

# Timber Talk

A monthly newsletter for our customers

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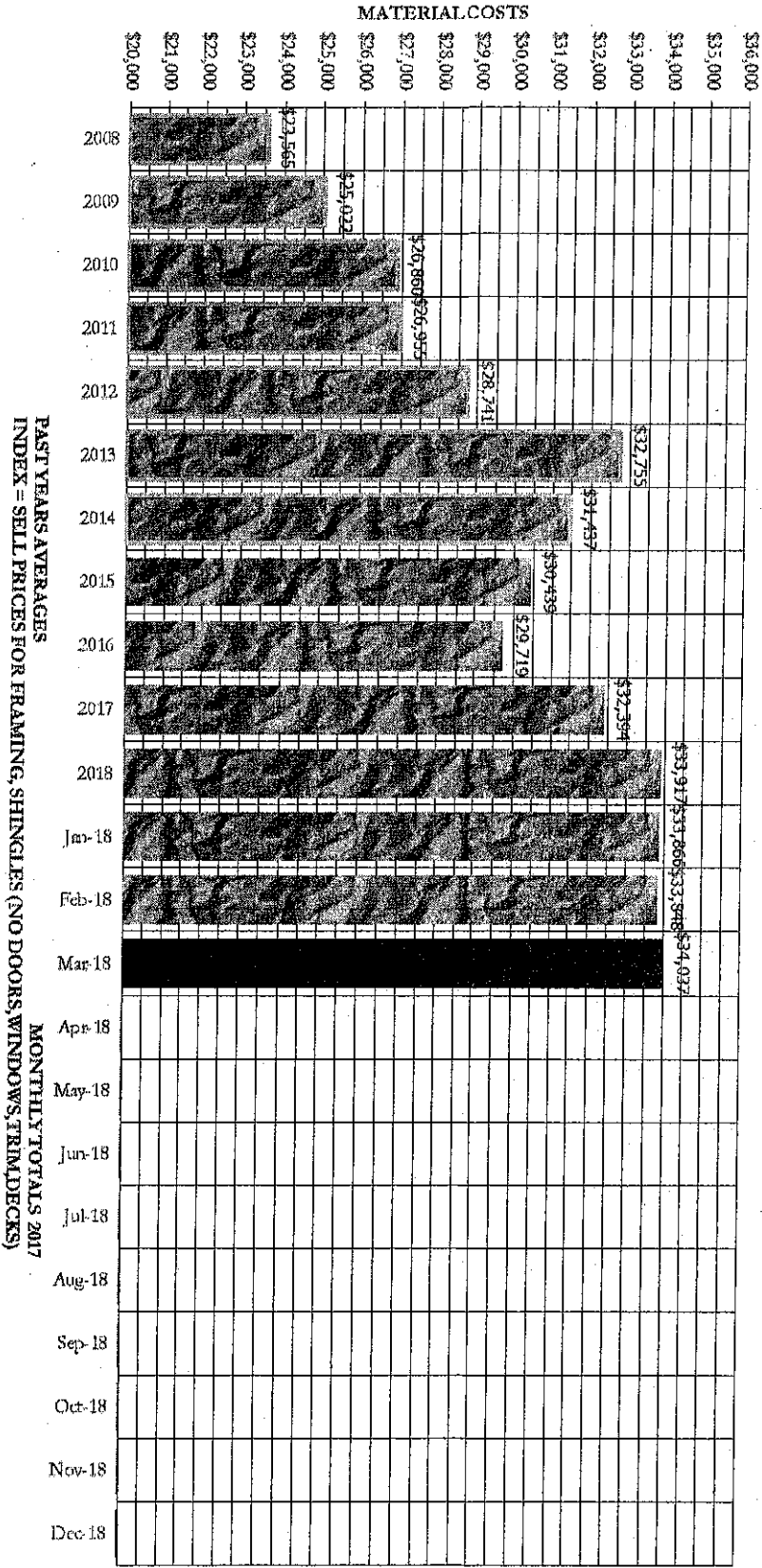
## **MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER**

**MATERIAL PRICING:** The commodity lumber markets continue higher in all species. Mills have solid order files into late March, allowing producers to raise pricing on most items. Higher quality stock is getting harder to source, with price increases reflecting the limited availability. Transportation issues with rail and trucking continue to put pressure on wholesalers and reloads. Truckloads are typically running 1 – 2 weeks late, with loaded cars taking an extra 3 – 4 weeks to get to their destinations. Currently, prompt shipping wood is just not available. This market is looking like it will remain firm well into March and possibly April at best. Panel markets are continuing up as well. Fir and SYP plywood posted solid gains in all thicknesses and grades. OSB producers have limited offerings and extended order files, keeping prices moving upward. Late shipments are creating issues that are getting worse as we head into the spring building season. As always, keep your bids current.

**MARVIN WINDOWS and DOORS** Marvin has introduced Ebony and Bronze as interior color options for their All Ultrex windows and sliding patio doors. The interior finish resists marring and scratching and delivers industry leading durability and strength that the Ultrex fiberglass composite material is known for in the market. This is a quality window at a very competitive price- see Crystal or Janet for more information.

**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.**

**CAREER 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