

# Timber Talk

A monthly newsletter for our customers

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## **DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**

**MATERIAL PRICING:** The commodity lumber markets were mostly subdued this week, with many traders out of the office for the Thanksgiving holiday. Western SPF sales became quiet this week, as buyers wait as long as they can to replenish inventory levels, hoping for a break in pricing. And with January futures trading at a 60m discount to cash, many believe a small correction is just around the corner. But with SPF production in short supply going into 2018, any price corrections may be short lived. Hem and Doug Fir dimension pricing held firm, with premium grades in short supply. SYP dimension remains active on narrows and a little sluggish on wides. Decking and timbers are approaching their winter price softening. The panel markets continue to back off, as current supply outweighs demand. Doug Fir plywood seems to have found a bottom, with SYP plywood still dropping. North Central OSB continues to drop, but with year-end mill shutdowns just around the corner, a bottom may be near. As always, keep your bids current.

**WINDOWS:** ADA Sills: When ordering ADA sills, be sure to check the manufacturer's design pressure and pressure grade testing. Most ADA sills will not pass the DP and PG testing and therefore are not guaranteed from water infiltration. While this is widely known throughout the industry, most homeowners are not aware that the ADA sill can and will leak

### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:**

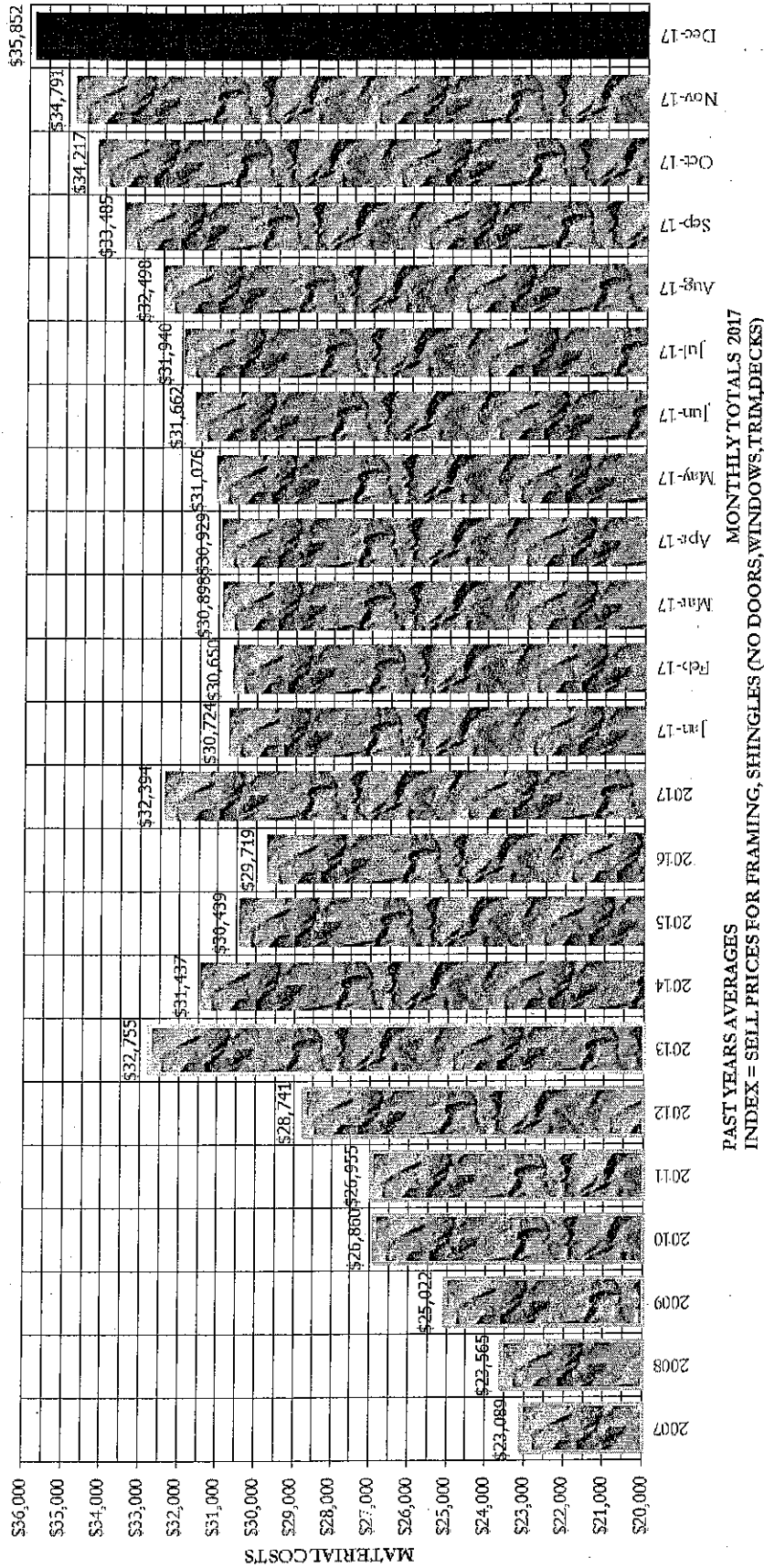
**We will be closed the following days to observe the holidays:**

**Monday December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, Tremont winter hours will be 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Peoria winter hours will be 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**CARVER LUMBER COMPANY/TREMONT LUMBER COMPANY  
MATERIAL PRICE INDEX**



PAST YEARS AVERAGES  
INDEX = SELL PRICES FOR FRAMING, SHINGLES (NO DOORS, WINDOWS, TRIM, DECKS)  
MONTHLY TOTALS 2017

NOTE: Material list used for index was one originally sold for 2820 sq.ft. 2-story home and consists of: CCA foundation wall plate, 2x10 D. Fir joists, 3/4" T&G OSB floor shtg., w/1/4" luan in kitchen/bath, tyvek house wrap, 1/2" OSB side wall shtg., 2X12 D. Fir headers, L.V.L. wood beams where required, pre-engineered roof trusses, 1/2" OSB roof shtg., roof edge, starter, felt, weatherwatch ice dam, flashings, metal valley, 25 yr. laminated roofing, ridgevent, rough stair lumber, misc. backing, blocking and bracing, glue, nails, and hangers. Material list used for this index does not include: Windows, siding, soffit, exterior trim, interior doors, trim or other millwork, finished stairs, insulation, sheetrock, patio/deck