

ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD
AMENDING, AND REPEALING AND
RECREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes)
an order to amend NR 46.30(1)(e); and to repeal and)
recreate NR 46.30(2)(a) to (c), relating to the administration) FR-14-01
of the Forest Crop Law and the Managed Forest Law.)

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 77.06(2), 77.91(1) and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.
Statutes interpreted: ss. 77.06(2), and 77.91(1), Stats.

Cordwood Weight Conversion Table Amendment: Cordwood weight conversion tables within the forestry program have been revised in the past for public land timber sales and have not been updated within the forest tax program. The forest tax weight conversion table is being updated to bring the two sets of tables into alignment, except for Red Pine which continues with its current conversion rates. The new figures will more accurately reflect the true weights of cordwood being cut on tax law lands.

Annual Stumpage Rate Adjustments: For purposes of the Forest Crop Law and The Managed Forest Law, this rule repeals and recreates s. NR 46.30(2)(a) to (c) to revise annual stumpage values used to calculate severance and yield taxes due on timber cut during the period from November 1, 2001 through October 31, 2002. Thirteen separate zones reflect varying stumpage values for different species and products across the state. The average price change for sawtimber is a .29% increase over current rates. The pulpwood proposed prices are, on the average, 6.85% higher compared to current prices.

SECTION 1. NR 46.30(1)(e) is amended to read:

NR 46.30(1)(e) Cordwood products measured by weight will be converted to and reported as rough cord products.

1. The following table of weights will be used for conversion to cords:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight per Cord</u>	
	<u>Green</u>	<u>Seasoned</u>
<u>Cedar</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,050</u>
<u>Balsam Fir</u>	<u>5,000 4,250</u>	<u>4,200 4,050</u>
<u>Hemlock</u>	<u>5,200 4,800</u>	<u>4,300 4,650</u>
<u>Jack Pine</u>	<u>4,700 4,250</u>	<u>4,300 4,100</u>
<u>Red Pine</u>	4,700	4,400
<u>White Pine</u>	<u>4,700 4,200</u>	<u>4,200 4,000</u>
<u>Spruce</u>	<u>4,500 4,000</u>	<u>4,300 3,820</u>
<u>Tamarack</u>	<u>5,200 4,650</u>	<u>4,400 4,450</u>
<u>Aspen</u>	<u>4,600 4,500</u>	<u>4,000 4,300</u>
<u>White Birch</u>	<u>5,200 4,800</u>	<u>4,800 4,600</u>
<u>Yellow Birch</u>	<u>5,350</u>	<u>5,150</u>
<u>Basswood</u>	<u>3,850</u>	<u>3,650</u>
<u>Red Oak, all species</u>	<u>5,600 5,500</u>	<u>5,000 5,350</u>
<u>White Oak</u>	<u>5,850</u>	<u>5,650</u>
<u>Mixed Hardwood</u>	<u>5,300</u>	<u>4,900</u>

2. Seasoned wood is that which is dried 2 or more months during the period April 1 to October 31 before weighing.

SECTION 2. NR 46.30(2)(a) to (c) are repealed and recreated to read:

(see attached pages)

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on June 27, 2001.

The rules shall take effect the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Darrell Bazzell, Secretary

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