

## IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

DECEMBER, 1949
Production of saw lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 217.368 M ft . in December 1949 as compared with $191,424 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December 1948, an increase of $11.9 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$. over the previous year and a decrease of 17.8 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 82.0 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 14.7 pic. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining $18.0 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$. showed a decrease of 0.8 pec. Shipmints in December 1949 totalled $195,325 \mathrm{M}$ ft. as compared with $176,898 \mathrm{M}$ ft. the previous year, an increase of 9.4 pic. with Coast mills registering an increase of 16.5 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 23.5 p.c. Total shipments for December decreased by 15.8 pc. from the November figure of $231,862 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. Stocks on hand at the end of December 1949 amounted to $362,874 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. as compared with 336,481 Mft , at the end of December the previous year and $355,320 \mathrm{Mft}$, at the end of Novembet of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling $245,116 \mathrm{Mft}$., while Interior, frills showed $117,758 \mathrm{M}$. ft.

## Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sown lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for November and December 1948 and 1949. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipmints are shown by destination. Total production decreased from $244,563 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November 1948 to $191,424 \mathrm{Mft}$. in December 1948 and from $264,344 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in Novembet to $217,368 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$, in December 1949. Shipments totalled $231,862 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November 1949 and $195,325 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December 1949 as compared with 209.654 M ft . in Novembet and $176.898 \mathrm{M} f$. in December of 1948 . Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from $321,955 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November 1948 to 336.481 M ft . in December and increased from $355,320 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November 1949 to $362,874 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{ft}$. in December of this year.

## Production

Table 2 gives particulars of lumber and tie production for Coast mills and Interior mills separately, and also shows separately the production of lumber and ties, by species. Production of sown lumber in Coast mills amounted to 176,102 M ft . in December 1949 as compared with $37,109 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{ft}$. reported by Interior mills, Saw tie production of Coast mills was $2,223 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December as compared with 1.934 M ft . for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for $82.0 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. of the total production of saw lumber and ties in December 1949 as compared with 79.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during November 1949 and 1948 respectively, were 77.2 and 77.7 p.c.

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Shipments
Table 3 gives details of hatier and tie shipments, by months for Coast mills and Interior mills separately. Shipments by truck, by rail and waterborne are shown for each Canadian province, to points in the United States, to the United Kingdom and to other countries, for all mills reporting. Total estimated shipments of non-reporting mills are also given. It is to be noted, however, that some lumber originally reported as having been shipped to points in British Columbia may have been re-shipped to other provinces or exported by the purchasers and reported by them also, thereby causing a certain amount of duplication.

Shipments of Coast mills amounted to $166,082 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ 。in December 1949 and 192,008 $\mathrm{N} \mathbf{f t}$. in November 1949 as compared with $138,666 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December 1948 and 163,641 M ft . in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped $29,243 \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{ft}$, and $38,2.32$ M ft . in December 1949 and 1948 and 39.854 M ft . and $46,013 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November 1949 and 1948. Of all shipments actually reported for December, 34.73 p.c. went to points in Canada, 53.80 p.c. to points in United States, 0.04 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.43 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 45.52 p.c. of the total, while 35.30 p.c. went by rail and 19.18 p.c. by truck.

## Stocks

Table 4 gives particulars of stocks of lumber and ties at sawmills by months. It distinguishes between stocks sold but not shipped and stocks unsold, and between stocks, at Coast and Interior mills, by species. Total stocks at Coast mills in November and December 1949 amounted to $232,375 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. and $245,116 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. as compared with $224,322 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. and $237,720 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November and December of 1948 . Interior mills stocks increased from $97,633 \mathrm{Mft}$. in November to $98,761 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December $\{948$, but decreased from $122,945 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November to $117,758 \mathrm{Mft}$. in December 1949. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 37.1 p.c. of the total in December 1949, as compared with 44.6 p.c. in December 1948 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 83.2 and 87.8 .

