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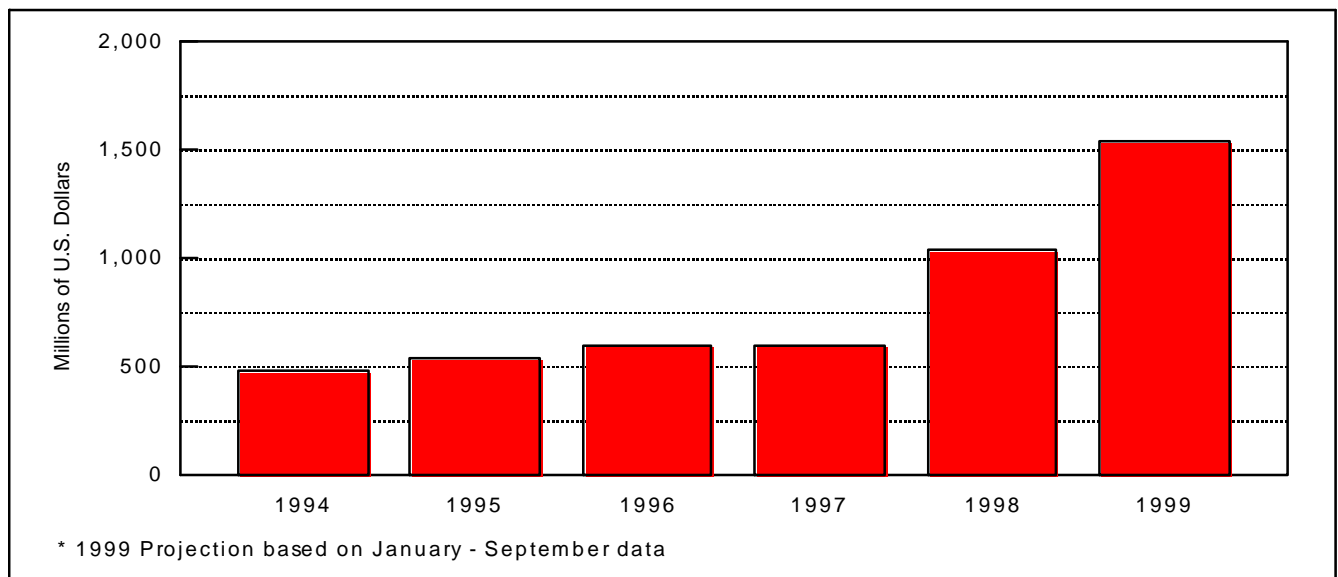
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### Insatiable U.S. Demand Propels Imports of Oriented Strand Board to New Record

- ✓ U.S. imports of oriented strand board (OSB) exceeded \$1.1 billion through September and are on target to top \$1.5 billion in 1999.
- ✓ North American production of OSB is expected to surpass plywood production for the first time ever.
- ✓ U.S. exports of OSB also set a new record, totaling \$36 million through September. U.S. OSB exports are on pace to reach \$45 million in 1999.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau