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FROM THE STATE FORESTER

resented here is the 2024 Forest Resource Report. The Alabama Forestry Commission has drawn data from many sources to present a picture of the current state of our timber resource. In these pages you will find that our citizens are caring for their land and sustainably producing wood in excess of current demand. While this presents challenges, it also presents opportunities for further growth in a wood products sector that has been a cornerstone of this state's economy for generations.

The Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program allows us a unique view of the dynamic resource that is the forest. By continuously measuring pre-established research plots



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located evenly across Alabama, we are able to see which tree species are increasing, which are declining, which are being harvested at young ages, and which are being allowed more time to grow. Because nearly all Alabama land is held by private entities, we work hard to secure access to all these points, which would be impossible without the permission and support of the landowners themselves. The Alabama Forestry Commission conducts the FIA survey in the state, and has done so since the year 1998, when it took over data collection from the U. S. Forest Service. This is just one of the many services provided by the AFC that may not come to mind when you think about us, but it is a valuable service.

Forests and the forest products industry impact every one of Alabama's 67 counties. Forest industry, including logging and trucking, provides much needed employment and growth opportunities to the rural parts of this state, along with economic returns to landowners who hold timberland. It is critical that we be able to show the sustainability of timber harvest so that industries considering expansions can be confident the underlying resource will be here to support that capital investment, and new industries looking to locate for the first time can see where the best resource opportunities can be found.

This report represents a concerted effort by many in this agency to provide a well-thoughtout, easy-to-read document that serves a variety of purposes. It is a product that we take pride in producing each and every year.

Sincerely,

Rick Oates, State Forester

FOREST RESOURCE REPORT 2024

By the Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC)

This report contains several economic status indicators of the forest resources and forest industry in Alabama for 2024. Included in this report are the following indicators:

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ALABAMA'S FOREST RESOURCE

Timberland Acreage by Forest Type

- Alabama timberland covers 22.92 million acres, the third largest commercial timberland base in the nation.* If you include "reserved" timber, such as National Wildlife Refuges and defined Wilderness Areas, Alabama forestland covers 23.00 million acres.
- Approximately 93.4% of Alabama's timberland is privately-owned and 6.6% of timberland is publicly owned. Forest Industries (companies that own a wood-processing plant) own approximately 5.02% of Alabama's timberland while 88.31% is owned by the non-industrial private sector. During the 1972 FIA survey, it was reported that Forest Industry owned 19.7% of the timberland acres. This year's dataset had about 200,000 acres exit Forest Industry ownership.
- Alabama Forests are comprised of 47% softwood stands (mostly pine), 41% hardwood stands, and 12% mixed hardwood/pine stands. Values have tended toward increased softwood acreage.

TIMBERLAND ACRES BY FOREST TYPE – NORTHWEST REGION

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwood/ Pine	Hardwoods
		Acres		
Bibb	313,543	153,701	61,036	98,806
Colbert	222,340	30,503	30,394	161,444
Fayette	342,192	193,483	12,559	136,151
Franklin	295,159	110,996	14,746	169,419
Greene	346,363	139,211	31,510	175,643
Hale	280,361	120,857	35,554	123,949
Lamar	342,308	132,775	45,198	164,336
Lauderdale	183,903	34,908	1,442	147,553
Lawrence	204,797	43,427	46,367	115,003
Limestone	96,442	9,703	5,138	81,602
Madison	199,736	36,593	16,659	146,484
Marion	368,425	183,565	61,072	123,788
Morgan	191,626	23,453	24,840	143,333
Pickens	473,209	251,757	38,846	182,605
Sumter	447,968	241,744	25,213	181,011
Tuscaloosa	697,514	306,989	108,780	281,744
Walker	389,854	183,594	54,282	148,978
Winston	304,928	131,963	40,863	132,102
Total	5,700,668	2,332,222	654,499	2,713,951

