



TENNESSEE FORESTRY PRODUCTS INDUSTRY & EXPORTS

Tennessee's forests produce some of the highest quality hardwood lumber in the world, and is among the top three hardwood lumber producing states in the U.S.

- Forest products rank 4th among agricultural commodities in Tennessee's economy
- \$21.7 billion annual impact
- Supports 85,000 jobs
- 13.8 million acres of forestland, 52% of the state's land area
- 83% privately owned
- Oak-hickory forests account for 73% of forestland in Tennessee
- Annual sawtimber harvest – 780 million board feet (International ¼ Inch) or 1.8 million m³
- Favorable growth to harvest ratio – 1.6 times as much wood grows annually as is harvested
- About 1 percent of standing wood volume is removed annually
- Sawlog and veneer logs compose 49% of the volume harvested each year; pulpwood 38%, fuelwood 9%, other products 3%

TOP EXPORT SPECIES

Red Oak
White Oak
Ash
Tulip Poplar
Hickory
Soft Maple
Cherry



TOP EXPORT COMMODITIES

Hardwood Lumber
Pine Lumber
Sawlogs
Veneer Logs
Cask (Barrels)
Oriented Strand Board
Millwork & Flooring

2022

- The top foreign markets for Tennessee forest products were China, the EU-27, the U.K., Vietnam, and Canada.
- Tennessee forest products exports totaled \$185 million; 10-year average of \$228 million.
- Sawn lumber exports totaled \$123.4 million, and log exports \$19.5 million.
- Oak lumber was Tennessee's top export commodity with a value of \$80.8 million.
- Oak casks (barrels) were the second highest export commodity - \$23.2 million.
- Ash lumber and yellow poplar exports were the third and fourth largest commodity exports.
- 198 facilities engaged in primary forestry industries.
- 322 facilities engaged in secondary forestry industries.
- The Tennessee Wood Products brand is used by more than 60 businesses to market products made in Tennessee.

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