

# Densified Biomass Fuel Report



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# Agenda

- History of the Survey
- What the survey collect
- How the data is published
- Go over 2018-2019 Heating Data

## About EIA

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## History and Purpose

- EIA received a letter from two Senators (Maine and New Hampshire) in 2014 asking to increase coverage of energy from woody biomass.
- Received support from other stakeholders
- Densified Biomass Fuel Report officially approved August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

# Respondents and Requirements

- All manufacturers of densified biomass fuel products must report on EIA-63C. Both currently operating and those planning to begin operating within one year.
- Those with capacity of 10,000 tons/year or more report monthly.
- Plants producing only animal bedding, absorbents, and/or grilling pellets are not required to report. All others should report **ONLY FUEL** intended for heating or electric power.
- Currently, about 85 manufacturers report each month.

# Data Collected

- Plant History
- Current annual installed capacity and any planned additions
- Plant Status
- Full Time Employees

## Data Collected

- Feedstocks: type, source, quantities and cost
- Production: type of product, quantities and characteristics
- Inventory: type of product, total held
- Sales: Domestic and Export, type of product, quantities and revenues

# Table 2 Monthly Respondents

## Tables

Table 2. Number of operating densified biomass manufacturing facilities by U.S. region, full-time equivalent employees and capacity, 2019

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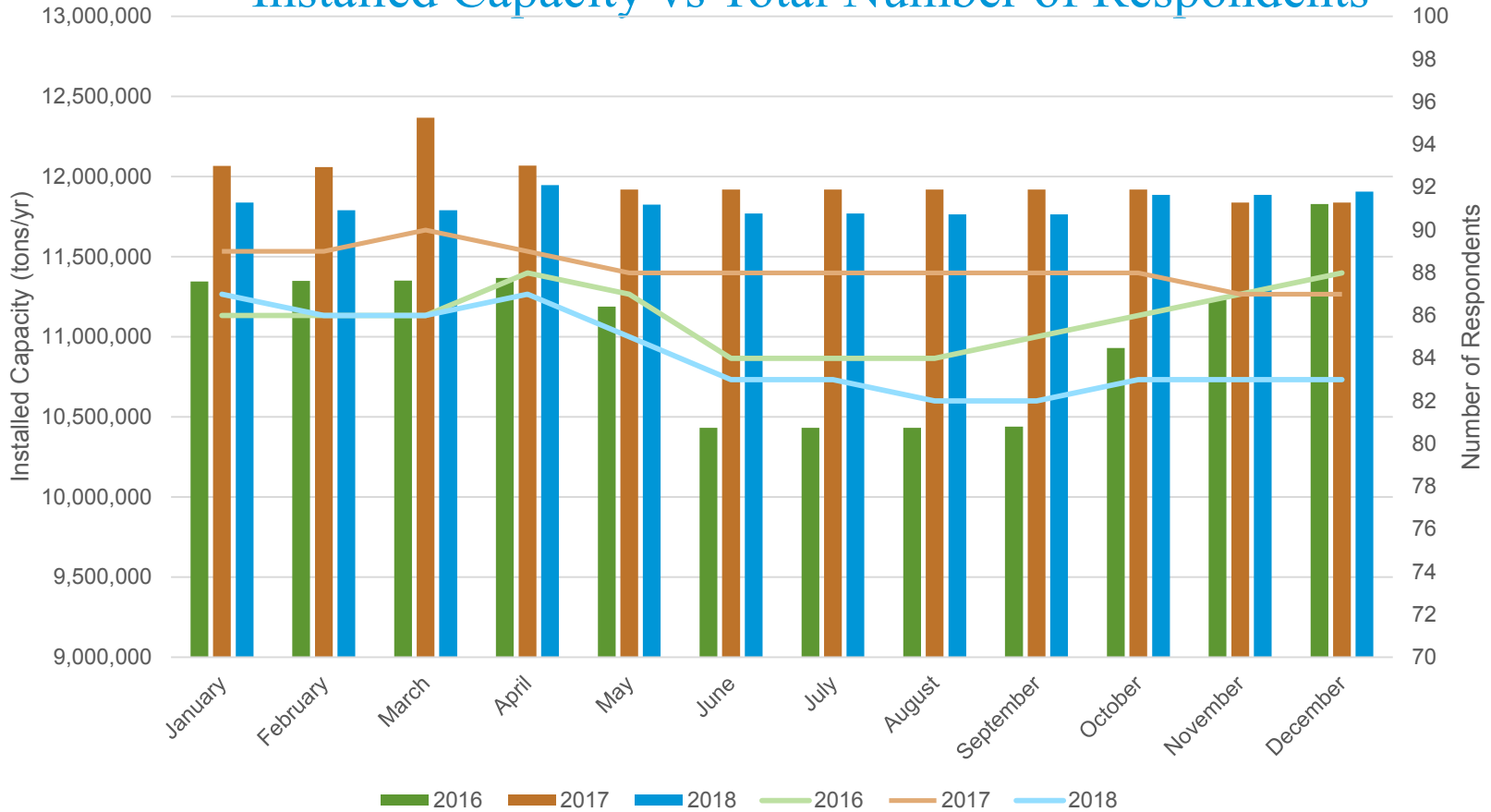
Region	Month	Number of facilities	Capacity (tons per year)	Number of FTE employees
<b>East</b>				
	January	33	2,134,480	582
	February	33	2,134,480	554
<b>South</b>				
	January	35	9,006,334	1,520
	February	35	9,006,334	1,513
<b>West</b>				
	January	17	761,501	227
	February	15	711,500	227
<b>U.S. total</b>				
	January	85	11,902,315	2,329
	February	83	11,852,314	2,294

