

# ILLINOIS TIMBER PRICES

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This report is published by the IDNR, Division of Forest Resources in cooperation with timber buyers, mills, forestry consultants and foresters who participate in a semi-annual survey or report sale results. "Stumpage" is the price in the woods on the stump. "FOB" is the price for cut timber/logs delivered to a landing or mill. Ranges of prices paid show highest and lowest reported. The average price paid across Illinois, by species, is the best estimate of market value of timber during the period. Actual prices buyers pay are subject to US and global market and economic conditions combined with local factors such as markets, transportation costs, site conditions, timber accessibility, topography and terrain, distance to markets, tree size and quality, size of sale and other factors. We advise landowners to contact their District Forester's office directly or the forestry division office in Springfield before selling timber.

Illinois timber prices from 1978 to current can be found at:  
[http://web.extension.illinois.edu/forestry/illinois\\_timber\\_prices.cfm](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/forestry/illinois_timber_prices.cfm)

SPECIES/PRODUCT	lowest price paid statewide	highest price paid statewide	AVERAGE PRICE	STUMPAGE \$/MBF Statewide
<b>STANDING TIMBER (stumpage)</b>				
Ash Stumpage	100	400	\$	<b>220.00</b>
Basswood Stumpage	100	150	\$	<b>130.00</b>
Beech Stumpage	50	150	\$	<b>120.00</b>
Cottonwood Stumpage	50	150	\$	<b>110.00</b>
Sweet Gum Stumpage	50	160	\$	<b>140.00</b>
Elm and Hackberry Stumpage	50	200	\$	<b>130.00</b>
Hickory Stumpage	100	400	\$	<b>190.00</b>
Cherry Stumpage	160	600	\$	<b>330.00</b>
Soft Maple Stumpage	50	300	\$	<b>160.00</b>
Sugar Maple Stumpage	350	150	\$	<b>240.00</b>
Black Oak Stumpage	160	310	\$	<b>230.00</b>
Pin Oak Stumpage	100	200	\$	<b>160.00</b>
Red Oak Stumpage	160	400	\$	<b>310.00</b>
White Oak Stumpage	160	900	\$	<b>490.00</b>
Yellow Poplar Stumpage	100	350	\$	<b>230.00</b>
Sycamore Stumpage	100	200	\$	<b>130.00</b>
Black Walnut Stumpage	500	2000	\$	<b>1,150.00</b>
Woods Run Bottomland Stumpage	150	300	\$	<b>240.00</b>
Woods Run Upland Stumpage	220	750	\$	<b>410.00</b>
Red Oak <b>Veneer</b> Stumpage	500	600	\$	<b>550.00</b>
White Oak <b>Veneer</b> Stumpage	1000	1500	\$	<b>1,190.00</b>
Black Walnut <b>Veneer</b> Stumpage	1000	5000	\$	<b>2,770.00</b>
Cherry <b>Veneer</b> Stumpage	500	1500	\$	<b>930.00</b>

SPECIES/PRODUCT	lowest price paid statewide	highest price paid statewide	AVERAGE PRICE PAID \$/MBF Statewide	AT MILL
Ash FOB Mill	250	680	\$ 410.00	
Basswood FOB Mill	250	400	\$ 330.00	
Beech FOB Mill	250	325	\$ 290.00	
Cottonwood FOB Mill	150	300	\$ 240.00	
Sweet Gum FOB Mill	280	300	\$ 290.00	
Elm and Hackberry FOB Mill	100	325	\$ 230.00	
Hickory FOB Mill	250	450	\$ 340.00	
Cherry FOB Mill	400	1000	\$ 590.00	
Soft Maple FOB Mill	250	450	\$ 400.00	
Sugar Maple FOB Mill	350	725	\$ 470.00	
Black Oak FOB Mill	400	620	\$ 460.00	
Pin Oak FOB Mill	250	400	\$ 330.00	
Red Oak FOB Mill	400	700	\$ 500.00	
White Oak FOB Mill	400	1100	\$ 730.00	
Yellow Poplar FOB Mill	350	460	\$ 400.00	
Sycamore FOB Mill	260	400	\$ 310.00	
Black Walnut FOB Mill	1000	2700	\$ 1,870.00	
Woods Run Bottomland FOB Mill	300	480	\$ 390.00	
Woods Run Upland FOB Mill	420	1200	\$ 720.00	
Red Oak Veneer FOB Mill	1200	1200	\$ 1,200.00	
White Oak Veneer FOB Mill	1500	3200	\$ 2,240.00	
Black Walnut Veneer FOB Mill	3000	6500	\$ 4,900.00	
Cherry Veneer FOB Mill	800	1700	\$ 1,250.00	

#### APPRAISING YOUR TIMBER:

Timber is worth the most someone is willing to pay for it.

Timber buyers, mills and foresters can accurately measure and assess cut timber or stumpage. Professional consulting foresters are available for a variety of timber measures and appraisals.

Licensed timber buyers can make like offers to appraise timber value.

#### MILL OPERATIONS:

MBF = 1,000 Board Feet; measured in Doyle Scale

Custom Mill Sawing Rate averages \$250 per 1,000 Board Feet

Portable sawmills are sawyers are available for hire.

#### SAWMILL DIRECTORY:

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/Forestry/Documents/IllinoisSawmillDirectory.pdf>

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