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According to China's latest Customs statistics, foreign trade of China's forest products in the first five months showed a year-on-year general downturn. The total value of foreign trade of China's forest products in the first five months was USD21.19 billion, a year-on-year decrease of 17.7%, accounting for 2.8% of the total value of national foreign trade. Of the total, the value of China's forest products imports fell 25% to USD8.93 billion, making up 2.6% of the total value of national imports. The value of China's forest products exports declined 12% to USD12.26 billion, accounting for 2.9% of the total value of national exports.

Value of China's wood products outputs jumps in 2008

The total output value of China's forest products industry in 2008 reached RMB1.44 trillion yuan, up 15% from 2007. The total value of foreign trade of China's forest products topped USD70 billion. China has maintained its position as a major global production and trade center. The output value of the forest industry in the first, second and third quarters rose 15%, 13% and 27% from 2007 to RMB635.9 billion yuan, RMB683.8 billion yuan and RMB120.9 billion yuan respectively.

Timber output

The timber output in 2008 totaled 81 million m³, over 17 million m³ more than in 1997, up 16% from 2007 and a record high. Of the total, the output of industrial logs rose 13% to 73.57 million m³. The output of fuelwood grew 55% to 7.51 million m³.

Sawnwood production

The production of sawnwood in 2008 totaled 28.41 million m³, up 0.42% from 2007. Of the total, the production of tropical sawnwood was 1.27 million m³ by volume, or 4.5% of the total.

Wood-based panel production

The production of wood-based panels in 2008 totaled 94.10 million m³, up 6% from 2007. Of the total, the output of plywood fell 0.58% to 35.41 million m³, accounting for 38% of the total wood-based panel outputs. The production of fiberboard rose 6% to just over 29 million m³, making up 31%. The production of particle board grew 38% to 11.42 million m³, accounting for 12% of total output. The output of other wood-based panels rose 6% to 18.2 million m³ (72% was block board), making up 19%. In addition, the output of decorative panels was 227 million m². The output of veneer was 22.84 million m³.

Wood flooring production

The output of wood flooring in 2008 totaled 377 million m², up nearly 10%. Of the total, the output of solid wood flooring came to 123 million m², accounting for 33%. The output of wood composite flooring amounted to 79 million m², making up 21%. The output of impregnated paper laminate flooring was 116 million m², accounting for 31%. The output of bamboo wood composite flooring came to 13.68 million square meters, or 4% of total output. The largest output of wood flooring was in Zhejiang Province.

Bamboo production

The output of bamboo in 2008 totaled 1262 million pieces, down 10% from 2007. Of the total, the output of Mao bamboo came to 860 million pieces.

The sales prices for major forest products

The average price for timber is RMB667 yuan per m³, up 4% from 2007. The average price for sawnwood rose 8% to RMB1084 yuan per m³. The average price for wood chips fell 8.57% to RMB640 yuan per m³. The average price for wood flooring fell 7% to RMB119 yuan per square meter. The average price for plywood fell 4% to RMB1834 yuan per m³. The average price for wood chips fell 8.57% to RMB640 yuan per m³. The average price for MDF rose 4% to RMB1409 yuan per m³. The average price for particle board fell 7% to RMB1098 yuan per m³. The average price for Mao bamboo is RMB11 yuan per piece, keeping the same level as the previous year.

Imports of redwood fall by half through Guangxi Port

According to the report from Nanning Customs, in the first half of 2009 the value of redwood imports through Guangxi Port fell 52% to USD18.38 million. Of the total, both redwood logs and sawnwood imports fell dramatically 76% and 96% to USD6.21 million and USD0.14 million respectively.

However, redwood furniture imports through the port skyrocketed. The value of redwood bedroom furniture imports rose 110% to USD3.29 million. The value of other redwood furniture imports soared 190% to USD3.22 million. According to the analysis of Nanning Customs, the main reason for the sharp increase was that redwood furniture of good quality and high added value were very popular in China.

Guangzhou City Imported Timber Market

Logs	Yuan per m ³
Lauan	1900-2400
Kapur	1900-2450
Merbau 6m, 60 cm diam.	4300-5200
Teak	11000-16000
Wenge	6500-7000
Sawnwood	
Teak sawn grade A	8500-9500
US Maple 2" KD	8800-11000
US Cherry 2"	14000-14200
US Walnut 2"	15800-16800 ↓
SE Asian Sawn 4m+, KD	3350-4000

Shanghai Furen Wholesale Market

Sawnwood	Yuan per m ³
Beech KD Grade AB	2500-3000
US Cherry, 25mm	9500-10000
US Red Oak, 50mm	9800-10500
Sapele 50mm FAS (Congo)	




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Shandong De Zhou Timber market

<i>Logs</i>	<i>Yuan per m³</i>
Larch 6m, 24-28cm diam.	1100
White pine 6m, 24-28cm diam.	1200
Korean pine 4m, 30cm diam.	1400
6m, 30cm diam.	1500

Hebei Shijiazhuang Wholesale Market

<i>Logs</i>	<i>Yuan per m³</i>
Korean Pine 4m, 38cm+ diam.	1800
Mongolian Scots Pine 4m, 30cm diam.	1300
6m, 30cm+ diam.	1400
<i>Sawnwood</i>	
Mongolian Scots Pine 4m, 5-6cm thick	1450
4m, 10cm thick	1500

Tian Jin City Huan Bo Hai timber Market

<i>Logs</i>	<i>Yuan per m³</i>
Okoume 80cm+	2800-3400
Sapele 80cm+	6000-6500
Wenge 80cm+	13000-14000
<i>Plywood</i>	
US Black Walnut 4x8x3 mm	6000-8000
Beech 4x8x3 mm	6000-8000
Teak 4x8x3 mm	6000-8000
Poplar (4x8x3-5 mm)	3000-4000

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