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### From Closures to Investments: Q2 2025 Mill Activity at a Glance

Each quarter, Forisk compiles data on mill activity through its ongoing tracking of wood-using facilities as part of Forisk's [North American Mill Capacity Database](#), a database of over 2,300 wood-using mills in North America. This release provides a summary of mill updates from the Q2 2025 edition of the [Forisk Research Quarterly](#).

Forest industry manufacturing developments in 2025 include mill closures mixed with some forward movement of capital projects. New announced projects, however, have stopped as companies seek clarity given economic uncertainty before they commit new capital.

### Mill Closures Continue

This quarter was marked by a series of significant mill closures, continuing the industry's trend of phasing out older and less efficient facilities.

- **International Paper** officially closed their Campti, LA linerboard facility on April 11, 2025.
- **Georgia-Pacific** ceased plywood operations in Emporia, VA on May 2 and announced plans to shutter its pulp mill in Cedar Springs, GA in August 2025.
- **Wilson, Kaiser & Olsen, Inc. (WKO)** will close its plywood mill in Bingen, WA in June 2025.

### U.S. South: Investment and Restructuring

In the U.S. South, capital improvements and ownership transitions dominated the headlines:

- **Domtar** completed a \$51 million modernization of the pulper at the Hawesville, KY pulp mill. The new pulper will add flexibility for multiple end products.
- Two buyers purchased three of the **Teal-Jones Group** mills out of receivership:
  - **Sumitomo Forestry** purchased 57% in the new Plain Dealing, LA sawmill. Teal-Jones will continue to manage operations at the Plain Dealing mill.
  - **Twain Capital** purchased the Antlers, OK and Liberty, MS sawmills for \$10 million.
- **Big River Lumber** in Coushatta, LA is currently offline following a fire in Q1 2025. While down, the mill is upgrading its sorter and grader, with operations expected to resume by July 2025.
- **SDI Biocarbon Solutions** is preparing to soft commission in June as testing wraps up. This facility plans to use 1.4 million tons of softwood pulpwood per year at capacity to produce low carbon hydrogen that will be used internally and biocarbon.
- **Hood Companies** remain on track to commission the \$200 million rebuild of the Beaumont, MS plywood mill in Q3 2025.



## U.S. West: Capacity Expansions and Modernization

Several firms in the U.S. West announced substantial upgrades and expansions:

- **Roseburg Forest Products** invested \$200 million in two of its mills, adding a new hardwood plywood line and two new lathe lines in Riddle, OR, along with a new dryer at its Coquille, OR plywood plant.
- **Freres Engineered Wood** upgraded its mass plywood panel facility in Lyons, OR by replacing the press and installing a larger CNC machine. These enhancements have boosted production by over 35%.
- **Vaagen Brothers** in Colville, WA installed a new high-speed planer allowing them to now process up to 12-inch-wide boards and lengths up to 20 feet.
- **Sequoia Forest Products** purchased and rebuilt the former Arcata Forest Products sawmill in Arcata, CA. The facility will primarily produce redwood fence posts.

A summary of Q2 2025 mill projects is shown in the table below.

North American Mill Project Updates, Q2 2025							
Mill Name	Company	State/Province	Region	Mill Type	Mill Change	Capacity Change	Investment (USD millions)
Sumitomo Plain Dealing <sup>1</sup>	Sumitomo Forestry	LA	South	lumber	Owner Change	0 MMBF	see note
IP Campti	International Paper	LA	South	pulp/paper	Closing	-1020 M Tons	N/A
Twain Capital Multiple (Formerly Teal-Jones Group)	Twain Capital	MS, OK	South	lumber	Owner Change	0 MMBF	\$10
GP Emporia	Georgia-Pacific Co	VA	South	plywood/veneer	Closing	-336 MMSF	unknown
Big River Coughatta	Big River Lumber Company	LA	South	lumber	Closing	-95 MMBF	N/A
Sequoia Forest Products	Sequoia Forest Products	CA	West	lumber	New Facility	50 MMBF	unknown
Vaagen Brothers Colville	Vaagen Brothers	WA	West	lumber	Investment	0 MMBF	unknown
Domtar Hawesville	Domtar	KY	North	pulp/paper	Investment	0 M Tons	\$51
Freres Engineered Wood	Freres Engineered Wood	OR	West	mass timber	Investment	0 MM CuFt	unknown
Roseburg FP multiple	Roseburg Forest Products	OR	West	plywood/veneer	Capacity Increase/Investment	70 MMSF	\$200
Domtar Clermont	Domtar	QC	East Canada	pulp/paper	Investment	0 M Tons	unknown
San Group Multiple	San Group	BC	West Canada	EWP	Closing	15 MM CuFt	N/A
San Group Multiple	San Group	BC	West Canada	lumber	Closing	-500 MMBF	N/A
Canoe Forest Products	Gorman Group	BC	West Canada	plywood/veneer	Investment	0 MMSF	\$10
Zavisha Sawmills	Zavisha Sawmills	AB	West Canada	lumber	Closing	-38 MMBF	N/A

Data Source: Forisk Consulting

<sup>1</sup> Sumitomo Forestry purchased Teal-Jones 57% share in the sawmill for \$42 million.

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