

B.C. Forest Product Exports - June 2020

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This monthly report provides an overview of BC's forest product exports and markets. British Columbia export values decreased (-21%) year-to-date (YTD) in June 2020 compared with June 2019 (\$5.2 billion vs \$6.5 billion).

- **Lumber export** - Value was **down 18%**, with volumes dropping slightly more (-24%). China had the largest percentage **decline at 39%**.
- **Pulp and paper export** - Pulp value was **down 20%**, while the value of paper products also decreased (-37%). Some gains were made in YTD pulp export quantity which **increased 1%** to China compared with 2019.

- **Log and other wood exports** - The value of log exports decreased (-63%), while other wood products also **fell by 9%**.
- **Share of Value (Table 4)** - Overall, June YTD US share of export value was up from 44% to 49% between 2019 and 2020, while China's share was down from 30% to 29% and Japan's share was down from 10% to 8%.
- **Value by destination** - United States (-11%), China (-23%), Japan (-33%) and other countries (-33%) were all down in June 2020 YTD.

Table 1: Product Value Share (YTD)

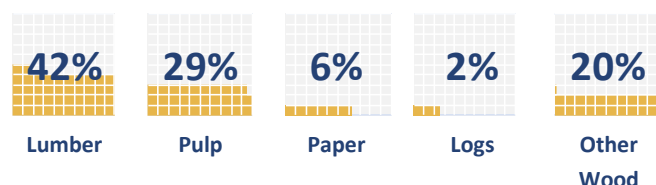


Table 2: Value by Country, YTD June 2020				
	Value (\$M)	Change YoY ¹	Share of Value YTD	
			June 2019	June 2020
United States	\$2,529	-11%	44%	49%
China*	\$1,496	-23%	30%	29%
Japan	\$433	-33%	10%	8%
Other	\$722	-33%	17%	14%
Grand Total	\$5,181	-21%	100%	100%

Table 3: Value in C\$ Millions by Product, YTD June 2020			
	2019	2020	Change YoY ¹
Softwood Lumber	\$2,627	\$2,158	-18%
Pulp	\$1,907	\$1,528	-20%
Paper	\$514	\$325	-37%
Logs	\$350	\$128	-63%
Other Wood	\$1,138	\$1,041	-9%
Grand Total	\$6,535	\$5,180	-21%

*China includes exports to Hong Kong.

**Bars denote country share compared with other countries within each product

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2. Includes wood products such as veneer, oriented strand board (OSB), plywood, siding, poles, chips, ties, mouldings, panels, furniture, seats, pellets, shake & shingles, etc.

3. Includes paper products such as paper, cards, cartons, rolls, trays, containers and sacks & bags, etc.

4. Panels include OSB, plywood, particleboard, and fibreboard.

Table 4: Share of Value, YTD June 2020**						
	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Paper ³	Logs	Other Wood ²	Grand Total
United States	64%	11%	52%	9%	77%	49%
China*	15%	66%	25%	58%	1%	29%
Japan	12%	6%	1%	18%	7%	8%
Other	10%	17%	22%	14%	16%	14%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 5: Share of Quantity, YTD June 2020**					
	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Logs	Panel ⁴	Pellet
United States	66%	11%	9%	88%	0%
China*	19%	68%	62%	5%	0%
Japan	8%	6%	14%	3%	27%
South Korea	1%	4%	11%	3%	0%
Indonesia	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%
United Kingdom	0%	0%	0%	1%	47%
Other	5%	7%	4%	1%	26%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 6: Quantity by Product, YTD June 2020			
	2019	2020	Change YoY ¹
Softwood Lumber (x1,000 m ³)	10,999	8,345	-24%
Pulp (x1,000 tonnes)	2,171	2,037	-6%
Logs (x1,000 m ³)	2,465	1,155	-53%

