Comisiwn Coedwigaeth Cymru
Forestry Commission Wales

Woodfuel Supply Chain

Private Woodlands

Conifer 65,000 hectares Broadleaf 114,000 hectares

Potential Annual Programme

Conifer 560,000m3

Broadleaf 60,000m3

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Conifer 90,000 hectares

Broadleaf 15,000 hectares

Annual Programme 790,000m3

Conifer 782,000m3

Broadleaf 8,000m3

Direct from

- Grower

Suited to farm woods and small parcels

Direct from

- Agent
- Harvesting Company

Suited to larger forest companies and land owners.

Roadside Sales: 380,000m3 per annum

- Collected by purchaser at roadside
- Small lots offered
- Hardwood & softwood sold as Woodfuel (WF) or Chipwood (CS)
- Other specifications may be suitable

Long-term Roadside Sales: 160,000 m3 per annum

- Approx 50% of annual roadside sales programme on LTCs. 100% softwood.
- Hardwood roadside LTCs being planned. Will likely be 100 to 200 tonnes per annum over 5 years.
- Contract award likely to consider a range of criteria apart from price.

Standing Sales: 410,000m3 per annum

- Supply through purchasing and working timber

Or

- Purchase from standing sales merchant via private agreement.

Short-term Roadside Sales (E-Sales): 158,000m3 per annum

- Closes last week of January, March, May, September & November
- Parcels of sawlogs, fencing & small roundwood (woodfuel/chipwood)
- Parcel sizes range between 25m3 and 5,000m3
- Short-term contracts only
- Only small amount of hardwood sold though this method

Long-term Standing Sales: 205,000m3 per annum

- Approx 50% of annual standing sales programme on LTCs
- Hardwood LTCs being planned. Will likely be 100 to 500 tonnes per annum over 5 years
- Contract award likely to consider a range of criteria apart from price.

Variant bid Tender: 60,000m3 per annum. 2 or 3 tenders per year.

- Bids can be tailored to buyers requirements
- Min contract quantity 25 tonnes. Max contract quantity 5,000 tonnes.
- Two year offer. Year one can be repeated in year two.
- Contracts defined by forest block locations.

Short-term Standing Sales (E-Sales): 205,000m3 per annum

- Closes last week of January, March, May, September & November
- Conifer parcels, thinning & clearfelling, ranging from hundreds to tens of thousands tonnes.
- Hardwood parcels, thinning, ranging from 100 to 500 tonnes.
- Short-term contracts only

Firewood Framework Contract: 1,500m3 per annum

- No guarantee of supply
- Small volumes only. 30m3 or less from one site.
- Possibility of offer of small amounts hardwood via local tender