**Note:** Does not include facilities under construction and/or planned or small facilities, which report annually.

**Source:** U.S. Energy Information Administration Form EIA-83C, Densified Biomass Fuel Report.



# Installed Capacity vs Total Number of Respondents



# Table 3 Feedstocks

Table 3. Feedstocks and average cost per ton for the manufacture of densified biomass products, 2019

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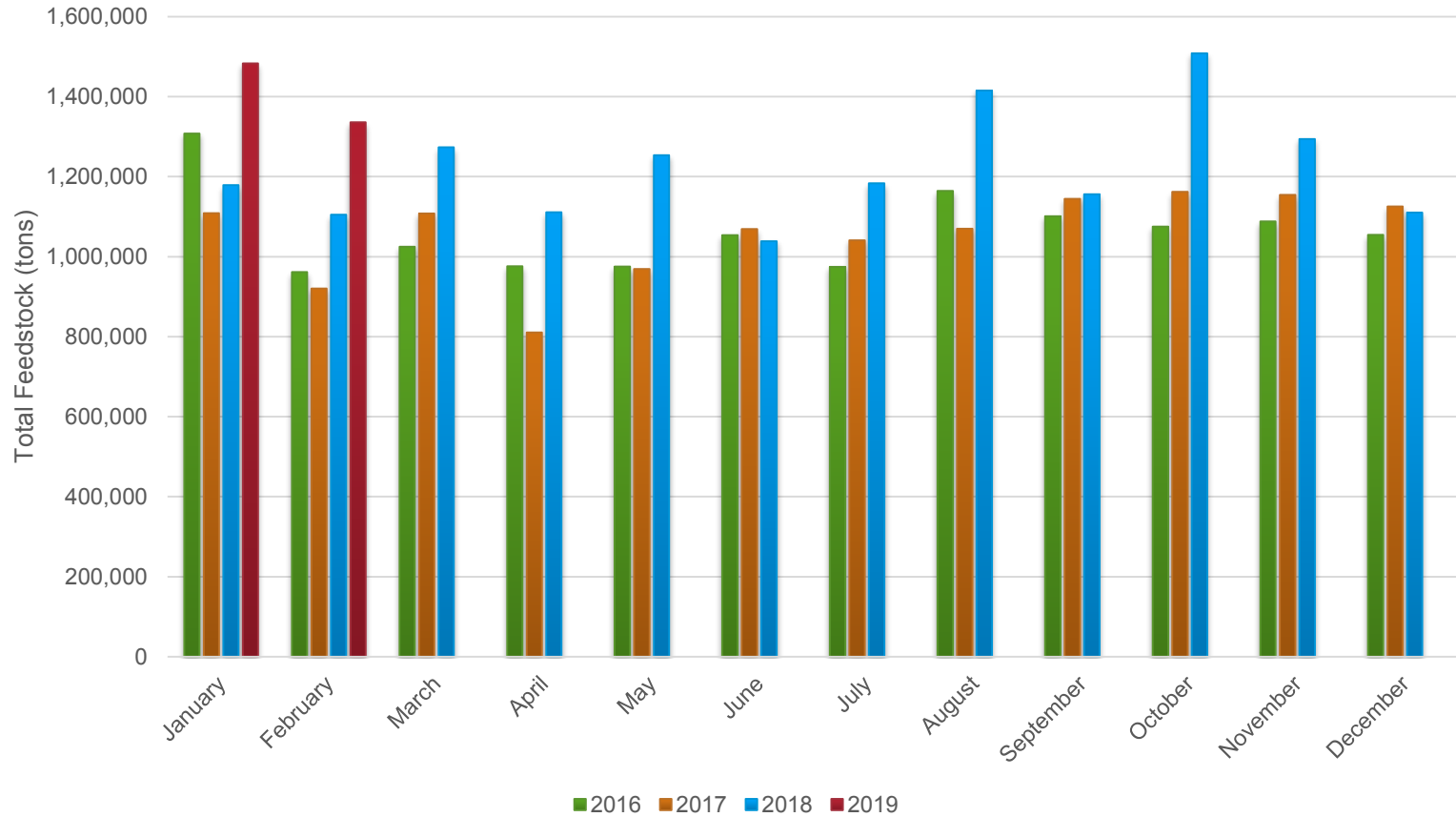
Month	Roundwood/pulpwood		Sawmill residuals		Wood product manufacturing residuals		Other residuals	
	quantity (tons)	cost (USD per ton)	quantity (tons)	cost (USD per ton)	quantity (tons)	cost (USD per ton)	quantity (tons)	cost (USD per ton)
January	306,407	\$31.63	282,668	\$32.76	300,729	\$34.42	593,160	\$31.00
February	315,780	\$33.83	254,604	\$33.97	317,013	\$39.32	448,674	\$31.20

**Notes:** The other residuals category includes bark, logging residues, wood chips, post consumer wood, unmerchantable wood, and other. Roundwood timber is generally logs harvested for industrial use from sustainably managed forests.