Data Source: B.C. Stats tabulation from Statistics Canada data

Export Values by Product and Destination

Figure 1: Total Export Value

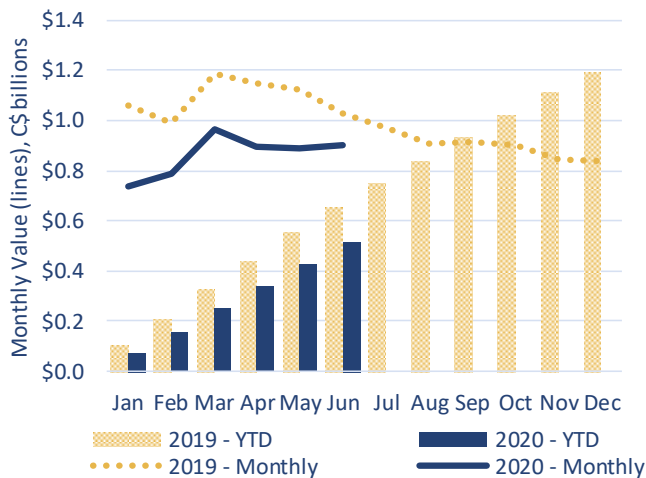


Figure 2: Total Export Value - 12-Month Moving Sum

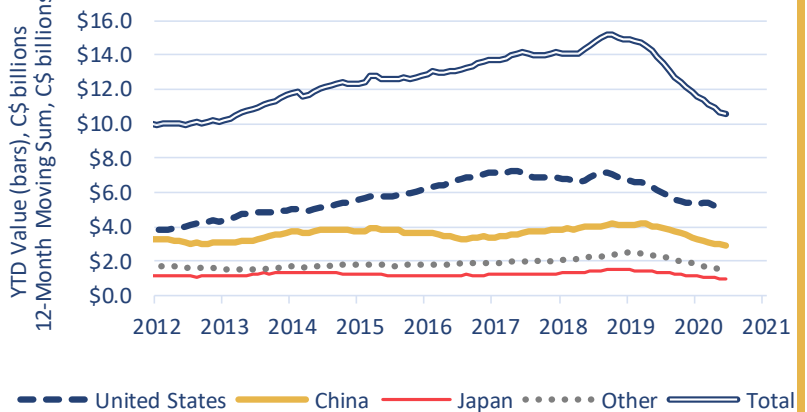


Figure 3: Softwood Lumber Export Value

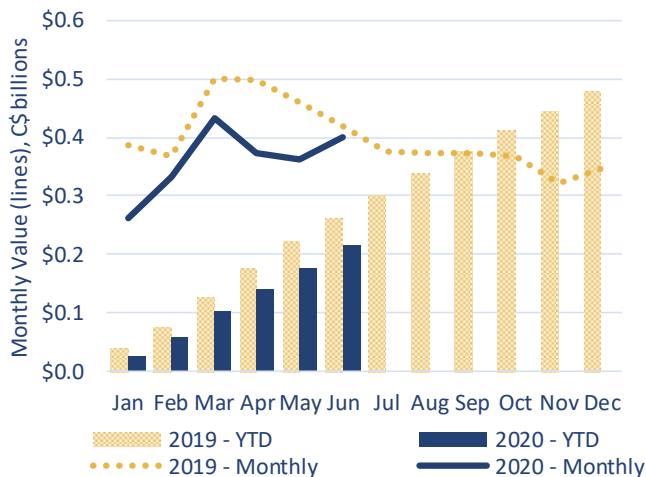


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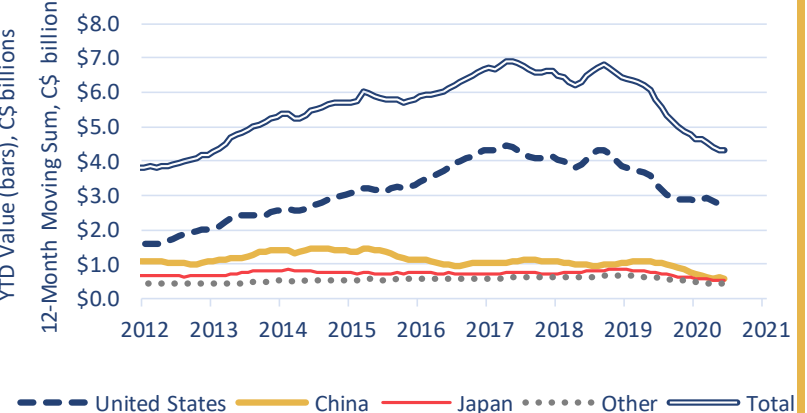


