

Snapshot of SOUTH CAROLINA'S FORESTS

Total economic impact of South Carolina's FOREST industry is \$21 Billion annually.

FOREST AREA

- South Carolina has 12.9 million acres of forestland -- 67% of the state's total land area.
- Hardwood timber types occupy over 52% of the state's forestland. Softwoods occupy 48%.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Forestry is number two among manufacturing industries in jobs (84,000) and labor income.
- Total economic impact of South Carolina's forest industry is \$21 billion annually.
- South Carolina exports \$1.3 billion in forest products each year.
- Timber is the state's number one harvested crop at \$1.1 billion annually.

FOREST OWNERSHIP

- 87% of South Carolina's forests are privately owned.
- 63% of private forests are family-owned.
- The average "family forest" is 80 acres. 56% of these owners live on the land.
- Forest industries own 330,000 acres, down 84% since 2001.
- Public agencies manage 13% of South Carolina's forests.

FOREST INVENTORY

- South Carolina's forests now contain 26.6 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.

**Forestry Association of South Carolina, 4901 Broad River Rd., Columbia, SC 29212
803/798-4170 ■ www.scforestry.org ■ [facebook.com/SCForestryAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCForestryAssociation)**