Mississippi Timber Talk

OUR HERITAGE
Since the early 1900s Mississippi has been a leader in the timber industry. Excellent forest management has turned our forests into one of the most desirable timberlands in the world. Gulfport, Mississippi exported more Southern Yellow Pine logs than any other port on the globe!

WOODBASKET
Mississippi has over 19 million acres of timberland of which about 90% is privately owned. Timberland covers about 65% of the state. Mississippi was the first state in the nation to establish reforestation tax credit. Mississippi is business-friendly!

SUSTAINABILITY
We plant more than we harvest. You never come short of timber supply when you operate your business in Mississippi. We are rich, both in softwood and hardwood timber. The average Pine growth to harvest ratio is 3:1 The average Hardwood growth to harvest ratio is 6:1

CERTIFIED TREE FARMERS
Mississippi is ranked Number 1 in the nation to have the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) certified forest landowners trained to keep forests healthy and productive. ATFS certification standards recognize new conservation forestry practices and evolving consumer demand for sustainably harvested forest products.

LOGGING
Mississippi has about 1,000 qualified professional logging companies. Loggers qualified from Professional Logging Manager (PLM) program are trained to meet the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) standards, Best Management Practices (BMPs), logging and transportation safety, and to make businesses more efficient, profitable, and legal.
LAND COVER CLASSIFICATION
FROM SATELLITE IMAGERY
- OPEN WATER
- DEVELOPED, OPEN SPACE
- DEVELOPED, LOW INTENSITY
- DEVELOPED, MEDIUM INTENSITY
- DEVELOPED, HIGH INTENSITY
- BARREN LAND
- DECIDUOUS FOREST
- EVERGREEN FOREST
- MIXED FOREST
- SHRUB/SCRUB
- HERBACEOUS
- HAY/PASTURE
- CULTIVATED CROPS
- WOODY WETLANDS
- EMERGENT HERBACEOUS WETLANDS

WORKING PRIVATE FORESTS:
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Private Acres: 17,010,010
Jobs: 46,724
Payroll: $1,777,399,812
Sales & Manufacturing: $8,443,280,942

The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and Mississippi State University contributed to produce this map.
Downloadable version may be obtained at http://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov/GatewayHome.html
Acreage data from the US Forest Service’s Forest Inventory Analysis, and NAFO.
Mississippi Wood Product Exports Ranked by Value ($)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WOOD EXPORTS BY VALUE

- $50,000,000 - $120,000,000
- $1,000,000 - $50,000,000
- <$1,000,000

OSM Standard

NUMBERS on the map correspond with export value RANK in the table

Source: https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/data/
LEGEND

WOOD IN GREEN TONS

- 300,000-4,000,000
- 4,000,000-11,000,000
- 11,000,000-16,000,000
- 16,000,000-22,000,000
- 22,000,000-30,000,000

SAWN HARDWOOD
PULP HARDWOOD
SAWN SOFTWOOD
PULP SOFTWOOD

Source: The Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program of the U.S. Forest Service (2017)

Green Ton (GT) = 2,000 lbs (907.19 kg) of fresh cut woody material at a 'green' moisture content

Background Map OSM Standard

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Privately Owned Forest:
3,749,759 Acres (90%)

Public Owned Forest:
405,277 Acres (10%)

Privately Owned Forests Generated
10,300 JOBS
$391,817,579 PAYROLL
$1,861,272,786 SALES & MANUFACTURING

Privately Owned Forest:
4,614,800 Acres (93%)

Public Owned Forest:
341,610 Acres (7%)

Privately Owned Forests Generated
12,676 JOBS
$482,206,927 PAYROLL
$2,290,654,320 SALES & MANUFACTURING

Privately Owned Forest:
5,567,046 Acres (92%)

Public Owned Forest:
481,954 Acres (8%)

Privately Owned Forests Generated
15,292 JOBS
$581,708,448 PAYROLL
$2,763,321,914 SALES & MANUFACTURING

Privately Owned Forest:
3,078,405 Acres (80%)

Public Owned Forest:
762,395 Acres (20%)

Privately Owned Forests Generated
8,456 JOBS
$321,666,858 PAYROLL
$1,528,031,922 SALES & MANUFACTURING

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Total Forest: 19,001,246 Acres
Privately Owned: 17,010,010 (89%)
Public Owned: 1,991,236 (11%)

Source: National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) Data
Welcome to Mississippi, the Hospitality State!

It is our pleasure to present you with our Mississippi Timber booklet. The booklet provides an overview of the timber industry including the economic impact it contributes to our state. You will find additional maps and resources on our website devoted to Mississippi Timber https://timber.mdac.ms.gov/

Mississippi has nearly 1 billion green tons growing on nearly 20 million acres of Forestland. Per timber acreage, we are the 3rd largest in the Southeastern United States. We are unique in that our forests contain approximately 50/50 hardwood/softwood.

If you are looking to expand your timber business, to buy timber or to learn more about our resources, Mississippi has much to offer. We invite you to visit and allow us to show you around.

The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce wishes to thank you for considering our state for all of your timber needs. We are here to serve you.

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