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TIMBER CUTTINGS, 1977 AND JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1978, WITH COMPARISONS

Sawtimber cut in Louisiana for the year 1977 totaled 1,305,974,000 board feet. Cuttings were up slightly more than 2 percent over the previous year and 17.4 percent above the 1971-75 average. For the first two months of 1978 sawlog harvest ran about 7 percent below a year ago but 6.8 percent above the previous five-year (1972-1976) average.

The pulpwood cut of 3,221,858 cords in 1977 was 2.9 percent less than in 1976 and 3.8 percent below the previous five-year average. So far this year cuttings are down 10.6 percent from last year and 20.3 percent below the 1972-76 average.

MARKET SUMMARY, FIRST QUARTER, 1978

Stumpage prices paid for pine sawtimber during the first quarter of 1978 averaged $134.75 per thousand board feet. This price is almost 7 percent higher than the previous quarter and more than 17 percent above the state average for the same period a year ago. The hardwood market was strong as most species showed substantial price increases compared with both the previous quarter and January-March 1977 averages.

Pole prices ranged unchanged to 9 percent higher compared with October-December 1977 averages.

Pulpwood stumpage averaged $7.50 and $3.05 for pine and hardwood respectively. Pine stumpage increased by 8 percent while hardwood remained about steady.

Wood Chips averaged $12.40 per ton for pine and $10.35 for hardwood F.O.B. sawmill.

During the January-March quarter, the following U.S.D.A. Forest Service Sales for Kisatchie National Forest were reported. 1/

	SAWLOGS		PULPWOOD	
Specie	MBF 2/	Ave. Price Dollars/MBF	Cords	Ave. Price Dollars/Cord
Syp	15,219	170.45	28,872	13.95
Mx. Hdwd.	887	54.65	3,572	2.40

1/ Does not include salvage and optional sales.

2/ Scribner-Decimal "C" Rule.

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AVERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, JANUARY-MARCH, 1978
WITH COMPARISONS

