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PREVAILING WAGE AND PIECE RATES FOR THE PULPWOOD AND LOGGING INDUSTRY

The following rates become effective May 1, 1999 in the State of Maine for occupations in the pulpwood and logging industry. These rates are effective from May 1, 1999 through April 30, 2000.

April 26, 1999  
(Date)

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(Director of Labor Standards)

TREE LENGTH

(01) Softwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid and Bunch	\$2.29 tholbs
(37) Softwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid and Bunch	8.25 CD *
(02) Softwood - Fell, Skid and Bunch	1.60 tholbs. **
(03) Hardwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid and Bunch	1.66 tholbs. **
(38) Hardwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid and Bunch	12.21 CD *
(04) Hardwood - Fell, Skid and Bunch	1.60 tholbs. **
(05) All Species - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid, and Bunch	1.60 tholbs. **

For Stem Rate Payment Schedule See Tables I, II, and III.

PULPWOOD - FOUR FOOT

(06) Softwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length, Buck <u>not</u> Pile	11.00 CD
(09) Hardwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length, Buck <u>not</u> Pile	9.00 CD
(10) Hardwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length, Buck and Pile	15.00 CD

PULPWOOD - EIGHT FOOT

(27) Softwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length, Buck and Bunch	10.00 CD
(28) Hardwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length, Buck and Bunch	9.00 CD

CHIPWOOD

(30) For Pulpwood - Fell, Skid, and Bunch	1.20 tholbs. **
(31) For Biomass Fuel - Fell, Skid and Bunch	1.13 tholbs. **

SAWLOGS

(15) Softwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length, Buck and Bunch	25.00 MBF
(16) Softwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length and Buck	28.90 MBF
(33) Softwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length and Bunch	24.00 MBF *
(17) Hardwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length, Buck and Bunch	24.00 MBF
(18) Hardwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length, and Buck	26.30 MBF
(34) Hardwood - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length and Bunch	24.74 MBF *
(19) All Species - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length, Buck and Bunch	30.00 MBF
(20) All Species - Fell, Limb, Top, Skid Tree-Length and Buck	33.50 MBF

\* Timber is not bucked by cutting crew. Bucking is done mechanically, and the timber is scaled by cord or MBF.

\*\*Rate for thousand pounds is based on green weight.

ALL OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
(41) Bookkeeper	\$ 8.75 Hr.	(59) Slasher Operator	10.00 Hr.
(42) Bookkeeper	400.00 Wk.	(79) Slasher Operator	561.00 Wk.
(44) Supervisor, Logging	13.50 Hr.	(60) Feller-Buncher Operator	10.25 Hr.
(45) Supervisor, Logging	555.00 Wk.	(72) Feller-Buncher Operator	500.00 Wk.
(50) Logging Tractor Operator (Cable Skidder)	10.00 Hr.	(61) Operating Engineer	10.50 Hr.
(51) Logging Tractor Operator (Grapple Skidder)	9.50 Hr.	(63) Laborer	8.00 Hr.
(52) Logging Tractor Operator (Grapple Skidder)	500.00 Wk.	(64) Truck Driver, Dump	9.00 Hr.
(53) Bulldozer Operator	10.25 Hr.	(66) Truck Driver, Flatbed (Self Loading)	9.00 Hr.
(55) Log Loader Operator (Crane/Hydraulic)	10.00 Hr.	(67) Log Truck Driver (Tractor Trail.)	8.50 Hr.
(56) Log Loader Operator (Crane/Hydraulic)	600.00 Wk.	(68) Log Truck Driver (Tractor Trail.)	587.25 Wk.
(57) Delimber Operator	10.00 Hr.	(69) Logging Equipment Mechanic	10.00 Hr.
(78) Delimber Operator	550.00 Wk.	(73) Logging Equipment Mechanic	540.00 Wk.
(58) Chipper Operator	10.00 Hr.	(70) Logging Equipment Mechanic Hlpr.	8.77 Hr.
		(75) All-Around Logger	11.00 Hr.
		(80) Forwarder Operator	11.00 Hr.
		(82) Excavator Operator	10.00 Hr.
		(81) Processor Operator	11.00 Hr.
		(85) Log Scaler	657.00 Wk.

Employers using an IRS "Nonaccountable Plan Option" need to add the applicable chain saw allowance rates below to the prevailing wage rate findings.