Orders on Hand
Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of November and December 1948 and 1949, for Coast mills only. Similar information is not collected from Interior mills and no attempt has been made to estimate orders on hand of non-reporting mills on the Coast. Destination and mode of shipments are shown in this table, which also gives total lumber purchases reported by some mills. Total orders on hand at the end of December 1949 , amounted to $298,739 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. as compared with $283,910 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{ft}$. in December 1948 . Orders on hand at the end of November 1949 and 1948 , amounted to $292,952 \mathrm{Mft}$. and $285,207 \mathrm{Mft}$, respectively. Pur chases of lumber from other mills amounted to $8,630 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December 1949 and 7.917 M ft . in December 1948 as compared with $11,139 \mathrm{Mft}$. in November 1949 and 6.811 M ft . in November 1948.

Active Mills Reporting
Table 6 gives the number of active mills reporting each month for the Coast and Interior of British Columbia. The mills reporting for December accounted for 84.1 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1947 compared with 74.5 p.c. Eor the previous year. The percentages for November 1948 and 1949 were 70.8 and 80.5 , respectively. It is hoped that the compilation will eventually include all mills in the 500,000 feet and over classification.

The co-operation of the British Columbia Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association and Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association in the collection of these statistics is gratefully acknowledged.

Table 1. - Combarative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, December, 1949.

|  | December |  | November |  | 12 Months |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 |
|  | M ft. | M ft. | Mft. | M ft. | M ft. | Nit. |
| PRODUCTION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir. | 112.367 | 103,910 | 145,408 | 128,652 | 1,522,405 | 1.450,898 |
| Hemlock . | 45,830 | 35,986 | 49,900 | 51,413 | 516,571 | 590,734 |
| Balsam Fir | 1,535 | 1,510 | 2,297 | 1,549 | 17,155 | 19,249 |
| Red Cedar | 27,382 | 21,284 | 26,950 | 26,726 | 277,070 | 287,969 |
| Spruce | 22,083 | 18,163 | 25,527 | 21,113 | 360,067 | 322,437 |
| White Pine | 2,531 | 2,430 | 2,342 | 2,839 | 34,579 | 41,903 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 1,787 | 1,975 | 5,852 | 3,033 | 46,211 | 41,510 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 423 | 450 | 588 | 624 | 8,432 | 7,544 |
| All other softwoods | 2,499 | 4,662 | 4,153 | 7,255 | 51,215 | 75,638 |
| Total softwoods | 216,437 | 190,370 | 263,017 | 243,204 | 2,833,705 | 2,837,882 |
| Red Alder | 312 | 346 | 523 | 477 | 5,955 | 5,192 |
| Maple | 325 | 266 | 380 | 268 | 3,890 | 3,062 |
| Birch | 75 | 50 | 98 | 69 | 1,070 | 938 |
| Cottonwood | 219 | 392 | 326 | 545 | 3.310 | 6,868 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | 86 | 7 |
| Total soft. woods |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total soft woods and hardwoods..... SHIPMENTS | 217,368 | 191,424 | 264,344 | 244,563 | 2,848,016 | 2,853,949 |
| To: Points in Canada | 60.878 | 68,131 | 76,793 | 85,421 | 1,018,261 | 1,051,151 |
| Points in U.S.A. | 94,305 | 30,276 | 100,624 | 29.390 | 731,814 | 546,610 |
| United Kingdom | 66 | 21,520 | 3,711 | 24,061 | 306,327 | 379.601 |
| Other countries | 20,053 | 21,728 | 23,512 | 26,754 | 259,097 | 235,710 |
| Destination not specified | d | 962 | - | 1.915 | 8,002 | 17,200 |
| Total shipments reported | 175,302 | 142,617 | 204,640 | 167,541 | 2,323,501 | 2,230,272 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ....... | 20,023 | 34,281 | 27,222 | 42,113 | 380,154 | 501,599 |
| Total shipments |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| reported and estimated | 195,325 | 176,898 | 231,862 | 209,654 | 2,703,655 | 2,731,871 |
|  | December |  |  | November |  |  |
| STOCKS ON HAND | 1949 |  | 948 | 194 |  | 1948 |
| Douglas Fir | 170,772 |  | 5,900 | 172,5 |  | 68,388 |
| Hemlock | 65,177 |  | 5,987 | 59,53 |  | 63,008 |
| Balsam Fir | 2,998 |  | 1,815 |  |  | 705 |
| Red Cedar | 31.477 |  | 5,123 | 33.2 |  | 34,152 |
| Spruce | 61,837 |  | 1,846 | 55, |  | 32,772 |
| White Pine | 7,113 |  | 9,309 |  |  | 8,838 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 10,700 |  | 8,594 | 12,3 |  | 5,990 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 1,102 |  | 28 |  | 07 | 3 |
| All other softwoods .......... | 10,200 |  | 7,123 | 11,27 |  | 7,561 |
| Total softwoods | 361,376 |  | 5,725 | 353, |  | 21,417 |
| Red Alder | 373 |  | 195 |  | 03 | 173 |
| Maple | 438 |  | 142 |  | 97 | 152 |
| Birch | 153 |  | 23 |  | 49 | 23 |
| Cottonwood | 534 |  | 396 |  | 58 | 190 |
| All other hardwoods | - |  | - |  | - 14 | - |
| Total hardwoods | 1.498 |  | 756 |  | 07 | 538 |
| Total softwoods and |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
December, 1949.