TIMBERLAND ACRES BY FOREST TYPE - NORTHEAST REGION

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwood/	Hardwoods
		Acres		
Blount	241,801	116,616	40,105	85,079
Calhoun	194,298	65,142	20,659	108,497
Chambers	299,151	188,078	24,216	86,857
Cherokee	245,379	82,030	43,945	119,404
Clay	296,259	105,324	42,933	148,002
Cleburne	251,300	108,575	31,061	111,664
Coosa	374,257	218,468	33,996	121,792
Cullman	216,101	56,101	29,023	130,976
DeKalb	182,444	63,396	16,530	102,519
Elmore	240,800	111,267	31,698	97,835
Etowah	186,737	60,998	30,051	95,687
Jackson	451,509	30,381	31,749	389,379
Jefferson	381,444	176,017	55,295	150,130
Marshall	163,743	31,145	12,149	120,449
Randolph	277,289	143,245	34,237	99,807
St. Clair	308,639	100,944	47,827	159,867
Shelby	344,929	169,838	49,374	125,716
Talladega	313,831	143,731	75,617	94,483
Tallapoosa	395,548	206,095	62,180	127,274
Total	5,365,459	2,177,391	712,645	2,475,417



TIMBERLAND ACRES BY FOREST TYPE - SOUTHEAST REGION

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwood/Pine	Hardwoods
		Acres		
Autauga	305,889	150,587	39,480	115,821
Barbour	439,594	225,383	44,879	169,332
Bullock	323,928	161,688	36,719	125,521
Butler	407,124	223,782	48,324	135,018
Chilton	326,848	146,695	64,253	115,900
Coffee	242,226	110,095	18,315	113,816
Covington	485,061	291,159	73,183	120,720
Crenshaw	317,077	160,417	44,141	112,519
Dale	260,413	93,778	35,443	131,193
Geneva	196,847	77,160	26,249	93,438
Henry	267,517	122,925	45,088	99,504
Houston	173,088	55,056	25,552	92,480
Lee	247,259	136,086	33,116	78,056
Lowndes	299,486	150,391	23,759	125,337
Macon	324,885	158,879	23,189	142,817
Montgomery	257,864	59,120	40,177	158,567
Pike	294,801	130,203	37,945	126,654
Russell	308,406	165,241	29,910	113,255
Total	5,478,313	2,618,645	689,722	2,169,948



TIMBERLAND ACRES BY FOREST TYPE – SOUTHWEST REGION

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwood/Pine	Hardwoods
		Acres		
Baldwin	712,648	418,806	63,116	230,726
Choctaw	525,371	306,867	53,906	164,598
Clarke	737,630	423,220	87,499	226,911
Conecuh	447,322	277,506	57,422	112,393
Dallas	439,259	224,134	25,741	189,384
Escambia	474,902	337,760	27,779	109,363
Marengo	477,373	248,750	42,010	186,613
Mobile	493,922	269,225	48,922	175,773
Monroe	574,424	332,962	59,876	181,586
Perry	355,558	205,860	29,333	120,365
Washington	630,515	353,743	112,767	164,005
Wilcox	507,312	243,223	62,082	202,007
Total	6,376,236	3,642,056	670,453	2,063,724

NOTES:

Statistics come from 2024 Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) data.

*The top five states for commercially-available timberland are: 1-Oregon (23.8 million acres), 2-Georgia (23.6 million), 3-Alabama (22.9 million), 4-Montana (20.0 million), 5-Michigan (19.0 million)

In terms of artificially planted acres, Alabama ranks second with 7.4 million acres, behind only Georgia with 7.5 million.

A very small portion of timberland acreage is classified as "non-stocked" by FIA guidelines. The "non-stocked" acres have been included in the "hardwood/pine" category.

A tract of timberland is classified as "non-stocked" if at the time the FIA plot was inventoried there was less than 10% stocking of trees. This situation occurs on sites that have recently been clearcut.

Numbers in rows and columns may not sum due to rounding.

Additional Note:

*Note: FIA data is statistically valid at the State and Regional level. Individual county statistics are provided so that any combination of counties can be added together until the totals are large enough to meet the desired degree of reliability.

