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# THE FUTURE OF OUR RAW MATERIAL... LOG MARKETS

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# TODAY'S RESOURCE SUPPLY CHAIN

## ■ Information on harvests

- In OH and WV – 60 harvest operations visited in 2009-2011
- Selection cut and clearcut percentages slightly higher than for the broader data just shown by Bill
- Forester involved in 66% of sales
- 85-90% contract or independent loggers
- In OH, a combination of markets and terrain allows for more tree length logging/hauling ... an opportunity to optimize
- Log brokers???

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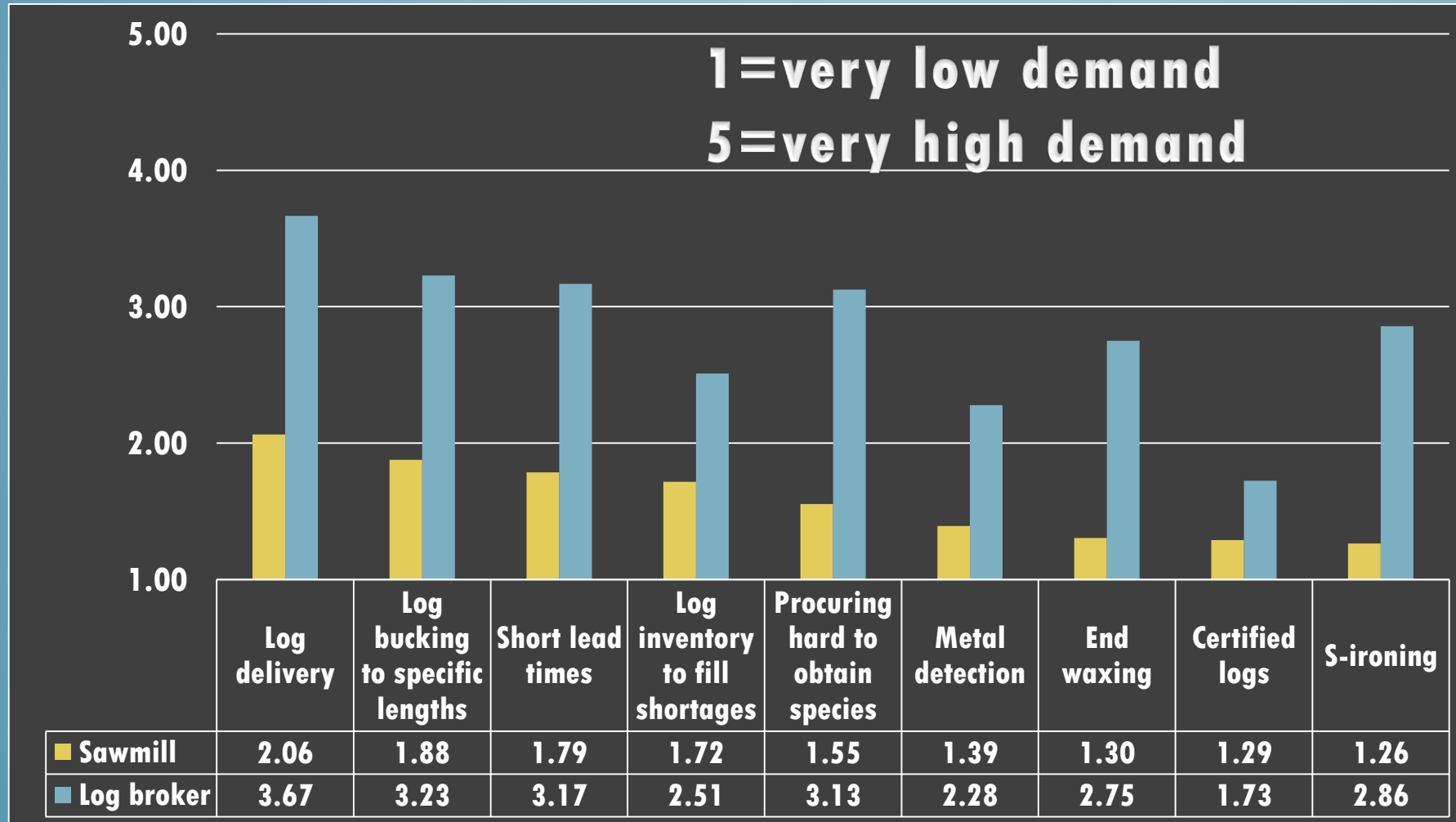


