

UK Wood Production and Trade: 2014 Provisional Figures

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It contains provisional statistics for 2014 on UK wood production and trade. They are based on surveys of the forest sector, administrative records from the Forestry Commission, Natural Resources Wales and the Forest Service of Northern Ireland, and trade data from HM Revenue & Customs.

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Table 1 Removals of UK roundwood

Thousand green tonnes

Year	Softwood			Hardwood			UK Total
	FC/NRW/ FS ¹	Private sector ²	Total Softwood	FC/NRW/ FS ¹	Private sector ²	Total Hardwood	
2010	4,625	4,633	9,258	70	465	535	9,793
2011	4,870	5,186	10,056	75	465	541	10,597
2012	4,836	5,259	10,095	55	478	532	10,628
2013	5,084	5,852	10,936	78	451	529	11,465
2014	4,900	6,531	11,431	71	461	532	11,963

Note:

(1) FC: Forestry Commission (England, Scotland, and until March 2013, Wales), NRW: Natural Resources Wales (from April 2013), FS: Forest Service (Northern Ireland).

(2) Private sector: removals from all other woodland (including some publicly owned woodland).

(3) The difference between reported softwood removals and deliveries (Table 2) can be caused by variations in the level of stocks between harvesting and delivery to the wood processor, and/or by the differences in data sources and methodologies used to compile removals and deliveries statistics (see Annex).

Sources:

Forestry Commission, Natural Resources Wales & Forest Service:

Administrative records (FC/NRW/FS removals),

Private Sector Softwood Removals Survey (private sector softwood removals)

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Table 2 UK softwood deliveries

								Thousand green tonnes
Year	Sawmills	Pulpmills	Wood-based panels	Fencing	Woodfuel ¹	Other ²	Softwood exports	Total
2010	5,616	428	1,375	349	900	135	467	9,269
2011	5,859	453	1,417	363	900	145	585	9,722
2012	6,073	461	1,269	338	1,000	154	535	9,831
2013	6,407	465	1,263	332	1,250	191	640	10,547
2014	6,725	465	1,283	317	1,500	188	437	10,915

Note:

(1) Wood fuel derived from stemwood. Includes estimates of roundwood use for biomass energy. The figures are estimated by the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics, and make use of wood fuel data reported in the Private Sector Softwood Removals Survey.

(2) Includes shavings and poles. Quantities for some uses are estimates by the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics.

Sources:

Forestry Commission & Forest Service: Sawmill Survey,
Survey of Round Fencing Manufacturers,
Private Sector Softwood Removals Survey (wood fuel)

UK Forest Products Association (pulp mills)

Wood Panel Industries Federation (wood-based panels)

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Table 3 UK hardwood deliveries

Thousand green tonnes

Year	Sawmills	Pulpmills	Woodbased panels	Woodfuel ¹	Other ²	Total
2010	75	0	1	400	59	535
2011	81	0	1	400	59	541
2012	75	0	2	400	55	532
2013	74	0	0	400	55	529
2014	77	0	0	400	55	532

Note:

(1) Wood fuel derived from stemwood, includes estimated roundwood use for biomass energy. The figures are estimated by the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics. Wood fuel includes wood for charcoal; charcoal production in UK is estimated to be about 5,000 tonnes, with about 7 green tonnes of wood required to make one tonne of charcoal.

(2) Includes round fencing and roundwood exports. Quantities for hardwood fencing and some other uses are estimates by the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics.

Sources:

Forestry Commission & Forest Service: Sawmill Survey

UK Forest Products Association (pulp mills)

Wood Panel Industries Federation (wood-based panels)

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Table 4 Consumption of roundwood by sawmills

Thousand green tonnes

Year	Softwood			Hardwood		
	UK grown	Imported	Total	UK grown	Imported	Total
2010	5,616	103	5,719	75	19	94
2011	5,859	125	5,984	81	20	100
2012	6,073	124	6,198	75	17	93
2013	6,407	126	6,532	74	13	88
2014	6,725	159	6,884	77	14	91

Source:

Forestry Commission & Forest Service:

Sawmill Survey

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Table 5 Production of sawnwood

Year	Thousand cubic metres sawnwood		
	Softwood	Hardwood	Total
2010	3,053	48	3,101
2011	3,227	52	3,279
2012	3,361	48	3,409
2013	3,536	46	3,581
2014	3,716	47	3,764

Source:

Forestry Commission & Forest Service:

Sawmill Survey

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Table 6 Inputs to wood-based panel mills

Thousand green tonnes

Year	UK roundwood ¹		Sawmill products		Imports ²		Recycled wood fibre ³	Total
	Softwood	Hardwood	Softwood	Hardwood	Softwood	Hardwood		
2010	1,375	1	1,631	0	7	1	1,120	4,135
2011	1,417	1	1,779	0	0	0	952	4,149
2012	1,269	2	1,851	0	0	0	909	4,031
2013	1,263	0	1,709	0	0	0	853	3,825
2014	1,283	0	1,809	0	0	0	812	3,904

Note:

(1) UK roundwood derived from stemwood.

