

# Fact Sheet: Forestry



- Forestry is Alabama's largest industry.
- Alabama has 23 million acres of timberland, accounting for 69 percent of the state's total land area.
- Alabama ranks third in the contiguous U.S. in timberland acreage, trailing only Georgia and Oregon.
- Alabama ranks first in pulp production and third in paper production in the U.S.



- Mixed upland is the most prevalent hardwood forest with 2.5 million acres. White oak/red oak/hickory forests are second with 1.55 million acres.
- Pine plantations comprise approximately 31 percent of Alabama's timberland.
- More timber is grown in Alabama than is harvested annually. For every cubic foot of softwood timber harvested, 1.48 cubic feet are grown. For hardwood species, the ratio is 1.80.
- The average forest landowner in Alabama owns 10 acres and plants over 1,200 trees per year.
- Enough lumber is growing in Alabama forests to build and furnish nearly 3 million homes.
- Since 1990, over 3,150 trees have been planted for each baby born in Alabama.
- The Alabama TREASURE Forest Association sponsors various Classroom in the Forest events to teach fifth-grade students and teachers about management and appreciation of forest resources.

Sources:  
*Amazingalabama.com*  
*Forestry.alabama.gov*  
*Truesouth.com*

- Alabama forests generate over \$21 billion in timber production and processing revenue.
- The forestry industry provides over 122,000 jobs in Alabama.
- Non-industrial private landowners own 87 percent of Alabama timberland.
- Loblolly pine is the most prevalent forest type and occupies 8.5 million acres in Alabama.

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