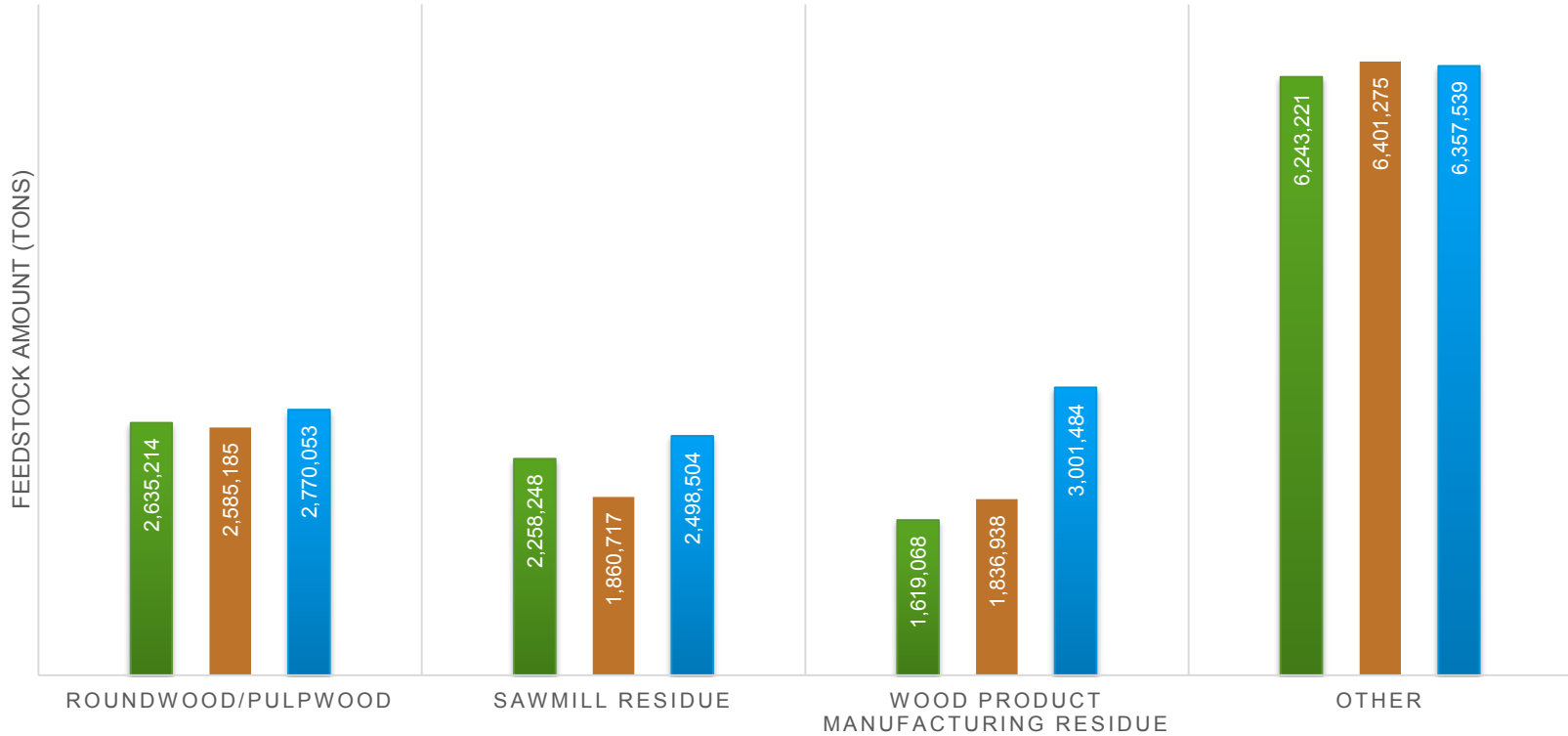
January values were updated, starting with the February publication, due to data received after the deadline.

**Source:** U.S. Energy Information Administration Form EIA-83C, Densified Biomass Fuel Report.

# Total Feedstock Purchases



# Feedstock Purchases by Type



# Table 4 Production

Table 4. Production of densified biomass fuel, 2019 (tons)

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Region	Month	Wood pellets, premium/standard	Wood pellets utility
<b>East</b>			
	January	94,015	N/A
	February	88,803	N/A
<b>South</b>			
	January	25,889	519,060
	February	20,008	565,496
<b>West</b>			
	January	33,476	N/A
	February	29,275	N/A
<b>U.S. total</b>			
	January	153,380	519,060
	February	138,086	565,496

**Notes:** Wood pellets, premium/standard includes: Wood pellets premium (PFI certified), Wood pellets standard (PFI certified), Wood pellets premium (not certified), Wood pellets standard (not certified), Wood pellets ENplus A1, Wood pellets ENplus A2 and other; Wood pellets, utility includes: Wood pellets utility (not certified), Wood pellets utility (PFI certified) and Wood pellets ENplus B.

