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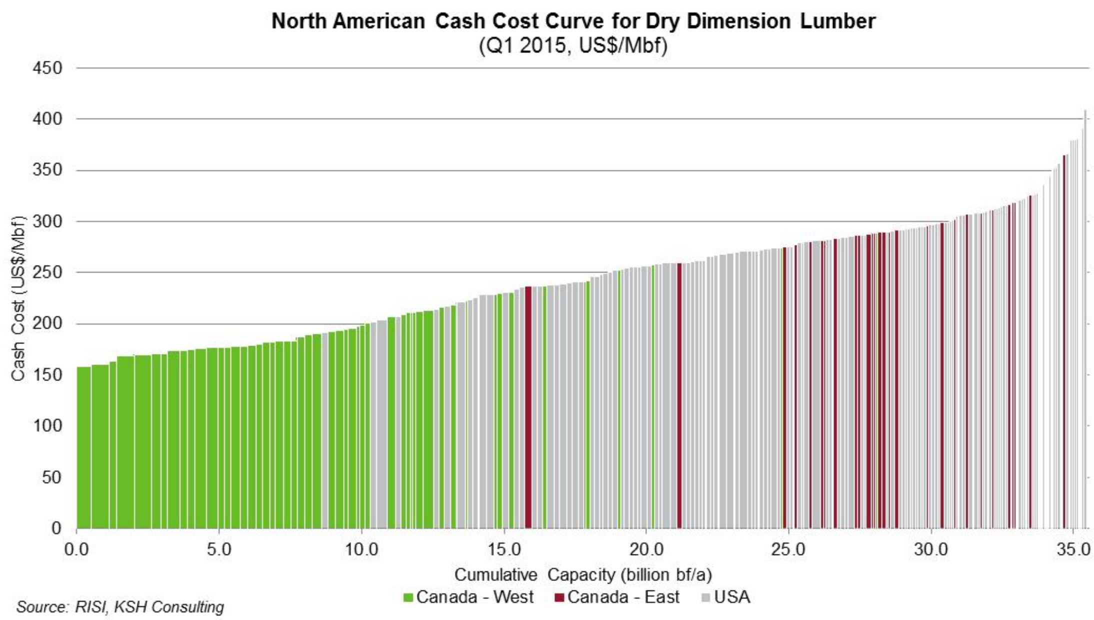
North American Cash Cost Curve for Dry Dimension Lumber

The graphic below depicts the North American cash cost curve for dry dimension lumber (stud mills excluded) as of Q1 2015. The curve is built based on the cash cost of each sawmill, from the lowest cost to the highest cost mill, and the cumulative capacity of each facility.

The Western Canadian mills are, by far, the most competitive due to the prevailing exchange rate, the competitive regional sawlog costs and, particulalry, their economy of scale.

The average sawmill capacity is 209 MMbf in Western Canada, 78 MMbf inEastern canada and 121 MMbf in the US.



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