumpage products in 2017 will likely be mostly flat, perhaps down slightly. Softwood lumber prices will rise along with pulp prices for the year, so the expectation is that mill profitability will rise, since supply of raw material is abundant. Demand will inch upward for final goods in lumber, plywood and OSB (oriented strand board) products, but landowners and loggers are not likely to see these gains due to increased market power of the mills remaining in the state and continued slack in production capacity.

Those predictions, of course, are contingent on the expected increases in housing starts and a decrease in the percentage of starts that are multifamily dwellings. **Overall, projections are 1.236 million housing starts for 2017.** <https://www.nahb.org/en/research/housing-economics/economic-and-housing-forecasts.aspx> (Click on the first blue link under forecasts). For further predictions and outlook for 2017, please see the forthcoming Timber Market Price Reports document that is available online at the LSU AgCenter website on the "Stumpage Speak" blog <http://www.lsuagcenter.com/portals/blogs/stumpagespeak>, or contact your area forester for a copy. Also, for more details on Timber Harvesting, along with landowner income and delivered income to harvesting operators, please see the forthcoming LSU AgCenter Agricultural Summary 2016 at <http://apps.lsuagcenter.com/agsummary/>.

# 2016 Total Severed Timber

	Saw Timber - Pine	Saw Timber - Hardwood	Saw Timber - Total	Chip & Saw	Pulpwood - Pine	Pulpwood - Hardwood	Pulpwood - Total
Parish	board feet	board feet	board feet	cords	cords	cords	cords
Acadia	938,967	1,473,142	2,412,109	219	2,539	669	3,208
Allen	32,810,820	1,087,942	33,898,762	6,829	176,884	18,394	195,277
Ascension	7,445	190,864	198,309	11	2,614	437	3,051
Assumption	7,632	12,557	20,189	0	32	516	547
Avoyelles	833,333	3,436,321	4,269,654	30	3,674	11,934	15,608
Beauregard	63,199,324	1,681,380	64,880,704	52,840	464,581	26,003	490,584
Bienville	61,785,211	3,143,478	64,928,689	43,869	320,671	38,124	358,794
Bossier	19,215,665	663,562	19,879,228	5,964	84,408	23,545	107,953
Caddo	14,541,217	950,588	15,491,804	1,437	83,953	24,204	108,157
Calcasieu	10,199,178	157,754	10,356,932	6,193	70,057	3,811	73,868
Caldwell	14,164,790	1,221,531	15,386,322	37,918	102,356	15,104	117,460
Cameron	0	123,791	123,791	0	11	11	22
Catahoula	3,753,630	1,823,178	5,576,808	13,510	40,641	9,365	50,006
Claiborne	46,326,217	2,753,609	49,079,825	2,577	212,348	79,532	291,880
Concordia	0	1,656,956	1,656,956	0	1,253	11,261	12,513
De Soto	29,717,838	2,915,803	32,633,641	10,154	228,095	37,454	265,549
East Baton Rouge	1,062,734	456,874	1,519,608	871	1,424	2,721	4,145
East Carroll	0	362,524	362,524	0	22	6,482	6,504
East Feliciana	6,666,014	4,498,926	11,164,940	25,320	62,395	12,148	74,543
Evangeline	10,648,725	1,147,965	11,796,691	445	67,803	4,863	72,666
Franklin	25,004	1,093,193	1,118,197	0	2,079	2,510	4,589
Grant	12,944,616	1,376,589	14,321,205	24,707	125,891	21,131	147,021
Iberia	0	81,445	81,445	11	11	61	71
Iberville	0	2,213,923	2,213,923	0	16	6,524	6,540
Jackson	40,126,243	1,178,219	41,304,462	16,398	183,224	16,432	199,655
Jefferson	96,694	16,105	112,799	0	21	0	21
Jefferson Davis	505,310	107,108	612,418	18	6,696	1,246	7,943
Lafayette	318,796	569,779	888,575	0	190	185	375
Lafourche	10,921	3,747	14,668	0	10	0	10
LaSalle	28,379,370	1,251,752	29,631,122	109,423	247,589	17,206	264,795
Lincoln	27,141,843	518,160	27,660,003	2,497	100,887	12,690	113,578
Livingston	10,660,956	907,995	11,568,951	27,359	43,052	5,654	48,705
Madison	147,468	5,599,570	5,747,038	0	183	18,502	18,685
Morehouse	6,552,239	1,285,661	7,837,900	4,956	47,193	7,388	54,581
Natchitoches	28,748,725	1,933,006	30,681,732	43,222	196,735	28,998	225,733

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Orleans	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Ouachita	15,138,930	1,168,471	16,307,401	13,747	72,219	11,075	83,294
Plaquemines	7,789	0	7,789	11	8	0	8
Pointe Coupee	0	5,991,338	5,991,338	0	24	9,103	9,127
Rapides	37,572,405	2,198,643	39,771,048	13,617	232,101	21,986	254,087
Red River	15,289,923	772,289	16,062,212	30,804	108,760	13,025	121,785
Richland	18,201	1,588,086	1,606,287	0	2,213	6,990	9,203
Sabine	66,517,016	2,409,873	68,926,889	30,157	299,046	29,967	329,012
St. Bernard	3,611	0	3,611	0	10	3	13
St. Charles	0	0	0	13	64	0	64
St. Helena	19,190,463	553,218	19,743,681	57,521	97,581	6,748	104,330
St. James	0	0	0	66	346	47	394
St. John	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Landry	141,599	3,795,416	3,937,015	11	1,910	3,952	5,862
St. Martin	0	438,497	438,497	0	0	369	369
St. Mary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Tammany	1,681,206	121,876	1,803,082	20,706	45,089	698	45,787
Tangipahoa	2,827,933	1,124,498	3,952,431	28,224	65,326	8,211	73,537
Tensas	0	10,449,084	10,449,084	0	52	15,584	15,636
Terrebonne	0	3	3	0	2	0	3
Union	43,510,704	2,319,092	45,829,796	29,652	293,111	23,154	316,265
Vermilion	0	56,036	56,036	0	0	0	0
Vernon	53,503,255	2,101,543	55,604,799	44,635	398,878	31,054	429,932
Washington	7,821,623	357,722	8,179,345	38,072	177,990	4,370	182,360
Webster	22,025,509	1,000,241	23,025,749	3,723	110,595	36,000	146,595
West Baton Rouge	0	1,619,935	1,619,935	0	1,346	180	1,527
West Carroll	166,574	189,855	356,429	49	6,751	2,311	9,062
West Feliciana	2,476,243	6,988,054	9,464,297	1,473	19,176	12,437	31,613
Winn	39,199,806	5,665,633	44,865,439	92,197	311,012	42,084	353,096
Totals	798,629,715	98,804,401	897,434,116	841,458	5,123,150	744,462	5,867,613

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