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Since stay-at-home orders in response to the coronavirus pandemic were implemented in most regions of North America in early March, the downturn in wood products prices has been steep and unrelenting. In framing lumber, signs that prices are reversing course are now evident, and a steady stream of mill curtailments in recent weeks is at the core of the trend change (see table). With demand imploding due to the sharp cutback in construction, producers are making a concerted effort to align supplies with expected consumption.

Mill Closure Update Due to COVID-19*

			Effective	Duration (est.)				Effective	Duration (est.)
Allweather Wood	Shut-down	Scotia and Ukiah, Calif. Mills	23-Mar	weekly basis	NorSask Forest Products	Reduction	Moved to one shift	unknown	unknown
Arbec Forest Products	Shut-down	All mills in Quebec	unknown	unknown	PotlatchDeltic	Shut-down	St. Maries, Idaho plywood plant	20-Mar	2 weeks
Aspen Planers	Shut-down	sawmill and planer	6-Apr	unknown	Resolute Forest Products	Reduction	N.A. sawmills reduced to align with demand	unknown	unknown
Boise Cascade	Shut-down	Elgin, Ore., Oakdale, La. plywood plants	7-Apr	14 days	Rosboro	Shut-down	Springfield, Ore. Stud mill	27-Mar	weekly basis
Boise Cascade	Reduction	20-40% of engineered wood products volumes	6-Apr	several weeks	Seneca	Shut-down	Dimension and stud mills - Eugene, Ore. - 430 MMBF/year	23-Mar	weekly basis
Canfor	Shut-down/Reduction	Cdn run rate at 30%; 100 mmbf reduction	13-Apr	until May 1	Sinclair Group	Shut-down	Lakeland Mills, Nechako Lumber, and Apollo Forest Products	10-Apr	3 weeks
Canfor	Reduction	U.S./European mills less than capacity	30-Mar	until May 1	Swanson	Shut-down	Glendale plywood mill	unknown	weekly basis
Carrier	Shut-down	Tabor Planer, entire Big River operation	30-Mar	unknown	Swanson	Reduction	Roseburg mill, 20% production	unknown	weekly basis
Conifex	Shut-down	McKenzie, B.C. sawmill	6-Apr	2 weeks	West Fraser	Reduction	45-60% S-P-F production	6-Apr	unknown
Freeman Lumber	Shut-down	Greenfield, Nova Scotia	10-Apr	permanent	West Fraser	Reduction	SE U.S. - 15 MMBF/week	6-Apr	unknown
Interfor	Reduction	B.C., U.S. West and Southeast - 35 MMBF/week	19-Mar	extended, weekly basis	West Fraser	Reduction	At least 5,000 msf plywood across three sites	6-Apr	unknown
J.D. Irving	Shut-down	Truro, N.S. sawmill	2-Apr	unknown	Western Forest Products	Shut-down	All mills in British Columbia, Canada	23-Mar	1 week
LP Building Solutions	Reduction	100 mmsf through combination of curtailments and reduced schedules	1-Apr	1 month	Weyerhaeuser	Reduction	20% reduction in lumber, 15% in OSB, 15-25% in engineered wood products	30-Mar	unknown
Norbord	Reduction	N.A. OSB production reduced 25%	30-Mar	unknown	Weyerhaeuser	Shut-down	Evergreen (Mont.) Plywood Plant	6-Apr	1 week

* Excludes shutdowns and curtailments not confirmed.



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