## Midwest Framing Lumber Brief



The market remained in the same sluggish mode this week as winter weather continues to impact the flow of wood into most markets. Reports that some mills in the south have reduced output on panels could help maintain price stability in the near term on panel items. Look for more of the same for the coming weeks as winter continues to throw more storms at us. There is a lot of tire kicking going on, which is normal in muted markets. Housing starts came out for December showing some strength, giving hope that when the ice thaws we will have a market move. We had an interesting first round of the NFL playoffs, with a couple of NFC East favorites getting knocked out early. Should be some more fantastic games ahead this weekend, a pleasant escape in the grind of these winter days.

