Analysis of the British Columbia Shake and Shingle Industry
FRDA Report 070

In 1988, Forestry Canada contracted Stewart & Ewing Associates Ltd. under the Canada-British Columbia Forest Resource Development Agreement to review and report on the state of the British Columbia shake and shingle industry. The findings are reported in FRDA Report 070. The survey focused on shake and shingle producers that operated during the 1988 calendar year. However, production volumes cited in the report are for 1987. Consequently, some major mills operational in 1987 but not in 1988, are not included.

Sources used to identify producing mills for the survey were:

- The B.C. Ministry of Forests list of Major Primary Timber Processing Facilities in B.C.
- The client mill list of Warnock Hersey Professional Services Ltd.
- The client mill list of the Blue Ribbon Shake and Shingle Inspection Bureau, Inc.
- The membership list of the Fraser Valley Independent Shake and Shingle Producers Association.
- Industry directories.
- Individual responses from 25 forest districts of the B.C. Forest Service.
- Local knowledge of the consultant and past and present participants in the industry.

Details on mill operations were obtained primarily from use of a questionnaire prepared for the study.

Only mills producing shakes and/or shingles are summarized in the report. Hip and ridge producers and all other remanufacturers are not included, since their raw material is the output of primary producers. In the case of larger mills involved in brokering, only the volume of product and employment attributable to mill operations are included.

In the process of assembling the mill lists and background data, the consultant noted some natural stratification of characteristics by geographic location. Accordingly, the data were compiled and analyzed under the following geographic criteria:

- Fraser Valley
- Vancouver Island
- Coast, other than the above
- Interior (all else, from Terrace to the Nelson area)

The report provides statistics on the number of mills by survey region, the size of mills based on their number of production machines, and shake and shingle production volumes by survey area. The report also includes a summary of employment in the industry. Considerable attention is given to raw material sources - logs and blocks or bolts.

The balance of the report includes information on transportation, marketing, grading, and quality control. Fourteen tables and four appendices are included in the report.

Copies of the 31-page report Analysis of the British Columbia Shake and Shingle Industry by R.M. Herring and M.R.C. Massie are available while supplies last from:

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