

North American pulp mill closures and curtailments

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Mill owner / operator	Location (source link)	Closure year	Mill / product type and scope	Estimated product capacity / year	Estimated wood consumption Green metric tonnes / year
Domtar	Coosa Pines, AL, United States	2026	Pulp mill: Fluff pulp Indefinite idling	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Domtar	Crofton, BC, Canada	2025	Pulp mill: NBSK market pulp	380,000 ADMT/yr	1,330,000
Georgia-Pacific	Cedar Springs, GA, United States	2025	Integrated pulp/paper: Kraft linerboard; corrugating medium	1,020,000 short tons/yr*	3,240,000
International Paper (formerly DS Smith)	Riceboro (paper), GA, United States	2025	Integrated pulp/paper: Containerboard / linerboard	Not reported separately	Not estimated
International Paper	Savannah, GA, United States	2025	Integrated pulp/paper: Containerboard / linerboard	Not reported separately	Not estimated
International Paper	Campti (Red River), LA, United States	2025	Integrated pulp/paper: Containerboard / kraft linerboard	800,000 short tons/yr	2,540,000
Domtar	Grenada, MS, United States	2025	Mechanical pulp/paper: Newsprint Indefinite idling	259,000 short tons/yr*	470,000
Pixelle / H.I.G. Capital	Chillicothe, OH, United States	2025	Integrated pulp/paper: Uncoated freesheet; specialty/carbonless paper	410,000 short tons/yr*	1,300,000
White Birch Paper	Riviere-du-Loup (F.F. Soucy), QC, Canada	2025	Mechanical pulp/paper: Newsprint	331,000 short tons/yr*	600,000
Canfor Pulp	Prince George (Northwood), BC, Canada	2024	Pulp mill: NBSK market pulp One production line	300,000 metric tonnes/yr	1,050,000

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RYAM	Temiscaming (HPC), QC, Canada	2024	Pulp mill: High purity cellulose / dissolving pulp Partial operation	150,000 metric tonnes/yr	530,000
International Paper	Georgetown, SC, United States	2024	Integrated pulp/paper: Fluff pulp; uncoated freesheet	300,000 short tons/yr (pulp only)	950,000
Canfor Pulp	Prince George (PG Pulp), BC, Canada	2023	Pulp mill: NBSK market pulp Partial operation	280,000 metric tonnes/yr	980,000
Georgia-Pacific	Perry (Foley), FL, United States	2023	Pulp mill: Specialty dissolving pulp; fluff pulp	565,000 short tons/yr*	1,790,000
Pactiv Evergreen	Canton, NC, United States	2023	Integrated pulp/paper: Bleached beverage paperboard; uncoated freesheet	615,000 short tons/yr*	1,950,000
Domtar / Paper Excellence	Espanola, ON, Canada	2023	Integrated pulp/paper: NBSK pulp; specialty paper Indefinite idling	385,000 short tons/yr*	1,220,000
WestRock	North Charleston, SC, United States	2023	Integrated pulp/paper: Kraft linerboard; saturating kraft paper; unbleached board	550,000 short tons/yr*	1,750,000
International Paper	Orange, TX, United States	2023	Integrated pulp/paper: Containerboard	800,000 short tons/yr*	2,540,000
WestRock	Tacoma, WA, United States	2023	Integrated pulp/paper: Kraft/white-top linerboard; kraft paper; market pulp	510,000 short tons/yr*	1,620,000
WestRock	Panama City, FL, United States	2022	Integrated pulp/paper: Kraft linerboard 353k; market pulp 292k	645,000 short tons/yr*	2,050,000
Pactiv Evergreen	Pine Bluff, AR, United States	2021	Mechanical pulp/paper: Coated groundwood paper Partial line	189,000 short tons/yr*	340,000

