

Export Outlook for Solid Wood Products

Revised FY 2005 Forecast:
Initial FY 2006 Forecast:

Unchanged at \$5.8 Billion
\$5.9 Billion

Revised FY 2005 Forecast Key Developments

- US antidumping duty on Chinese furniture hasn't slowed wood exports
- Exports to Caribbean up as region rebuilds from last year's hurricanes

Initial FY 2006 Projections Upside Developments

- Mexico's maquiladoras expected to use more US lumber
- EU hardwood and softwood market to continue gradual recovery

Downside Developments

- Softwood lumber exports continue to face increased competition in Japan

Wild Cards

- Will strong US housing starts continue to distract exporters?

