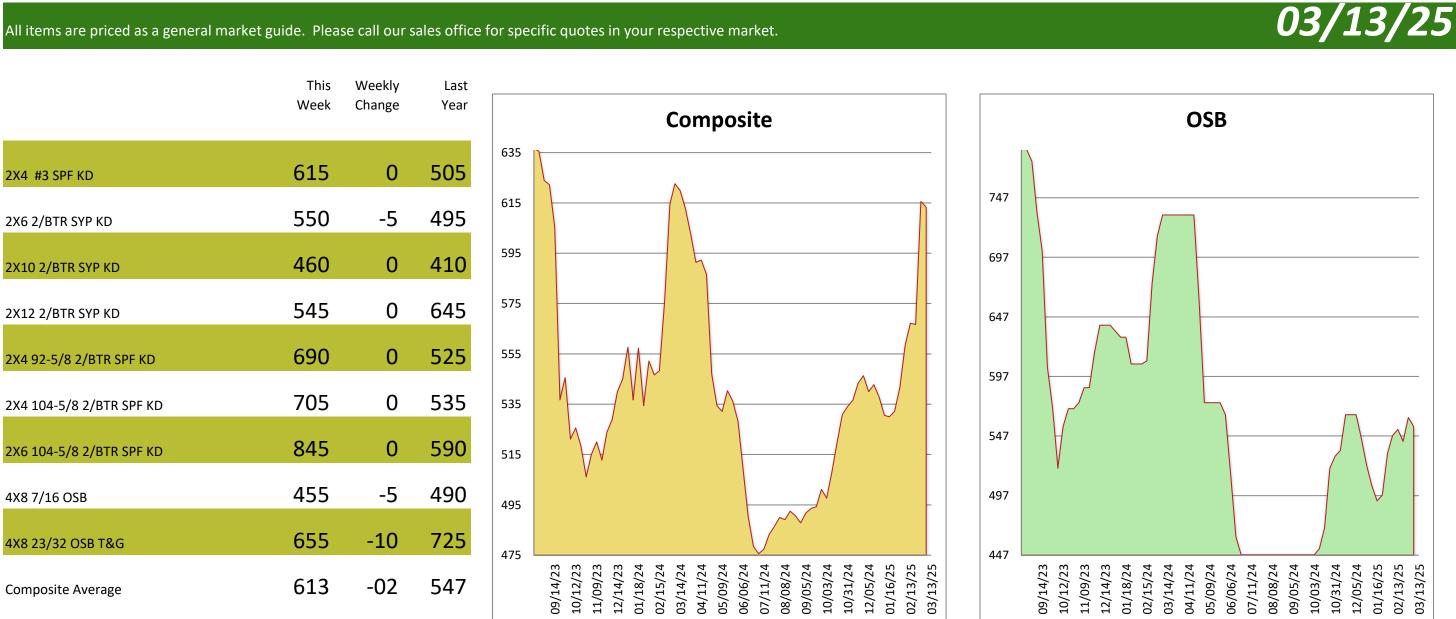


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Activity remained lean this week as the game of "guess the tariff" continued. Most buyers have covered near-term needs for close-in projects. The concern is for jobs starting further out. Will the additional capacity being added in SYP dimension create a softer market? Or will Trump's tariffs create higher prices? These are the questions being asked every day. As noted last week, what we really need is a firm plan that all involved can work with. Lumber was a mixed bag this week, with SPF softening and other species ticking up. Panels haven't really changed much in price, but that won't likely last. Run out and buy up all the Italian and French wine you can find before the 200% tariff hits.