

Other items looked at during an inspection: kiln records for heat treated wood (heat treating wood allows for the product to be sold for export). The rest of the inspection visit is spent observing production, working with graders, and observing the grading line for potential issues that might cause off-grades. Mills with mechanical grading are required to carry out their own spot check and maintain proper records.

The higher the production of the mill, the longer the inspector will be on site. If there's more material to check and more activity to monitor, you're looking at about a half-day for the inspector's full visit.

The final report will be sent by the agency to the mill within two weeks following the inspection. Each report contains itemized details of what was inspected, the pieces pulled, and the reason that they were identified as below-grade, etc.

As the grading agency for the area encompassing New England across to the Great Lakes, NELMA works hard with our member mills to identify trends that might affect grading. Things like knot sizes that are too large, excess wane, machining defects, etc., can be isolated quickly once spotted by the inspector and graders notified what to look for. Machine grading can be recalibrated to adjust for noted issues. We believe in isolating these issues early to give the mill every chance of a successful grading process.

Our goal as a grading agency is to be there for our members to ensure their product is on-grade and they are delivering to their customers exactly what was promised. We wear dual hats of inspector and consultant, as we believe in open, honest communication with the shared goal of successful mills. Full inspection services are included in our membership dues, and we never upcharge for added services. We want our mills to be the best, and to produce the best lumber in the country. **BPD**

- Matt Pomeroy is director of inspection services for the Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (www.nelma.org).



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