Figure 5: Pulp Export Value

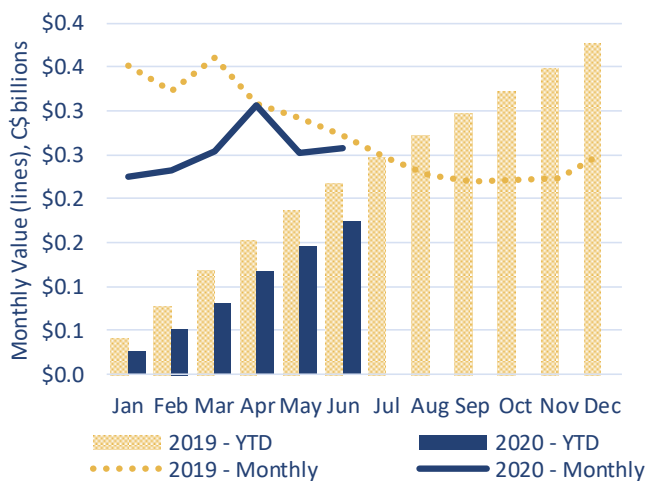
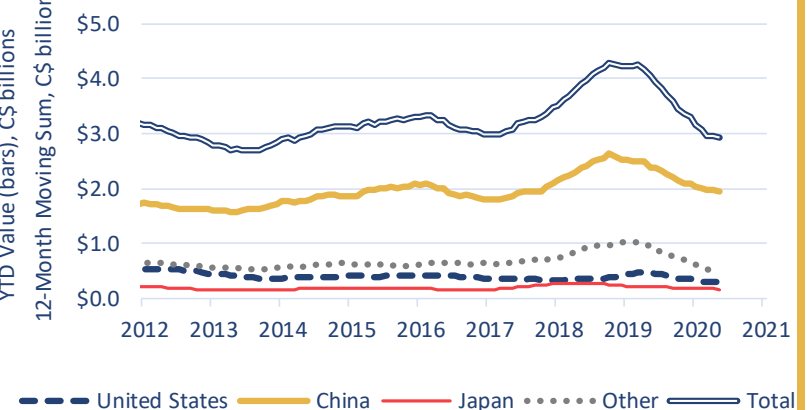


Figure 6: Pulp Export Value - 12-Month Moving Sum



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Export Values by Product and Destination

