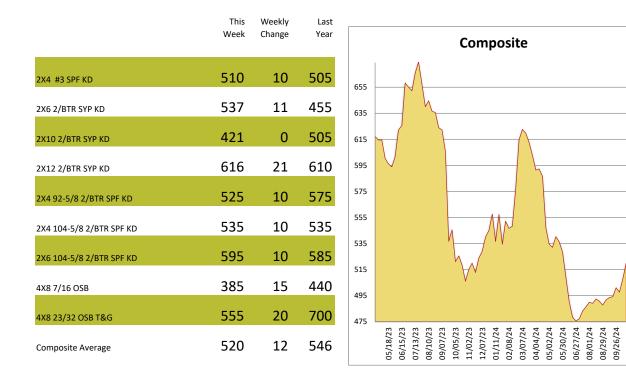


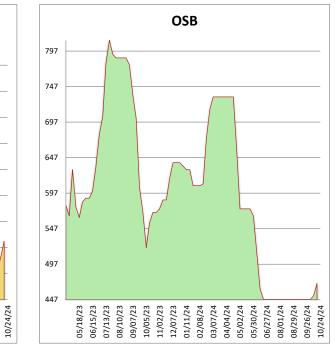
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Commodity markets remain on the upswing on light activity once again this week. Mills are holding firm to up, and secondaries appear more and more bullish, especially on prompt needs. Tis the time of the year when they begin leaning down inventories, so what they are offering they are high on, feeling little pressure to accept counters. Yella pine is driving the firmer tone to the lumber market, with SPF and GDF ticking up as well. Structural panels are also up, also on light activity. This is the mode we will likely remain in for a while. Mills will be announcing holiday downtime in the coming month, and that will be the trigger for sellers to try for further price appreciation. Secondaries will try to talk about the market like Trump fawns over Arnold Palmer, but in reality it won't be that big a deal. The election is only weeks away, and that will bring a lot of opinions out no matter the outcome.