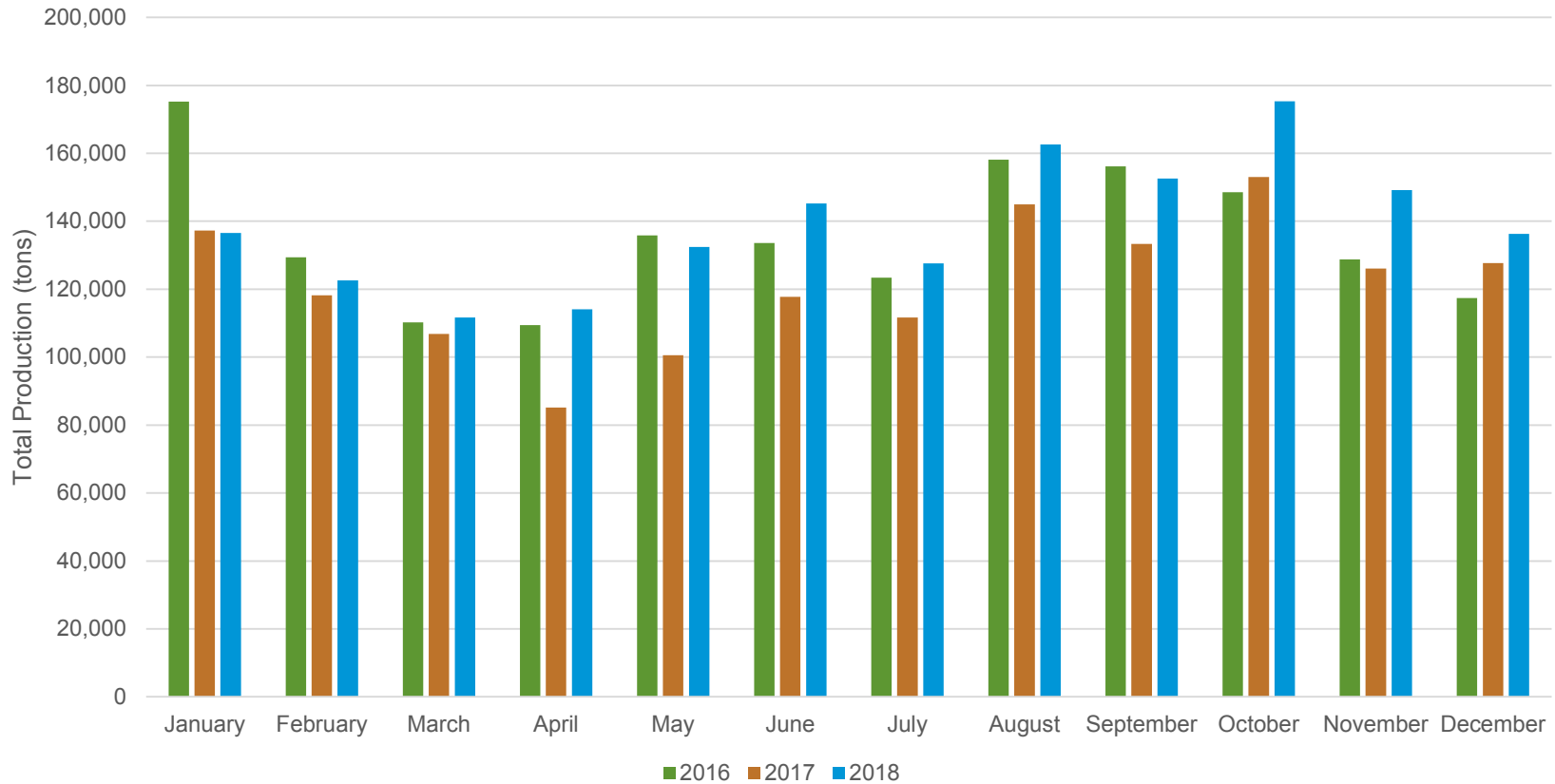
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For information on the PFI (Pellet Fuel Institute) Certification Standards, see <http://www.pelletheat.org/pfi-standards>

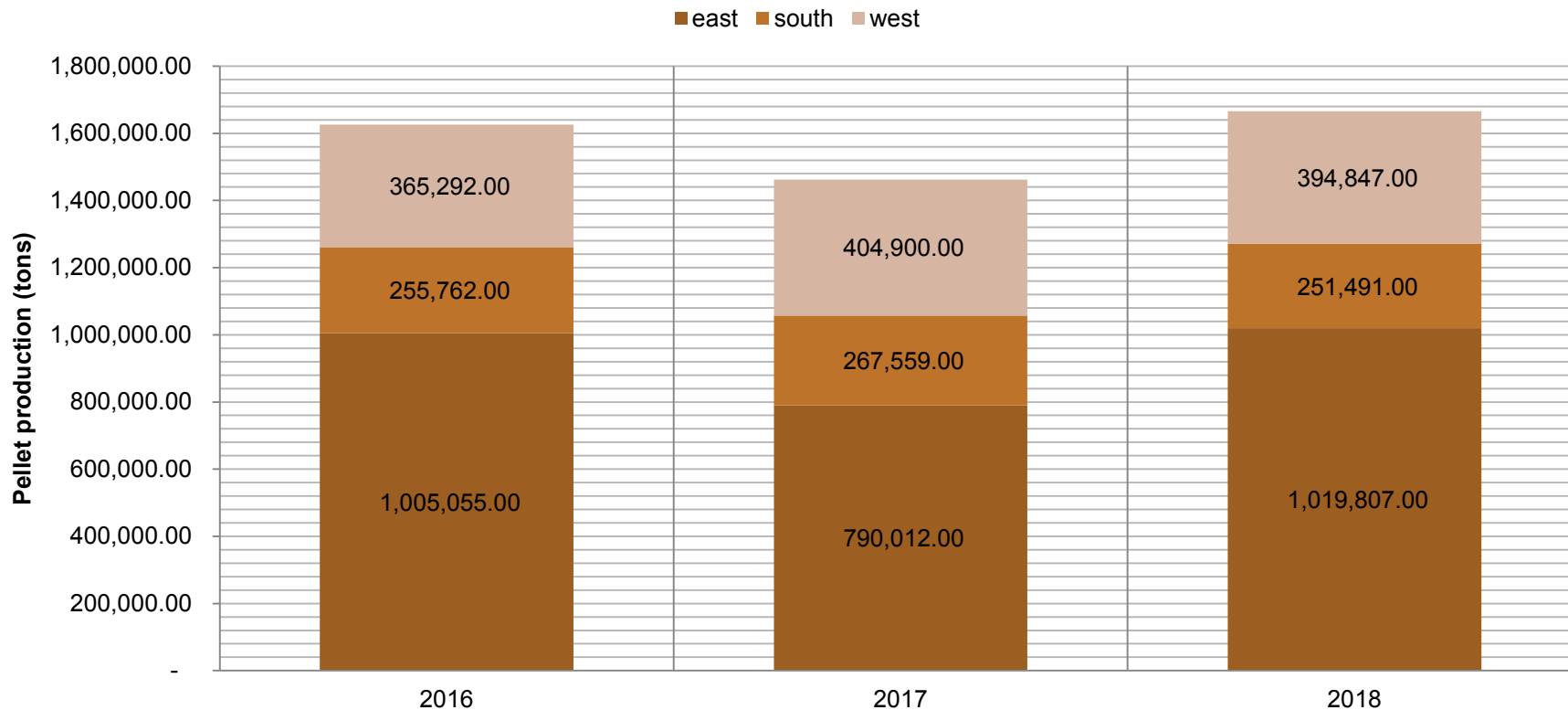
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# Premium/Standard Wood Pellet Production



