U.S. timber harvests are up 10% in 2015 though Exports have sagged until recently:

The substantial rise in both softwood and hardwood lumber production in the U.S. over the past few years has resulted in a higher percentage of the timber removals being shipped to sawmills in 2015 than in 2011. Over the same period, log consumption by the country’s pulp mills and log exports have declined.

Log exports from the U.S. West Coast to Asia fell quite substantially from 2013 to 2015. In just two years, shipments were down 33% to six million m3 in 2015. Reduced demand for U.S. export logs has not been limited to China the past few years but to Japan and South Korea as well. A combination of less demand for logs by sawmills in Asia and a strong US dollar has resulted in U.S. log shipments falling to their lowest levels in five years. However, during the first eight months of 2016, exports were up 13% as compared to the same period in 2015, as reported in the Wood Resource Quarterly.

Historically, there have been minimal exports of logs from the U.S. south. This started to change in 2011 when about 200,000 m3 of pine logs were shipped to China, and by 2014 the volumes had almost quadrupled with India and the Dominican Republic being added to the list of destinations. In 2016, export volumes have picked up again and have been about 50% higher than in 2015.

The analysis was by Wood Resources International based on derived log consumption by the forest industry in the U.S. and net log trade.

Source: Floor Focus PO Box 3399 Chattanooga, TN 37404 info@floorfocus.com

Urban Wood Resources:

The Urban Wood User’s Resource Guide is a work in progress and is subject to change without notice. This guide will be periodically updated: http://illinoisurbanwood.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Urban-Wood-Users-Guide-Final.8-30-16.pdf

Buy, Sell and Saw Illinois Wood!
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Policy Statements:
Illinois forests and woodlands are critical to the citizens of Illinois and globally far beyond the singular value of wood and fiber production. The Division of Forest Resources integrates and requires on state land and cooperating private lands that important other concerns of soil, water, wildlife, habitats, recreation, aesthetics and cultural resources are addressed while growing, harvesting and regenerating forests. We advocate and outreach forest management principles to all Illinois forest owners.

Demands on Illinois forest resource for all goods and services the forest can provide continue to increase while nearly 90% of Illinois forests remain privately owned. To conserve, enhance and expand the benefits and critical function of Illinois forests it is necessary that forest landowners, government agencies, forest industry and citizens at large work together.

Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and those funded by the U.S. D.A. and other agencies is available to every individual regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion, or other non-merit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against contact civil rights office and/or the Equal Opportunity Officer, IDNR, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; 217-785-0067; TTY 217-782-9175.

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“Fish come and go, but it is the memory of afternoons on the stream that endure.” — E. Donnall Thomas
Marked Timber: Stumpage For Sale

This newsletter is posted on the IDNR Forest Resources website monthly. Deadline for each monthly issue is the third Thursday of the month prior. All submissions of marked timber for sale by consulting foresters, procurement foresters or others must be submitted by the second Thursday. Submissions by consulting foresters working with IFDA cooperators must adhere to the timber recommendations approved in the landowner’s written management plan. Foresters working with landowners at-large must adhere to recommended silviculture for Illinois forest types. Submissions may be sent US Mail to “ORC-Forestry” at our Springfield office or by email to paul.deizman@illinois.gov.

The following two sales were marked for cutting by a forester of the Illinois Division of Forest Resources or was marked by a consulting forester or similar professional and reviewed by the Illinois Division of Forest Resources. Volumes have been estimated using the Doyle Rule unless otherwise indicated. Deductions have been made for defects. No volume is tallied for culls. Any interested buyers should contact the landowner or their representative directly. The Illinois Division of Forest Resources does not establish the selling price of timber. Buyers must show proof they are currently licensed or an agent of a licensee under the Illinois Timber Buyers Licens-

Wooden Dollars November 2016 SALE #1

Mixed Hardwood Sawtimber
U.S. Army Reserve Local Training Area (Joliet LTA)
Elwood, IL

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District is offering for sale the following 1 bid item. The sale areas total approximately 271 acres. All bid items are Lump Sum bid items

Bid Item 1 will sell on a YTBD date in December or January at 2:00 p.m., Central Time upon final US Army Corps Authorization

Bid Item 1 – 106.6 MBF. (Doyle log rule, FC 78) of standing hardwood sawtimber. Diameter detail below.

A 20% bid deposit is required in the form of a Cashier’s or Certified check for each bid item. After award of contract, the purchaser must deliver a 10% performance deposit to insure faithful performance under the contract in the form of a Cashier’s or Certified Check or a letter of credit. The details are in the bid package. Upon receipt of the performance deposit a payment schedule will be set up with the purchaser. All timber must be cut by March 31, 2017. The contract termination date is August 31, 2017.

An appointment for inspection must be made 48 hrs in advance with Randy Berry, 815-423-6907; cell phone 815-274-3653. Any entry into the sale area must be cleared with Range Control or Randy Berry.

MAIL SEALED BIDS TO:

US Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: Barry Tucker
P.O. Box 100
Fort Knox, KY 40121-0100

OR EXPRESS MAIL TO:

US Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: Barry Tucker
125 6th Ave STE 116
Building 1110 B Wing
Fort Knox, KY 40121-5719

All mailed bids must arrive no later than 2:00 p.m., local time on YTBD date 2016 or 2017. Bid forms for use in submitting bids may be obtained from any of the above offices. Terms and conditions of the sale and a description of the timber are contained in the bid form. Electronic copies can be sent by contacting Barry.S.Tucker@usace.army.mil

The bid opening will be held on the above date at Joliet LTA, 20612 W. Arsenal Rd, Elwood, IL. Bidders may personally submit sealed bids to bid opening officials immediately prior to the bid opening. Owner retains right to reject or refuse any or all bids.
Bid 1 also includes approximately 69.9 MBF of unmarked Ash timber (all ash sawtimber) in other stands:

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White & Green Ash

END US ARMY DEC 2016 Bid Information

Wooden Dollars November 2016 SALE #2

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Bid/Offer Details (if any):

*Timber Sale Requirements: Illinois Best Management Practices (BMP’s) are required for this sale and shall be explicitly stated in the landowner’s timber sale contract.

