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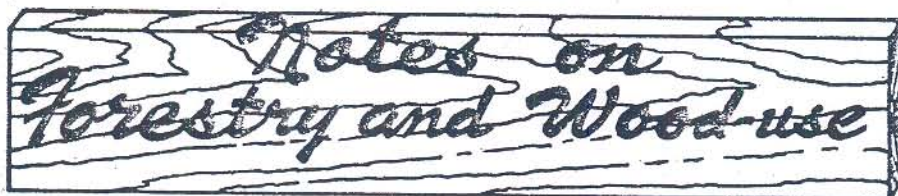
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INDIANA TIMBER PRICE REPORT

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The prices quoted in this report were obtained from the operators of sawmills and other wood-using industries in Indiana and were collected with the assistance of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University. Prices of timber as with any commodity are influenced by supply and demand. In order to keep price reports fairly current, two reports will be issued annually.

Range in prices 1/ per thousand board feet by log scale for saw logs delivered to sawmills in Northern Indiana 2/ as of January 1, 1955.

| Species             | Prime Logs<br>16" diam.<br>90% clear | No. 1 Logs<br>14" and up<br>75% clear | No. 2 Logs<br>10" and up<br>50% clear | No. 3 Logs<br>All other<br>logs |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4 White Ash         | \$50-\$110                           | \$50-\$85                             | \$40-\$65                             | \$20-\$40                       |
| 4 Basswood          | \$60-\$100                           | \$50-\$70                             | \$30-\$50                             | \$20-\$50                       |
| 71 Beech            | \$40-\$65                            | \$30-\$50                             | \$30-\$40                             | \$10-\$20                       |
| 75 Cottonwood       | \$35-\$60                            | \$30-\$50                             | \$20-\$50                             | \$10-\$35                       |
| 42 Cherry           | \$65-\$70                            | \$50-\$70                             | \$30-\$40                             | \$20-\$30                       |
| 50 White Elm        | \$40-\$60                            | \$30-\$50                             | \$25-\$40                             | \$15-\$35                       |
| 46 Shagbark Hickory | \$40-\$55                            | \$35-\$50                             | \$30-\$45                             | \$10-\$35                       |
| 49 Sugar Maple      | \$60-\$120                           | \$50-\$95                             | \$40-\$85                             | \$20-\$35                       |
| 43 Soft Maple       | \$60-\$90                            | \$50-\$75                             | \$40-\$75                             | \$30-\$35                       |
| 27 White Oak        | \$85-\$100                           | \$65-\$80                             | \$40-\$65                             | \$25-\$50                       |
| 35 Red Oak          | \$60-\$90                            | \$55-\$80                             | \$30-\$50                             | \$20-\$45                       |
| 37 Black Oak        | \$40-\$80                            | \$35-\$80                             | \$30-\$45                             | \$20-\$35                       |
| 45 Tulip Poplar     | \$70-\$110                           | \$50-\$95                             | \$40-\$70                             | \$25-\$40                       |
| 70 Sycamore         | \$40-\$70                            | \$35-\$60                             | \$20-\$50                             | \$15-\$40                       |
| 11 Black Walnut     | \$75-\$200                           | \$60-\$150                            | \$45-\$100                            | \$25-\$60                       |

1/ Prices used for saw logs were listed according to the Purdue Saw Log Grades which are described at the end of this report.

2/ For this report a line was drawn across the state extending from Richmond west through Indianapolis to Montezuma. This divides the state into the two areas, Northern and Southern

Range in Prices Paid for Saw Logs Delivered to Southern Indiana Sawmills  
as of  
January 1955

| Species         | Prime Logs<br>16" diam.<br>90% clear | No. 1 Logs<br>14" and up<br>75% clear | No. 2 Logs<br>10" and up<br>50% clear | No. 3 Logs<br>All other<br>logs |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 46 White Ash    | \$50-\$90                            | \$40-\$80                             | \$30-\$57                             | \$20-\$30                       |
| 41 Basswood     | \$60-\$110                           | \$40-\$70                             | \$30-\$50                             | \$20-\$40                       |
| 77 Beech        | \$40-\$60                            | \$40-\$57                             | \$25-\$42                             | \$20-\$27                       |
| 75 Cottonwood   | \$40-\$60                            | \$30-\$50                             | \$25-\$35                             | \$15-\$20                       |
| 42 Cherry       | \$60-\$125                           | \$50-\$100                            | \$40-\$50                             | \$20-\$40                       |
| 56 White Elm    | \$40-\$50                            | \$30-\$50                             | \$25-\$30                             | \$15-\$20                       |
| Shagbark        |                                      |                                       |                                       |                                 |
| Hickory         | \$40-\$60                            | \$40-\$50                             | \$20-\$30                             | \$20-\$30                       |
| 66 Sugar Maple  | \$70-\$100                           | \$55-\$90                             | \$30-\$70                             | \$20-\$35                       |
| 44 Soft Maple   | \$55-\$80                            | \$40-\$60                             | \$30-\$50                             | \$15-\$40                       |
| 43 White Oak    | \$65-\$120                           | \$60-\$100                            | \$40-\$60                             | \$20-\$35                       |
| 22 Red Oak      | \$55-\$100                           | \$50-\$70                             | \$35-\$50                             | \$20-\$45                       |
| 35 Black Oak    | \$50-\$80                            | \$40-\$72                             | \$30-\$57                             | \$20-\$45                       |
| 37 Tulip Poplar | \$70-\$110                           | \$55-\$100                            | \$40-\$70                             | \$30-\$50                       |
| 45 Sycamore     | \$40-\$80                            | \$40-\$60                             | \$20-\$40                             | \$15-\$30                       |
| 76 Black Walnut | \$100-\$250                          | \$60-\$100                            | \$40-\$60                             | \$30-\$60                       |