Figure 7: Paper Export Value

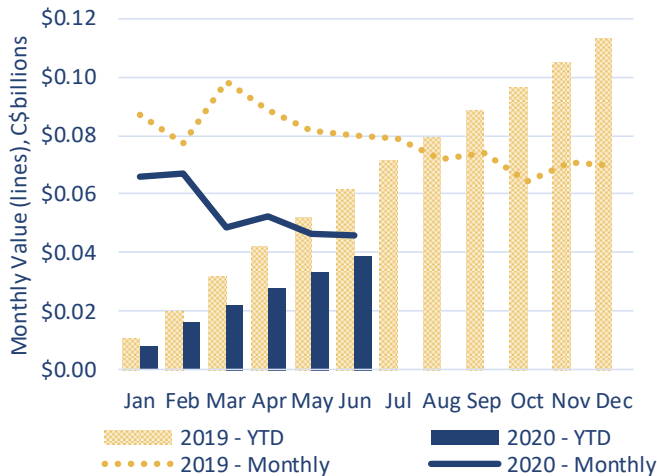


Figure 8: Paper Export Value - 12-Month Moving Sum

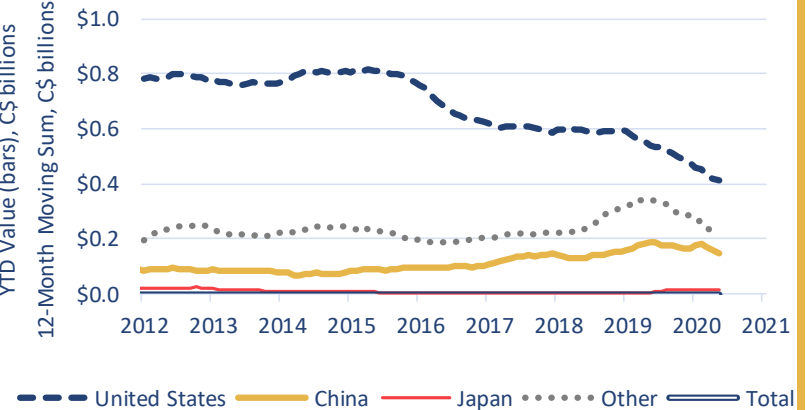


Figure 9: Logs Export Value

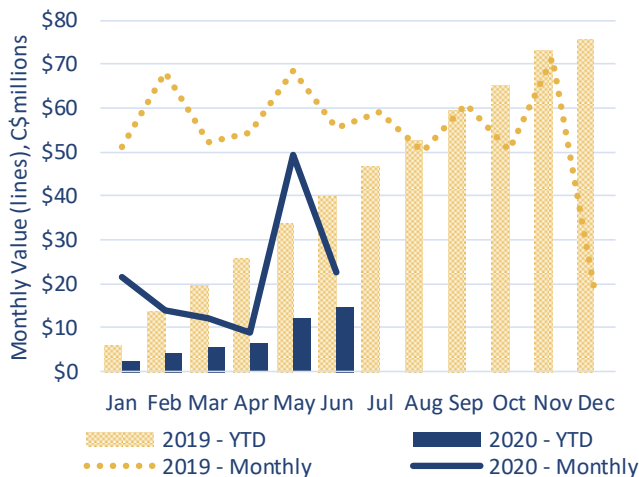


Figure 10: Log Export Value - 12-Month Moving Sum

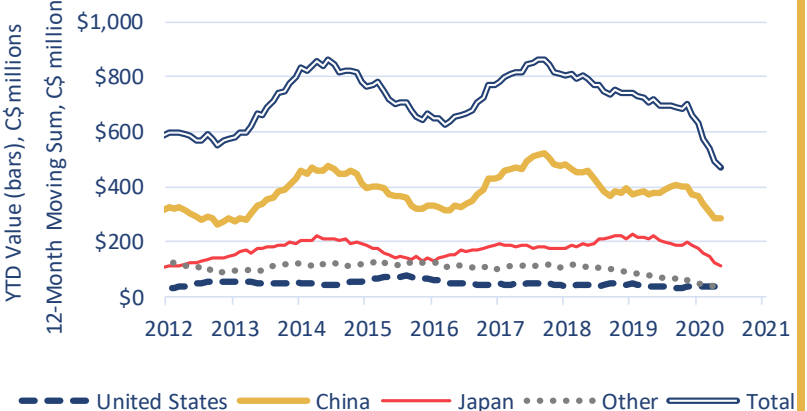


Figure 11: Other Wood Export Value

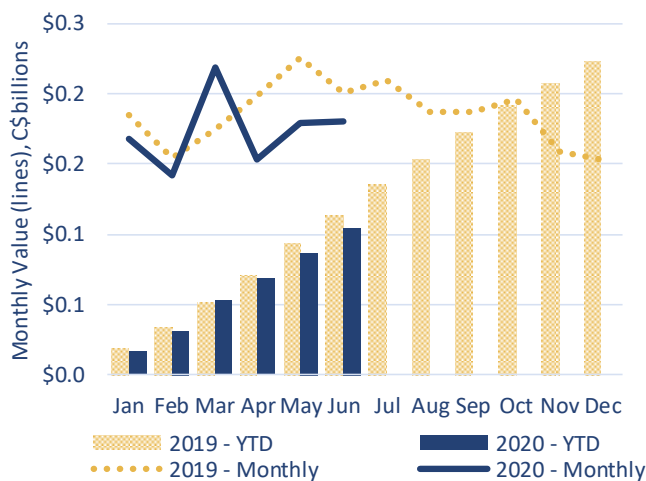
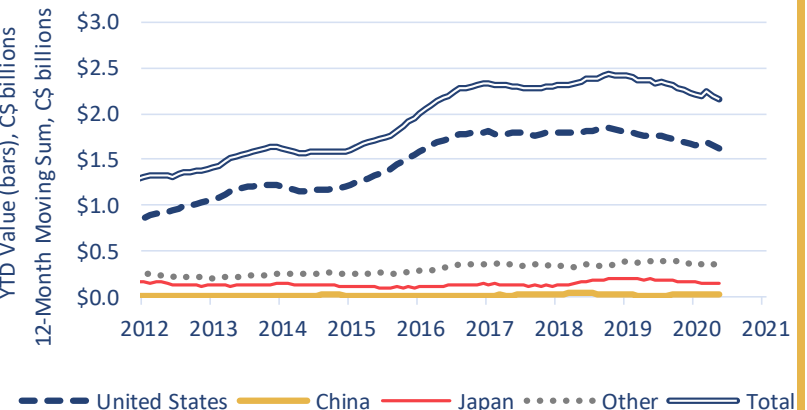


Figure 12: Other Wood Export Value - 12-Month Moving Sum



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Table 7: Value in C\$ Millions, Month of June 2020

Month of June 2020								Change YoY ¹	Month of June 2019							
	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Paper ³	Logs	Other Wood ²	Country Total	Country Share			Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Paper ³	Logs	Other Wood ²	Country Total	Country Share
United States	\$249	\$28	\$26	\$3	\$146	\$452	50%	-1%	United States	\$246	\$17	\$39	\$3	\$151	\$455	44%
China*	\$65	\$164	\$8	\$14	\$1	\$253	28%	-19%	China*	\$68	\$191	\$12	\$39	\$2	\$312	30%
Japan	\$49	\$17	\$0	\$4	\$10	\$80	9%	-19%	Japan	\$62	\$12	\$4	\$11	\$11	\$99	10%
