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October Trade Data Released

The record-setting pace of 2014 Southern Pine exports continues. USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service recently reported SP exports to be approximately 54.2 million board feet (MMbf) during October 2014. This volume represents a generous increase of 23% above the same month last year, and a significant year-to-date boost of 21% when compared with the first ten months of 2013. Offshore shipments during October roughly break down as follows: 27.6 MMbf dressed, 10.2 MMbf rough, and 16.4 MMbf treated lumber.

Softwood lumber imports to the U.S. during October were just over one billion board feet, up 23% from the volume imported during October of 2013. Year-to-date softwood imports are up twelve percent when compared with last year. As usual, Canada shipped the great majority of softwood lumber into the U.S. during October.

SFPA members can find detailed monthly reports of Southern Pine exports and imports in the *Members Only* section at SFPA.org. For questions, contact Vernon Barabino at 504/443-4464 (option 1), or e-mail him at vbarabino@sfpa.org.

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