

# Snapshot *of* SOUTH CAROLINA'S FORESTS

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## FOREST AREA

- South Carolina has 12.85 million acres of forestland.
- Hardwood timber types occupy over 53% of the state's forestland. Softwoods occupy 47%.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

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## FOREST OWNERSHIP

- 87% of South Carolina's forests are privately owned.
- 52% of private forests are family-owned.
- The average "family forest" is 97 acres. 63% of these owners live on the land.
- Forest industries own 838,000 acres, down 58% since 2001
- Public agencies manage 13% of South Carolina's forests.

## FOREST INVENTORY

- South Carolina's forests now contain 27.4 billion cubic feet of wood, more than at any time in the past century.
- The state's forests, both hardwood and softwood, are growing more wood than is being harvested.

Information provided by SC Forestry Commission and USDA Forest Service. For more about the state's forest resource, contact the SC Forestry Commission at 803/896-8800 or [www.trees.sc.gov](http://www.trees.sc.gov).

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