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Delivered log prices moved up broadly during the April 1978 to April 1979 period. The only noticeable exception was red oak veneer logs in the smaller size classes and large select walnut veneer logs. White oak continued to lead the upward price movement. Ash also continued to show strength.

Sawlog prices were up about 10% overall. The prime grade was up an average of 14% overall, led by red oak, the other oaks, ash, and cottonwood. No. 1's were up an average of 10% led by white oak and ash. No. 2's and 3's were up 7% and 8% respectively. The tren for large price increases for the smallest and lowest grade of walnut logs continued. No. walnut logs jumped 19%. These trends are consistent with lumber markets and the dwindling supply of walnut timber. The supply of white oak timber in the larger and higher grades still appears sufficient to attract increased log supplies by increasing prices.

Veneer log prices were up about 13% overall. Prime white oak was up about 40% overall and select about 25%. Red oak was mixed but generally off. The large prime logs continued to show strength, but the small lower grades were off by as much as 32%. Black walnut was up 14% overall in the prime grade but only about 1% in the select grade. The small selects showed the greatest increase and the large selects the greatest decrease. Since the small showed little activity. The actual market average was up significantly. Tulip poplar showed little activity. The actual trend is probably a price increase sufficient to cover the increase in producer costs.

Little activity was reported for miscellaneous products such as container veneer, and handle logs and bolts. Hickory handle logs brought about \$180. White ash and hard maple brought about \$300. No. 5 crossties brought about \$700 and No. 2's about \$330. One piling log buyer reported prices. The price given was well over \$100.

The prices reported for custom work appear to be in line. Custom sawing varied between \$150 and \$45 for the 35 mills responding. The average was \$89. Logging prices varied between \$80 and \$15 for the 9 operators reporting. The average was \$48. Hauling costs varied between \$80 and \$25 for the 6 operators reporting. The average was \$42. This indicates that on average it cost \$90 per MBF to convert standing timber into logs delivered to a mill.

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Table 1. Prices* paid for delivered sawlogs, April 1979, Indiana.

		Prime	Prime logs **				No.	No. 1 logs		-		MO. 6 1093	2		5					
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Passwood	350-120	53	205	227	+11	300-100	33	170	181	9	200-70	32	130	140	œ +	150-50	38	106	114	*
Beech	280-120	33	147	157	+ 7	240-100	39	129	136	so.	180-60	34	115	117		150-50	38	104	114	+10
Cottonwood	200-100	56	120	144	+20	160-100	28	111	128	15	150-70	27	101	112	•11	150-50	32	86	109	
Crerry	900-160	42	588	345	+19	400-100	46	234	268	115	300-80	43	162	183	+13	150-60	4	117	118	-
khite Elm	380-120	19	133	154	+14	300-100	22	124	138	11	250-70	20	114	119	:	150-50	28	107	112	*
Shagtark Hickory	300-100	37	150	173	+15	250-100	40	129	143	n .	180-70	36	113	123	6 +	150-50	41	105	113	· ·
Sugar Maple	400-160	41	224	249	+11	300-100	46	183	190	4	250-80	43	137	145	9	175-60	4	108	611	+10
Soft Maple	300-110	35	171	190	+ 7	250-100	40	149	160	1	200-70	38	123	131	+ 7	175-50	17	105	116	+10
white Oak	500-190	35	113	338	+22	600-120	45	210	255	21	300-80	94	147	166	+13	200-60	45	113	120	+
Ped Oak	450-160	42	260	319	+23	350-120	49	204	234	15	300-80	47	152	191	9	200-60	48	112	120	-
Black Oak	450-120	36	245	298	+22	300-100	42	201	215	1	250-80	40	150	154	+	150-60	43	111	118	•
Tulip Poplar	300-150	14	201	222	+10	300-120	46	166	176	9 -	200-80	41	132	138	+	150-60	4	106	116	on +
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*Prices are per thousand board feet, Doyle Log Scale **Purdue Sawlog Grades

Table 2. Delivered prices* of logs purchased for face veneer, April 1979, Indiana.

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