

Statistic Details

Larger sawmills

More detailed information is collected from sawmills that produce more than 10 thousand cubic metres of sawnwood

Larger mills, 2009: softwood consumption and production

Total softwood consumption by all sawmills was 4.9 million green tonnes. Sawn softwood production was 2.6 million cubic metres and other softwood products (chips, bark, sawdust etc) amounted to 2.5 million tonnes.

Sawmills in Scotland accounted for around half (51%) of all softwood consumption by the larger mills. A further 28% was consumed by mills in England, 11% in Wales and the remaining 10% in Northern Ireland

	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	UK
Number of mills	16	7	27	3	53
Consumption (thousand green tonnes)	1 360	533	2 519	518	4 930
Sawnwood production (thousand m3)	752	268	1 326	260	2 607
Other products (thousand tonnes)	645	295	1 267	250	2 457

Source:

Sawmill survey

Notes:

1. Sawmills producing at least 10 thousand m3 sawnwood

Larger mills, 2009: source of softwood logs

Source	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	UK
thousand green tonnes					
England	907	49	125	0	1 081
Wales	192	399	0	0	591
Scotland	261	85	2 394	39	2 780
Northern Ireland	0	0	0	321	321
Total UK logs	1 360	533	2 519	360	4 773
Other countries	0	0	0	157	157
Total log consumption	1 360	533	2 519	518	4 930

Source:

Sawmill survey

Larger mills, 2006-2009: source of softwood logs

Year	Source					Total
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Other countries	
per cent of total consumption						
2006	24	15	50	6	5	100
2007	23	13	53	5	5	100
2008	24	13	54	5	4	100
2009	22	12	56	7	3	100

Source:
Sawmill survey

Larger mills, 2009: sawn softwood product markets

	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	UK
per cent of total product markets					
Construction	22	19	37	26	30
Fencing	46	28	27	47	34
Packaging/ pallets	31	47	36	25	35
Other	1	6	0	2	1
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Source:
Sawmill survey

Larger mills, 2006-2009: sawn softwood product markets

Year	Construction	Fencing	Packaging/ pallets	Other	Total
per cent of total product markets					
2006	34	36	28	1	100
2007	35	37	26	1	100
2008	33	36	29	2	100
2009	30	34	35	1	100

Source:
Sawmill survey

Larger mills, 2009: other softwood products

Destination and type of product2	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	UK
per cent of total other softwood products					
Sold to wood processing industries					
Wood chips	53	62	51	13	49
Bark	3	5	1	0	2
Sawdust & other	20	22	9	0	13
Total	76	89	61	13	64
Sold to bio-energy (incl pellet manufacturers)					
Wood chips	8	1	13	49	14
Bark	0	0	0	0	0
Sawdust & other	0	0	4	15	4
Total	8	1	17	64	18
Other sales					
Wood chips	6	3	5	8	5
Bark	6	5	9	11	8
Sawdust & other	4	1	7	4	5
Total	16	10	20	23	18

Source:
Sawmill survey

Notes:
The table does not show internal use for heat/ energy, sales of firewood and other products disposed of as waste, which together account for less than 1% of other softwood products.

Larger mills, 2006-2009: other softwood products

Year	Destination				Total
	Sold to wood	Sold to bio-energy	Other sales	Other2	
	processing industries	(incl pellet manufacturers)			
per cent of total other softwood products					
2006	79	9	12	0	100
2007	81	8	11	0	100
2008	74	13	12	1	100
2009	64	18	18	1	100

Source:

Sawmill survey

Notes:

Other includes internal use for heat / energy, sales of firewood and other products disposed of as waste