

## Woodtech - Updates





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#### \$2 billion/year wood measured

## Woodtech offers an alternative to:







- Manual measurement
  - Slow & expensive
  - Low reliability (experience and method)
- Weigh-scaling
  - Inaccurate due to wood variables (MC & Density).
  - It is not accurate to estimate cubic volume as a function of green weight.













## Validation load

There are 20 cylinders in the validation load







## Log Marker







Operator selects defective logs on the picture and the Log Inspector incorporates defects for deduction.





### **Logmeter Defect Detection**



Defect detection is done before the logs are unloaded





## Log Marker Report





#### Logmeter\* Estimates

| Total Volume (cf)       | 4   |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Number of stems         | 4   |
| % of Butt Diam. Scanned | 501 |
| % of Top Diam, Scanned  | 601 |
| Log on Spec             | 859 |

Logmeter\* Visual Inspection





| Type   | of Defec Number |
|--------|-----------------|
| 4 - Sp | lit             |

6 - Swelled bu 1 8 - Uneven bu 0



- 🕏 1 Split
  - 2 Swelled butt
  - 3 Uneven butt
  - 4 Outside pre-cut



#### **Back Camera**













## **Analytical Tool**

| Filters      |            |             |              |  |  |  |
|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Product      | Land Owner | Contract No | Vendor<br>No |  |  |  |
| regular logs |            |             |              |  |  |  |

| Time span |             |  |  |  |
|-----------|-------------|--|--|--|
| From:     | 15/Feb/2011 |  |  |  |
| To:       | 20/Apr/2020 |  |  |  |

| Large En   | d Diameter (LE | D)     |                    | Small End   | Diameter (SED) |        |                    |                | Length |      |
|------------|----------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|--------|--------------------|----------------|--------|------|
| Range [in] | Count          | %      |                    | Range [in]  | Count          | %      | 1                  | Range [ft]     | Count  | %    |
| <12        | 5,345          | 14%    |                    | <8          | 3,615          | 10%    |                    | <25            | 790    | 3%   |
| 12-15      | 18,510         | 50%    | Contraction of the | 8-10        | 21,168         | 57%    | Contraction of the | 25-35          | 4,735  | 16%  |
| 15-20      | 11,915         | 32%    | ALC: NO            | 10-12       | 8,963          | 24%    |                    | 35-45          | 13,398 | 47%  |
| 20-26      | 1,152          | 3%     |                    | 12-14       | 2,357          | 6%     |                    | 45-65          | 8,989  | 31%  |
| >26        | 56             | 0%     | 1 I                | >14         | 1,198          | 3%     | 2                  | >65            | 793    | 3%   |
| Total      | 36,978         |        |                    | Total       | 37,301         | -      | 1                  | Total          | 28,705 |      |
| verage LED | 14.6           | inches | î i                | Average SED | 9.9            | inches | 1                  | Average Length | 40.9   | feet |

#### Sample Data

| Item             | Count     | % Scanned |  |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Scanned Loads    | 2,516     |           |  |
| Scanned LED      | 36,978    | 50%       |  |
| Scanned SED      | 37,301    | 51%       |  |
| Scanned Length   | 28,705    | 39%       |  |
| Est. No. of stem | 73,818    |           |  |
| Est. Stems/Load  | 29        |           |  |
| Total Volume [c  | 1,164,841 | ()        |  |
| Volume/Load      | 463       | 1         |  |
| Volume/Stem      | 16        | 2         |  |

#### Defect Summary

| Defect        | Count  | % of Total<br>Defects |
|---------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Crook/Sweep   | 3,954  | 27.8%                 |
| Small SED     | 3,615  | 25.4%                 |
| Small LED     | 5,345  | 37.6%                 |
| Oversized LED | 56     | 0.4%                  |
| Too Short     | 790    | 5.6%                  |
| Too Long      | -      | 0.0%                  |
| Uneven Butt   | 422    | 3.0%                  |
| Split Butt    | 16     | 0.1%                  |
| Swelled Butt  | 10     | 0.1%                  |
| TOTAL         | 14,208 |                       |
| Defects/load  | 5.6    |                       |

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|--------------|-----|
| Defects/log  | 19% |
| Logs on spec | 81% |

#### Big, Regular & CnS logs

| Item           |           |       |
|----------------|-----------|-------|
| Average SED    | 10        | in    |
| Average LED    | 15        | in    |
| Average Length | 41        | ft    |
| Scanned Loads  | 3,182     | loads |
| Total volume   | 1,330,273 | cf    |





## Automatic Undersize Length and Detection of Sweepy Logs & Taper







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### Length Measurement Test





Logmeter Length Measurement 34.36 feet Manual Length Measurement 34.20 feet



## Automatic Undersize and Oversize Diameter Detection





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## **Diagonal Lasers**





Using Woodtech's latest Scanning technology the Logmeter estimates precisely the number of logs and the diameter of logs per load.



