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## F&W Market Update

Following is the latest update from F&W reporting on markets, news and other developments that impact forest landowners in their operating regions. This information is based on a **June 12** survey of managers.

### U.S. Southeast

Timber markets remain normal to below normal in the Southeast. The Interfor mill at Eatonton, Ga., is scheduled to open in July and West Fraser halted production at its pine sawmill in Opelika, Al., last week because of two COVID-19 infections but operations have resumed. The New-Indy pulp mill in Rock Hill, S.C., is on a 50 percent wood purchase level because of mill improvements and the manager for this region believes quotas for pine ply logs, sawtimber and chip-n-saw appear to be picking up. While quotas are not abnormal for summertime, they are tighter than usual, with production for construction-related pine products down. One manager summed it up: "Markets are hard to put a finger on at the moment."

### U.S. West Gulf

Markets in the West Gulf are below normal to normal for this time of year, but activity seems to be picking up, although prices are not. Graphic Packaging in Monroe, La., permanently shut down a linerboard paper machine. One manager noted he was able to sell his first load of hardwood pulpwood since mid-March. Pulp and chip-n-saw quotas are still down.

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### **U.S. Northeast**

Timber markets in the Northeast continue to be stable, ranging from slowing to normal activity for this time of year. Timber prices are average, with quotas in place and more expected. In Vermont, the manager reports that a couple of mills are not taking deliveries because of high inventory but this is short-term and is expected to last only two to three weeks. One manager reports sawtimber is moving better after the pandemic slowdown, while another manager comments, "Low grade and pulpwood continue to be bottlenecks in the supply chain for most mills."

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