## Midwest Framing Lumber Brief

|  | This | Weekly Last |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Week | Change Year |  | Composite |  | OSB |
| $2 \times 4$ \#3 SPF KD | 460 | -15 1155 | 1,485 |  | 1,865 |  |
| 2X6 2/BTR SYP KD | 545 | 5815 |  | $N$ | 1,665 |  |
| $2 \times 10$ 2/BTR SYP KD | 500 | -5 775 | 1,285 |  | 1,465 | $\pi$ |
| 2X12 2/BTR SYP KD | 1025 | 01420 |  |  |  |  |
| 2X4 92-5/8 2/BTR SPF KD | 525 | -35 1290 |  |  |  |  |
| $2 \times 4$ 104-5/8 2/BTR SPF KD | 570 | -20 1235 | 885 |  | 1,065 | $\nabla$ |
| $2 \times 6$ 104-5/8 2/BTR SPF KD | 770 | -5 1340 |  |  | 865 |  |
| 4×8 7/16 OSB | 450 | 35890 | 685 |  | 665 |  |
| 4X8 23/32 OSB T\&G | 710 | 351315 | 485 |  | 465 |  |
| Composite Average | 617 | -01 1,137 |  |  <br>  <br>  |  |  <br>  <br>  |

Lumber markets seemed to lose some of their mojo this week. Buyers felt little pressure to cover all but the most urgent of needs, even with mill order files pushing deeper into May. SYP was slow this week except 12 -inch. The same could be said for SPF, and the party that has been GDF appears to have made 'last call' for now - ("You don't have to go home but you can't stay here.") OSB has been climbing, harder in the east than in the west, but is also showing signs of slowing. SYP plywood has continued to be somewhat lackluster, while western fir plywood has slightly more life. Futures puked again this week as the final carload contract session nears it's end and the board changes completely over to the new "mini's" in T/L's. Confidence will need to be built for the new contract to get more participation. April weather turns to May and will make for some sunnier days ahead - but will the housing industry have the HP to capitalize on better weather nationally?

