

EXPORTS OF LUMBER AND OTHER FOREST PRODUCTS

Lumber and other forest products shipments for the years 1953-1964 have averaged 208,000 tons annually, with 49 percent of total shipments being made to foreign ports and the remaining 51 percent destined for coastwise ports. During this period a maximum of 257,000 tons was shipped in 1963 and a low of 111,000 tons was recorded in 1953. The trend of foreign shipments has risen over four times during this period, thus offsetting a concurrent decline in domestic (coastwise) movements. The overall result has been a one-third increase in the trend of waterborne shipments of lumber and other forest products from Humboldt Bay.

The percentage of the annual timber production in the five-county (Humboldt, Del Norte, Siskiyou, Trinity and Mendocino) tributary area that moved by water is shown in the following table for the period 1953 through 1964.

Percent of lumber and other forest product production shipped by water

Year	Percent of production shipped by water
1953	2.2
1954	3.7
1955	3.6
1956	4.2
1957	4.8
1958	4.4
1959	3.4
1960	4.7
1961	3.6
1962	3.5
1963	4.9
1964	4.8
12-year average	4.0

The distribution of exports of lumber and other forest products by area of destination is shown in the following table as a nine-year average for the period 1956-1964.

Distribution of lumber and other forest product shipments, 1956-64

Port of destination	Percent distribution
Foreign	54
Atlantic coast	12
Coastwise (Pacific coast)	22
Hawaii	12
Total	100

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By use of available historical records and U.S. Forest Service projections, the potential annual cut (sustained yield) of timber in the five-county tributary area is estimated to be 3.4 billion board feet, about 7.5 percent greater than the present cutting rate. The present cutting rate reflects ownership policies which are not expected to prevail 20 to 30 years hence. Presently commercial forest stands in the five counties are held by numerous small operators who tend to "mine" their

¹ Excluding wood pulp.