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Comments on stumpage price surveys. 4th quarter, 2006

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We need to encourage loggers and local sawmills.

Falling log prices!

Shortage of good timber harvesters means I sell less stumpage

Oak is still down. I have been told by several mill owners that China/Russia are pumping out their beech which looks a lot like sugar maple and its hurting the sugar maple market. Red oak out of favor still. White pine picked up with winter. Hard to move a lot of volume.

These three bids were shown on the same day. While the quality of the timber varies for 3 somewhat on 3 different sites, the actual outcome in \$/Mbf cannot be entirely explained by me by timing restrictions, quality, access, volume, etc.

Steady for sawlogs; fuelwood price down; too warm, firewood leftover.

Market NOT the best!

Hard way to make a living these days.

Stumpage too high, log markets too low.

Lumber markets getting worse!!

The market dropped again. Cordwood not selling; weather not cooperating.

Pine is slow -very slow. Ironically, I'm in an exceptional stand of white pine.

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