## COAST MILLS <br> INTERIOR MILLS

Species
Reported Estimated Total Reported Estimated Total Mft.b.m. Nit.b.m. Mft.b.m. Mft.b.m. Mft.b.m. Mft.b.m.

LUNBER
Douglas Fir ..........
Hemlock ..............
Balsam Fir .........
Red Cedar ............
Spruce ................
White Pine ...........
Ponderosa Pine ....
Lodgepole Pine .... All other softwoods

Total, softwoods
Red Alder .............
Maple
Birl
Birch .....................
Cottonwood
All other hardwoods
Total, hardwoods
Total, softwoods and hardwoods

## TIES


Total, softwoods
and hardwoods
LUMBER AND TIES

| 90,566 | 6,674 | 97,240 | 4,788 | 6,800 | 11,588 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 43,285 | 1,510 | 44,795 | 285 | 651 | 936 |
| 829 | 79 | 908 | 373 | 246 | 619 |
| 23,735 | 2,139 | 25,874 | 864 | 641 | 1,505 |
| 3,699 | 863 | 4,562 | 8,007 | 9,422 | 17,429 |
| 1,449 | 58 | 1,507 | 572 | 451 | 1,023 |
| - | 55 | 55 | 428 | 1,291 | 1,719 |
| - | 13 | 13 | 83 | 258 | 341 |
| 342 | 21 | 363 | 275 | 1,530 | 1,805 |
| 163,905 | 11,412 | 175,317 | 15,675 | 21,290 | 36,965 |
| 181 | 131 | 312 | - | - | - |
| 195 | 130 | 325 | - | - | - |
| 15 | 39 | 54 | - | 21 | 21 |
| 45 | 49 | 94 | - | 123 | 123 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 436 | 349 | 785 | - | 144 | 144 |

$164,341 \quad 11,761 \quad 176,102 \quad 15,675 \quad 21,434 \quad 37,109$

| 1,929 | 182 | 2,111 | 532 | 896 | 1.428 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| , 68 | 26 | 94 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| - | 2 | 2 | - | 6 | 6 |
| - | 3 | 3 | - | - | - |
| - | 13 | 13 | 14 | 65 | 79 |
| - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| - | - | - | - | 13 | 13 |
| - | - | - | - | 69 | 69 |
| - | - | - | 211 | 120 | 331 |
| 1.997 | 226 | 2,223 | 757 | 1,175 | 1,932 |
| -- | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |


| 1,997 | 226 | 2,223 | 757 | 1,177 | 1,934 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 166,338 | 11,987 | 178,325 | 16,432 | 22,611 | 39,043 |

## Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, December, 1949

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { By Truck } \\ & \text { (Local Sales) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{By} \\ \text { Rail } \end{gathered}$ | Waterborne | Total <br> Shipments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COAST MILLS M ft . b .m. | Mft.b.m. | Mft.b.m. | Mit.b.m. |
| TO: Points in Canada: |  |  |  |
| British Columbiáa ............... 28,882 | 2,248 | 883 | 32,013 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories........ | 156 | - | 156 |
| Alberta | 1,554 | xxxxxx | 1,554 |
| Saskatchewan | 2,730 | xxxxxx | 2,730 |
| Manitoba | 3,448 | xxxxx | 3,448 |
| Ontario .......................................... | 7,225 | - | 7,225 |
| Quebec | 2,429 | - | 2,429 |
|  | -19 | - | -19 |
| Nova Scotia.......0.0.0.0.0.0.0. | 279 | - | 279 |
| Prince Edward Island .0.000.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0. | - | - | - |
| Newfoundland ................................... | 41 | - | 41 |
| Total for Cariada ............... $\quad 28,882$ | 20,129 | 883 | 49.894 |
| Points in U.S.A.: |  |  |  |
| Pacific Ports .0.0.0.0.000000000.0.0.0.0.0.0.0. | 264 | 1,158 | 1,422 |
| Atlantic Ports .0.0060.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.9000.0.0.0 | 359 | 58,918 | 59,277 |
|  | 27,707 | xxxxxx | 27,707 |
|  | 28,330 | 60,076 | 88,406 |
| United Kingdom .0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.......... x | 10 | 56 | 66 |
| Other countries..................0.0....0.0.0.0. $x$ | 1,274 | 18,779 | 20,053 |
| Destination or carrier not specified |  | 18,779 | 2,053 |
| Total shipments reported... 28,882 | 49,743 | 79,794 | 158,419 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills |  |  |  |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated INTERIOR MILLS |  |  | 166,082 |
| TO: Points in Canada: |  |  |  |
| British Columbia ..o.o.o.u...... 4,596 | 934 | - | 5,530 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories 35 | 31 | - | 66 |
| Alberta...o.ouro.o.o.o............ 109 | 1,923 | xxxxxx | 2,032 |
| Saskatchewan ................................. | 725 | xxxxxx | 7,25 |
| Manitoba | 1,227 | xxxxxx | 1,227 |
| Ontario | 1,347 | - | 1,347 |
|  | 57 | - | 57 |
| New Brunswick ............................... | - | - | - |
| Nova Scotia ..... | - | - | - |
| Prince Edward Island | - | - | - |
| Newfoundland ........... | - | - | - |
| Total for Canada ............. 4,740 | 6,244 | - | 10,984 |
| Points in U.S.A.: |  |  |  |
| Pacific Ports ................................ | - | - | - |
| Atlantic Ports .o.n.......................... | 211 | - | 211 |
| Other points, by rail .............a.......... | 5,688 | xxxxxx | 5,688 |
| Total for U $\mathrm{U}_{0} \mathrm{~S}_{0} \mathrm{~A}_{0} \ldots \ldots$ | 5,899 | - | 5,899 |
| United Kingdom.............................. $\times$ | - | - | 5,898 |
| Other countries ........................... x | - | - | - |
| Destination or carrier not specified hersperece |  |  | - - |
| Total shipments reported... 4,740 | 12,143 | - | 16,883 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills Total shipments, reported and estimated $x$ Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port. | 12, | $\cdots$ | $\frac{12,360}{29,243}$ |
|  |  | ... | 29,243 |

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
December, 1949.