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Paper Excellence	Powell River, BC, Canada	2021	Mechanical pulp/paper: Unbleached packaging paper; formerly groundwood	370,000 short tons/yr*	670,000
Resolute Forest Products	Calhoun, TN, United States	2021	Integrated pulp/paper: Paper 164k; market pulp 162k Partial indefinite idling	326,000 short tons/yr*	1,040,000
Paper Excellence	Mackenzie, BC, Canada	2020	Pulp mill: NBSK market pulp	265,000 short tons/yr*	840,000
Paper Excellence (Northern Pulp)	Pictou, NS, Canada	2020	Pulp mill: NBSK market pulp	331,000 short tons/yr*	1,050,000
Resolute Forest Products	Amos, QC, Canada	2020	Mechanical pulp/paper: Newsprint Indefinite idling	220,000 short tons/yr*	400,000
Resolute Forest Products	Baie-Comeau, QC, Canada	2020	Mechanical pulp/paper: Newsprint Indefinite idling	353,000 short tons/yr*	640,000
Kruger	Brompton, QC, Canada	2020	Mechanical pulp/paper: Newsprint 110k; kraft paper 55k; specialty paper 22k Indefinite idling	187,000 short tons/yr*	340,000
Ponderay Newsprint	Usk, WA, United States	2020	Mechanical pulp/paper: Newsprint	270,000 short tons/yr*	490,000
Verso	Wisconsin Rapids, WI, United States	2020	Integrated pulp/paper: Coated/package paper 540k; market pulp 140k	680,000 short tons/yr*	2,160,000
Georgia-Pacific	Crossett, AR, United States	2019	Integrated pulp/paper: Bleached paperboard Partial operation	368,000 short tons/yr*	1,170,000
Resolute Forest Products	Augusta, GA, United States	2019	Mechanical pulp/paper: Newsprint	236,000 short tons/yr*	430,000

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Georgia-Pacific	Port Hudson, LA, United States	2019	Integrated pulp/paper: Uncoated freesheet Partial operation	630,000 short tons/yr*	2,000,000
Verso	Luke, MD, United States	2019	Integrated pulp/paper: Coated freesheet and specialties	450,000 short tons/yr*	1,430,000
Fortress Global Enterprises	Thurso, QC, Canada	2019	Pulp mill: Dissolving and bleached hardwood kraft pulp	265,000 short tons/yr*	840,000
Flambeau River Papers	Park Falls, WI, United States	2019	Integrated pulp/paper: Uncoated freesheet; wet-lap pulp 2019 closure; restart; shut again 2021	151,000 short tons/yr*	480,000
Georgia-Pacific	Camas, WA, United States	2018	Integrated pulp/paper: Uncoated freesheet Partial operation	237,000 short tons/yr*	750,000
UPM	Madison, ME, United States	2016	Mechanical pulp/paper: Supercalendered paper	231,000 short tons/yr*	420,000
Neucel	Port Alice, BC, Canada	2015	Pulp mill: Dissolving pulp	176,000 short tons/yr*	560,000
Paper Excellence	Port Mellon, BC, Canada	2015	Mechanical pulp/paper: Newsprint Partial operation	265,000 short tons/yr*	480,000
WestRock	Coshocton, OH, United States	2015	Integrated pulp/paper: Semichemical corrugating medium	310,000 short tons/yr*	Not estimated
WestRock	Newberg, OR, United States	2015	Integrated pulp/paper: Containerboard 140k; kraft paper 60k; newsprint 235k	435,000 short tons/yr*	Not estimated
Graphic Packaging	Jonquiere, QC, Canada	2015	Mechanical pulp/paper: Thermomechanical paperboard	159,000 short tons/yr* (unallocated)	Not estimated

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Verso	Bucksport, ME, United States	2014	Mechanical pulp/paper: Coated groundwood 350k; specialty paper 55k	405,000 short tons/yr*	730,000
Great Northern Paper	Millinocket (site location under review), ME, United States	2014	Mechanical pulp/paper: Newsprint	165,000 short tons/yr*	300,000
Resolute Forest Products	Iroquois Falls, ON, Canada	2014	Mechanical pulp/paper: Newsprint	231,000 short tons/yr*	420,000
Resolute Forest Products	Shawinigan, QC, Canada	2014	Mechanical pulp/paper: Supercalendered paper	210,000 short tons/yr*	380,000

Scope, estimates and citation

Scope and record counts

47 records selected from the recently published 81-record AFFA combined inventory. Pulp mills, integrated pulp/paper mills and mechanical pulp/paper mills. Recycled-only products, nonwood pulp, paper-only review records and watchlist cases remain excluded. Closure, owner, capacity and estimated wood-input data are carried forward without new research claims. This is a screening inventory, not an exhaustive census.

Closure dates and status

Owner means operator at the time of closure. Years are source cessation years where known; some are announcement-year placeholders. Partial operations and idling are labeled in the product column. Historical records have not all been individually reverified for subsequent restarts.

Specific review cases

Park Falls is listed at its first 2019 closure, followed by a brief restart and another shutdown in 2021. Great Northern Paper retains the source locality with a site-review flag. Northwood includes only the 2024 idled line; the announced remaining-line closure remains on the separate watchlist. Jonquiere capacity is unallocated total mill capacity; Georgetown output covers disclosed fluff pulp only.