Other	\$37	\$48	\$11	\$1	\$23	\$121	13%	-26%	Other	\$44	\$53	\$26	\$2	\$37	\$162	16%
Grand Total	\$399	\$257	\$46	\$23	\$180	\$905	100%	-12%	Grand Total	\$420	\$272	\$80	\$56	\$201	\$1,029	100%
Product Share	44%	28%	5%	2%	20%	100%										
Change YoY	-5%	-6%	-43%	-59%	-10%	-12%										

Table 8: Value in C\$ Millions, YTD June 2020

YTD June 2020								Change YoY ¹	YTD June 2019							
	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Paper ³	Logs	Other Wood ²	Country Total	Country Share			Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Paper ³	Logs	Other Wood ²	Country Total	Country Share
United States	\$1,377	\$174	\$170	\$12	\$797	\$2,529	49%	-11%	United States	\$1,522	\$215	\$245	\$17	\$857	\$2,856	44%
China*	\$322	\$1,009	\$81	\$75	\$10	\$1,496	29%	-23%	China*	\$491	\$1,170	\$100	\$187	\$8	\$1,956	30%
Japan	\$249	\$89	\$3	\$23	\$69	\$433	8%	-33%	Japan	\$338	\$99	\$10	\$107	\$88	\$642	10%
Other	\$210	\$255	\$72	\$18	\$165	\$721	14%	-33%	Other	\$276	\$422	\$159	\$39	\$185	\$1,081	17%
Grand Total	\$2,158	\$1,528	\$325	\$128	\$1,041	\$5,180	100%	-21%	Grand Total	\$2,627	\$1,907	\$514	\$350	\$1,138	\$6,535	100%
Product Share	42%	29%	6%	2%	20%	100%										
Change YoY	-18%	-20%	-37%	-63%	-9%	-21%										