# The Hardwood Log Supply Chain

A comparison of Log Brokers' and  
Sawmills' Log Procurement Activities in  
2012

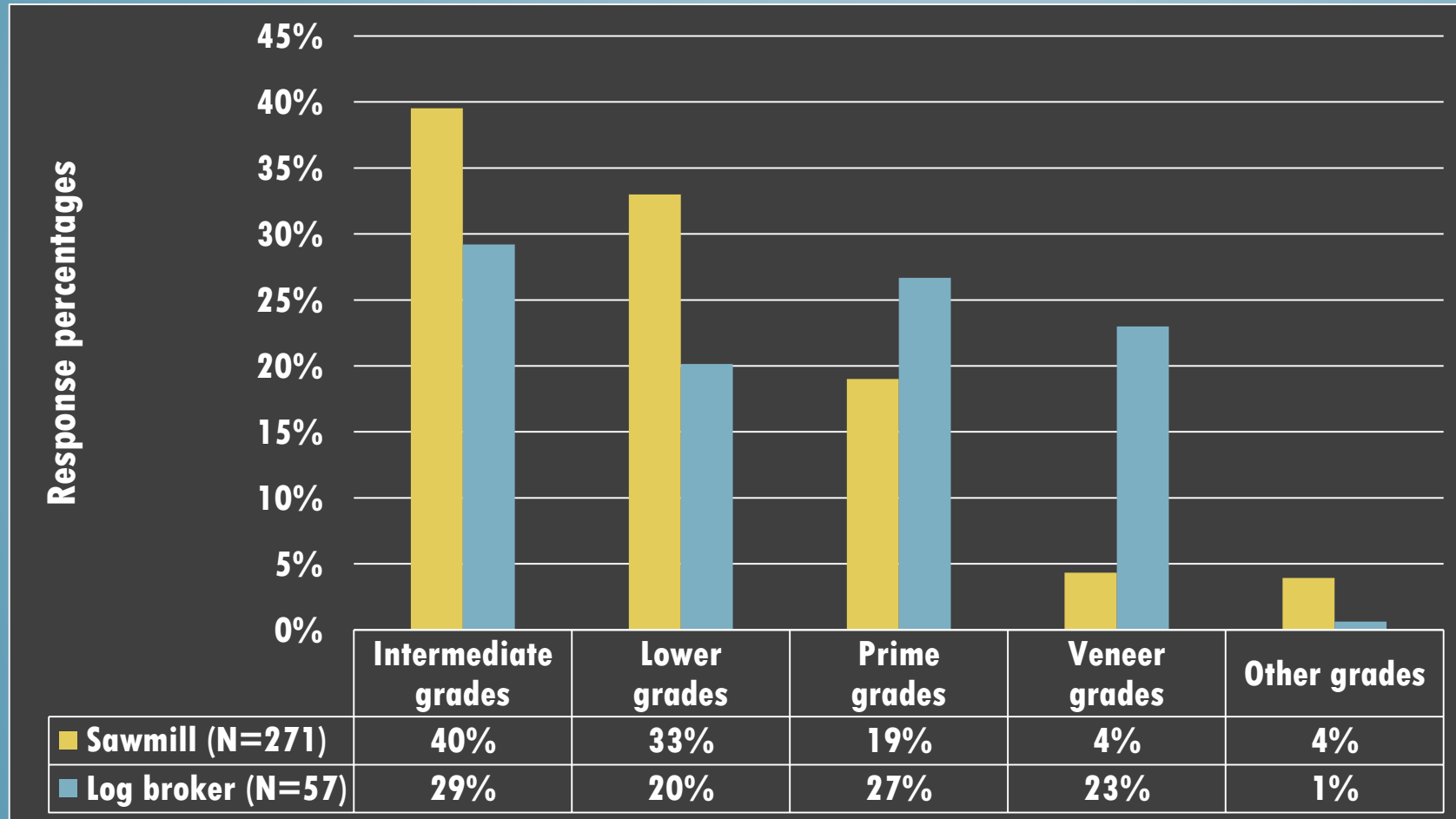
# LOG BROKER SERVICES ...