Tools and equipment necessary for the job are to be furnished by the employer or an allowance paid for the use of a power chain saw and/or skidder and used by the worker at:

	<u>SKIDDER</u>	<u>CHAINSAW</u>
PULPWOOD - TREE LENGTH	\$ 2.28 tholbs	\$ .51 tholbs
PULPWOOD - TREE LENGTH-UNLIMBED	2.28 tholbs	.35 tholbs
PULPWOOD - TREE LENGTH <sup>1</sup>	10.95 per cord	2.41 per cord
PULPWOOD - EIGHT FOOT	10.95 per cord	3.43 per cord
PULPWOOD - EIGHT FOOT	2.28 tholbs	.74 tholbs
PULPWOOD - FOUR FOOT	13.43 per cord	3.70 per cord
PULPWOOD - FOUR FOOT	2.28 tholbs	.80 tholbs
SAWLOGS	22.60 per MBF	4.78 per MBF
CHIPWOOD	2.28 tholbs	.35 tholbs

For equipment allowances paid by Stem Rate Schedule see Tables I, II, III.

<sup>1</sup>Tree length timber that is mechanically slashed and is scaled by the cord.

**TABLE I**  
**Stem Rate Payment Schedule**  
**Pulpwood - Tree Length - Softwood**  
**(Fell, Limb, Top, Skid, and Bunch)**  
**Limbs Off**

Stem Diameter in Inches	Labor Rate	Chain Saw Rate	Skidder Rate
4	\$.205		
5	.230	\$.056	\$.267
6	.350	.085	.384
7	.580	.120	.557
8	.810	.166	.751
9	1.011	.214	.986
10	1.270	.275	1.253
11	1.596	.341	1.553
12	1.943	.414	1.897
13	2.259	.493	2.260
14	2.742	.583	2.666
15	3.092	.681	3.116
16	3.568	.784	3.589
17	4.140	.899	4.104
18	4.720	1.013	4.637
19	5.234	1.140	5.217
20	5.986	1.275	5.829
21	6.648	1.413	6.470
22	7.344	1.565	7.156
23	8.073	1.719	7.864
24	8.834	1.879	8.603
25	9.699	2.066	9.447
26	10.427	2.223	10.153
27	11.185	2.381	10.894
28	11.976	2.552	11.663
29	12.806	2.726	12.468
30	13.680	2.914	13.325
31	14.605	3.110	14.225
32	16.330	3.318	15.178
33	17.370	3.541	16.197
34	18.520	3.780	17.287

Findings from the 1998 Woods Wage survey. Companies with a nonaccountable plan for chain saw reimbursement add the above chain saw rates to the labor rates.

**TABLE II**  
**Stem Rate Payment Schedule**  
**Pulpwood - Tree Length - Softwood**  
**(Fell, Skid, and Bunch)**  
**Limbs On**

Stem Diameter in Inches	Labor Rate	Chain Saw Rate	Skidder Rate
4			
5	\$.160	\$.039	\$.267
6	.237	.054	.384
7	.380	.082	.557
8	.530	.108	.751
9	.680	.142	.986
10	.830	.181	1.253
11	1.050	.224	1.553
12	1.280	.274	1.897
13	1.500	.327	2.260
14	1.800	.383	2.666
15	2.100	.449	3.116
16	2.400	.517	3.589
17	2.700	.608	4.104
18	3.080	.665	4.637
19	3.530	.750	5.217
20	3.728	.837	5.829
21	4.500	.932	6.470
22	4.573	1.028	7.156
23	5.027	1.130	7.864
24	5.501	1.235	8.603
25	6.040	1.357	9.447
26	6.493	1.458	10.153
27	6.965	1.566	10.894
28		1.676	11.663
29		1.792	12.468
30		1.915	13.325
31		2.043	14.225
32		2.179	15.178
33		2.326	16.197
34		2.483	17.287

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**TABLE III**  
**Stem Rate Payment Schedule**  
**Pulpwood - Tree Length - Hardwood**  
**(Fell, Limb, Top, Skid, and Bunch)**  
**Limbs Off**

Stem Diameter in Inches	Labor Rate	Chain Saw Rate	Skidder Rate
4			
5	\$.140	\$.056	\$.267
6	.210	.085	.384
7	.330	.120	.557
8	.440	.166	.751
9	.580	.214	.986
10	.715	.275	1.253
11	.825	.341	1.553
12	1.000	.414	1.897
13	1.250	.493	2.260
14	1.480	.583	2.666
15	1.705	.681	3.116
16	1.980	.784	3.589
17	2.365	.899	4.104
18	2.860	1.013	4.637
19	3.410	1.140	5.217
20	3.830	1.275	5.829
21	4.180	1.413	6.470
22	4.345	1.565	7.156
23	4.510	1.719	7.864
24	4.710	1.879	8.603
25	5.350	2.066	9.447
26	5.600	2.223	10.153
27	5.850	2.381	10.894
28	6.100	2.552	11.663
29	6.350	2.726	12.468
30	6.160	2.914	13.325
31	6.850	3.110	14.225
32		3.318	15.178
33		3.541	16.197
34		3.780	17.287

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