Stumpage Price Trends in South Carolina

SC statewide pine and hardwood sawtimber prices both continued downward slide in the 4th quarter of 2017.

South Carolina statewide pine sawtimber prices, on average, were $25.04/ton in the 4th quarter, 2017. Pine sawtimber price trends were down slightly from the previous quarter price ($25.38/ton), and were down 4% from the price during the same time period the previous year. South Carolina statewide hardwood sawtimber prices, on average, were $28.11/ton in this quarter. Though South Carolina hardwood sawtimber timber price trends were up 9% from the 4th quarter of 2016, they were down 4% from the 3rd quarter, 2017.

South Carolina statewide pine pulpwood prices, on average, were $10.36/ton in this quarter. Similar to the pine sawtimber trend, pine pulpwood prices were down 1% from the previous quarter ($10.44/ton), and were down 4% from the same time the previous year. South Carolina statewide hardwood pulpwood prices, on average, were $7.52/ton in this quarter. The statewide hardwood pulpwood prices, on average, were up 1% from the previous quarter ($7.46/ton), though they were still down 13% from the same period during the previous year.
However, price trends in local markets could vary significantly depending on factors such as:

- Size and species composition
- Quality of timber
- Total acre and volume
- Logging operability
- Distance from mills
- Current market condition.

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