

# TENNESSEE FOREST PRODUCTS BULLETIN



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***A CONDENSED REPORT ON FOREST PRODUCTS, PRICES, SPECIFICATIONS,  
EQUIPMENT, UTILIZATION NEWS, ETC.***

## MARKET REPORT

Unfortunately most of the market news is not very positive. After a pickup in prices this spring and a slowdown this summer, the lumber market has turned ugly for poplar and red oak. One mill said the only species they can make money cutting are walnut and hickory !! Many mills have a good log supply and are running at least a 40 hour week. The lumber pipeline is full and so the prices are falling. It could be a difficult winter for sawmills. Ties continue to be in demand. The pulpwood markets are full and have most suppliers on a quota but have not really lowered their prices.

When will it improve ?? It sure does not look to be anytime soon for our industry. Housing starts will have to improve before there will be any real improvement in the market for hardwood lumber. What will it take for that to happen ?? Getting our financial problems behind us, stop spending money we don't have, restoring confidence in our economy and creating more private sector jobs and reducing the price of houses that have gotten too high are some of the things that might help. These are all possible contributing factors and we will have to see how the new congress faces some of these tough issues.

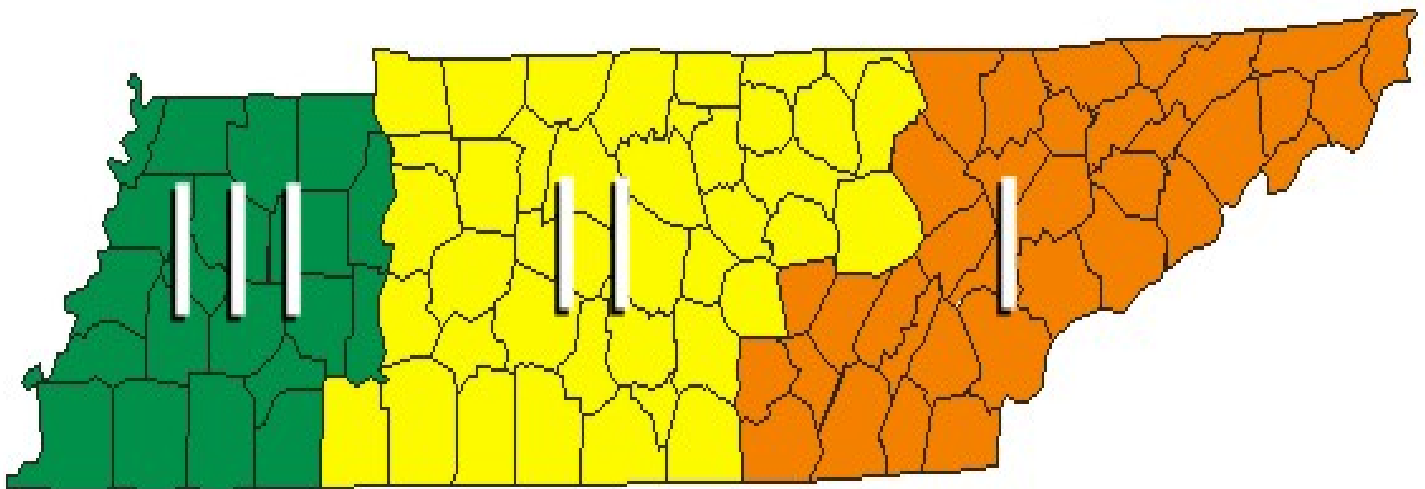
There is a new danger for our Tennessee walnut that has been found in East Tennessee; it is the Thousand Cankers Disease. It is a fungus carried by a twig beetle that slowly kills the walnut tree. A link to the Department of Agriculture website is show below where much more information is available. <http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/regulatory/tcd.html> I have also attached the rules for helping contain the disease and the insect below. I hope everyone in the industry is aware of the dangers and risks and will help do everything possible to contain the spread of the Thousand Cankers Disease.

