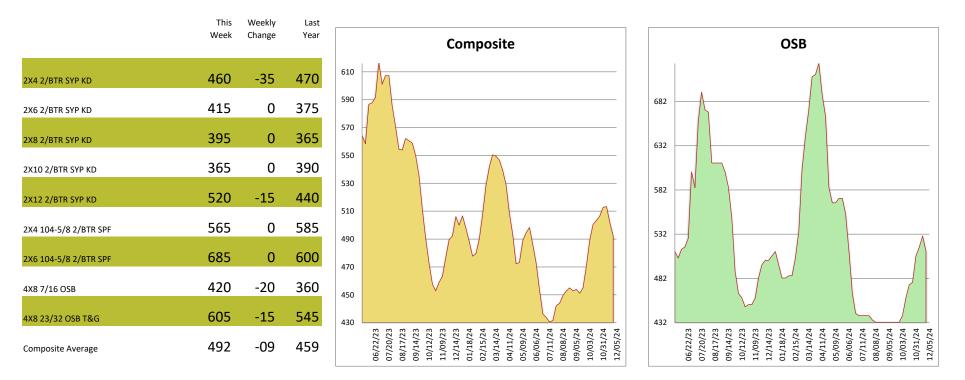


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Markets did indeed cool this week as demand drops and mills begin touting holiday down time to counter the tone of the business. Weather has become more of a factor, especially in the Midwest and NE markets. Buyers are fully focused on reducing inventories for both tax and compensation purposes. After months of upward momentum, a correction has been due - and here it is. We are in for a slower pace through year end, and even the mill curtailments won't likely be enough to keep prices from reversing course in the near term. Don't expect it to stretch very far into the new year, though. Lots of changes coming with the new administration in January. There won't be many dull moments come mid-January, that's for sure.