

#### From Wisconsin to China: An international experience in forest products

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## Market Overview in China

- World's largest furniture exporter
- Economic outlook for China remains positive with annual GDP growth rate of 6.9% in 2017
- Strong growth in domestic wood consumption
- Recent ban on logging
- 45 furniture manufacturing clusters

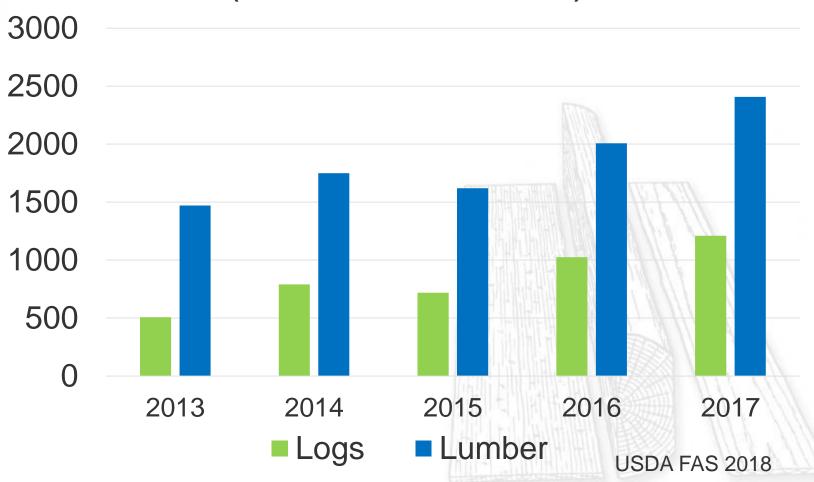
## Market Overview in China Continued

- One Belt One Road Initiative
  - Network of railways, roads, pipelines, and utility grids that would link China and Central Asia, West Asia, and parts of South Asia



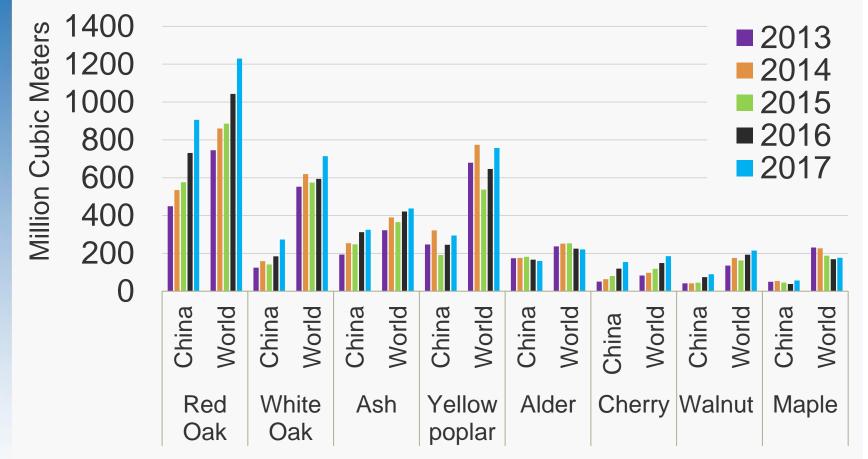
## Wood Imports to China

Chinese Imports of American Hardwoods-Logs vs Lumber (units in million cubic meters)



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Top Hardwood Lumber Species Imported to China vs World Total



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## **Trade Mission Overview**

- March 20-30<sup>th</sup>
- Objective: To explore and expand markets for Wisconsin's forest products in China
- 6 WI forestry companies attended



## Destination



# Beijing



## Tianjin: Port of Tianjin









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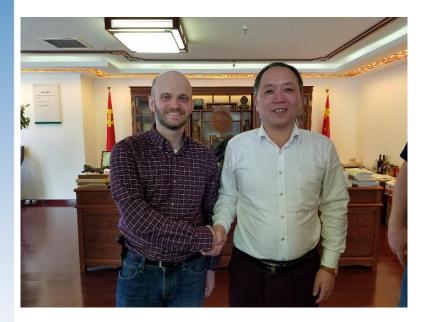
- Principal port serving the capital
- Major center for wood trading and processing
- 4,000 large furniture manufacturers





## Tianjin: Tianjin Wood Industry Assoc.







## Matchmaking Meetings

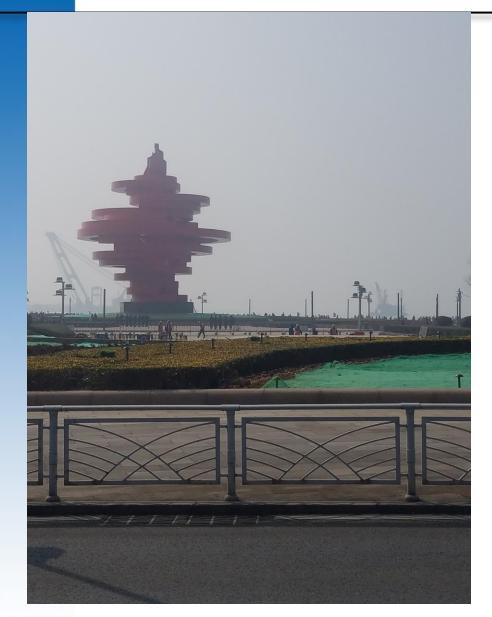








# Qingdao



- China's 2<sup>nd</sup>
  largest port
- Located in OBOR
- Major timber and wood products port.
- Over 1,000 furniture producers

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# Qingdao CX Joy Hardwoods Co.-Furniture Component Producer 1. K



Qingdao CX Joy Hardwoods Co.-Furniture Component Producer

- Taiwanese owned
- Purchases planed lumber
  - -Red alder, white oak, red oak, walnut
- Largest markets- Europe (Germany and Italy. Bedroom, living room, tables, etc.
  - USA Alder for Purdy paint brushes
  - Cabinet components in Virginia
- Offers Just-in-time delivery

#### Qingdao Zerun Woodwork Co. Furniture Producer



#### Qingdao Zerun Woodwork Co. Furniture Producer

- Chinese owned
- 4 manufacturing plants
- Purchases lumber and logs
  White oak and ash
- Largest markets- Europe (Germany and Italy. Bedroom, living room, tables, etc.



## Interzum Guangzhou







## **Guangdong Providence Sawmills**











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#### Timber market/distributor visits











- Hardwood species are primarily used in furniture, flooring, millwork, doors and windows
- Softwood species: dimension lumber is used in concrete form, boards are ceiling, walls, exterior siding, flooring, door framing, beds, and furniture.





## **Barriers for US Lumber**

- High freight costs
- Log import increase
  - Due to demand for customized lumber thickness (1.6 cm (5/8"), 1.9 cm (3/4"), 2.2 cm (7/8"), 2.3 cm (5/16"), and 3 cm (1-3/16").
  - Feel they get more m<sup>3</sup> from logs vs lumber
  - Dry faster



**Opportunities for US Lumber and Wood Products** 

- US lumber is still considered high quality
- Continue development
- Institutional and children furniture on the rise
- Strong preference for health and environment-friendly furniture
- Demand for wood pellets





#### Forest Products Opportunities are Endless!



#### Questions?

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