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North American OSB capacity to increase 7% over the next two years.

WATKINSVILLE, GEORGIA – February 15, 2022 – Last year, as OSB prices climbed, fell, and climbed again, the industry increased production capacity by 5% according to Forisk’s North American Forest Industry Capacity Database (“Mill Database”), led by growth in Canada.

Amanda Lang, Forisk’s Vice President of Client Services, notes, “Since 2011, North American OSB capacity grew by nearly 6 billion square feet. The southern U.S. remains the largest OSB-producing region with over half of North America’s capacity.” Over the next two years, total OSB capacity is expected to grow another 7%. “The Q1 2022 Mill Database projects capacity through 2023 based on announced capital investments,” Ms. Lang said, “and new capacity is coming online in Texas, South Carolina, Minnesota, and Saskatchewan.”

Investments in new capacity comes from multiple firms, according to Shawn Baker, Forisk’s Vice President of Research. “OSB is a consolidated industry, with four firms representing over 70% of the capacity,” Dr. Baker said, “yet we have five different companies adding capacity from 2021 through 2023.”

Forisk’s [North American Forest Industry Capacity Database](#) compiles mill capacity for softwood and hardwood lumber, structural panels (OSB and plywood), pulp, veneer, wood pellets, and chip mills by region across five North American geographies – U.S. North, U.S. South, U.S. West, Eastern Canada, and Western Canada. The underlying data, which is updated quarterly, includes mill-by-mill details for over 1,900 facilities, including location, mill type, wood use estimates, and species, with ownership and capacity data by year for 2010-2021 and estimates for 2022 and 2023. The Q1 2022 release highlights changes to 129 mills in the database documented over the last three months and the addition of ten mills.

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