Softwood Timberland Acres

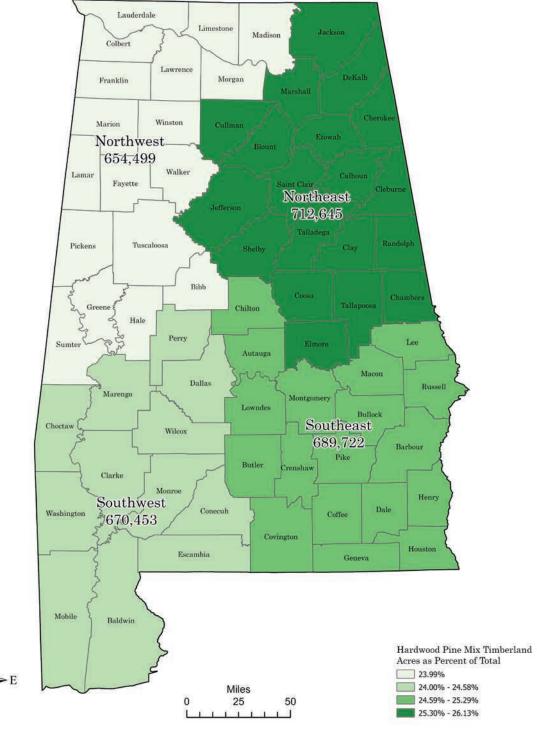






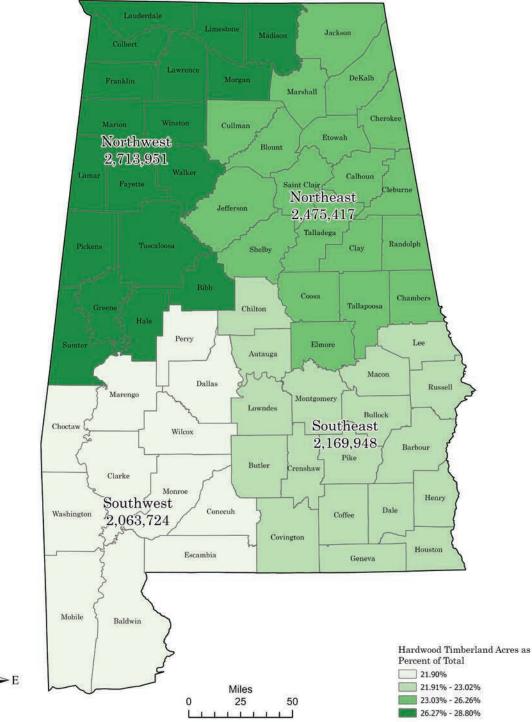
Hardwood Pine Mix Timberland Acres





Hardwood Timberland Acres





Timberland Acreage by Forest Stand Size

Sawtimber-sized stands comprise 56.3% of Alabama's timberland, while 24.6% of forest stands are comprised of mostly pulpwood-sized timber. Seedling/sapling-sized stands account for the remaining 19.1% of timberland acreage. Compared to prior years, these numbers have shown an increase in the stand acres of Sawtimber size, at the expense of the smaller diameter classes.

TIMBERLAND ACRES BY FOREST STAND SIZE - NORTHWEST REGION

County	Total	Sawtimber	Pulpwood	Seedling/Sapling
		Acres		
Bibb	313,543	182,578	92,402	38,563
Colbert	222,340	129,637	61,487	31,217
Fayette	342,192	157,869	98,484	85,839
Franklin	295,159	142,311	99,170	53,679
Greene	346,363	199,589	68,885	77,889
Hale	280,361	168,192	57,650	54,518
Lamar	342,308	150,138	95,553	96,617
Lauderdale	183,903	113,696	41,181	29,026
Lawrence	204,797	148,335	43,178	13,284
Limestone	96,442	63,475	25,527	7,440
Madison	199,736	176,358	17,303	6,075
Marion	368,425	181,951	95,492	90,982
Morgan	191,626	124,126	37,713	29,787
Pickens	473,209	269,454	133,741	70,013
Sumter	447,968	260,605	104,050	83,313
Tuscaloosa	697,514	369,305	210,728	117,481
Walker	389,854	221,076	114,654	54,125
Winston	304,928	170,854	77,297	56,778
Total	5,700,668	3,229,549	1,474,495	996,626