# DELIVERED FOREST PRODUCT PRICES

| <u>PRODUCT</u>                                                                                                             | <u>SPECIFICATIONS</u>                                                                                                                | <u>PRICES</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <u>REGION</u>                                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Cedar Logs</b>                                                                                                          | Length-6' to 12' and min<br>DIB 4" at small end                                                                                      | \$71.00/ton (also \$370/<br>MBF Cedar 2/3 Rule)<br><b>Market poor.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | Region II                                                                                                   |
| <b>Crossties</b>                                                                                                           | 7" X 9" X 8' 6"<br>7" X 8" X 8' 6"<br>6" X 8" X 8' 6"                                                                                | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div> <u>Oak</u><br/> Grade 5: <b>\$22.50+</b><br/> Grade 4: \$16<br/> Grade 3: \$13<br/> <b>Need ties.</b> </div> <div> <u>Mixed<br/>Hdwd</u><br/> <b>\$22.50+</b><br/> \$16<br/> \$13 </div> </div> | Region I, II, & III                                                                                         |
| <b>Hickory Handle<br/>Logs</b>                                                                                             | Each mill will have their own<br>requirements Better/different<br>than Hickory sawlogs on page 4<br><b>Added mills 2010.1</b>        | Grade 1: \$475/MBF Doyle<br>Grade 2: \$400/MBF Doyle<br>Grade 3: \$300/MBF Doyle<br><b>Need some logs.</b>                                                                                                                                                        | Region I, II, & III                                                                                         |
| <b>White Oak<br/>Stave Logs</b>                                                                                            | White Oak-Length: 8 ½ ' min<br>and add on 2' increments (allow 1<br>knot per 3' of<br>length", and min. DIB 12"<br>at small end      | Grade 1: \$750/MBF Doyle<br>Grade 2: \$600/MBF Doyle<br>Grade 3: \$500/MBF Doyle                                                                                                                                                                                  | Region I, II, & III                                                                                         |
| <b>Paulownia Logs</b>                                                                                                      | Min. length 8' and<br>Min. DIB 8" at small end (Must be<br>slow grown – prefer 8-10 growth<br>rings per inch)<br>season Oct to April | \$1,000.00 to<br>\$3,000.00/MBF Doyle<br>(Depending on grade)<br><b>Market poor, but buying.</b>                                                                                                                                                                  | Region I, II, & III                                                                                         |
| <b>NOTE:</b> Information<br>is taken from a<br>survey of randomly<br>selected<br>wood-using<br>industries in<br>Tennessee. | Specifications vary with industries                                                                                                  | All prices are regional<br>averages and are delivered<br>prices per MBF Doyle unless<br>otherwise indicated. They<br>are subject to change and will<br>vary locally. ("+" indicates an<br>increase since our last<br>bulletin; "-" indicates a<br>decrease).      | Region I-East Tennessee;<br>Region II-Middle Tennessee;<br>Region III-West Tennessee<br>(See map on page 4) |

### Delivered Forest Products Prices (cont)

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| <b>Pine Pulpwood</b>     | Pine: Diameter, length, and species may vary with purchasing company. Consult firm first before cutting     | \$22/ton or \$58.85/cord<br>\$26/ton or \$69.55/cord<br>(5350 lbs./ cord) (Gatewood Price)                                                                                         | Region I<br>Region II & III                            |
| <b>Hardwood Pulpwood</b> | Hardwood: Diameter, length, and species may vary with purchasing company. Consult firm first before cutting | \$29.00/ton or \$84.10/cord<br>\$26.50/ton or \$76.85/cord<br>(5800 lbs. cord) (Gatewood Price)                                                                                    | Region I<br>Region II & III                            |
| <b>Softwood Logs</b>     | Length: 8'-16' and min DIB 6" at small end                                                                  | SY Pine: \$175/MBF Doyle<br>White Pine: <b>\$200-/MBF Doyle</b><br>Hemlock: <b>\$175-/MBF Doyle</b><br>SYPine CNS: \$25/ton<br>SYPine Sawlog: \$35/ton<br><b>Market very poor.</b> | Region I & II<br><br>Region II & III<br>(TN locations) |
| <b>Veneer Logs</b>       | Prime logs only (specifications vary with buyer).<br><b>Season: Oct to April</b>                            | Red Oak:<br>\$700-\$1,000/MBF Doyle<br>White Oak:<br>\$800-\$1,500/MBF Doyle<br>Walnut and Cherry:<br>\$700-\$2,000+/MBF Doyle                                                     | Region I, II, & III                                    |