Table 9: Quantity in Thousands, Month of June 2020

Month of June 2020				Change YoY ¹			Month of June 2019			
	Softwood Lumber (m³)	Pulp (tonnes)	Logs (m³)	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Logs		Softwood Lumber (m³)	Pulp (tonnes)	Logs (m³)
United States	969	34	35	-17%	69%	13%	United States	1,167	20	31
China*	299	224	138	-23%	-9%	-55%	China*	390	247	306
Japan	126	23	28	-21%	57%	-54%	Japan	160	14	61
Other	84	62	18	-21%	1%	51%	Other	106	61	12
Grand Total	1,478	343	219	-19%	0%	-47%	Grand Total	1,824	343	409

Table 10: Quantity in Thousands, YTD June 2020

YTD June 2020				Change YoY ¹			YTD June 2019			
	Softwood Lumber (m ³)	Pulp (tonnes)	Logs (m ³)	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Logs		Softwood Lumber (m ³)	Pulp (tonnes)	Logs (m ³)
United States	5,517	218	110	-20%	-8%	-36%	United States	6,863	236	170
China*	1,624	1,378	712	-39%	1%	-51%	China*	2,655	1,364	1,439
Japan	677	113	166	-20%	0%	-73%	Japan	849	113	625
Other	527	329	167	-17%	-28%	-28%	Other	633	457	230
Grand Total	8,345	2,037	1,155	-24%	-6%	-53%	Grand Total	10,999	2,171	2,465

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Table 11: B.C. Forest Product Export Value in C\$ by Market, 2010 to YTD June 2020

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 YTD
United States	\$4,125	\$3,825	\$4,344	\$4,973	\$5,533	\$6,132	\$7,141	\$6,928	\$6,765	\$5,428	\$2,529
China*	\$2,205	\$3,252	\$3,107	\$3,662	\$3,769	\$3,673	\$3,411	\$3,852	\$4,144	\$3,426	\$1,496
Japan	\$1,136	\$1,178	\$1,135	\$1,343	\$1,278	\$1,193	\$1,230	\$1,307	\$1,507	\$1,195	\$433
Other	\$1,677	\$1,729	\$1,574	\$1,676	\$1,788	\$1,774	\$1,919	\$2,074	\$2,479	\$1,862	\$722
Grand Total	\$9,143	\$9,985	\$10,159	\$11,654	\$12,367	\$12,772	\$13,701	\$14,162	\$14,895	\$11,911	\$5,181

Table 12: B.C. Forest Product Export Value in C\$ by Product, 2010 to YTD June 2020

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 YTD
Softwood Lumber	\$3,558	\$3,833	\$4,204	\$5,311	\$5,723	\$5,792	\$6,669	\$6,624	\$6,440	\$4,784	\$2,158
Pulp	\$2,939	\$3,200	\$2,852	\$2,831	\$3,121	\$3,301	\$2,998	\$3,466	\$4,232	\$3,294	\$1,528
Paper ³	\$1,098	\$1,079	\$1,132	\$1,077	\$1,144	\$1,066	\$937	\$958	\$1,066	\$943	\$325
Logs	\$373	\$588	\$577	\$802	\$784	\$665	\$771	\$810	\$741	\$661	\$128
Other Wood ²	\$1,175	\$1,284	\$1,394	\$1,633	\$1,594	\$1,948	\$2,325	\$2,304	\$2,416	\$2,228	\$1,041
Grand Total	\$9,143	\$9,985	\$10,159	\$11,654	\$12,367	\$12,772	\$13,701	\$14,162	\$14,895	\$11,911	\$5,180

Table 13: B.C. Forest Product Export Quantity in Millions by Product, 2010 to YTD June 2020

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 YTD
Softwood Lumber (m ³)	20.85	22.84	24.16	25.88	25.84	26.20	27.67	25.27	24.00	20.28	8.34
Pulp (tonnes)	3.79	4.10	4.45	4.15	4.14	4.27	4.07	4.32	4.08	4.07	2.04
Logs (m ³)	3.74	5.45	5.71	6.67	6.27	5.57	6.28	6.02	5.12	4.84	1.15
Panel ⁴ (m ³)	1.05	1.56	1.54	1.63	1.48	1.74	2.05	2.16	2.14	1.66	0.56
Pellet (tonnes)	0.76	1.06	1.22	1.28	1.29	1.26	1.93	1.78	2.27	2.14	1.07