## WHAT SAWMILLS DEMAND VS. WHAT BROKERS PERCEIVE DEMAND TO BE



*Brokers perceive higher demand for species procurement, end waxing, and S-ironing*

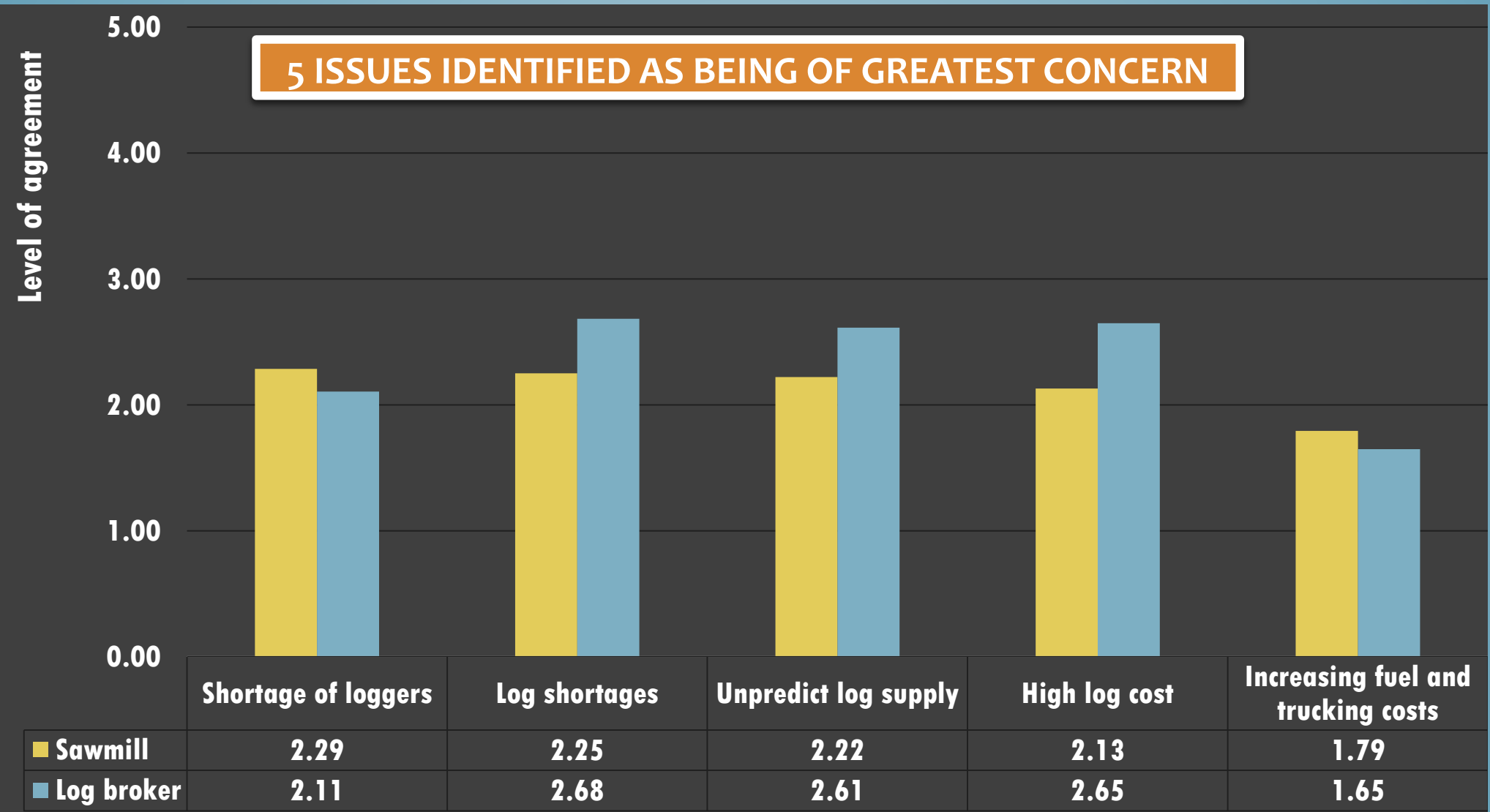
# LOG GRADES COMPARED: SAWMILLS VS. BROKERS