Capacity and missing data

Capacity figures are annual. ADMT = air-dried metric tonnes of pulp; MMBF = million board feet of lumber. An asterisk on short tons/yr means the source said tons without defining the basis; short tons are assumed. One short ton = 0.90718474 metric tonnes. Not reported separately means individual capacity was unavailable or only grouped capacity was published.

Estimated wood consumption

41 records have numeric estimates; 6 have no estimate. Figures are green wood input equivalents at full capacity, rounded to the nearest 10,000 metric tonnes/year. They are not measured historical consumption, currently available feedstock, cumulative tonnage or net regional demand loss.

Pulp estimate method

Chemical pulp uses 3.5 green tonnes per tonne of pulp/product as a screening proxy. Mechanical pulp uses an analyst mass-balance factor of 2.0. Integrated paper capacity is an output proxy and can overstate wood input if furnish includes purchased pulp, recycled fiber or filler. Retained wood-using mills can use some recovered fiber; calculations are all-virgin scenarios unless a documented lower share is entered in the workbook.

Suggested white-paper citation

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IndusTREE	Alexander City, AL, United States	2025	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Domtar	Glenwood, AR, United States	2025	Sawmill: Softwood lumber Idled / status unresolved	Not reported separately	Not estimated
West Fraser	100 Mile House, BC, Canada	2025	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	160 MMBF/yr	620,000
West Fraser	Augusta, GA, United States	2025	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	140 MMBF/yr	540,000
International Paper	Riceboro (sawmill), GA, United States	2025	Sawmill: Lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Mackeys Ferry Sawmill	Roper, NC, United States	2025	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Interfor	Ear Falls, ON, Canada	2025	Sawmill: Softwood lumber Timing unresolved: 2025/2026	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Domtar	Outardes, QC, Canada	2025	Sawmill: Softwood lumber Idled / status unresolved	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Canfor	Darlington, SC, United States	2025	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Canfor	Jackson, AL, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Canfor	Mobile, AL, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated

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West Fraser	Huttig, AR, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber Idled / status unresolved	170 MMBF/yr	660,000
Canfor	Bear Lake (Polar), BC, Canada	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	300 MMBF/yr	1,160,000
Canfor	Fort St. John, BC, Canada	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
West Fraser	Fraser Lake, BC, Canada	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	160 MMBF/yr	620,000
Aspen Planers	Merritt, BC, Canada	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber Idled / status unresolved	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Canfor	Vanderhoof (Plateau), BC, Canada	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
West Fraser	Lake Butler, FL, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	110 MMBF/yr	430,000
West Fraser	Maxville, FL, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	110 MMBF/yr	430,000
Interfor	Meldrim, GA, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber Idled / status unresolved	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Stimson Lumber	Plummer, ID, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Pyramid Mountain Lumber	Seeley Lake, MT, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Weyerhaeuser	New Bern, NC, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber Idled / status unresolved	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Interfor	Philomath, OR, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	220 MMBF/yr	850,000
C&D Lumber	Riddle, OR, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated

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Western Cascade Industries	Toledo, OR, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Interfor	Summerville, SC, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber Idled / status unresolved	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Mill River Lumber	North Clarendon, VT, United States	2024	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Canfor	Chetwynd, BC, Canada	2023	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Canfor	Houston, BC, Canada	2023	Sawmill: Softwood lumber Idled / status unresolved	Not reported separately	Not estimated
West Fraser	Perry, FL, United States	2023	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	100 MMBF/yr	400,000
Tolko	Quesnel (Quest Wood), BC, Canada	2019	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	Not reported separately	Not estimated
Canfor	Vavenby, BC, Canada	2019	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	250 MMBF/yr	970,000
Canfor	Canal Flats, BC, Canada	2015	Sawmill: Softwood lumber	180 MMBF/yr	700,000

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Timing and restart review

Ear Falls timing remains unresolved (2025/2026); 2025 is an announcement-year placeholder. Replacement capacity, ownership changes or subsequent restarts can mean local closure differs from net regional capacity loss. Pending or restart-review sites from the watchlist are not added here.

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Sawmill estimate method

Southern softwood sawmill factors are 4.37, 4.27 and 4.07 green short tons/MBF for annual capacities of 50-100, 101-200 and over 200 MMBF. Other regions use an explicit 4.27 extrapolation with low confidence. Calculation: MMBF capacity x 1,000 x green short tons/MBF x 0.90718474. Grouped capacity is not arbitrarily allocated to individual mills.

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