

# • LUMBER REVIEW •

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The lumber and timber exports to foreign countries for the last five months, under review, from March, 1951 to July, 1951, amounted to 26,700,424 board feet with corresponding value of ₱5,880,692.10 for sawn lumber and 102,445,461 board feet with corresponding value of ₱11,431,423.81 for timber or round logs or a total of 129,145,885 board feet with corresponding total value of ₱17,312,115.91 for both, as compared with the previous six months from September, 1950 to February, 1951, when there were exported 51,383,154 board feet of lumber and 73,258,116 board feet of logs and ties or a total of 124,641,270 board feet for both. There is marked decrease in the exportation of sawn lumber by 48 per cent and an increase in round logs by 28 per cent or a slight increase of about 4 per cent for both.

The greatest consumer of our exports for sawn lumber is United States and for round logs are Japan and United States. It is within this period where the peak of lumber and timber exportation was noted during the

month of May, 1951, when it reached over 33 million mark. Then the downward trend was felt in the succeeding months due to the fact that Japanese markets demanded a better grade of logs from our log exporters.

In general Philippine lumber and timber export is on the upward trend (see graph) as a result of post war efforts of advertising our products in foreign markets especially in the United States. In fact our foreign markets are being gradually regained as shown in the attached table.

The data furnished are those only that have passed inspection by the Bureau of Forestry, although some lumber have been shipped to Japan for SCAP and which were inspected by SCAP personnel and lately by a private inspection service. Those lumber although exported to that country are not included in this review.

The future of our lumber and timber trade with foreign markets is increasingly bright especially for our logs which are in great demand in the United States and Japan.

**LUMBER AND TIMBER EXPORTS**  
March, 1951-July, 1951

<i>Country of destination</i>	<i>Volume Bd. Ft. Lumber</i>	<i>Value Pesos Lumber</i>	<i>Volume Bd. Ft. Logs</i>	<i>Value Pesos Logs</i>
1. United States	17,602,750	4,092,151.75	19,266,887	2,697,058.04
2. Okinawa	4,171,285	670,991.20		
3. South Africa	1,476,976	365,152.05	200,064	37,200.00
4. Hawaii	974,180	244,485.92		
5. Japan	913,113	118,704.30	80,356,735	8,480,203.19
6. Canada	573,550	171,902.53	507,781	82,121.56
7. Guam	350,956	75,958.93		
8. Hongkong	292,188	54,522.12		
9. Erie	189,823	33,890.06		
10. Belgium	155,603	52,933.24		
11. Israel			7,196	1,104.84
12. Sweden			511	
13. Formosa			2,106,287	133,736.18
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26,700,424</b>	<b>5,880,692.10</b>	<b>102,445,461</b>	<b>11,431,423.81</b>