# Premium/Standard Production by Region



# Table 6 Inventory

Table 6. Inventories of densified biomass fuel, 2019 (tons)

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Region	Month	Wood pellets, premium/standard	Wood pellets, utility
<b>East</b>			
	January	22,348	N/A
	February	18,448	N/A
<b>South</b>			
	January	10,900	223,283
	February	11,344	229,335
<b>West</b>			
	January	21,123	N/A
	February	16,465	N/A
<b>U.S. total</b>			
	January	54,371	223,283
	February	46,257	229,335

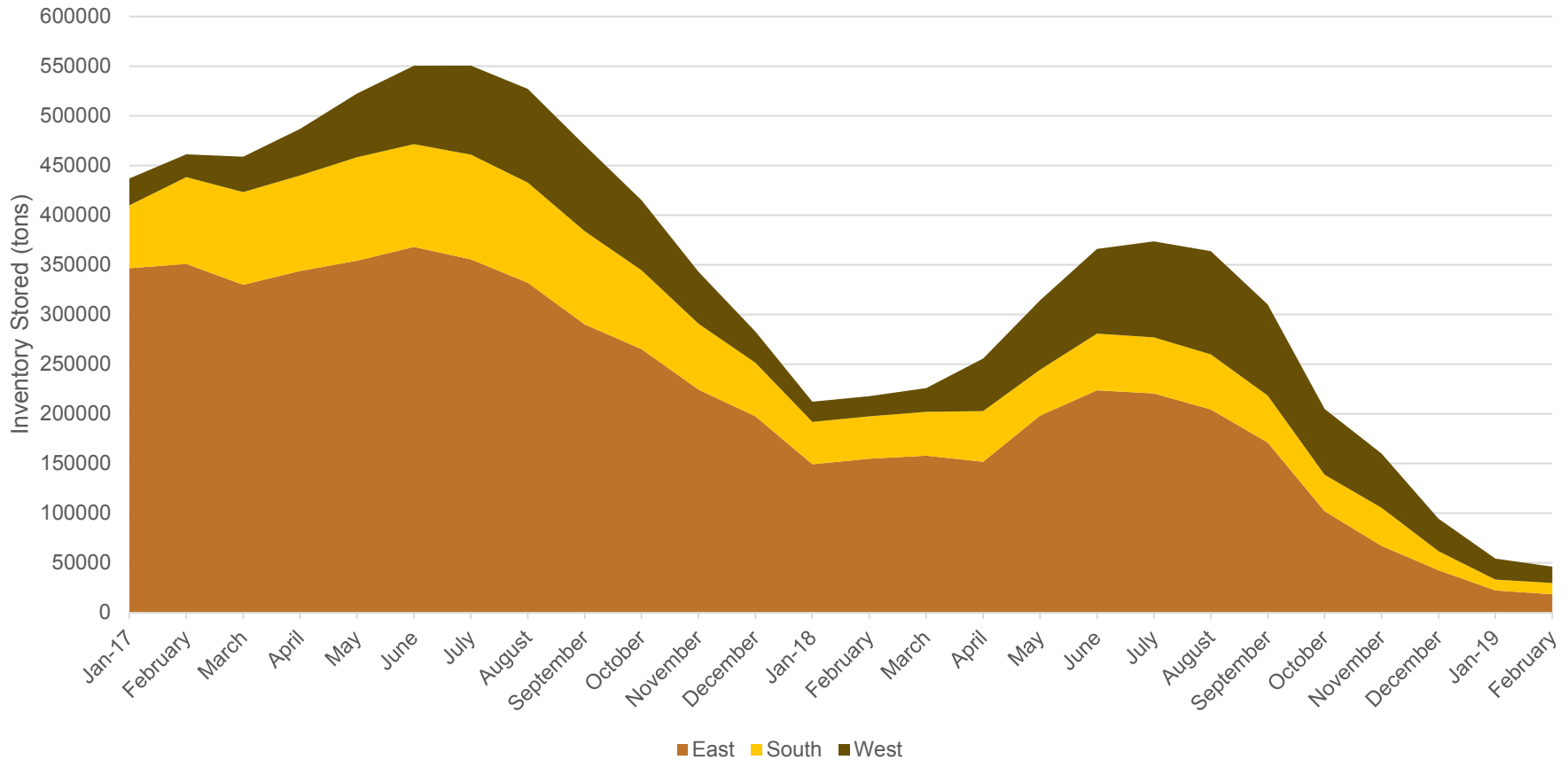
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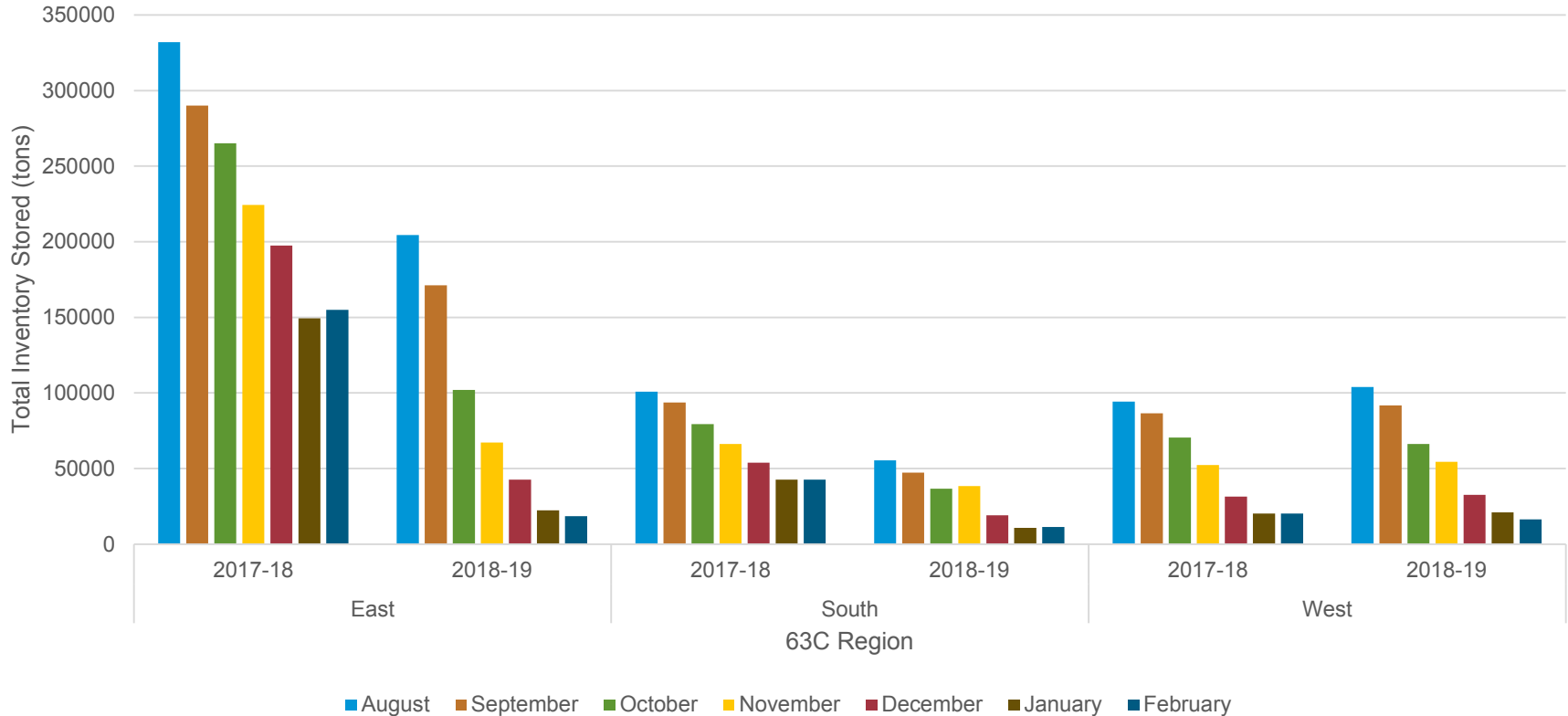
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# Table 7 Domestic Sales

