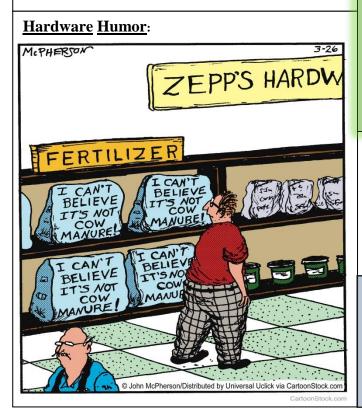


## Commodities Update:

- As of this writing it seems that both the panels (<u>OSB</u> and <u>SYP plywood</u>) and <u>dimension lumber</u> markets have hit bottom and are reversing course.
  Production curtailments by some of the producers will have the effect of raising prices. On the positive side, though, looking back over the last few months, there were substantial reductions in dimension lumber costs and some noticeable decreases in panels.
- <u>Rigid foam insulation</u> (blue Styrofoam) new prices are in effect after last month's increase.
- <u>Drywall</u> manufacturers continue to try to promote their announced increases for February of 2019. More details to be announced as we get closer to that time.
- Atrium windows, one of our <u>vinyl window</u> vendors (both new and replacement) will raise prices 5-8% on 1/1/19.
- We are seeing more millwork vendors (interior/exterior doors included) announcing increases for mid December of 6-9%.
- <u>Fiberglass</u> insulation will go up as much as 12% on 1/7/19. More details next month.



## <u>New Inventory Items</u>:

- Wooster <u>14</u>" and <u>18</u>" <u>roller covers</u>, <u>roller frames</u> and <u>paint trays</u>
- <u>Nylon insert nuts</u>(stop nuts) various sizes
- 4'X100' <u>orange safety fence</u>

## Words Worth Reading:

...As I looked at the rainbow, God whispered to me a deep truth. There is much beauty to be found in a wound that is healed, in an unlikely friendship that is forged. There is much beauty to be found when the one we have nursed for hours and prayed over for many more is healed and restored, or when the child we have faithfully advised and prayed for turns to the Truth, or any other happy ending. But there is also beauty to be found in sitting and praying by the bedside of an ill friend and holding her hand before she slips away and looks into the face of Jesus. There is beauty to be found in the desperate and many-times- repeated unanswered prayers that have time and again ushered us to His feet. There is beauty to be found in a life poured out in faithfulness and obedience, no matter the circumstance. There is beauty to be found in the unlikely places, but in many cases, we must be facing the storm to see it. Often, to behold this beauty, to be reminded of God's promises in such a tangible way, we must turn toward, not away from, the darkness.

Daring to Hope By Katie Davis Majors

Brain Builder: See if you can figure it out!

Why did the golfer bring an extra pair of socks with him when he played golf?

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## **<u>Quote to Think About:</u>**

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

-Thomas Edison