## Midwest Framing Lumber Brief



Weather impacted a large swath of the country this week, further cooling a market that was already on ice. Reports across most segments of the construction industry are that it will continue to be slower paced. Winter is here and we are feeling it this year perhaps more so than in recent years due to economic factors. While there is optimism that rate decreases will reignite the housing industry, we aren't there yet. Both lumber and panel mills rode order files into January that were based more on limiting output than any strength in demand. Now that winter weather is impacting output, we will see if they can continue to prop pricing. Look for more of the same in the short term, but as is the case always - be ready for it to change. Speaking of change - lots of football head coaching jobs open! Seems like a good gig. Fail and you get fired early with millions of dollars.

