

Joe's Corner

"Wars may be fought with weapons,
 but they are won by men."

George S. Patton

**God bless our men and women in uniform.
 God bless our Commander and Chief.
 God bless America.**

Timely delivery of lumber in the midst of the Spring produce season is always a concern. Added to the shortage of trucks this year is the rapidly rising cost of fuel. In February, diesel sold at the highest level recorded since 1994. Commercial carriers and rail lines have added fuel surcharges to their normal fees to help offset this increase.

Our customers can help us get the most value for their freight dollars. The difference in freight charges between an "urgent" load and one that can wait 5-10 days for delivery can be \$5-10/mbf. That's incentive enough to buy before you get down to the last stick.

We can work together to get your loads delivered in a timely manner at a price you can afford. Help us help you.

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We get a tremendous amount of questions about whether our MSR material will sub for other grades of SYP such as Number One Dense or DSS. We thought that it would be useful for our customers if we were to list a MSR/Number One Comparison chart. You can also find this chart in the SPIB 1994 Grading Rules book.

MSR/NO. 1 COMPARISONS

2x4 (pgA3)	Fb	Moe "E"	Ft	Fc//
MSR	2100	1.8	1575	1875
MSR	2400	2.0	1925	1975
MSR	2700	2.2	2150	2100
No. 1 DNS	2000	1.8	1100	2000
No. 1	1850	1.7	1050	1850
DSS	3050	1.9	1650	2250
2x6 (pg A4)	Fb	Moe "E"	Ft	Fc//
MSR	2400	2.0	1925	1975
No. 1 DNS	1750	1.8	950	1900
No. 1	1650	1.7	950	1750
DSS	2700	1.9	1500	2150
2x8 (pg A5)	Fb	Moe "E"	Ft	Fc//
MSR	2400	2.0	1925	1975
No. 1 DNS	1650	1.8	875	1800
No. 1	1500	1.7	825	1650
DSS	2450	1.9	1350	2050
2x10	Fb	Moe "E"	Ft	Fc//
MSR	2250	1.9	1750	1925
No. 1 DNS	1450	1.8	775	1750
No. 1	1300	1.7	725	1600
DSS	2150	1.9	1200	2000
2x12 (pg A7)	Fb	Moe "E"	Ft	Fc//
MSR	2250	1.9	1750	1925
No. 1 DNS	1350	1.8	725	1700
No. 1	1250	1.7	675	1600
DSS	2050	1.9	1100	1950

Information obtained from SPIB Grading Rules 1994 Pages A1-A7 and Para. 601

Fb: Fiber bending (bending of the board edgewise)

Moe "E": Elasticity (the flexibility of the board, a higher "E" is more rigid.)

Ft. Fiber tension (pull the ends away from each other)

