

South Carolina is Just Right for Forestry

South Carolina has an Abundance of Natural Resources

The state's forests produce both timber and jobs while providing a backdrop for a desirable quality of life. In addition to beautiful landscapes, South Carolina's forests provide clean water & air, wildlife habitat, recreation, carbon storage and soil protection.

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The Palmetto State is Fertile Ground for Many Industries

- 13.1 million acres of forestland—68% of the state’s total land area
- 88% of SC’s forestland is privately owned and contains some of the world’s most productive land
- SC’s forestland acreage remains stable, averaging 12.6 million acres since 1968
- South Carolina’s forests now contain 24.5 billion cubic feet of wood, more than at any time in the past century

Economic Impact

The state’s forests provide locally-grown raw materials to an industry cluster that makes up a vital component of South Carolina’s economy. The state’s forests are evenly distributed with 53% in hardwood forest types and 47% in softwood forest types. Significantly more wood is being grown than is being harvested annually. Forestry is already one of the largest economic sectors in South Carolina and our resource availability makes this state fertile ground for forest industry growth. Expansion opportunities exist, especially for solid wood products and secondary manufacturing.

- Forestry is #1 among manufacturing industries in jobs (90,624) and payroll (\$4.1 billion)
- The total economic impact of South Carolina’s forest industry exceeds \$17 billion annually
- South Carolina exports \$1.4 billion in forest products each year
- Timber is the state’s #1 harvested crop at \$759 million annually

Growing Smart Investments

South Carolina’s growing network of forestry-related companies is distributed across the state.



Primary Forest Industry

South Carolina’s primary forestry-related industries include:

- Pulp & Paper
- Sawmills
- Poles
- Panels

Secondary Forest Industry

- Cabinetry
- Architectural Millwork
- Composite Panels
- Flooring
- Furniture
- Log Homes
- Packaging

To find primary or secondary producers, please visit:

www.state.sc.us/forest/refind.htm



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