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First for FWPA Statistics and Economics Program

The FWPA Softwood Timber Survey is online

FWPA's new Statistics and Economics Program has launched its first service – the Softwood Timber Survey (STS). The survey tracks monthly sales volumes by product categories for Australian plantation softwood products from participating companies. There are 7 major categories, with various sub categories tracked for each.

Participating companies log into the survey portal each month to upload their sales volumes. Companies can then view their figures against the aggregate for each product category and download reports.

Summary aggregate data is publicly available for plantation softwood product sales volumes by year and product category dating back to 2002.

"This is an important first step in establishing industry statistics services and gives us an opportunity to expand the dialogue with industry about the data they want collected and how they want to use it" said Jim Houghton, FWPA Statistics and Economics Manager.

About the Softwood Timber Survey

The survey was previously managed by AFPA. With the creation of FWPA's Statistics and Economics Program stakeholders agreed that moving management of the survey to FWPA would provide the opportunity for more companies to contribute to the Survey each month. Work is progressing on providing a similar service for Hardwood Timber Products and Industry production and Inventory data. Through this confidential data aggregation process it is expected a more accurate understanding of current commercial conditions will be available.

About Forest and Wood Products Australia

FWPA aims to improve the competitiveness and sustainability of the Australian forest and wood products industry through innovation by investing in effective and relevant R&D and promotion of the industry's products, services and values. FWPA undertakes industry-level activities where a collective approach delivers more effective and valuable commercial outcomes than individual action. We deliver services that support the industry's capacity as a major exporter and mainstay of regional communities in many parts of Australia.

Softwood Timber Survey Product Categories

- Structural Untreated
- Structural H2 and H2F
- Outdoor Domestic
- Appearance
- Outdoor other
- Packaging
- Ungraded

Visit the survey site sts.fwpa.com.au/

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