

2018 Louisiana Forest Facts at a Glance

Land Area: 14 million acres or 50% of the state's land area.

Owners of Forestland: 81% - private non-industrial landowners; 10% - forest product companies; 9% - public (government land).

Economic Impact: \$13 billion. Forestry accounted for 39% of the total value of all plant commodities grown in the state. When you add plant and animal commodities forestry still contributes 25% of the value of Louisiana's ag commodities.

Planting the trees back: Landowners planted about 73 million seedlings or about 16 trees for every Louisiana citizen. Other trees are also naturally regenerated.

2017 harvests: 987.6 million board feet of saw-timber, a 24% increase, and 5.77 million cords of pulpwood were harvested, down 1.5%. Hardwood saw-timber harvest decreased by 22.4% to 76.7 million board feet. The increase or decrease in 2017 was based on comparisons to 2016 harvest figures.

Landowner Income: Forest landowners received \$421.65 million in 2017, up 4.13% compared to \$404.94 million in 2016.

Logger contractors and their employees: Earned \$512.74 million in 2017, which was 3.96% more than the previous year of \$493.19 million.

Jobs in Forestry: Total jobs from forestry were 51,874, according to the LSU AgCenter. There were 19,969 manufacturing employees in 2017 in the wood and paper industries. They received \$864 million in 2016 compared to \$855 million in 2015.

Severance taxes: Severance taxes from timber sales totaled \$15.2 million in 2017, a decrease from \$13.62 million in 2016. Parishes where the timber is grown received 75% of the money; the state's general fund received the remaining 25% with a portion of the funds allotted to landowner cost-share for replanting.

New and expanding industry: Hunt Forest Products is working with Tolko Industries of Canada to build a \$115 million, state-of-the-art lumber mill in Urania. LaSalle Lumber Co. LLC will be located at the old site of Louisiana Pacific sawmill site, adjacent to LaSalle Biomass, a Drax Biomass facility which will be in operation this year. Also there is consideration of another mill in north Louisiana and discussions on the possible location of a mill somewhere in southeast Louisiana.

**Sources: Louisiana Forestry Association, Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, LSU AgCenter and the La. Dept. of Labor.

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