### **Benefits**







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# Log Procurement Improvement



- Logmeter allows log buyers, suppliers and third parties to review each log transaction.
- Sawmill managers can identify good and bad suppliers

| Large End Diameter (LED) |            |            |            |            |  |  |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| Range [in]               | Supplier A | Supplier B | Supplier C | Supplier D |  |  |
| <15                      | 50%        | 43%        | 67%        | 0%         |  |  |
| 15-19                    | 49%        | 55%        | 33%        | 48%        |  |  |
| 19-23                    | 2%         | 2%         | 0%         | 40%        |  |  |
| 23-26                    | 0%         | 0%         | 0%         | 10%        |  |  |
| >26                      | 0%         | 0%         | 0%         | 3%         |  |  |
| Total                    | 100%       | 100%       | 100%       | 100%       |  |  |

| Small End Diameter (SED) |            |            |            |            |  |  |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| Range [in]               | Supplier A | Supplier B | Supplier C | Supplier D |  |  |
| <8                       | 2%         | 5%         | 27%        | 0%         |  |  |
| 8-10                     | 65%        | 54%        | 60%        | 10%        |  |  |
| 10-12                    | 25%        | 37%        | 13%        | 36%        |  |  |
| 12-14                    | 7%         | 4%         | 0%         | 33%        |  |  |
| >14                      | 1%         | 1%         | 0%         | 21%        |  |  |
| Total                    | 100%       | 100%       | 100%       | 100%       |  |  |



## Log Procurement Improvement



- Logmeter information allows to do load analysis by diameter, length, volume, location, supplier, driver, etc.
  - Mills know which suppliers bring best logs
  - Experience: Mill with Logmeter receives better logs than other mills within the area.

| Land Owner | # of loads | Est. No. of stems | defects/log | defects/load | logs on spec |
|------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| A          | 2          | 93                | 20.4%       | 9.5          | 79.6%        |
| В          | 4          | 111               | 15.3%       | 4.3          | 84.7%        |
| С          | 5          | 98                | 15.3%       | 3.0          | 84.7%        |
| D          | 3          | 105               | 15.2%       | 5.3          | 84.8%        |
| E          | 3          | 43                | 14.0%       | 2.0          | 86.1%        |
| F          | 1          | 29                | 13.8%       | 4.0          | 86.2%        |
| G          | 8          | 221               | 13.1%       | 3.6          | 86.9%        |
| Н          | 1          | 18                | 11.1%       | 2.0          | 88.9%        |
| I          | 10         | 264               | 11.0%       | 2.9          | 89.0%        |
| J          | 3          | 67                | 10.5%       | 2.3          | 89.6%        |



# Log Quality Improvement = **Productivity and Yield Improvement**



Sawmills with Logmeter obtain bigger logs improving productivity and yield



15.5

15.2

11.9

Big logs

**Regular logs** 

Chip & saw

15.1

14.8

11.7

16.9

15.6

11.9

17.2

15.7

12.2

18.4

15.9

12.1

18.2

15.8

12.0

17.6

15.5

13.8



4%

7%

14%

2%

16%

| Bucked Log<br>SED (inches) | Industry Average Yield<br>Log tons/MBF Lumber |
|----------------------------|---|
| < 8                        | 5.0   |
| 8 - 10                     | 4.5   |
| 10                         | 4.0   |





## **Better Inventory Management**

- Greater certainty about inventory level
  - Less inventory variability
  - Detailed information about inventory logs
  - Updated Information
- Reduces risk of running out of logs
- Reduces cost of insurance and safety/winter log stock

Log inventory volume = Logs purchased - logs sold - logs used

Better inventory control if all measured in Cubic Volume





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# **Elimates Conversion Factor Error**

 Eliminates error associated with converting weight to volume (Cubic)

Requires many conversion factors.

In practice: requires a high sampling rate.





## **Fraud Possibilities Reduction**



- Semi Automatic system
- Watches/Controls/Measures all log deliveries
- Updates electronically all deliveries (diameter, length, volume, location, supplier, driver, etc.)

Source: The Chattanoogan Rome Man Pleads Guilty In Multi-Million-Dollar Timber Fraud Scheme posted November 3, 2010 A 50-year-old Rome, Ga., man on Tuesday pleaded guilty before Senior United States District Judge Robert L. Vining in federal district court to multiple charges relating to a \$4 million scheme involving timber that did not exist. A jury had been selected and Aaron Wilbert Freeman's trial was set to begin Wednesday when he decided to plead guilty. United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates said, "Paper is made from trees, but in this case, Freeman created trees out of paper. He did so by manipulating his employer's computer system to create phony receipts for timber deliveries that never took place. He also recruited timber truck drivers to redeem the fake receipts for payment, then laundered the proceeds through multiple financial institutions."



## Lumber Sales Realization Improvement



Logmeter information allows managers to know what the mill is buying and receiving (SED, LED, Length, Volume and defects distributions) therefore managers project the lumber products those logs will produce (e.g. percentage narrow versus wide lumber) in order to manage lumber production and improve sales realization.





Lumber revenue and manufacturing costs depend on log characteristics. Better logs = higher lumber revenue and lower manufacturing costs.



## Logmeter = Management Tool





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