TIMBERLAND ACRES BY FOREST STAND SIZE - NORTHEAST REGION

County	Total	Sawtimber	Pulpwood	Seedling/Sapling
		Acres		
Blount	241,801	161,419	28,624	51,758
Calhoun	194,298	107,351	35,968	50,979
Chambers	299,151	165,880	97,563	35,708
Cherokee	245,379	171,656	39,718	34,005
Clay	296,259	168,121	73,106	55,032
Cleburne	251,300	184,855	27,085	39,360
Coosa	374,257	208,946	96,227	69,083
Cullman	216,101	115,604	64,386	36,112
DeKalb	182,444	136,239	22,005	24,200
Elmore	240,800	165,276	52,859	22,665
Etowah	186,737	100,635	40,786	45,316
Jackson	451,509	346,241	87,839	17,429
Jefferson	381,444	272,735	73,950	34,759
Marshall	163,743	107,552	37,758	18,434
Randolph	277,289	157,797	64,520	54,972
St. Clair	308,639	207,242	56,755	44,642
Shelby	344,929	198,173	85,931	60,824
Talladega	313,831	164,108	67,720	82,003
Tallapoosa	395,548	229,227	78,797	87,524
Total	5,365,459	3,369,057	1,131,597	864,805

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		Acres		
Autauga	305,889	128,900	95,385	81,603
Barbour	439,594	221,728	123,580	94,286
Bullock	323,928	177,947	85,272	60,710
Butler	407,124	223,482	77,087	106,555
Chilton	326,848	196,424	77,084	53,340
Coffee	242,226	133,784	55,171	53,271
Covington	485,061	270,199	90,784	124,079
Crenshaw	317,077	171,163	69,639	76,276
Dale	260,413	163,778	62,523	34,112
Geneva	196,847	120,289	48,890	27,669
Henry	267,517	129,821	80,889	56,806
Houston	173,088	90,541	44,076	38,470
Lee	247,259	142,707	48,887	55,664
Lowndes	299,486	202,228	44,216	53,043
Macon	324,995	200,720	74,087	50,079
Montgomery	257,864	165,580	46,560	45,724
Pike	294,801	147,171	102,697	44,933
Russell	308,406	169,213	45,713	93,481
Total	5,478,313	3,055,675	1,272,540	1,150,101

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County	Total	Sawtimber	Pulpwood	Seedling/Sapling
		Acres		
Baldwin	712,648	412,776	169,737	130,135
Choctaw	525,371	239,929	146,475	138,967
Clarke	737,630	389,242	211,369	137,019
Conecuh	447,322	220,448	134,481	92,393
Dallas	439,259	210,439	153,591	75,228
Escambia	474,902	195,841	192,637	86,424
Marengo	477,373	263,180	123,591	90,601
Mobile	493,922	236,536	93,656	163,730
Monroe	574,424	271,480	166,298	136,645
Perry	355,558	195,972	92,444	67,142
Washington	630,515	352,390	130,980	147,145
Wilcox	507,312	263,981	134,630	108,701
Total	6,376,236	3,252,214	1,749,889	1,374,130

NOTES:

Statistics come from 2024 Forest Inventory & Analysis (FIA) data.

"Sawtimber" refers to stands in which the majority of the crown cover consists of trees 9.0" DBH and greater for softwood forest types and 11.0" DBH and greater for hardwood forest types. See the exception listed below in the "Seedling/Sapling" definition.**

"Pulpwood" refers to stands in which the majority of the crown cover consists of trees between 5.0" and 8.9" DBH for softwood forest types and between 5.0" and 10.9" DBH for hardwood forest types. See the exception listed below in the "Seedling/Sapling" definition.**

**"Seedling/Sapling" refers to stands in which two-thirds of the crown cover consists of trees less than 5.0" DBH.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

In a stand where seedlings/saplings make up over 50% of the crown cover but less than 67%, stand size is determined by the predominance of either pulpwood-sized trees or sawtimber-sized trees. EXAMPLE: In a two-storied pine shelterwood stand comprised of sawtimber and pulpwood-sized trees in the upper story (90% sawtimber-sized and 10% pulpwood-sized) and seedlings and saplings in the lower story, in which the lower story comprises 60% of the crown cover and the upper story comprises 40% of the crown cover, the stand size would be considered "sawtimber."

A very small portion of timberland acreage is classified as "non-stocked" by FIA guidelines. The "non-stocked" acres have been included in the "seedling/sapling" category.

