

## 2022 Louisiana Forest Facts at a Glance

**Land Area:** 14.94 million acres or about 50% of the state's land area.

**Owners of Forestland:** 86.2% (12.88 million) - private non-industrial landowners.  
13.8% (2.06 million) - public (state and federal government land).

**Economic Impact:** \$11.04 billion in 2021 compared to \$10.66 billion in 2020, accounting for 1.6% of the State's total output. Forestry accounted for 28% of the total output of all crop production grown in the state. When you add crop and animal production, forestry still contributes 23% of the value of Louisiana's ag commodities.

**Planting the trees back:** Landowners planted about 75 million seedlings or about 16.2 trees for every Louisiana citizen. Other trees are also naturally regenerated. There are 9.24 billion living trees in Louisiana (2019 data is the most updated)

**2022 Harvests:** 1,163 million board feet of saw-timber were harvested, a 17.7% increase, and 6.5 million cords of pulpwood were harvested, up 15.2%.

**Logger contractors and their employees:** Earned \$436.82 million in 2021 which was 0.4% more than the previous year (\$434.93 million).

**Landowner Income:** Forest landowners received \$394.39 million in 2022, a 15.2% increase compared to \$343.28 million in 2021.

**Jobs in Forestry:** Total jobs from forestry were 37,012, according to the LSU AgCenter. There were 12,350 manufacturing employees in 2021 in the wood and paper industries. They received \$1.01 billion in 2021 compared to \$1.05 billion in 2020.

**Severance taxes:** Severance taxes from timber sales totaled more than \$13.3 million in 2022, a 10.8% increase from \$12 million in 2021. Taxes are collected based on stumpage values set by the Louisiana Forestry Commission and the Louisiana Tax Commission. 75% of the above tax is returned to the parish and 25% goes to the state's general fund of which 75% is dedicated to the forestry productivity program.

**New and expanding industry:** Hunt Forest Products working with Tolko Industries is building a mill in Taylor, Louisiana in Bienville Parish. In DeQuincy, Canada-based Interfor has restarted the idled Georgia Pacific lumber mill. In DeRidder, Canada-based

Canfor Southern Pine is building a new lumber mill that should begin operations in 2023. In Plain Dealing, Canada-based Teal Lumber is constructing a new sawmill, which should be operational in 2023. Also, Louisiana Green Fuels is working on a biofuel plant at the port of Columbia, where it will produce fuel for sales in California; that plant hopes to be operational in 2025.