*Sealed bids will be accepted by the owner until 5:00pm November 30, 2016.

*Owner requests no potential bidders look at the sale area during the Illinois Shotgun Deer seasons.

*265 Trees are marked with blue paint on the bole and at the base.

*Doyle Rule was used as a basis for volume estimate: Allowances were made for cull and defect.

*In addition there were 5 cull trees marked with an X, of which no volume was tallied for these trees.

*Buyers must satisfy themselves as to the quality and quantity of the timber offered.

*The right to reject any or all offers is retained by the sellers.

Send Sealed Bids to Robert Tropple 14632 W. Rockland Rd, Libertyville, IL. 60048
Forest Products Buy & Sell

Approved postings of lumber, wood products or other items, equipment or services related to the forest products industry, wood use and wood utilization—for sale or wanted—can be advertised within this newsletter which is posted on the IDNR Forest Resources website monthly. Submit your accurate, concise advertising request with contact information to Paul Deizman at the Division of Forest Resources by email paul.deizman@illinois.gov or other means. Deadline for each monthly issue is the third Thursday of the month prior. All submissions will be reviewed for approval. We reserve the right to condense or omit certain items or requests.

Contact advertisers below to buy and/or sell the following forest products or related items, equipment and/or services:

**WANTED**

Used WOOD-MIZER Sawmill wanted:

Seek affordable basic or older model; can need maintenance/work if sound & straight!
Mike Schmeling
301 Sheldon Street
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 277-6622 cell or text
The Illinois Timber Buyer Licensing Act (225 ILCS 735) requires anyone purchasing timber must be licensed and follow the rules of the act designed to protect forest landowner’s. Nearly 400 Illinois Timber Buyers are now licensed in 2016. All are required to report all purchases of standing timber or logs from landowners to the Division of Forest Resources quarterly and assure the landowner’s 4% harvest fee is submitted for each transaction.

The Illinois Timber Buyer Licensing Act defines the following:

"Timber" means ... trees, standing or felled, and parts thereof which can be used for sawing or processing into lumber for building or structural purposes or for the manufacture of any article.

"Timber buyer" means ... any person licensed or unlicensed, who is engaged in the business of buying timber from the timber growers thereof for sawing into lumber, for processing or for resale, but does not include any person who occasionally purchases timber for sawing or processing for his own use and not for resale.

"Buying timber" means ... to buy, barter, cut on shares, or offer to buy, barter, cut on shares, or take possession of timber, with or without the consent of the timber grower.

"Timber grower" means ... the owner, tenant or operator of land in this State who has an interest in, or is entitled to receive any part of the proceeds from the sale of timber grown in this State and includes persons exercising authority to sell timber.
Black Walnut: Prices are Just Nuts! … a story each year from Missouri.

The Black Walnut Tree

My mother and I debate: we could sell the black walnut tree to the lumberman, and pay off the mortgage. Likely some storm anyway will churn down its dark boughs, smashing the house. We talk slowly, two women trying in a difficult time to be wise. Roots in the cellar drains, I say, and she replies that the leaves are getting heavier every year, and the fruit harder to gather away. But something brighter than money moves in our blood—an edge sharp and quick as a trowel that wants us to dig and sow. So we talk, but we don't do anything. That night I dream of my fathers out of Bohemia filling the blue fields of fresh and generous Ohio with leaves and vines and orchards. What my mother and I both know is that we'd crawl with shame in the emptiness we'd made in our own and our fathers’ backyard. So the black walnut tree swings through another year of sun and leaping winds, of leaves and bounding fruit, and, month after month, the whip-crack of the mortgage.

by Mary Oliver

from Twelve Moons (1979) and collected in New and Selected Poems, Volume One (1992)

TGOUNLEY@NEWS-LEADER.COM 3:30 p.m. CDT September 14, 2016

“Hammons Products Company (of Missouri) announced Wednesday that it will pay $15 per hundred pounds of hulled black walnuts when the traditional harvest period begins Oct. 1. It is the highest price the Stockton-based company — the world’s leading commercial processor of black walnuts — has offered to start a season. The company, which offered $14 at the start of the 2014 and 2015 harvests, noted that it sometimes changes the price during the season and that it encourages harvesters “to get their black walnuts turned in quickly.” Black walnuts are unique in that a fraction of the harvest comes from deliberately planted orchards. Hammons Products relies on the public to harvest the rest from the wild. The company has 214 designated hulling sites set up across the Midwest. Local hulling sites include Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield and Wildcat Tool Rental in Rogersville. Hammons Products President Brian Hammons told the News-Leader that the company purchases about 23 million pounds of nuts in an average season, and that he’s hopeful this year will be in the 20 to 24 million range. “It definitely will be much better than last year,” he said. Hammons said the company purchased less than 10 million pounds in 2015, and that it was the first time he could recall more nuts being purchased at sites outside Missouri than inside the state. In an average year, he said, Missouri accounts for 65 percent of the harvest. After hulling, the nuts are processed in Stockton, and then used in food products and sold in grocery stores around the country. “A lot of people are discovering that bold flavor,” Hammons said, noting that black walnut ice cream is a local favorite. Hammons Products also sells the ground shell for use in abrasive cleaning and filtration applications; the dark nutmeats or meal that are not fit for human consumption are sold for animal feed, or used to create black walnut oil. “