*Brokers trade in higher grade logs*

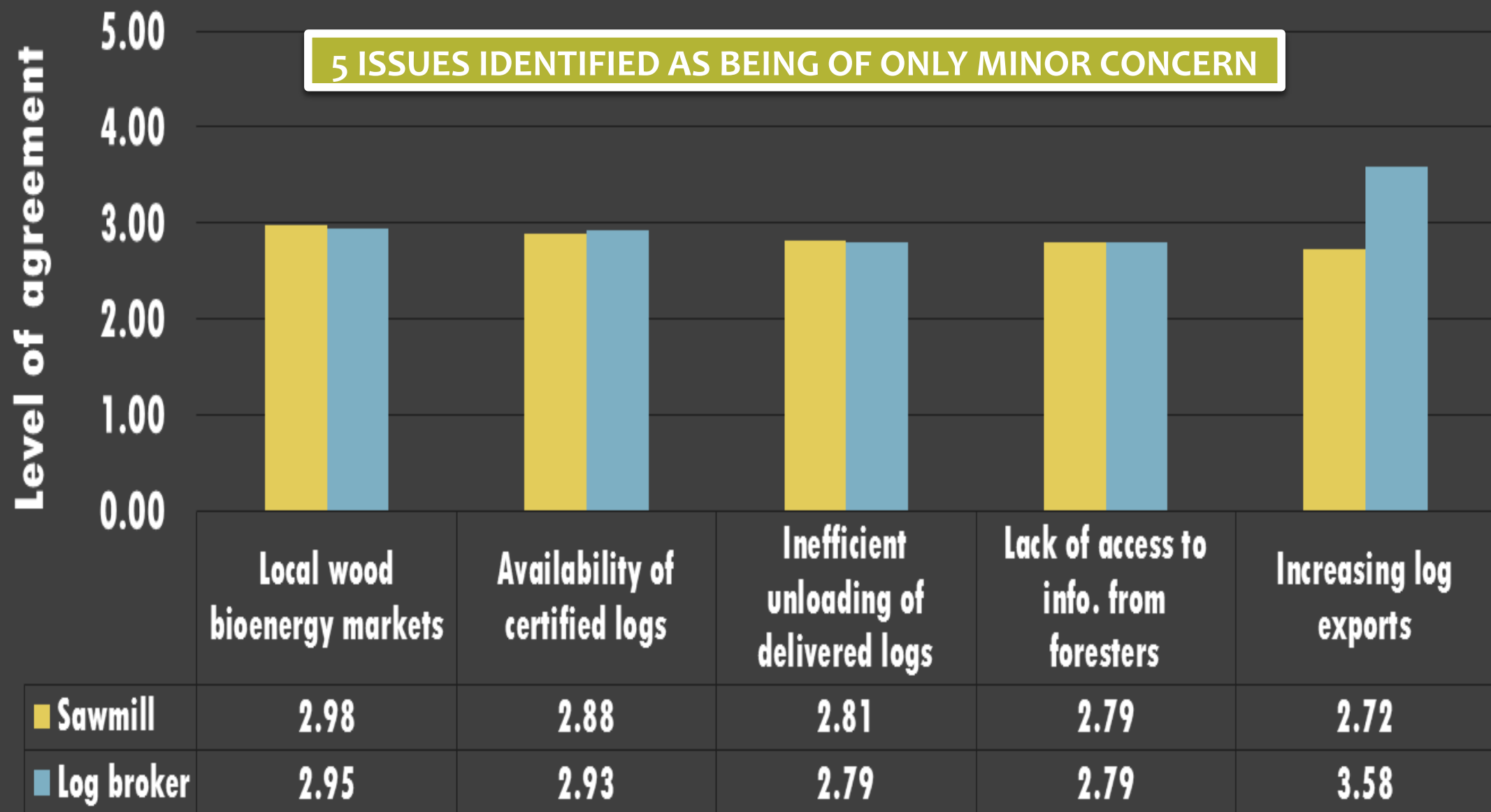
