



Log markets are in a holding pattern for now after a good price increase in the 1st Quarter of 2025. Now, everyone seems to be waiting to see what direction the housing markets, tariffs and overall economy will take. That said, prices are still good, not considering the Covid bump we had 3 years ago.

Long term, we see a good demand for our local timber as the competition in Canada has dropped their lumber production considerably through sawmill closures and slow downs due to both tariff threats and the Canadian government reducing the allowable harvest on Crown lands. No matter what happens at this point, there will be less timber supply available in the Pacific NW than there has been in years.

The Chinese are not buying our logs now due to trade disputes. They use to buy our low quality, larger rough logs but now that market is gone and it is left a bit of a hole to fill. Those rough logs are not a big part of our supply, fortunately, but we do need to find a home for them.

We see small diameter logs selling well which bodes well for those planning commercial thinning harvests. It has been a few years since there has been a demand for small logs, particularly those used for 2x4's and 2x6's.

Alder sawlog prices are flat as they have been for the last 3 years.

Cedar prices are very good along with pole prices. Due to lack of supply, we don't see those commodities dropping in price anytime soon.

We hear news that the timber harvest will increase on the National Forests. Don't hold your breath, even if you like the idea. It would take years to happen, if ever.