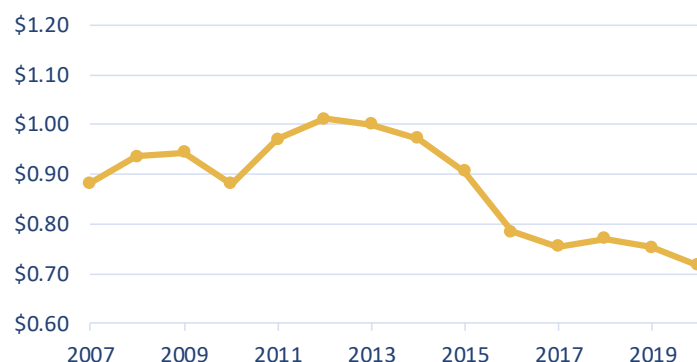
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Figure 13: Exchange Rate US\$/C\$



Source: [OANDA](#)

Additional annual data and charts can be found in the annual [Economic State of B.C.'s Forest Sector](#).

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Export Quantities by Product and Destination

Figure 14: Softwood Lumber Export Quantity

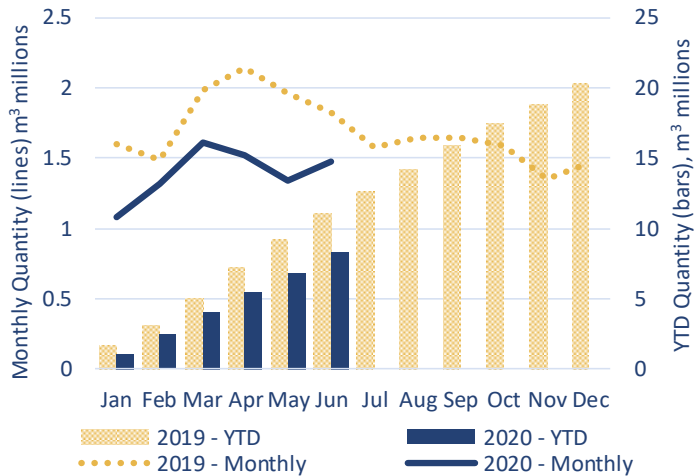