## COAST MILLS

INTERIOR MILLS

| Species |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reported | Estimated | Total | Reported | Estimated | Total |
| SOLD(but not shipped) |  |  |  |  |  | M ft.b.m. |
| Douglas Fir ............ | 84.362 | 5,924 | 90,286 | 2,048 | 3,910 | 5,958 |
| Hemlock .............. | 38.527 | 1,327 | 39,854 | 38 | 333 | 371 |
| Balsam Fir .............. | 535 | 70 | 605 | - | 128 | 128 |
| Red Cedar ............... | 12,931 | 1,851 | 14,782 | - | 326 | 326 |
| Spruce ................... | 3,773 | 757 | 4,530 | 3.732 | 4,820 | 8,552 |
| White Pine ............. | 2,907 | 50 | 2,957 | 252 | 229 | 481 |
| Ponderose Pine ....... | - | 48 | 48 | 2,133 | 662 | 2,795 |
| Lodgepole Pine ........ | - | 11 | 11 | - | 166 | 166 |
| All other softwoods ... | 274 | 18 | 292 | 145 | 839 | 984 |
| Total, softwoods... | 143,309 | 10,056 | 153,365 | 8,348 | 11,413 | 19,761 |
| Red Alder ............... | 160 | 112 | 272 | - | - | - |
| Naple | 187 | 113 | 300 | - | - | - |
| Birch | 30 | 34 | 64 | - | 11 | 11 |
| Cottonwood | 42 | 43 | 85 | - | 63 | 63 |
| All other hardwoods... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods... | 419 | 302 | 721 | - | 74 | 74 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods... | 143,728 | 10,358 | 154,086 | 8,348 | 11.487 | 19,835 |
| UNSOLD |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir ............ | 44,838 | 3.500 | 48,338 | 6,888 | 19,302 | 26,190 |
| Hemlock | 21.243 | 784 | 22,027 | 1,280 | 1.645 | 2,925 |
| Balsam Fir | 288 | 41 | 329 | 1,304 | 632 | 1,936 |
| Red Cedar | 12,184 | 1,093 | 13,277 | 1,485 | 1,607 | 3,092 |
| Spruce .................... | 1,553 | 447 | 2,000 | 22,961 | 23,794 | 46,755 |
| White Pine .............. | 565 | 30 | 595 | 1,946 | 1,134 | 3,080 |
| Ponderosa Pine ....... | - | 28 | 28 | 4,559 | 3,270 | 7,829 |
| Lodgepole Pine ......... | - | 7 | 7 | 98 | 820 | 918 |
| All other softwoods ... | 4,133 | 11 | 4,144 | 640 | 4,140 | 4,780 |
| Total, softwoods ... | 84,804 | 5,941 | 90,745 | 41,161 | 56,344 | 97,505 |
| Red Alder | 34 | 67 | 101 | - | - | - |
| Maple.. | 72 | 66 | 138 | - | - | - |
| Birch | 1 | 20 | 21 | 4 | 53 | 57 |
| Cottonwood | - | 25 | 25 | 48 | 313 | 361 |
| All other hardwoods... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods ... | 107 | 178 | 285 | 52 | 366 | 418 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods... | 84.911 | 6,119 | 91,030 | 41.213 | 56,710 | 97.923 |
| SOLD AND UNSOLD | 228,639 | 16.477 | 245,116 | 49,561 | 68,197 | 117,758 |

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of December, 1949 and Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

Nonth ending -

|  | Nonth ending - |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | December |  | November |  |
|  | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 |
| OR DERS ON HAND | M ft | M ft. | Mft 。 | M ft. |
| For shipment to points in British Columbia |  |  |  |  |
| Local ................................. | 10,058 | 17.838 | 13,485 | 16,645 |
| Coastwise and interior ............. | 2,546 | 4,113 | 2,578 | 4,362 |
| Total | 12,604 | 21.951 | 16,063 | 21,007 |
| For shipment by rail to: 13,698117681381 |  |  |  |  |
| Prairie Provinces .................. | 13,698 | 11,768 | 8,745 | 13.851 |
| Eastern Provinces ................... | 18,161 | 26,821 | 15,799 | 27,971 |
| United States of America | 40,075 | 31,530 | 38,390 | 25,251 |
| Total. | 71,934 | 70,119 | 62,934 | 67,073 |
| For waterborne shipment to: |  |  |  |  |
| California ............................ | - | 932 | 675 | 845 |
| U.S. Atlantic Ports ................. | 154,174 | 11,771 | 152,584 | 7,966 |
| Eastern Canada ....................... | , | 3,613 | 1.613 | 13,199 |
| Export Markets ..................... | 60,027 | 175,524 | 59,083 | 175,117 |
| Total | 214,201 | 191,840 | 213,955 | 197,127 |
| TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .... | 298,739 | 283,910 | 292,952 | 285,207 |
| LUMBER PURCHASED FRON OTHER <br> MILLS | 8,630 | 7,917 | 11,139 | 6,811 |

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting, December, 1949.

|  |  | December |  | November |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 |
| Coast | No. | 111 | 108 | 122 | 105 |
| Interior | No. | 81 | 96 | 81 | 92 |
| Total, British Columbia | No. | 192 | 204 | 203 | 197 |

A few returns received after compilations were closed, have been omitted.


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