

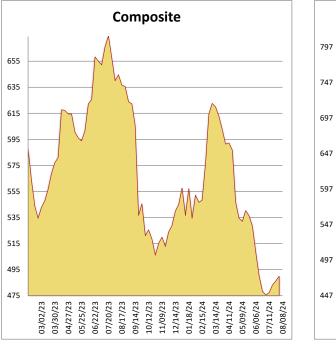
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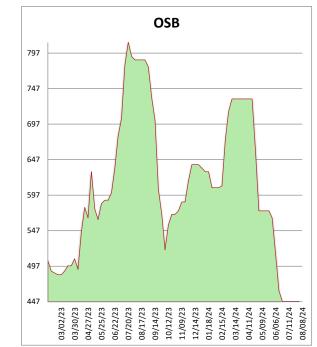
Midwest Framing Lumber Brief

All items are priced as a general market guide. Please call our sales office for specific quotes in your respective market.



	This	Weekly	Last
	Week	Change	Year
2X4 #3 SPF KD	470	10	495
	401	0	F 9 0
2X6 2/BTR SYP KD	421	0	580
	500	-5	540
2X10 2/BTR SYP KD	500	-5	540
2X12 2/BTR SYP KD	574	27	730
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2X4 92-5/8 2/BTR SPF KD	495	0	650
2X4 104-5/8 2/BTR SPF KD	505	0	640
2X6 104-5/8 2/BTR SPF KD	550	0	800
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4X8 7/16 OSB	365	0	655
	520	~	0.05
4X8 23/32 OSB T&G	530	0	905
	400	04	<i></i>
Composite Average	490	04	666





Lumber markets continued to be on a low simmer across most species this week. Buyers have taken a measured approach for the most part, and this week's emotion in the stock market served as a bit of a distraction. Calls for the Fed to push the September rate decrease to half a point grew louder. Mortgage rates dropped this week to a 15-month low. Continued downward pressure on rates could pull those looking for new homes off the sidelines which would be a welcome change of direction for the housing and construction industry. GDF led the charge in dimension lumber, with dry DF, SPF, and SYP narrows also showing small increases. SYP plywood ticked up as well. Tropical Storm Debby may muck up southern markets, though. Fir plywood saw no gains or losses. OSB continues to slightly flounder in some markets but was mostly a yawner. In general, markets are trying to improve but just when it looks good they knock the bar off like a French pole vaulter... suppose if you have to fail, that's not a bad way to do it.