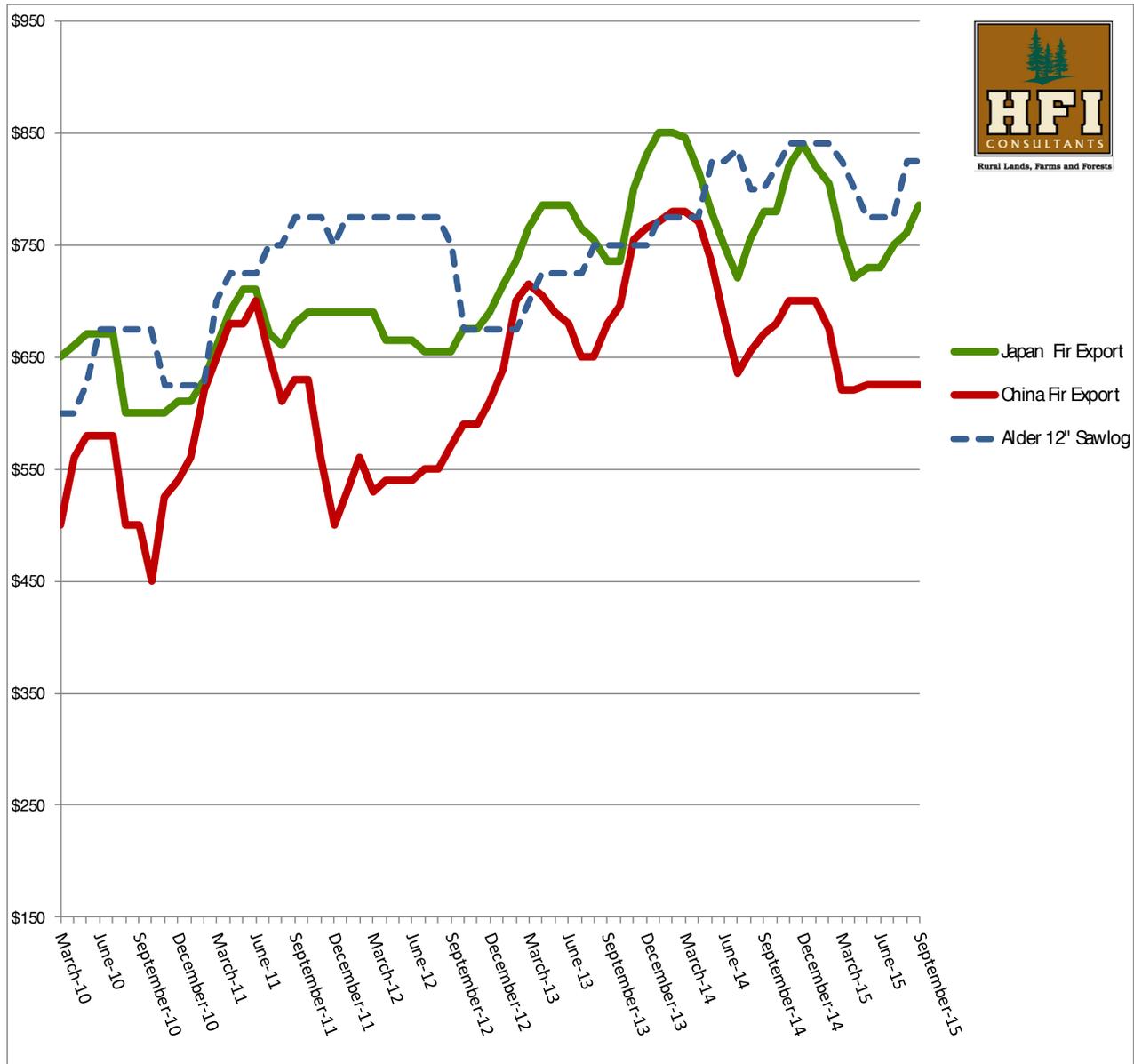


5 Year Log Price Trends



The recent sharp drop in all commodity prices stemming from the Chinese financial crisis is affecting our log markets in a big way. Prices for China quality logs are in a downward trend and bringing domestic log prices down with it. The good news is that because fewer landowners are logging, there are less available Japanese quality logs being sold, thereby creating a short fall in the Japan supply and pushing prices up. The Japan buyers cannot find enough volume to fill ships, so they are getting more aggressive in their pricing. This may continue until China log prices climb back up and folks start logging again.

If you have stands that run heavy to Japan quality logs, poles, cedar or alder..now is a good time to log. If you have Chinese or domestic logs to offer, it would be best to wait.

*This graph is intended to show market trends. Actual prices may be different at time of harvest.

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