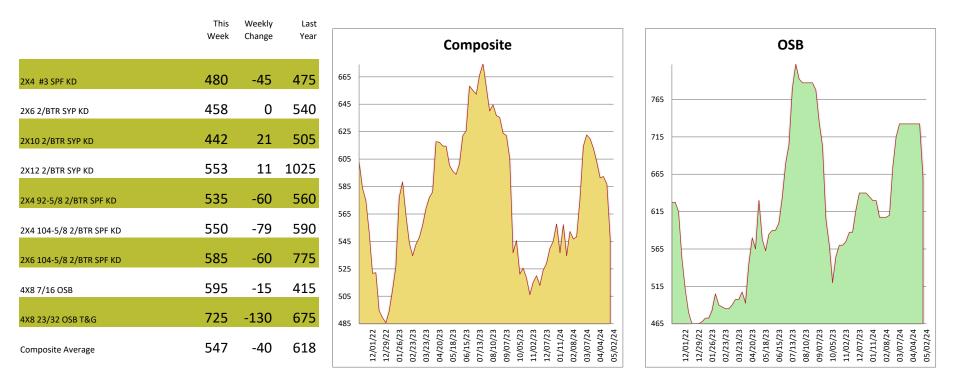


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Another week of struggles for mills and secondaries, especially those with OSB to move in a market that is dropping like the Lakers in a first round playoff series. Unlike LeBron and Co, this one will bounce back before long. These bottoms don't hang around. There is a need building - buyers have stood to the side waiting for a drop. This week you will feel it in earnest, but don't expect it to go forever. In lumber - the west side is making buyers nervous. Closures and curtailments are adding up. When the market does pick up (and it will) don't be surprised to see a strong uptick. SYP dimension has been soft, maybe too soft. Can't last much longer. The dynamics are in place - markets softening, demand building as the days get warmer and longer. I'm no rocket surgeon, but things are starting to add up.