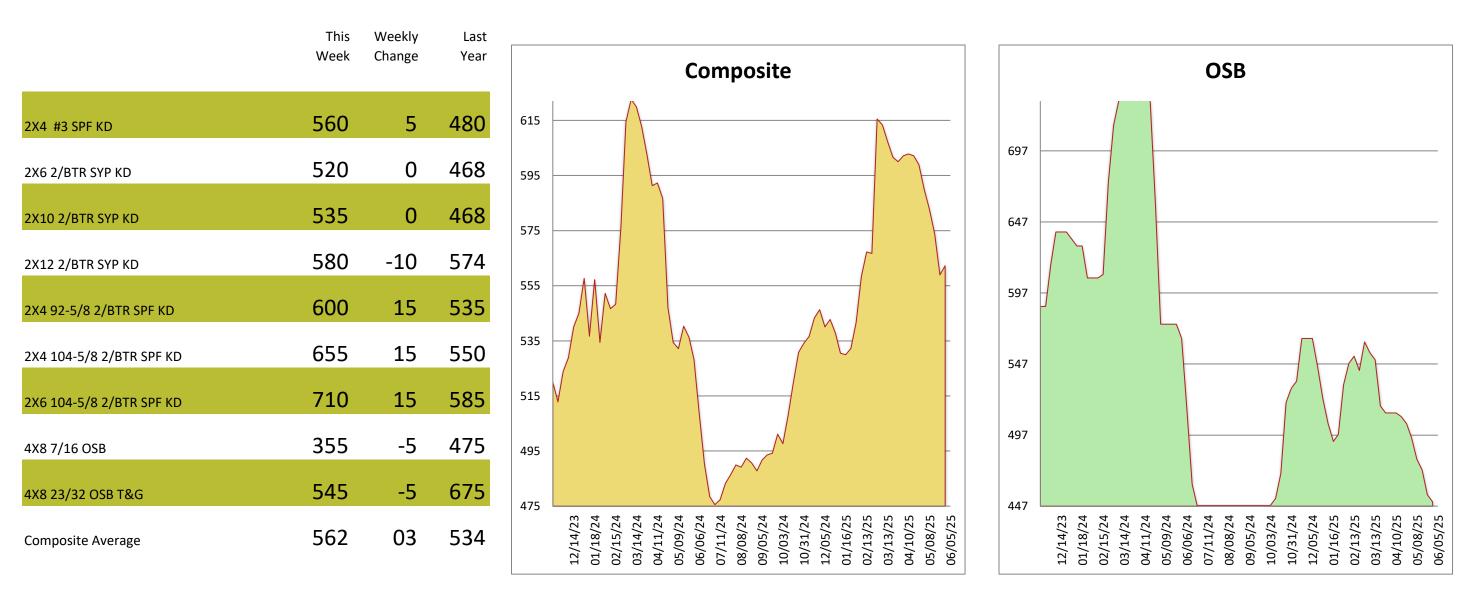


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Markets began the week in the same mindset as previous weeks, with little activity and numbers flat to easing off on the dry species. GDF was an exception as demand stayed steady and prices bumped up just a little. SPF ticked up a fuzz as well. Studs also saw slightly better action. But things got a little more interesting come midweek as Arbec announced the closure/curtailment of several mills and some sizable layoffs in Eastern Canada. This could be the first of several dominos to fall, and the concern we have been voicing over mill closures causing market increases could be starting. Inventories have been lean as buyers have had the luxury of running hand to mouth. That is likely about to change. Arbec produces lumber, studs, and OSB. Markets tightened up upon the news of their closures. Where there's smoke there's fire.

