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US Hardwood Exports to SEA & GRCH Markets

Up For Fifth Consecutive Month

US hardwood exports were on upward track for a fifth consecutive month of gains from Jan to May in 2017, with SEA & GRCH markets up 25.7% when compared to the same period of time in 2016 and reached \$996 million, which accounted for 60.2% of all global exports. Greater China market grew at 29.1% to \$859 million. SEA markets continued to grow healthily in the past 5 months at 7.6% to \$137million compared to the same period of 2016. The global exports value of American hardwood reached \$1.6 billion, up 10.7% (YoY).

Mainland China market still played an important role in the outer performance. The exports value of hardwood lumber, logs and veneer to China totaled \$605 million (up 25% YoY), \$229 million (up 46% YoY) and \$3.6 million (down 14% YoY) respectively. The exports value of hardwood plywood exceed \$3 million, soared up 19.5 times compare to the first 5 months of 2016. China accounted for 56.2% of US global exports of lumber, 62.3% of US global exports of log, 8.9% of US global exports of plywood, 3.2% of US global exports of veneer and 7.8% of US global exports of plywood.

Performance among Southeast Asia markets were various, overall grew at 7.6% in the first 5 months of 2017 versus same period of time in 2016. Vietnam, the second largest market, rose moderately at 12.4% (YoY) to \$98.9 million (YoY). The hardwood lumber exports to Vietnam increased 15% (YoY) which helped to pull up the overall performance. Other markets such as Malaysia and Philippines also recorded a positive growth at 12% and 25.3% respectively. The remaining markets in SEA, Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore declined from 5% to 45.3%.

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