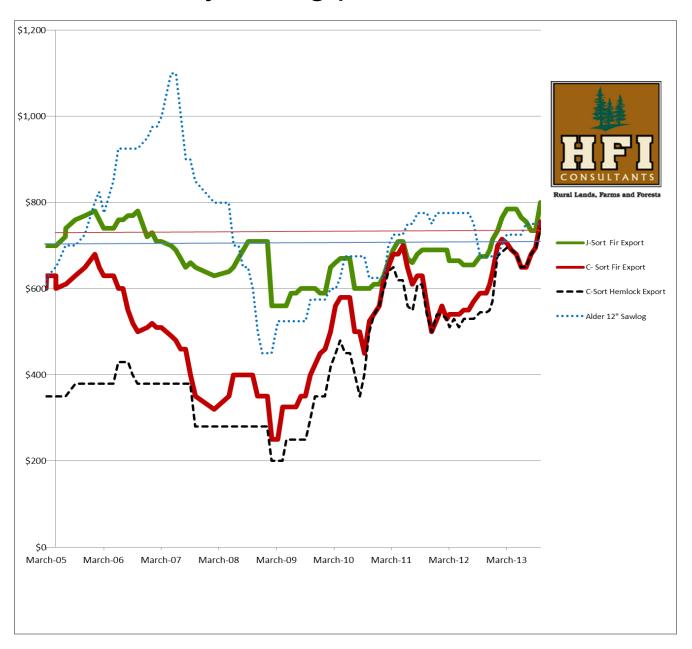
9 year log price trends



Export log prices hit the highest level in the 9 years that HFI has been tracking prices. A pattern typical of 4 of the past 5 years appears to be developing where prices rise dramatically in the winter and early spring before dropping off as log supply increases. If severe winter weather hampers production, expect prices to remain very strong through the winter as exporters scramble to meet commitments in China and Japan.

Alder, maple and cedar remain steady. Expect domestic softwood prices to increase along with export prices as they often compete for the same quality log.

If you have a winter road system in place, consider logging in the next few months for best pricing.