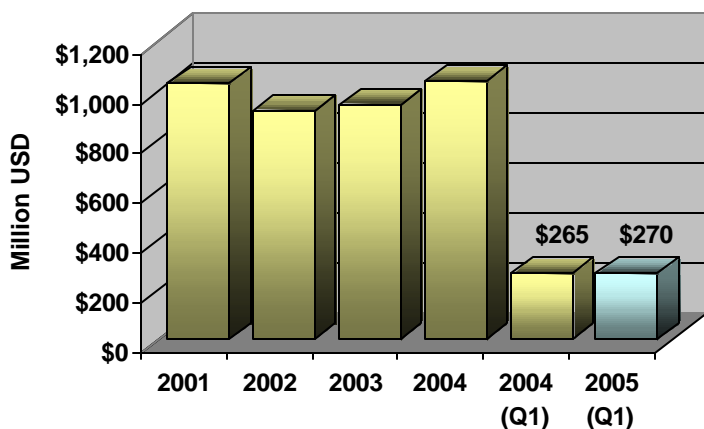


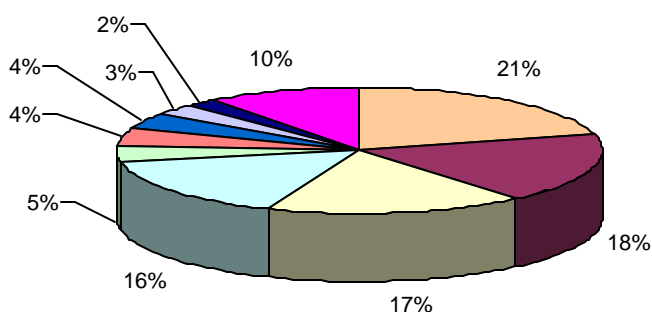
U.S. Exports to the EU-25 up in the First Quarter Fueled by Western Red Alder Trade

US Wood Exports to the EU-25



- Spain
- Italy
- Portugal
- Belgium-Luxembourg
- Accession 10
- UK
- Germany
- France
- Ireland
- Other

United States Wood Export Destinations in 2004



\$1000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004(Q1)	2005(Q1)
Spain	205,696	196,142	194,288	214,620	55,471	52,765
United Kingdom	199,158	168,607	161,789	188,551	40,642	48,364
Italy	166,717	161,604	166,238	179,684	47,942	49,599
Germany	161,167	134,324	152,349	161,608	41,936	44,004
Portugal	30,894	35,294	42,000	47,155	12,393	11,509
France	52,548	46,324	38,952	43,228	14,155	10,503
Belgium-Luxembourg	56,929	44,834	51,397	42,505	11,613	10,982
Ireland	28,663	30,529	27,937	33,334	7,552	9,594
Accession 10	16,555	14,900	14,621	19,663	5,369	5,387
Other	110,139	92,106	92,332	106,288	28,270	25,889
EU25 Total	1,028,466	924,664	941,903	1,036,636	265,343	268,596

U.S. wood exports to the EU-25 were up two percent in the first quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004. Shipments of western red alder led the way with a 53-percent increase, followed by southern yellow pine at 19 percent and white oak at eight percent. U.S. exports of cherry, poplar, white oak and western red alder logs, lumber and veneer made up over 45 percent of the export mix in the first quarter of 2005. For the January-March period, Spain remained the largest export destination for U.S. wood products, followed by Italy and the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom, Germany and Italy experienced the most growth, with year-to-date shipments up 19 percent, five percent and three percent, respectively. By way of background, from 2003 to 2004, U.S. forest product exports to the EU-25 grew by more than 10 percent, the first year-to-year increase since 1997.

Please refer to the link below for more detailed trade data.

http://www.fas.usda.gov/ffpd/US_Exports_Trade_Data/Key_Wood_Industry_Graphs.pdf