Table 7. Domestic sales and average price of densified biomass fuel, 2019

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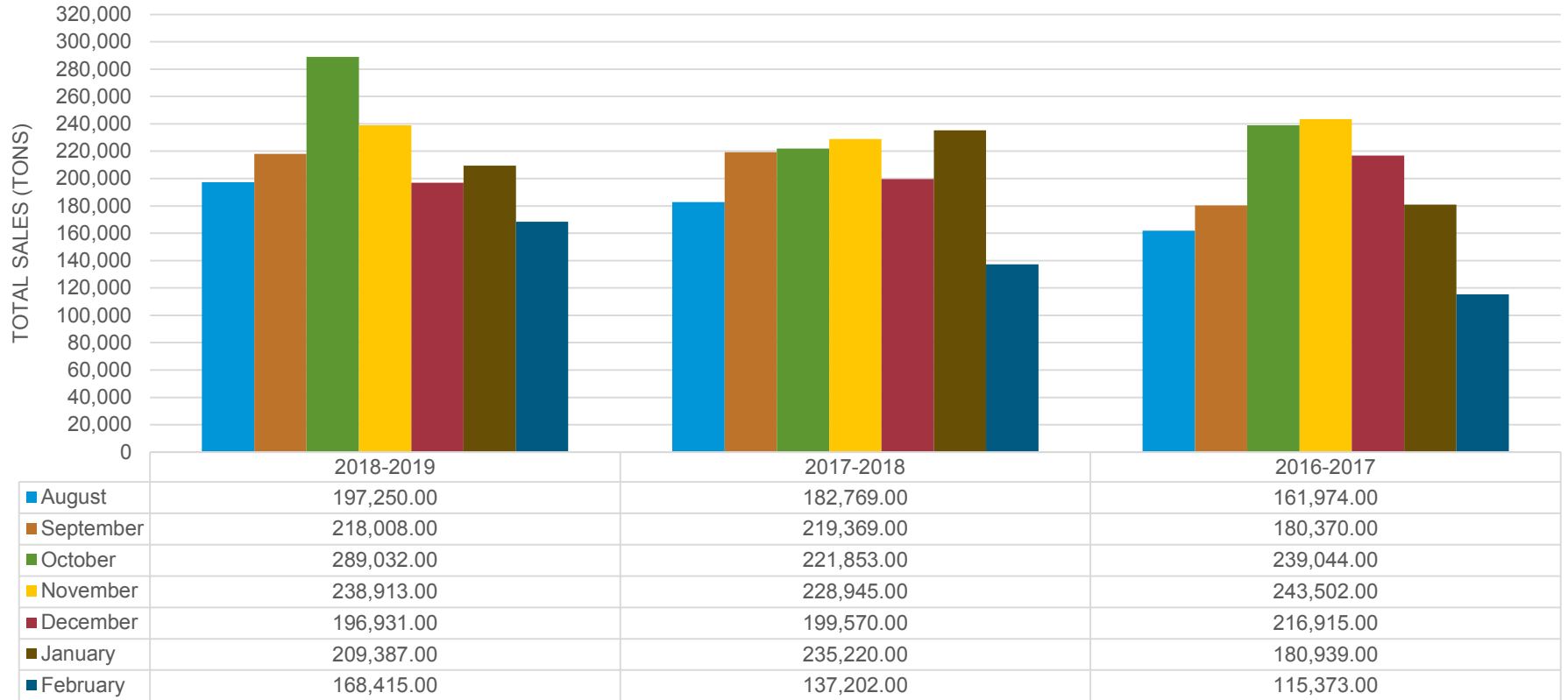
Region	Month	Quantity (tons)	Average price (USD per ton)
<b>East</b>			
	January	111,923	\$171.52
	February	91,915	\$179.36
<b>South</b>			
	January	47,081	\$132.75
	February	41,185	\$131.65
<b>West</b>			
	January	50,383	\$168.82
	February	35,315	\$169.41
<b>U.S. total</b>			
	January	209,387	\$162.15
	February	168,415	\$165.61

