U.S. Lumber Exports To China Shrink As U.S. Hardwood Exports Hit Record In Southeast Asia

2018 was a year marked by uncertainty and turbulence of trade dispute between U.S. and China, but thanks in part to a strong start of the year the markets still combine for the 2nd best year ever in hardwood consumption. The overall value of hardwood exports to SEA & GRCH market was $2.256 billion, down 7.7% compared to 2017 but up 16.6% while comparing to 2016. The SEA & GRCH markets accounted for 58.7% of all global exports in 2018. Exports value to Greater China market was $1.893 billion, down 10.4% (YoY) while SEA markets set record and grew at 9.6% to $363.8 million.


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