

## LUMBER REVIEW

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Total lumber and timber exports in June amounted to 29,691,872 board feet or an increase of 159,424 board feet over the previous month and 11,541,704 board feet over the corresponding month last year. The great bulk of the exports went to

Japan in the form of round logs. The total amount shipped to Japan during the month under review was 22,997,336 board feet, compared with the same month in 1936 registered an increase of 84%. This is the biggest shipment made to this market. However, the trade with Japan is expected to decline considerably on account of the undeclared Sino-Japanese conflict. Several Japanese ships which used to transport logs from the Philippines to Japan have, it is reported, been commandeered by the Japanese Government. Furthermore, the Japanese Government has decided to restrict importations, except those that are needed for war purposes.

Shipments to China in June which consisted of round logs totalled 939,584 board feet as against 433,328 board feet in the form of lumber in May. The trade with China will, it is expected, be drastically curtailed if not totally stopped on account of the Japanese blockade of Chinese ports. Several Shanghai firms who had been contemplating making connection with timber dealers here have now undoubtedly abandoned their plans.

Exports of lumber and timber to the United States during the month under review registered an abrupt decline of 63% compared with the previous month. The decrease was due to an apparently heavy stocks on hand in the above market, due to the unusually large shipments made in April and May. However, the actual shipment is still considered normal. This country still remained the leading consumer of Philippine sawed lumber. Consumption in Great Britain in June showed slight decrease over the previous month. Shipments to this market during the month under review totalled 564,344 board feet as against 589,360 board feet in May. Lumber and timber exports to Australia registered an increase of 100% over the previous month. The total shipments to this market in June amounted to 503,712 board feet compared with 251,856 board feet in May.

Demand in Korea was irregular. There were shipped to this market during the month under review 451,560 board feet of lumber and timber as against none of the corresponding period in 1936. This was the first shipment made during the current year. British Africa remained steady consumer of Philippine sawed lumber. Shipments to this market in June amounted to 363,792 board feet compared with 258,640 board feet the previous month, or an increase of 41%.

Demand in the domestic market continued active. Prices for common stocks remained at high levels. Mill production in June ep..

slight decrease over the corresponding month last year. Lumber deliveries during the month under review exceeded production by 12%.

The following statements show the lumber and timber exports, by countries, and the mill production and lumber inventories for the month of June, 1937, as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

## STATEMENT SHOWING LUMBER AND TIMBER EXPORTS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1936 AND 1937

Destination	1937		1936		
	Quantity in Board Feet	Customs-Declared Value	Quantity in Board Feet	Customs-Declared Value	
Japan.....	22,997,336	P430,664	12,451,184	P218,696	
	Sawn Lumber.....	6	72,504	3,426	
United States.....	157,304	22,654	10,176	830	
	Sawn Lumber.....	3,486,128	297,203	3,498,000	228,003
China.....	939,584	23,871	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	—	191,648	8,934	
Great Britain.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	564,344	47,897	895,064	76,334
Australia.....	75,048	3,803	101,336	3,043	
	Sawn Lumber.....	428,664	26,683	633,880	36,724
Korea.....	446,896	8,793	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	4,664	367	—	—
British Africa.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	363,792	28,830	171,296	11,718
Sweden.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	64,872	5,989	11,024	1,284
Portuguese Africa.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	62,328	4,218	—	—
Netherlands.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	25,016	2,197	—	—
Ireland.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	19,928	1,783	—	—
Mexico.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	18,656	1,325	—	—
Hawaii.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	12,296	1,701	19,928	1,879
Norway.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	11,872	1,441	28,408	3,900
Denmark.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	2,544	158	—	—
Belgium.....	5,512	82	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	5,088	481	—	—
New Zealand.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	—	—	32,224	2,425
Portuguese E. Indies.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	—	—	23,744	4,189
Canada.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	—	—	6,784	681
Singapore.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	—	—	—	18
Other Br. E. Indies.....	—	—	—	—	
	Sawn Lumber.....	—	—	2,968	294
Total.....	24,621,680	P489,867	12,562,696	P222,569	
	Sawn Lumber.....	5,070,192	420,279	5,587,472	379,809
GRAND TOTAL.....	29,691,872	P910,146	18,150,168	P602,378	

## For 50 Mills for the Month of June

Month	Lumber Deliveries from Mills		Lumber Inventory		Mill Production	
	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936
June.....	22,345,839	21,978,679	33,345,839	33,591,231	20,030,500	21,460,949

NOTE:—Board Feet should be used.

