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Wood Bioenergy & Pine Pulpwood Prices

The featured research in the [September/October edition of Wood Bioenergy US](#) analyzes the impact of wood bioenergy markets on forecasted pine pulpwood prices by state in the US South. Quantifying the relationships between state-specific timber prices, wood demand, and end product production provides a means for ranking local timber or wood markets based on where prices or wood costs respond “faster” or “slower” due to changes in housing, local competition, mill efficiency and forest supplies. This research confirms how a key driver of pine pulpwood prices remains the project and market-specific assumptions related to wood bioenergy.

The results account for total pine pulpwood demand from three categories:

1. Paper and paperboard, which includes all paper, containerboard and cardboard types produced in the U.S.
2. Oriented strand board (OSB), which tracks increased production of a key building product tied to housing markets.
3. Wood use for bioenergy, which includes current demand from open and operating facilities, as well as projected use from Forisk’s screening of all announced wood bioenergy projects in the U.S.

On average for the U.S. South, 71% of the increase in pine pulpwood stumpage prices is associated with increased demand from viable wood bioenergy projects. Pine pulpwood demand from bioenergy is projected to increase by 302% in the U.S. South by 2023 while average pine pulpwood prices are projected to increase 32%. At the state-level across 11 states pine pulpwood stumpage prices are projected to increase anywhere from 1% to 100%.

WBUS Market Update: As of October 2014, *WBUS* counts 460 announced and operating wood bioenergy projects in the U.S. with total, potential wood use of 137.2 million tons per year by 2023. Based on Forisk analysis, 301 projects representing potential wood use of 88.4 million tons per year pass basic viability screening. **To download the free *WBUS* summary, click [here](#).**

Continuing Education & Resources

The current 2015 Forisk Continuing Education Program Calendar includes courses in the South and Pacific Northwest:

- **February 3 in Atlanta** - [Applied Forest Finance](#)
- **March 25 in Portland** - [Analyzing Forest Products Markets and Forecasting Log Prices in the Pacific Northwest](#) (sponsored by WFC)
- **August 4 in Atlanta** - [Timber Market Analysis](#)



For those interested in free, current resources on topics related to timberland investing, forest supplies, market analysis and wood bioenergy, Forisk updated its “White Papers and Articles” page. To learn more and download recent content, click [here](#).

Forisk Updates and Upcoming Presentations:

- **October 21, 2014** - “Wood Flows and Capital Flows: Forest Industry Investments in the US South” at the [Georgia SAF Annual Meeting](#) in Tifton, Georgia
- **November 4, 2014** – “Forestry Information Systems and Consulting Applications” at the Warnell School of Forest Resources in Athens, Georgia
- **November 13, 2014** – “How the National Economy Affects Southern Forest Industry Markets” at Southern Land Exchange in Watkinsville, Georgia

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