Forest Service Sales are excluded from the following reported prices

		Area 1 (Dollars)	Area 2 (Dollars)	Area 3 (Dollars)	Area 4 (Dollars)	Area 5 (Dollars)	STATE AVERAGE Jan.-Mar. 1978 (Dollars)	STATE AVERAGE Previous Quarter (Dollars)	STATE AVERAGE Same Period Year Ago (Dollars)
(A) Sawtimber (Stumpage)									
Pine	M.Bd.Ft.	139.85	125.45	132.45	140.00	135.45	134.75	126.10	114.75
Cypress	"	1/	63.00	42.50	41.50	55.75	51.80	44.95	45.10
Oaks	"	36.00	53.35	39.30	42.50	49.45	45.05	40.85	40.85
Gums	"	38.35	47.50	41.45	44.40	46.45	44.90	42.60	39.50
Willow	"	1/	45.00	1/	42.50	44.95	44.30	39.25	36.70
Ash	"	1/	68.00	43.35	50.85	54.40	54.85	50.45	48.30
Cottonwood	"	1/	52.50	1/	42.50	46.80	46.80	41.40	40.90
Mixed Hardwoods	"	40.60	51.25	37.10	42.50	47.60	43.90	42.45	37.65
(B) Sawtimber (Delivered)									
Pine	M.Bd.Ft.	178.45	179.15	179.70	183.10	183.75	180.25	167.40	152.80
Cypress	"	1/	118.00	1/	101.30	135.00	116.10	99.80	97.00
Oaks	"	83.35	104.15	92.50	100.00	108.35	97.80	90.85	92.15
Gums	"	86.25	98.35	95.00	98.75	104.15	97.30	92.60	91.45
Willow	"	1/	101.00	1/	100.00	100.00	99.65	92.50	90.00
Ash	"	1/	126.00	1/	110.00	122.65	119.05	105.15	100.00
Cottonwood	"	1/	110.00	1/	100.00	102.65	103.30	95.75	92.50
Mixed Hardwoods	"	90.00	114.15	90.00	100.00	106.65	99.50	97.75	90.60
Poles, Barky (FOB Plant or Concentration Point - Each -									
30-Ft. Class 5		10.90	1/	10.30	1/	9.60	10.30	9.85	9.30
" Class 6		8.85	1/	8.75	1/	8.20	8.60	8.25	7.65
" Class 7		6.60	1/	6.85	1/	1/	6.50	6.45	5.90
35-Ft. Class 4		15.80	1/	16.60	1/	1/	16.00	15.40	15.40
" Class 5		14.55	1/	14.35	1/	14.50	14.50	13.50	13.45
" Class 6		11.00	1/	11.65	1/	11.35	11.30	10.70	10.40
" Class 7		8.85	1/	1/	1/	1/	8.85	8.55	8.40
40-Ft. Class 2		32.30	1/	1/	1/	1/	30.35	28.40	29.60
" Class 3		25.75	1/	24.30	1/	1/	24.95	23.85	24.50
" Class 4		20.90	1/	20.50	1/	21.20	20.85	19.80	20.35
" Class 5		18.70	1/	18.10	1/	19.15	18.65	17.30	17.60
" Class 6		13.90	1/	1/	1/	1/	13.95	13.55	13.85
45-Ft. Class 2		39.30	1/	35.30	1/	1/	36.50	35.35	34.05
" Class 3		31.20	1/	30.30	1/	28.15	30.00	29.05	29.20
" Class 4		26.55	1/	25.90	1/	25.20	25.95	24.90	25.05
" Class 5		24.10	1/	22.70	1/	1/	23.80	22.35	21.65
50-Ft. Class 2		46.90	1/	43.90	1/	1/	44.70	41.05	42.80
" Class 3		37.10	1/	35.35	1/	34.70	35.85	34.60	33.95
" Class 4		31.75	1/	31.20	1/	1/	31.35	29.95	29.75
55-Ft. Class 2		56.25	1/	51.55	1/	1/	53.80	49.45	50.90
" Class 3		45.75	1/	43.60	1/	43.75	44.35	41.80	42.80
" Class 4		42.00	1/	37.45	1/	1/	39.60	37.45	37.25
60-Ft. Class 2		60.45	1/	58.25	1/	1/	60.90	57.00	59.05
" Class 3		52.95	1/	51.15	1/	54.60	52.90	49.50	51.10
65-Ft. Class 2		75.50	1/	68.15	1/	1/	72.45	66.15	67.40
" Class 3		63.35	1/	58.60	1/	1/	62.50	57.45	59.30
70-Ft. Class 2		82.70	1/	78.25	1/	1/	81.55	75.10	77.55
" Class 3		71.30	1/	66.00	1/	1/	70.25	65.90	68.10
75-Ft. Class 2		93.05	1/	1/	1/	1/	91.25	86.25	85.55
" Class 3		88.35	1/	1/	1/	1/	85.20	78.50	76.90
80-Ft. Class 2		106.15	1/	1/	1/	1/	104.60	99.65	99.10
" Class 3		94.65	1/	1/	1/	1/	92.00	86.60	85.40

:RAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, JANUARY-MARCH, 1978 WITH COMPARISONS

Forest Service Sales are excluded from the following reported prices

Pulpwood, Per Cord:	Area 1 (Dollars)	Area 2 (Dollars)	Area 3 (Dollars)	Area 4 (Dollars)	Area 5 (Dollars)	STATE AVERAGE Jan.-Mar. 1978 (Dollars)	STATE AVERAGE Previous Quarter (Dollars)	Same Period Year Ago (Dollars)
Pine, Stumpage	7.80	7.20	7.80	6.20	7.15	7.50	7.10	6.95
Pine, F.O.B. Car	34.95	1/	32.25	33.90	34.55	34.15	32.30	31.20
Hardwood, Mixed Stumpage	3.10	3.25	2.80	3.25	3.15	3.05	3.00	3.00
Hardwood, Mixed FOB Car	27.90	1/	27.15	29.75	28.25	28.05	27.20	26.65

1/ Insufficient number of quotes to report on area basis but included in Statewide average.

Note: The Doyle log scale is basis for board feet measurement.

Area 1
Area 2
Area 3
Area 4
Area 5