# Product: Hardwood Sawlogs

**Specifications: (Length: 8'-16'; and Min. DIB 8 " at small end) Delivered Prices**

| <b>SPECIES</b>                 | <b>REGION I</b>                                                             | <b>REGION II</b>                                                           | <b>REGION III</b>                                                           |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Red Oak</b>                 | Grade 1: <b>\$670-</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$445-</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$280+</b>  | Grade 1: <b>\$575-</b><br>Grade 2: \$370<br>Grade 3: \$275                 | Grade 1: <b>\$600-</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$420-</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$290+</b>  |
| <b>White Oak</b>               | Grade 1: <b>\$800-</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$475-</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$260-</b>  | Grade 1: \$640<br>Grade 2: \$430<br>Grade 3: \$300                         | Grade 1: <b>\$660-</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$415</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$280+</b>   |
| <b>Ash</b>                     | Grade 1: <b>\$430+</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$305+</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$185+</b>  | Grade 1: \$515<br>Grade 2: \$405<br>Grade 3: \$250                         | Grade 1: \$385<br>Grade 2: \$280<br>Grade 3: \$210                          |
| <b>Yellow Poplar</b>           | Grade 1: <b>\$380-</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$240-</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$160-</b>  | Grade 1: \$415<br>Grade 2: \$300<br>Grade 3: \$215                         | Grade 1: <b>\$320-</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$255-</b><br>Grade 3: \$205          |
| <b>Walnut</b>                  | Grade 1: <b>\$1055+</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$605+</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$375+</b> | Grade 1: \$1375<br>Grade 2: \$525<br>Grade 3: \$345                        | Grade 1: <b>\$1000+</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$400+</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$265+</b> |
| <b>Cherry</b>                  | Grade 1: <b>\$780+</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$440+</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$205+</b>  | Grade 1: <b>\$785-</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$325-</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$245-</b> | Grade 1: \$700<br>Grade 2: \$390<br>Grade 3: \$240                          |
| <b>Hard Maple</b>              | Grade 1: <b>\$615+</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$400+</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$220+</b>  | Grade 1: \$640<br>Grade 2: \$400<br>Grade 3: \$275                         | Grade 1: \$ 0*<br>Grade 2: \$290<br>Grade 3: \$225                          |
| <b>Hickory</b>                 | Grade 1: <b>\$330+</b><br>Grade 2: <b>\$215-</b><br>Grade 3: <b>\$180+</b>  | Grade 1: \$370<br>Grade 2: \$300<br>Grade 3: \$205                         | Grade 1: \$ 0*<br>Grade 2: <b>\$295-</b><br>Grade 3: \$225                  |
| <b>Miscellaneous Hardwoods</b> | Average: <b>\$155-</b>                                                      | Average: \$180                                                             | Average: \$200                                                              |

**\*\*Note:** Prices quoted are per thousand board feet (MBF) Doyle Rule delivered to mill.

\*Not enough data.

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## **Wanted to Buy:**

Loblolly or shortleaf pine for utility poles. 36 foot to 76 foot in length (length is determined by diameter). Roadside pricing.

Call Doug Curry, Bell Timber for specifications and details. 715-418-9333.

Business partner needed in start-up lumber exporting business in Nashville. Contact [stjoeslbr@aol.com](mailto:stjoeslbr@aol.com) or call 615 269 5514.

## **Thousand Cankers Disease Regulations in Plain Language**

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*TCD Quarantine Counties: Anderson, Blount, Knox, and Union Counties*

*TCD Buffer Regulated Counties: Campbell, Claiborne, Grainger, Jefferson, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, and Sevier Counties in Tennessee*

## **Walnut Logs**

### **Walnut Logs in TCD Quarantined Counties**

Walnut logs can move within the TCD quarantined counties without treatment or a compliance agreement as long as the counties are adjacent to each other. *Note – if walnut logs are moved into a quarantined county they must meet the quarantine requirements to move back to a buffer regulated county or into non- regulated areas.*

