

Cover Photo:

Landscape in Guangxi province in Southern China, taken by a DANA-Gingko Field Trip delegate in October 2024

- This shows land use by farmers
 - · Rice on flat land
 - · Citrus fruit orchards on slightly rolling land
 - Eucalyptus plantations on rolling/steeper land

The collapse in the Chinese construction market has provided more wood available for the burgeoning Guangxi pulp industry

Just how much "pulpwood" will be available - and what impact that may have on future hardwood woodchip imports?

2025 International Woodchip & Biomass Trade Review

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Introduction: Conversion factors. Ten 'Top Issues' issues facing the industry in 2025

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2024 to Portugal, Spain, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, France, Iceland,

Ireland and Türkiye

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plants

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2024 and 2025E predicted export volumes by each exporter

Supply Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay. Details as per above — Paraguay

development

Supply Oceania: Australia, New Zealand & Fiji. Details as per above

Supply South East Asia: Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand & Vietnam. Details as per above

Supply Africa: Previous/planned export countries: Angola, Cameroon, Ghana and

Republic of Congo. For South Africa and Mozambique. Details as

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Seaborne Woodchip Transportation: Details of 165 specialised woodchip carriers

Conclusions & Predictions: Summary and details of all market demand predictions 2025–2029;

and all supply countries predictions, and Asia Pacific balance of wood

fibre surpluses or deficits 2025–2029. Also prices in 2024 and predicted prices in 2025 and 2029 for major species/countries

Contacts Registry: Contacts for woodchip suppliers, trading and end user companies

2025 Edition

Ten Issues Facing The Woodchip Trade In 2025 (More Details in Review)

- 1. The largest (hardwood) woodchip importer China after a 20% slump in demand in 2023, again imported a record volume in 2024. What will 2025 bring?
- 2. Japan was overtaken by China as the major North Asian importer several years ago. But unlike China (and Indonesia) which have volatile woodchip import demands, it has been a steadier woodchip importer, Will this continue?
- 3. Recent expansions and under-construction pulp mills in Indonesia have already resulted in a big increase in demand for imported woodchip-s in 2024. Will import demand soar in/past 2025?
- 4. India has also been the poster child of a "start stop start" woodchip importing country. After the last surge in imports which ceased around 2019, a tiny resurgence occurred in late 2023 and a much larger import demand in 2024. Where to from here in 2025 and beyond?
- 5. The giant Vietnamese export volume hit another peak in 2024. Just how high can Vietnam export volumes go?
- 6. Australian hardwood exports in 2024 hit another low point way lower than suppliers had predicted in early 2024. Can we expect suppliers to react by converting eucalyptus pulpwood plantations to pine sawlog crops (for timber and carbon), and/or seek other end-uses?
- 7. Lower demand for Chile *E. globulus* woodchips, a new increasing demand from Chilean domestic pulp companies; and a wholesale switch to almost all *E. nitens* woodchip exports has meant an export volume low in 2024. Will exports reduce further in 2025?
- 8. Lower log and woodchip demand significantly reduced 2024 exports from Brazil, Uruguay and Mozambique to the Iberian Peninsula. Will demand recover in 2025?
- 9. Increasing demand for biomass woodchips to feed biomass power stations in Japan (and some other reasons) has apparently stretched domestic Japanese supplies. Will import top-up supplies be enough in 2025?
- 10. In early 2025 all eyes are on the Ukraine conflict and a possible resolution. Will the international and intra-Europe woodchip trade be impacted if "peace breaks out" in Ukraine in 2025?

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