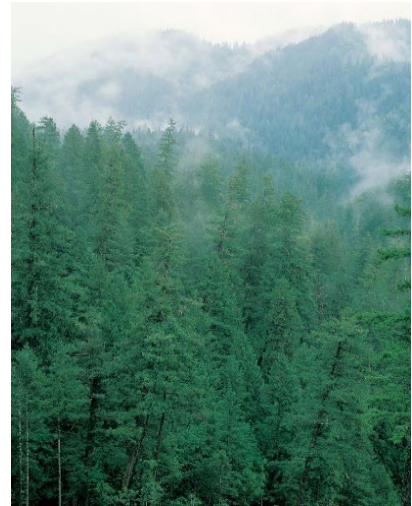


# U.S. Softwoods

## A GLOBAL LEADER IN STRENGTH & USTAINABILITY

### Key Points:

- U.S. softwood lumber is abundant and sustainable. The U.S. has more trees today than 70 years ago. In fact, over 1 billion seedlings are planted in the U.S. every year – the equivalent of 2.7 million trees every day of the year. Modern forest management ensures not only that harvested trees are replaced, but that every year more wood is grown in U.S. forests than is harvested.
- The U.S. and Mexico have a trading relationship that spans hundreds of years. A shared border, the USMCA and related tax benefits, and abundant trucking and rail services make shipping materials across the border fast and cost effective. Average delivery time from the U.S. to Mexico is 3-4 weeks.
- U.S. softwood species offer a range of strength properties include superior bending strength, nail and fastener holding ability, and hardness. Lumber from slower growing, natural forests have tight growth rings, which results in higher strength and density.
- Strict U.S. laws ensure that all softwood lumber from the U.S. is legally harvested and sustainably managed. Lumber from the U.S. that is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) is available.



### U.S. Species are Strong and Versatile

U.S. softwoods are among the strongest and most durable in the world. The country is also home to a wide variety of species with unique attributes. Douglas fir, Southern Yellow Pine, Ponderosa Pine and Western Hemlock make excellent high grade pallet material due to their high strength to weight ratio and excellent nail and fastener holding ability. Ponderosa pine and Eastern White Pine are easily worked and hold knife patterns well, which makes them a great choice for moulding, cabinets, and furniture. For more information about U.S. species and their qualities, visit <https://www.softwood.org/publications-library/category/a-guide-to-american-softwood-species>

