

Creating forest sector solutions

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The Forest

A Sustainable Foundation for the Health and Wealth of communities

An opportunity to address the many needs of communities





The Secret to Sustainability

- wood fibre supply
- technology

people

markets

knowledge

• products

.... in the right combination

















What is FPInnovations?

- Created through the merger of Canada's primary forest sector research institutes:
 - FERIC Forest Engineering Research Institute of Canada
 - Forintek Canada's national wood products research institute
 - Paprican Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada
- Responsible for the technical direction of the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre of Natural Resources Canada

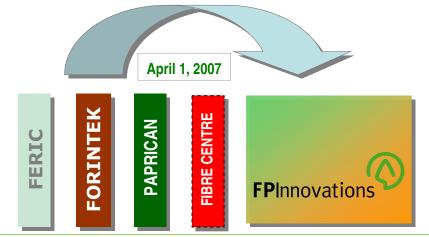






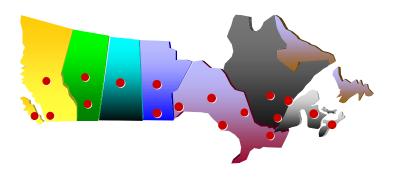


Toward an Integrated Innovation System





Offices Across Canada





We Help You Improve Your Business and Develop New Products and Markets

Program available in BC



- Solutions for wood
 - Plant Visits
 - On-site Manufacturing Expertise
 - Technical Assessments
 - In-Plant Operational Advice
 - Market Intelligence and Product Knowledge
 - Technical Inquiries
 - Workshops and Seminars



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Our Industry Advisors Work Directly With You and Your Employees

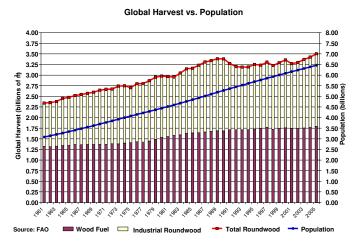
- Our manufacturing experience includes expertise in these key areas:
 - Remanufacturing
 - Wood Drying
 - Engineered Wood Products & Building Systems
 - Millwork
 - Furniture
 - Kitchen Cabinets
 - Log & Timber Frame Homes
 - Sawmilling
 - Portable Sawmills
 - · Specialty Sawmills
 - Panel Products
 - Market Intelligence and Economics
 - First Nations & Community Development



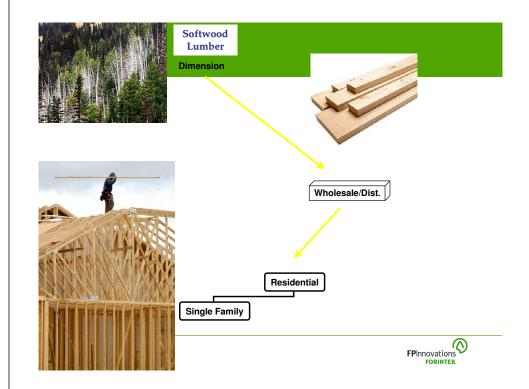
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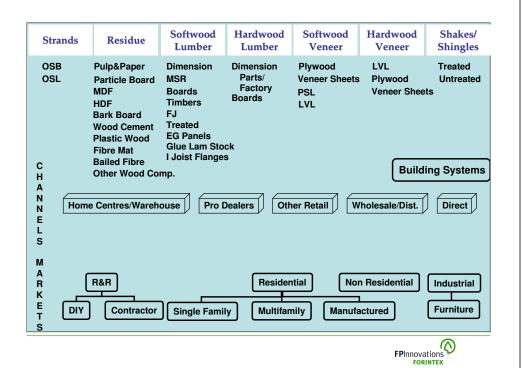


Trends in global forest fibre demand











Wood Markets

North American Wood Product Use

New Home Construction 22 bbf

Repair & Renovation 16 bbf

Commercial Construction 2 bbf

Industrial Manufacturing 13 bbf

53 bbf

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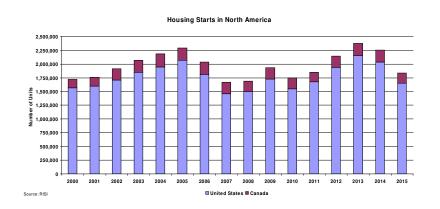
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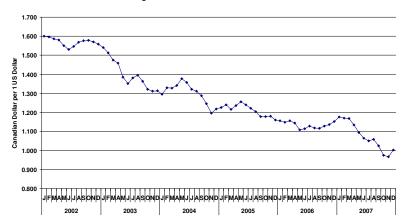
Housing Starts





Currency Exchange Rate

Exchange Rate - Canadian Dollar vs. US Dollar





Building Trends

- Increased concentration in the U.S. home builder industry
- Growth in prefabricated building
- Move towards high quality lumber
 - Less wane, more dimensional stability
 - Willingness to pay more for quality





Wood Construction

Trends 2003/04







Repair and Remodelling

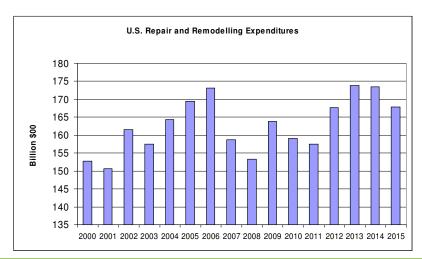








Repair and Remodelling Expenditures











Commercial / Institutional





Mountain Pine Beetle

- · Current increase in harvesting
- · Lumber supply is much higher than demand
- By 2012 most mature pine in the province will be dead
- Harvesting levels will drop and housing starts are expected to rebound
 - If these 2 come together as predicted lumber prices could shoot up

Tough Times

- The B.C. primary industry is currently being crippled by many factors
- This has a crippling effect on the secondary industry

Where are the opportunities for Community Forest wood?



For More Information

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