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Forisk Consulting and Timber Mart-South Publish the March 2009 Update of the Timber Market Profiles and Rankings; hotspots for bioenergy and timberland investing activities identified
Wood demand and stumpage price data for seventeen timber markets in the US South

(Athens, Georgia—March 25, 2009) Forisk Consulting and Timber Mart-South have published the *March 2009 Update to the Timber Market Profiles and Rankings*, which includes 2007 and 2008 market rankings for wood demand and stumpage prices by product. The update is a useful tool for investors, researchers, policy makers, and executives that study wood markets to invest in timberland, locate potential sites for wood-using facilities, or research market trends.

According to the *March 2009 Update*, some timber markets have been more resilient than others to the downturn of lumber demand and, in turn, are potentially more attractive for timberland and forest industry investments. For example, of the top five sawtimber consuming markets, Eastern North Carolina was the most stable. Pine sawtimber demand in that market declined by less than 10% compared to the 15.6% average decline for the top five markets. South Alabama and South Mississippi are among markets with the highest and most stable pine sawtimber prices in the South, with decreases of less than 10% in the past year.

New additions to the *March 2009 Update* include: highlights from 2008 issues of *Timber Mart-South Market News Quarterly*, mill information for each end-use of targeted roundwood products, and bioenergy project rankings that show the hot spots for bioenergy activity in the South. If all currently announced bioenergy projects come online, wood consumption by these projects across the South could total 26 million tons annually by 2015.

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