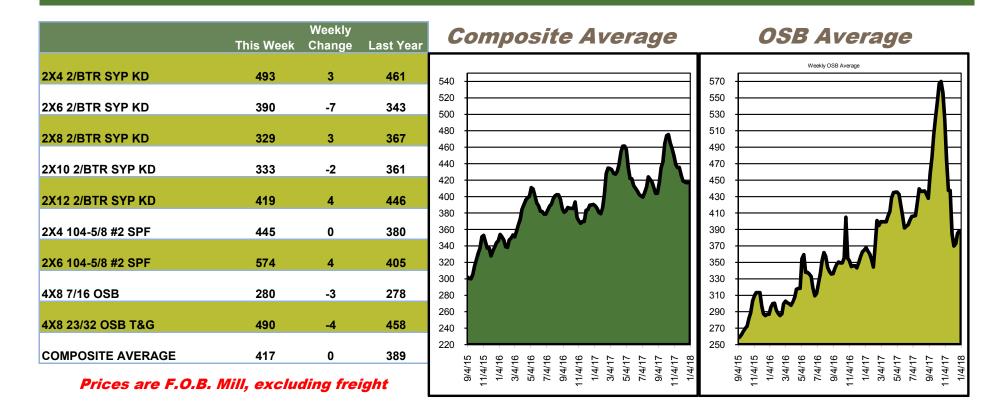


Southeast Framing Lumber Brief



2018 got off to a slowish start as winter weather gripped a large part of the country, slowing the overall pace of trading. Inventories at the distribution level continued to be on the light side, but reports that more volume was showing up on broker lists were common.

The weather did impact supply negatively in the SE where frozen pipes caused short-term closures, but that was largely viewed as a very temporary situation. Contract loads are becoming more plentiful and could cause market softness in the coming weeks on some panel and stud items.

Trucking is getting tighter as new federal regulations requiring drivers to use electronic log books leave no room for slop. Glad to see 2017 in the rear view - 2018 is upon us!

All items are priced as a **general market** guide. Please call our sales office for specific quotes in your respective market.