Figure 15: Softwood Lumber Export Quantity - 12-Month Moving Sum

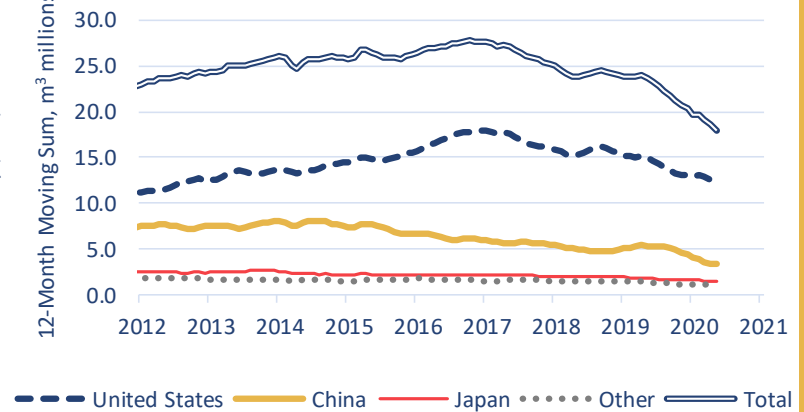


Figure 16: Pulp Export Quantity

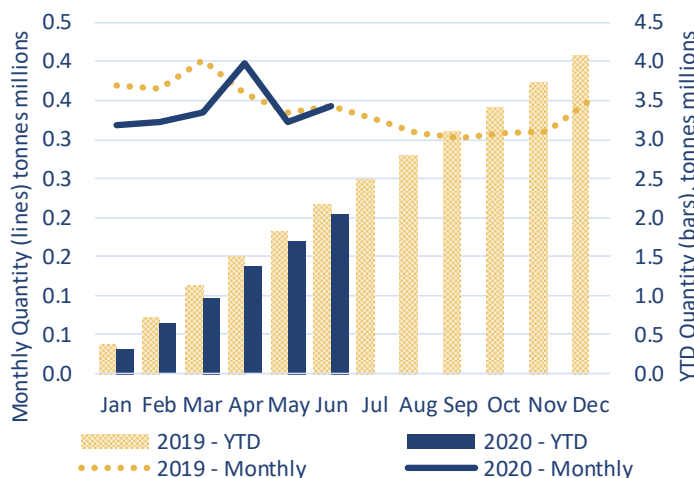


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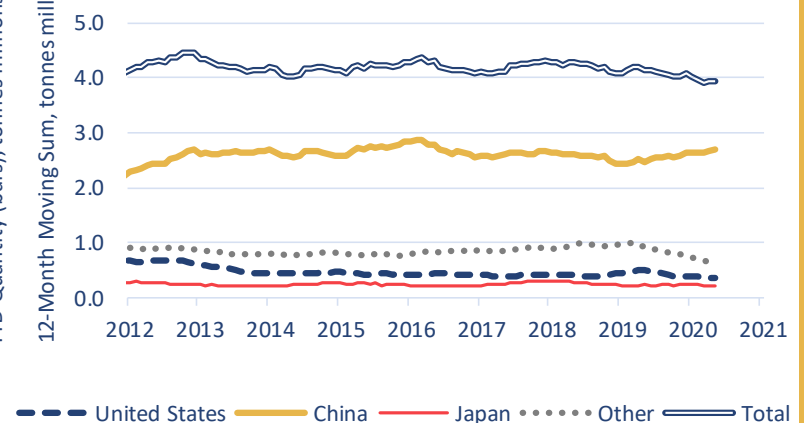


Figure 18: Logs Export Quantity

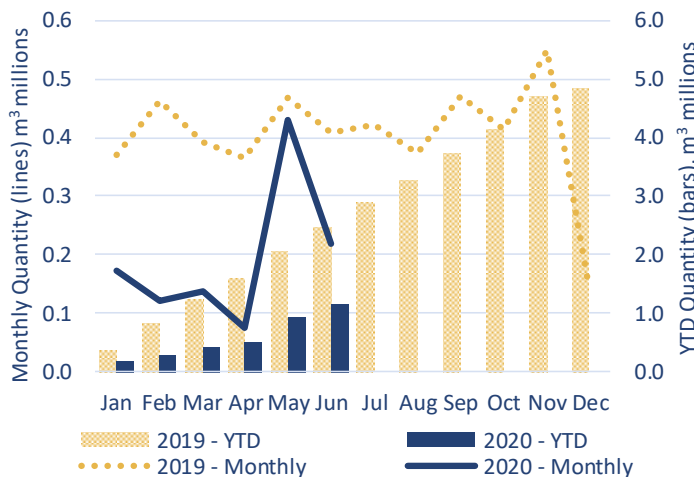
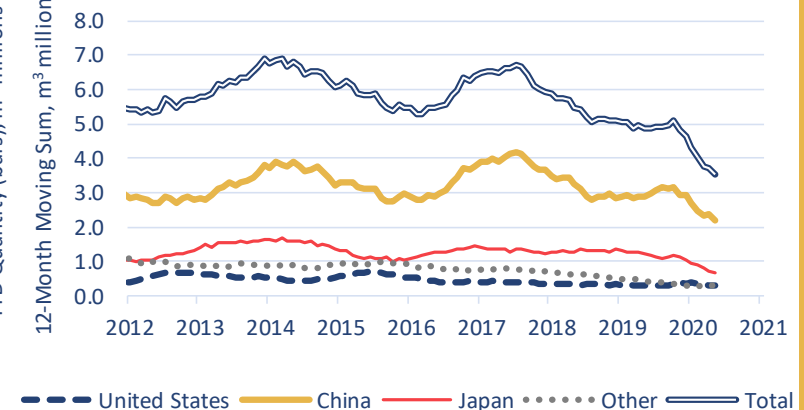


Figure 19: Log Export Quantity - 12-Month Moving Sum



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