(2) Imports include roundwood, wood products and products from imported wood.

(3) Recycled wood fibre is wood fibre recovered from pre- and post-consumer wood waste for use in wood-based panel production. Quantities are as delivered.

Source:

Wood Panel Industries Federation

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Table 7 **Production of wood-based panels**

Thousand cubic metres

Year	Particleboard ¹	Fibreboard (MDF)	Total woodbased panels
2010	2,594	776	3,370
2011	2,625	759	3,384
2012	2,215	788	3,003
2013	2,276	756	3,032
2014	2,319	749	3,068

Note:

(1) Includes Oriented Strand Board (OSB).

Source:

Wood Panel Industries Federation

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Table 8 **Inputs to integrated pulp & paper mills** ^{1,2}

Thousand green tonnes

Year	UK roundwood ³	Sawmill products	Total
2010	428	98	526
2011	453	99	552
2012	461	79	540
2013	465	83	548
2014	465	97	562

Note:

(1) All wood inputs to integrated pulp & paper mills are softwood for the years shown.

(2) This table excludes inputs of recycled paper and cardboard.

(3) UK roundwood derived from stemwood.

Source:

UK Forest Products Association

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Table 9 Production of paper

Thousand tonnes

Year	Graphic papers (inc newsprint)	Sanitary & household papers	Packaging materials	Other	Total
2010	1,637	729	1,640	294	4,300
2011	1,669	766	1,600	307	4,342
2012	1,616	795	1,798	271	4,480
2013	1,636	802	1,851	272	4,561
2014	1,544	768	1,797	284	4,393

Source:

Confederation of Paper Industries.

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Table 10 **Wood pellets and briquettes production**

Thousand tonnes

Year	Wood pellets and briquettes production
2010	197
2011	244
2012	278
2013	301
2014	335

Source:

Forestry Commission: Survey of UK Pellet and Briquette Production

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Table 11 UK import quantities ¹

Year	Thousand m ³				Thousand tonnes			
	Sawnwood	Woodbased panels	Wood pellets	Other wood ²	Paper	Pulp	Recovered paper	Total Pulp & Paper
2010	5,699	2,701	816	1,071	7,254	1,094	115	8,462
2011	4,936	2,827	1,502	985	6,887	1,009	177	8,073
2012	5,179	2,650	2,201	965	6,631	1,021	160	7,812
2013	5,488	2,964	7,376	1,267	5,929	1,100	184	7,213
2014	6,425	3,260	10,685	1,351	5,949	1,234	136	7,319

Note:

(1) There are reliability concerns for some of these figures, particularly for individual products (see Annex).

(2) Includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles and residues, excludes pellets.

Source:

HM Revenue & Customs: UK overseas trade statistics

Estimates by the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics

Table 12 UK export quantities ¹

Year	Thousand m ³				Thousand tonnes			
	Sawnwood	Woodbased panels	Wood pellets	Other wood ²	Paper	Pulp	Recovered paper	Total Pulp & Paper
2010	195	509	89	1,029	926	35	4,388	5,349
2011	162	546	56	1,430	974	32	4,479	5,485
2012	141	597	79	1,778	1,102	36	4,447	5,585
2013	167	432	164	1,219	1,119	23	4,248	5,390
2014	175	404	73	984	1,015	21	4,436	5,472

Note:

(1) There are reliability concerns for some of these figures, particularly for individual products (see Annex).

(2) Includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles and residues, excludes pellets.

Source:

HM Revenue & Customs: UK overseas trade statistics

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Table 13 UK import values¹

Year	Wood				Pulp and Paper				£ million
	Sawnwood	Woodbased panels	Wood pellets	Other wood ²	Paper	Pulp	Recovered paper	Total Pulp & Paper	Total
2010	1,199	781	69	110	3,997	593	17	4,607	6,765
2011	1,080	838	129	79	4,049	613	34	4,696	6,822
2012	1,084	791	185	75	3,727	519	21	4,266	6,402
2013	1,180	882	412	88	3,644	500	21	4,165	6,727
2014	1,420	936	545	82	3,667	509	19	4,196	7,180

Note:

(1) There are reliability concerns for some of these figures, particularly for individual products (see Annex).

(2) Includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles and residues, excludes pellets.

Source:

HM Revenue & Customs: UK overseas trade statistics

Estimates by the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics

Table 14 UK export values¹

Year	Wood				Pulp and Paper				£ million
	Sawnwood	Woodbased panels	Wood pellets	Other wood ²	Paper	Pulp	Recovered paper	Total Pulp & Paper	Total
2010	47	113	7	35	1,068	18	524	1,610	1,812
2011	41	128	3	50	1,044	11	595	1,650	1,872
2012	34	130	4	51	1,048	10	531	1,589	1,807
2013	37	109	5	47	1,017	8	494	1,519	1,717
2014	43	107	2	40	997	7	476	1,480	1,672

Note:

(1) There are reliability concerns for some of these figures, particularly for individual products (see Annex).

(2) Includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles and residues, excludes pellets.

Source:

HM Revenue & Customs: UK overseas trade statistics

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