

Canadian Imports Could Crush U.S. Landowners: Softwood Lumber Agreement Set to Expire



In 1996, the United States and Canada signed the Softwood Lumber Agreement (SLA), a trade consensus limiting the amount of duty-free lumber imported to the US from Canada. This agreement is due to expire and unless renewed or approved with new restrictions, the US market could be flooded with subsidy-priced lumber, seriously disrupting market values for American landowners.

Can you afford to let this happen?

**Voice Your Opinion
and Hear the Latest
Developments on
March 31 at the
Macon Centreplex**

Georgia Forestry Association
500 Pinnacle Ct., #505
Norcross, GA 30071

The Forest Landowners Association, the Georgia Forestry Association, the Georgia Farm Bureau and the Association for Consulting Foresters present a public forum:

Will Canada Steal Your Profits?

Join elected officials
and fellow landowners

March 31, 2001
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Macon Centreplex
Macon, GA

Softwood Lumber Agreement Forum

SLA Background

The Canadian government owns 95% of timberland in that country. Timber is allocated to manufacturers and prices are set in four provinces by those governments. Prices are based on a system meant to better ensure full employment, allowing the production of lumber at a low cost and high volume. The Canadian timber pricing system enables their product to be set at a level with which non-subsidized US lumber producers can't compete.

With US stumpage and lumber markets at a near-record low and sawmills closing at an alarming rate, a flood of subsidized Canadian lumber into this country could economically distress small landowners and bankrupt family-owned and operated forest product businesses.

We need your participation and voice on March 31st to help convey the importance of a swift renegotiation of the US-Canadian Softwood Lumber Agreement to those in Washington who can make a difference. This federal issue can have a permanent and devastating impact on our industry and the economy here in Georgia.

If the Softwood Lumber Agreement is not renegotiated...

- * Canadian lumber will be imported into the U.S. without limits and at highly uncompetitive rates
- * The already deteriorating stumpage and lumber markets will decline even further
- * Forestland values will plummet
- * Georgia's forestry-oriented communities will be hit hard by sawmill and other forestry industry layoffs

Join elected officials and fellow landowners on Saturday, March 31, 2001 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Exhibition Hall A at the Macon Centreplex Macon, GA (Exit 2 off I-16 near the I-75 interchange).

Please feel free to copy this brochure and share with your neighbors and others.

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