## Midwest Framing Lumber Brief



I'm not sure how many synonyms there are for "grind" but we may have used them all over the last several months. "Toil" is defined as a prolonged grind, and if you add a couple of letters to "toil" you can aptly describe this market as being in the toilet. Sounds about right to me. Lumber continues to see price erosion across almost all species. Mills are struggling to find buyers willing to replenish more than what they absolutely need. Secondaries are running things ultra lean, so finding a mixed load might mean multiple stops. Panels are mixed, with OSB trying to stay firm especially in western markets, while SYP plywood is giving up ground. This undersupplied market will at some point catch us all flat-footed, but not likely anytime real soon. Plan ahead though - it's tough finding a lot of things for quick shipment.

