## Midwest Framing Lumber Brief



Not a lot different in the lumber market this week. Mills rode order files into year end and passed on counters while buyers stuck to purchasing only what they had to. There is no speculative purchasing going on at the moment. There's also very little inventory to be found at the distribution level. There have been more multifamily projects locking in for Q1 and Q2 this week. OSB looked to be cooling off until a fire at a Texas mill made buyers take note that upwards of a thousand TL's were suddenly taken out of the picture. This could cause a ripple effect as wood will have to be pulled into Texas from other markets to compensate. Plywood markets are running flat to slightly up depending on species - and SYP plywood could potentially get a bump from the OSB situation. Rail traffic on the BN is sluggish and any major weather events could exacerbate the low inventory situation out there. Don't let December lull you into hibernation.