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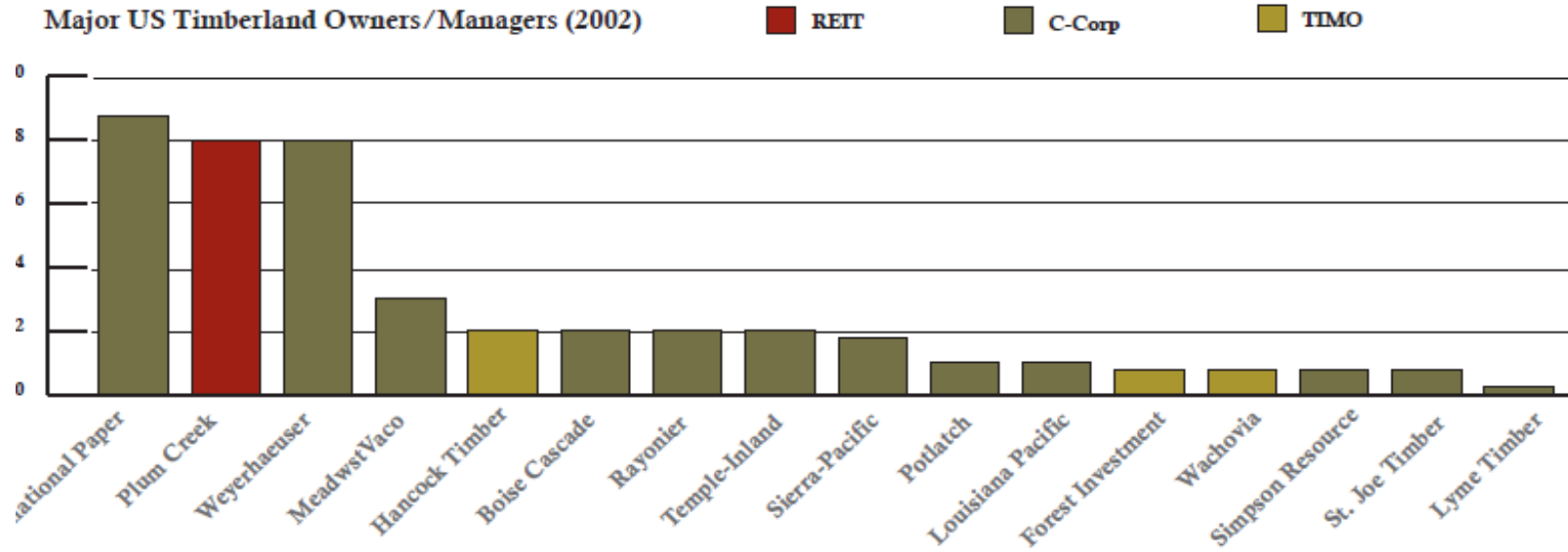