### **Walnut Logs in TCD Buffer Regulated Counties**

Walnut logs can move within the TCD buffer regulated counties and into TCD quarantined counties without treatment or a compliance agreement as long as the counties are adjacent to each other. *Note – if walnut logs are moved into a quarantined county they must meet the*

*quarantine requirements to move back to a buffer regulated county or into non- regulated areas.*

### **Walnut Logs in Tennessee outside the TCD Quarantined or Buffer regulated Counties**

Walnut logs outside the TCD quarantined or buffer regulated counties can move within and out of the state of Tennessee without treatment or a compliance agreement. *Note - Some states may require a state inspection and phytosanitary certificate (phyto) to enter their state. Check the website or call for current information: <http://nationalplantboard.org> under Summary of Laws and Regulations or call TDA at 615-837-5137*

## **Walnut Lumber**

### **Kiln Dried Walnut Lumber in TCD Quarantined Counties and Buffer Regulated Counties**

Walnut lumber that is kiln dried, square edged and 100 % free of bark is not a regulated item. No compliance agreements are needed.

### **Walnut Lumber in TCD Quarantined Counties and Buffer Regulated Counties**

Walnut logs can be processed into lumber and move within the quarantined counties as long as the counties are adjacent to each other, without the need of a compliance

agreement. Walnut logs can be processed into lumber and move within the buffer regulated counties as long as the counties are adjacent to each other, without the need of a compliance agreement. *Note – if lumber is moved into a quarantined county it must meet the quarantine requirements to move back to a buffer regulated county or into non- regulated areas.*

### **Walnut Lumber moving Outside TCD Quarantined Counties and Buffer Regulated Counties**

Within the state of Tennessee if walnut lumber is to be taken outside of the quarantined or buffer regulated counties it must be square edged and be 100% free of bark and the cambium layer. Green walnut lumber cannot move out of the TCD counties without the mill having a compliance agreement and the shipment moving under certificate. Some states require a state inspection and PHYTO certificate to enter their state. Check the website or call for current information:

<http://www.nationalplantboard.org> under Laws and regulations or call TDA at 615-837-5137.

### **Walnut Lumber in Tennessee outside the TCD Counties moving to other states**

Some states have regulations that require a state inspection and PHYTO certificate to enter their state. For information on requirements of other states check the website: <http://www.nationalplantboard.org> under Laws and regulations or call TDA at 615-837-5137

## **Firewood**

### **Movement of Firewood within the TCD Quarantine Counties**

Hardwood firewood may be moved without treatment only within the TCD quarantined counties as long as the counties are adjacent to each other.

### **Movement of Firewood within the TCD Buffer Regulated Counties**

Hardwood firewood may be moved within the TCD buffer regulated counties as well as TCD quarantined counties without treatment or a compliance agreement as long as the areas are adjacent to each other. *Note – if firewood is*

*moved into a quarantined county it must meet the quarantine requirements to move back to a buffer regulated county or into non- regulated areas.*

### **Movement of Firewood from the TCD Quarantine Counties or Buffer Regulated Counties into non regulated areas**

A company will need a Compliance Agreement that requires a heat treatment for firewood and required safeguarding the firewood from re-infestation or a Firewood Distributor Compliance Agreement to move firewood outside the regulated counties.

## **Hardwood Mulch**

### **Ground Hardwood Mulch in TCD Quarantine Counties**

Chipped mulch may move freely within TCD quarantine counties without a treatment or compliance agreement as long as the counties are adjacent to each other. There is no movement allowed of chipped hardwood mulch outside of the quarantine counties at this time.

### **Ground Hardwood Mulch in Buffer Regulated Counties**

Chipped mulch may move freely within TCD buffer regulated counties and into TCD quarantine counties without treatment or a compliance agreement as long as the counties are adjacent to each other. There is no movement allowed of chipped hardwood mulch into TCD

unregulated counties at this time. *Note – if Mulch is moved into a quarantined county it will not be allowed to move back to a buffer regulated county or into non- regulated areas.*

### **Composted Hardwood Mulch outside Quarantined Counties**

A company will need to enter into a compliance agreement listing the requirements of composting, shipping requirements, and permit issuance and the receiving company will need to have a compliance agreement on how the materials will be treated.

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**Further information and compliance agreements can be obtained by calling:**

