

Southern New England Stumpage Survey

Comments – Second Quarter, 2009

Cannot provide details, i.e., is lump sum....Simply grateful these two (sales) are selling for a "reasonably reasonable" price. Pine (& just about everything else) still further down than "reasonable", however, the down markets speak. H chips mrkts. holding steady but would prefer to have the low quality material turned into F...so it goes.

When I received this request, I thought it was a joke due to the non-existing market conditions. I haven't done a timber sale since March 2008. With the present economic anti-business attitude of State government, I feel the wood products industry is on the path to extinction and it appears no one cares. In 37 years of being a forester, I have seen a vibrant, enjoyable industry and job all but vanish, due to extremely poor leadership at the state level in the State forestry department. The present combative stance of the Department of Conservation and Recreation has further complicated issues and further doomed the industry. I wish I could be more encouraging but the wrong people are calling the shots and the wrong people are being listened to.

Need Wood. No Rain. Some F.Wood, Tree rmoval, Small amts to local mills some salvage from storm in Dec. Some lots available when price goes up.

Still very poor pricing. Extreme scarcity of logs may cause small price increases, but until lumber inventory is reduced, no strong markets in sight.