**Note:** Includes all product types sold in the United States, both retail and wholesale sales.

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# Heating Season Domestic Sales



# Table 8 Export Sales

Table 8. Export sales and average price of densified biomass fuel, 2019

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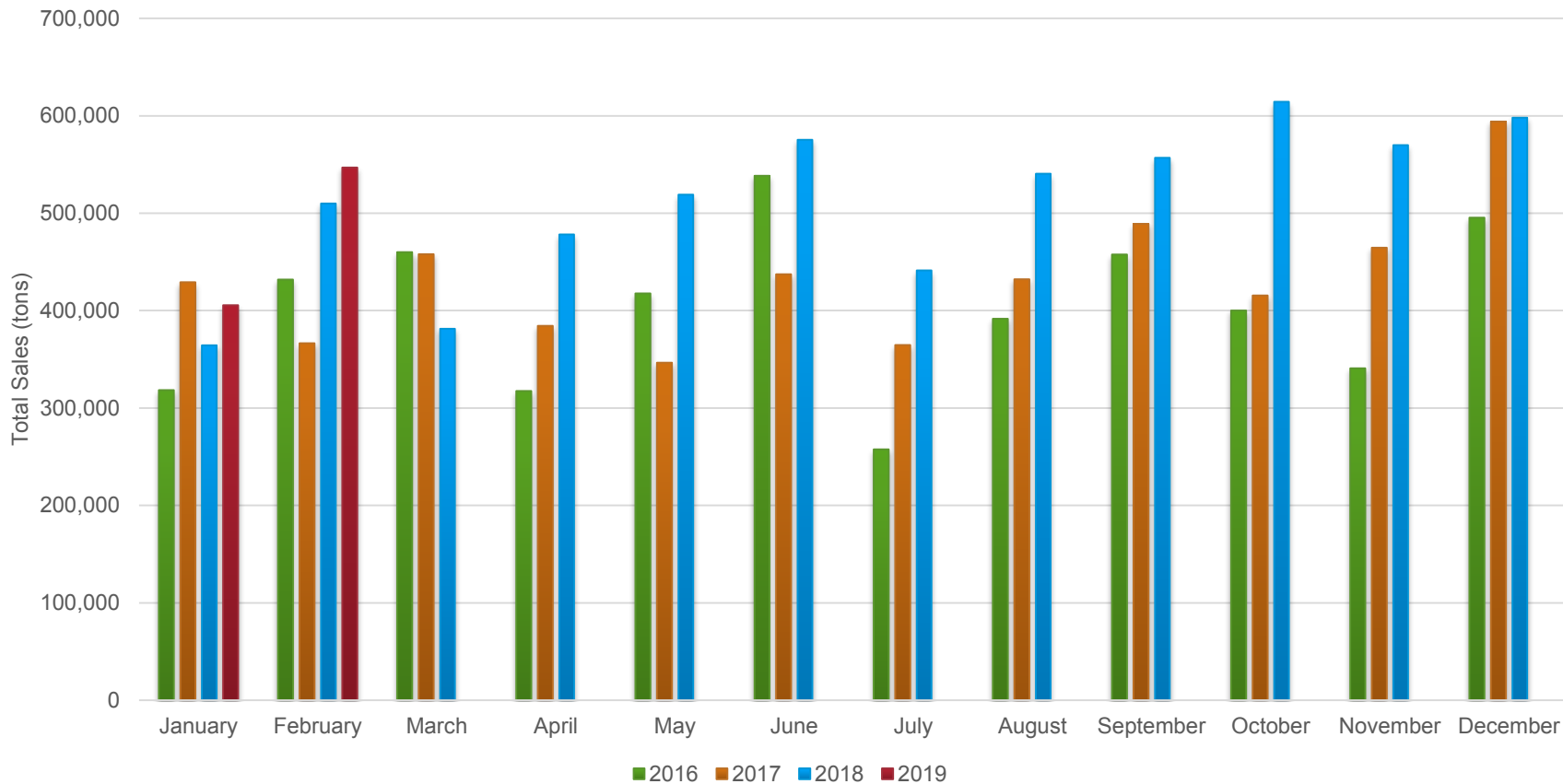
Month	Quantity (tons)	Average price (USD per ton)
January	405,553	\$157.58
February	547,080	\$167.69