Range of Delivered Prices for Face Veneer Logs Delivered to Southern Indiana Markets

| Species              | Log Diameter           |             |              |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                      | 18-21                  | 22-23       | 24" and over |
| White Oak - Prime    | \$90-\$200             | \$150-\$250 | \$200-\$350  |
| White Oak - Select   | \$80-\$150             | \$100-\$200 | \$150-\$250  |
| Red Oak - - Prime    | \$60-\$100             | \$ 60-\$100 | \$ 60-\$100  |
| Tulip Poplar - Prime | \$100-\$120            | \$100-\$120 | \$110-\$150  |
| Select               | \$ 80-\$110            | \$100-\$110 | \$100-\$110  |
| Sugar Maple - Prime  | \$100-\$125            | \$100-\$125 | \$100-\$125  |
| Select               | \$ 60-\$100            |             |              |
|                      | 16" - 21" Log Diameter | 21-23       | 24 and over  |
| Black Walnut - Prime | \$150-\$200            | \$200-\$300 | \$250-\$500  |
| Select               | \$100-\$150            | \$150-\$175 | \$175-\$250  |

Specifications and Prices of Pulpwood delivered to Southern Indiana markets, January 1, 1955.

- (1) Unpeeled greenwood - Soft woods mainly and some maple, birch and ash.  
Specifications: Diam. of sticks 3" to 6" - Length 5 feet  
Price \$5.50 per ton delivered (a cord of green bottom land hardwood weighs approximately 2.22 tons on the average)
- (2) Another pulpwood market that takes unpeeled softwoods pays \$12.50 per standard cord (128 cu. ft.) delivered to mill.

Piling

Mixed Hardwood delivered temporary. 20 to 30¢ per lineal foot.

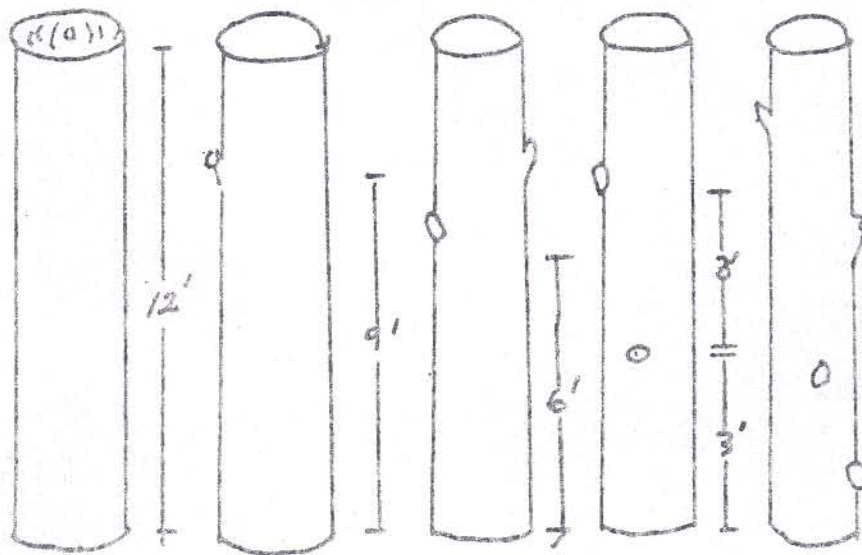
Purdue Saw Log Grades <sup>1/</sup>

Prime - Practically (90 percent) surface clear on three visible faces. (A face is any one-quarter of the surface of a log.) Must be 16 inches or more in diameter inside bark at the small end.

No. 1 - At least three-fourths (75 percent) of the log length on the three visible faces must be surface clear in one section. Must be at least 14 inches in diameter inside bark at the small end.

No. 2 - At least one-half (50 percent) of the log length must be surface clear on the three visible faces in two sections, neither of which can be less than 3 feet long. Must be at least 10 inches in diameter inside bark at the small end.

No. 3 - Will not meet No. 2 specifications.



|           |           |            |       |       |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-------|-------|
| Prime     | No. 1     | No. 2      | No. 2 | No. 3 |
| 16" or    | 14" and   | 10" in     |       |       |
| larger    | larger    | Diameter   |       |       |
| 90% clear | 75% clear | and larger |       |       |
|           |           | 50% clear  |       |       |

<sup>1/</sup> Log quality depends to a large degree on log size, and the number and location of surface defects. A detailed discussion of grading saw-logs is given in Agricultural Extension Bulletin #346 How to Grade Hardwood Saw-logs. This can be obtained from county agents or by writing to the Agricultural Extension Service at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.