

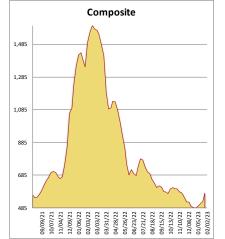
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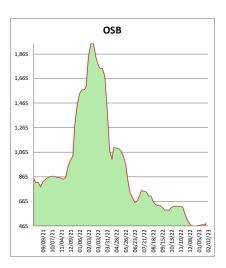
Midwest Framing Lumber Brief

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	This Week	Weekly Change	Last Year
2X4 #3 SPF KD	450	20	1200
2X6 2/BTR SYP KD	625	85	1210
2X10 2/BTR SYP KD	570	70	1195
2X12 2/BTR SYP KD	610	85	1370
2X4 92-5/8 2/BTR SPF KD	525	65	1245
2X4 104-5/8 2/BTR SPF KD	610	60	1300
2X6 104-5/8 2/BTR SPF KD	840	50	1405
4X8 7/16 OSB	330	15	1420
4X8 23/32 OSB T&G	635	5	1785
Composite Average	577	51	1,348





Markets ticked up again this week, but largely on the momentum from last week's flurry. The pace definitely cooled as buyers digested recent purchases, and winter weather took it's toll on a large part of the country. Futures were mixed, as traders wondered about the impact of the change in the CME contract moving to the mini-contracts FOB Chicago after the SPF carload fob BC contract ends in May. This will make the movements of futures through May 15th sporadic at best. Studs continue to be the hot item, mainly 9 ft trims. Panels are trending flight to slightly up. The Fed's move to raise rates again this week seemed to energize the market as pundits believe we are nearing an end to these increases. Mortgage rates dropped again, giving those single-family housing hope that things are improving. No football this weekend as we endure the long wait to the Superbowl, but Pebble Beach golf will be a good substitute!