

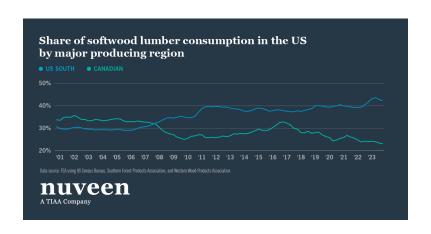
The US South sees steady gains in domestic lumber markets

The US South's share of US softwood lumber consumption reached its highest level in two decades, meanwhile Canada's share has fallen to historic lows. Here we review the shifting dynamics.

Analysis

Between 2000 and 2023, the share of US softwood lumber consumption supplied from Canada fell by about 10% while the US South increased its market share by about the same amount. Today, the South supplies 42% of all lumber consumed in the US and that number is expected to increase as 1.9 billion board feet of additional manufacturing capacity – a 10% increase – is expected in 2024-25.1

The growing manufacturing base in the South is attracted by an expansive area of productive timberland as well as proximity to major demand centers. Timber markets in the region are poised to strengthen with demand from new mills and expansion projects, potentially lifting sawtimber prices and benefiting timberland investments.



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