



Forest Industry Production

Production in Finland in January-September 2006

Paper production sets new record

In the third quarter of 2006 paper and paperboard production in Finland remained high, exceeding 3.6 million tons. This was about 2% more than during the corresponding period last year and the second largest figure ever recorded for the third quarter. In the third quarter of 2001 production was slightly higher.

In January-September 2006 paper and paperboard production in Finland reached 10.6 million tons, setting a new record for the first nine months of the year. Production exceeded the previous high, in 2004, by half a percent.

Demand for sawn wood good - availability of raw materials imposes limits

Owing to normal seasonal variations, sawn wood production in July-September was clearly lower than in the first two quarters of the year. Production in the third quarter was also about

6% lower than during the corresponding period in 2005, although market demand was good. This was mainly due to problems in the supply of roundwood.

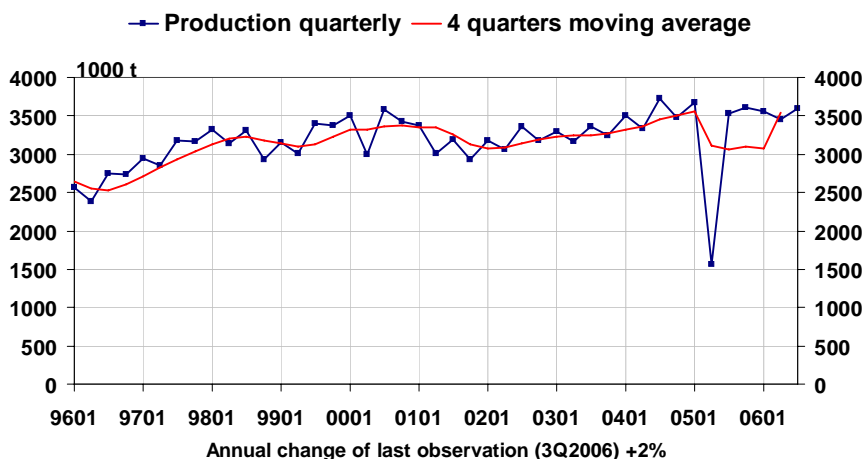
Sawn wood production in January-September totalled nearly 9 million cubic metres. This was over 1% higher than last year but about 10% lower than in January-September 2004. In 2005, the production was lower than normally due to the labour market dispute.

Plywood production also reaches new high

Plywood production in Finland amounted to 320,000 cubic metres in the third quarter. This was slightly lower than in the first two quarters, owing to normal seasonal factors, but 12% higher than the year before. Plywood production in January-September totalled slightly over a million cubic metres. This was roughly 7% higher than last year and also set a new record.

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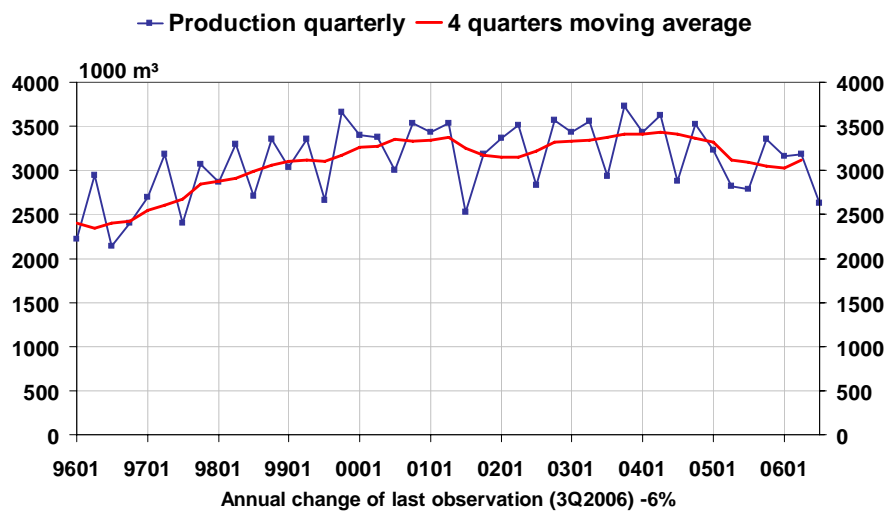
Paper and paperboard production in Finland quarterly



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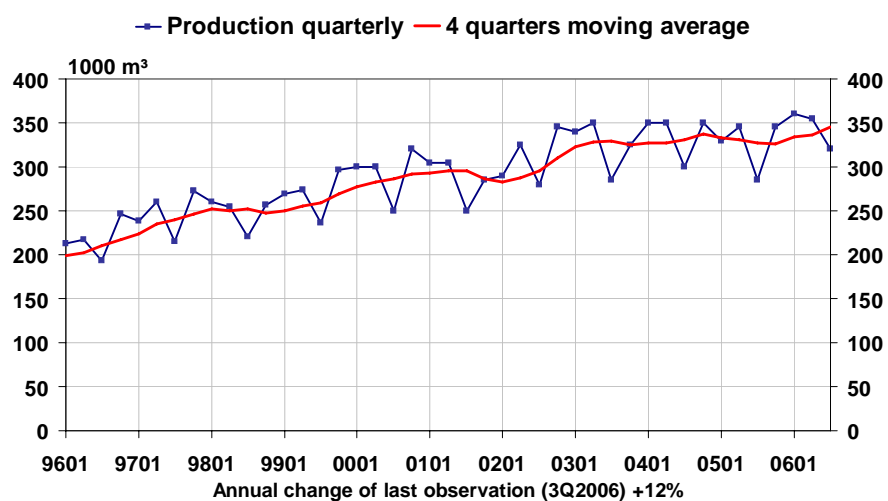
Sawn softwood production in Finland quarterly



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Plywood production in Finland quarterly



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	unit	2006	change%	2006	change%	2006	change%	2006	change%
	1000	1 st Q	06/05	2 nd Q	06/05	3 rd Q	06/05	9months	06/05
Coniferous sawnwood ¹⁾	m ³	3160	-2,3	3180	12,8	2625	-5,7	8965	1,5
Plywood ¹⁾	m ³	360	9,1	355	2,9	320	12,3	1035	7,3
Chemical pulp	t	2045	-0,9	1902	133,1	1959	4,6	5905	24,3
sulphate, of which	t	2045	-0,9	1902	133,1	1959	4,6	5905	24,3
bl. sa softwood	t	1043	-1,7	973	131,8	1009	6,2	3026	24,5
bl. sa hardwood	t	840	0,3	776	133,6	794	3,5	2410	24,4
Other pulps (incl. mechanical and semi-chemical pulp)	t	1275	0,9	1251	124,4	1311	5,0	3837	25,0
PULP TOTAL	t	3320	-0,2	3153	129,6	3270	4,7	9743	24,5
Paper	t	2814	-3,7	2729	123,5	2848	1,5	8391	20,8
pr. and wr. paper, of which	t	2530	-3,2	2454	125,7	2540	1,2	7524	21,1
wood containing (incl. newsprint)	t	1700	-5,8	1639	118,6	1720	-2,5	5060	17,1
wood free	t	830	2,6	815	141,6	820	9,8	2465	30,2
other paper	t	284	-7,5	274	105,5	308	4,4	866	17,8
Paperboard	t	749	-0,9	725	109,6	747	2,4	2222	21,3
PAPER AND PAPERBOARD TOTAL	t	3563	-3,1	3454	120,5	3596	1,7	10612	20,9

¹⁾ estimate

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