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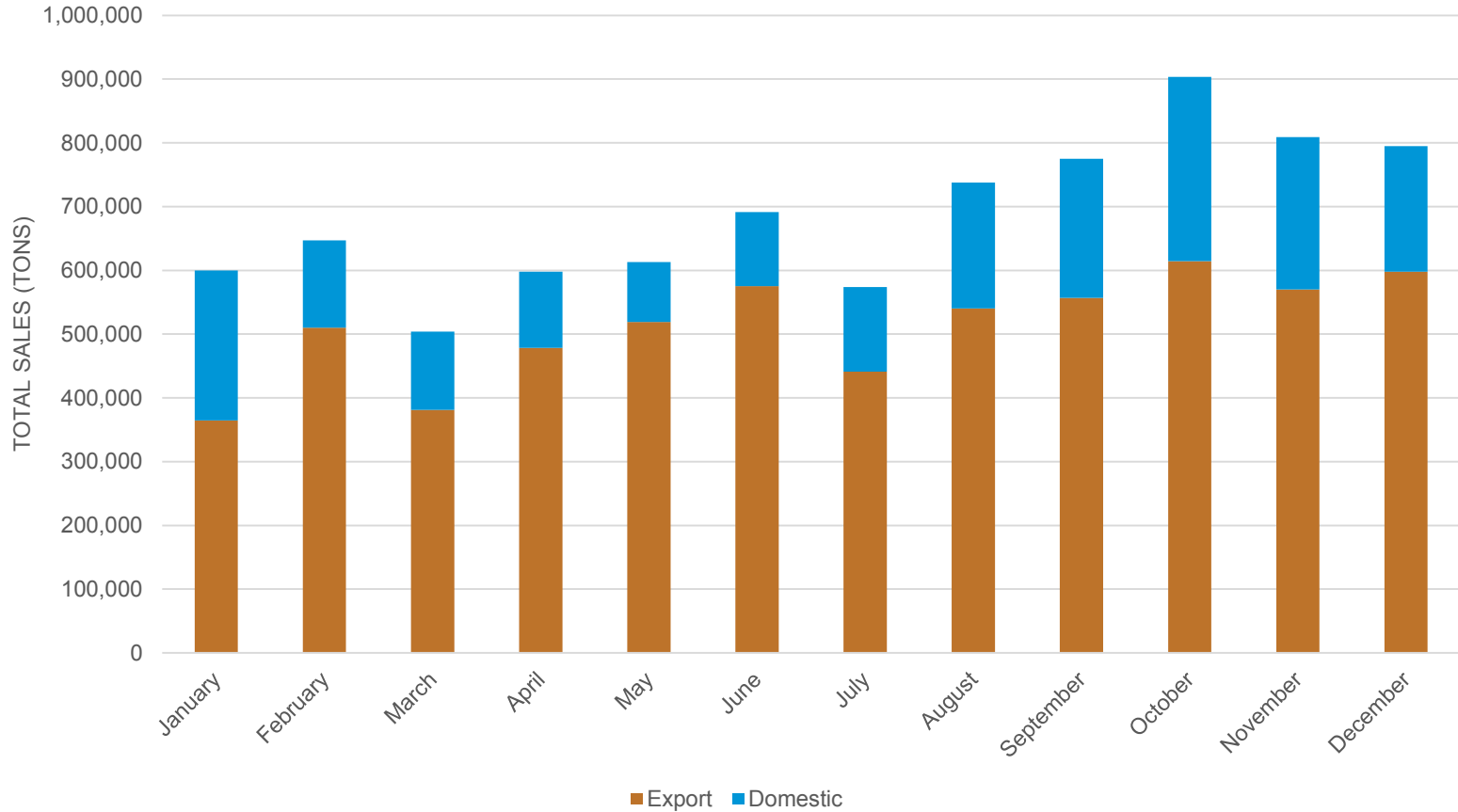
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# Total Export Sales



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