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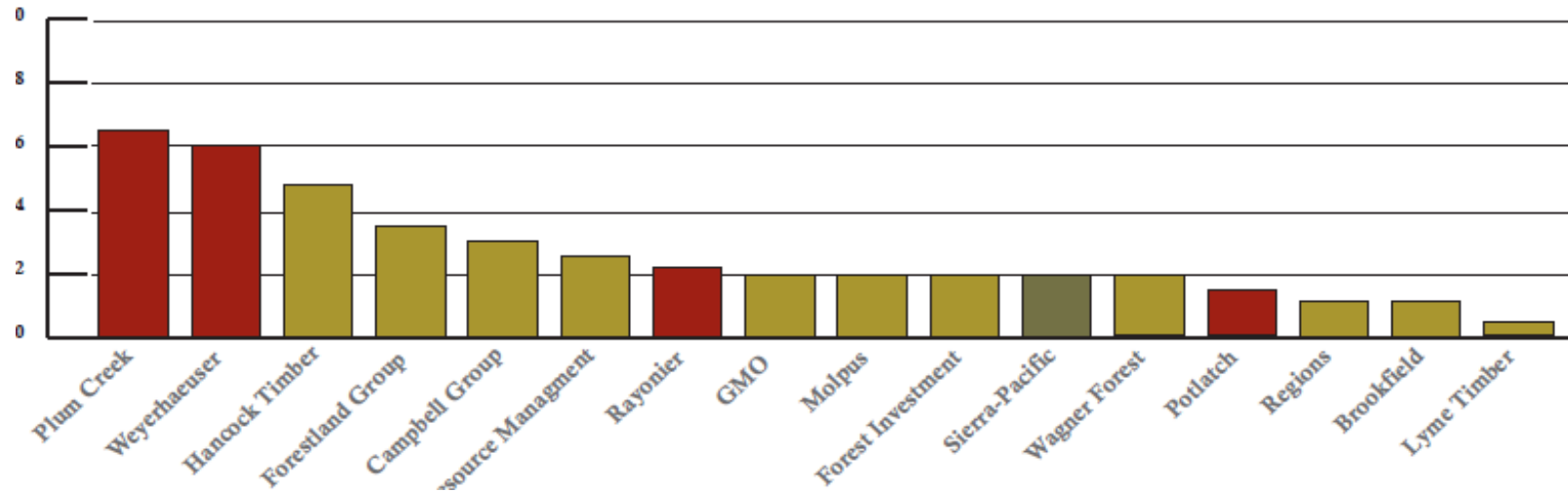
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**Figure 2-1a: The Structural Shift in US Timberland Ownership from 2002 to Present**



**Figure 2-1b: Major US Timberland Owners/Managers (Current)**



From Goergen et al., 2013  
 “The State and Future of U.S.  
 Forestry and the Forest  
 Industry.”



## THE LOGS FROM OUR FORESTS IN YEARS TO COME

Maple-beech-birch forest type will increase

- But under climate change scenarios oak will be more resilient
- In PA, black cherry decline on Allegheny Plateau with black birch coming in

Land-use change in the North expected to cause reduced acreage

- Overall, 13% of total “removals” due to land use change
- In some states this will exceed 50% in coming decades (NJ, MD, RI, MA)

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## Forest area dominated by older timber

- Larger trees will be widely available
- But will we have markets for the smaller timber?
  - Based on 60 harvest operations in WV/OH – only 2% of **sawlogs** have SEDs <10 in
  - About 23% of **scragg** logs have SEDs <10 in
  - In **clearcut** operations, 31% of butt logs have SEDs <10 in
  - In **selection cuts**, 26% <10 in
  - In **diameter-limit cuts**, 8% <10 in

Insect and disease caused tree mortality will continue to increase



USFS disease risk map for 2013-2027

# WHAT WE MIGHT LOOK FOR IN THE FUTURE FOR LOGGING

- Connected equipment on the logging job site enhances machine utilization and safety
- Digital monitoring of equipment utilization rates, fuel consumption, tire pressures and wear, other maintenance needs...
- GIS tagging of highest value trees during pre-harvest survey ensures those trees are not damaged, overlooked, or misallocated
- Log truck tracking systems incorporated into smart road networks alert other drivers of on-coming trucks to improve safety on public roads
- Social media used by loggers to network with other loggers enabling cooperation on various activities (e.g., operator sharing, maintenance assistance, bulk purchasing of chain/fuel)