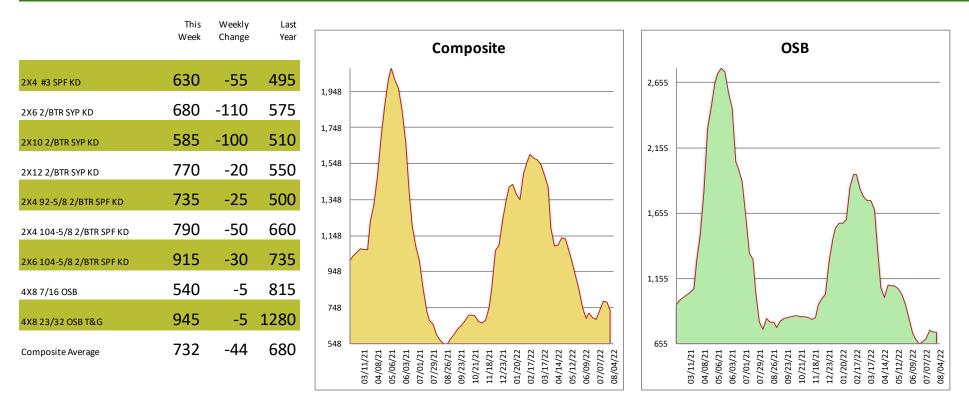


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It was another quiet week for lumber and panel mills who had plenty of time to watch the futures market soften yet again. The cash market adjusted down, led by SPF and GDF dimension. Studs also saw softness in all species. OSB was flat yet again, while plywood was able to garner slight increases this week. Summer heat continues to slow jobsite activity, while the growing McKinney fire in Northern California bears watching. The cash market in general feels like it needs to let more steam out of it, but it may not be long lived. Mortgage interest rates have reversed course and are going down, counter to what has been happening. We will see if that continues as the Fed watches inflation closely headed toward the midterm elections.