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Sawtimber - Size Timberland Acres

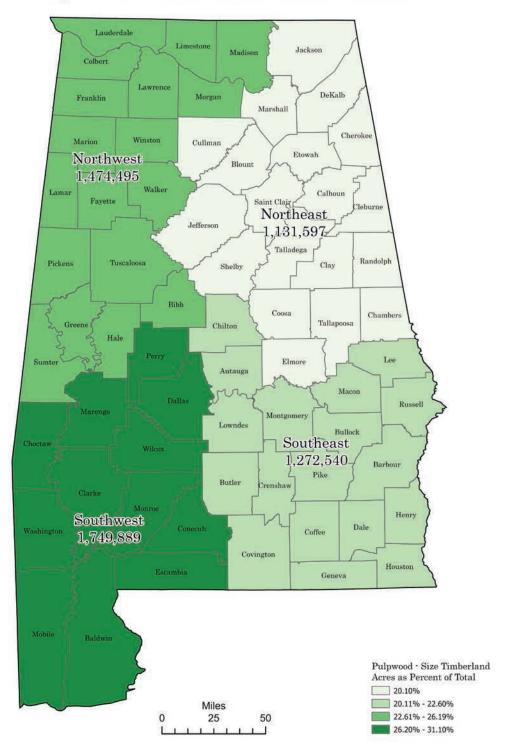






Pulpwood - Size Timberland Acres

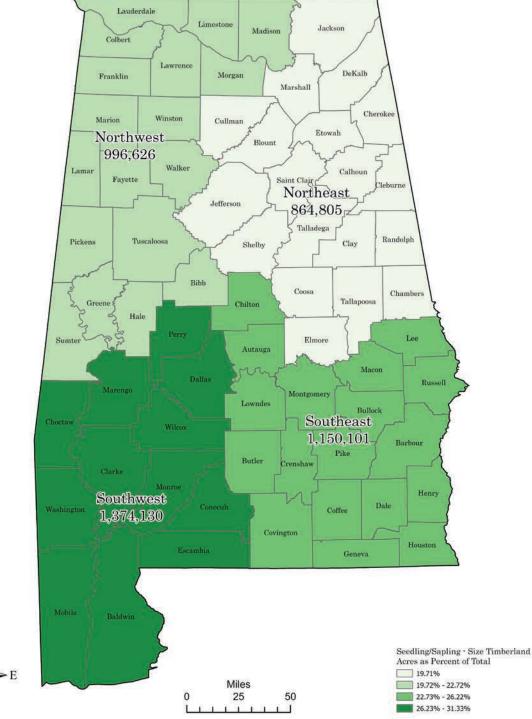


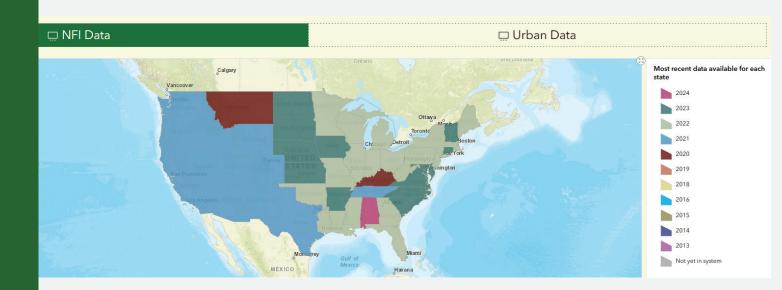




Seedling/Sapling - Size Timberland Acres







Timber Volume by Species

- There are an estimated 786.1 million tons of softwood growing stock volume and 662.8 million tons of hardwood growing stock volume in Alabama. This equals 1.449 billion tons combined. This total is up 2.5% over 2023's estimated total of 1.414 billion tons.
- Alabama is second in the nation in loblolly pine growing stock volume with 690.7 million tons.
- Since 2004, total growing stock volume has increased 41.2%; softwood volume has increased 70.8% and hardwood volume has increased by 17.1%. For loblolly pine in particular, the 20-year increase in volume is estimated to be 102%, representing a more than doubling of that resource.
- Using the four-region format, the Northwest Region contains the highest total timber volume.
- The Southwest Region maintains the greatest volume of loblolly pine, although that species is nearly evenly distributed through all the regions.
- White oak and red oak volume is very similar in the northern half of the state, but red oaks are the predominant oak type in the southern half.
- FIA data retrievals give volumes in cubic feet. To convert to tons for this report, ratios of 28.6 cubic feet softwood per ton, and 26.3 cubic feet hardwood per ton, were used. This is consistent with the conversions used in all previous Alabama Forest Resource Reports.

NOTES:

The following charts provide growing stock volume for prominent species (not all species) found in Alabama. "Growing stock" refers to high-quality trees capable of producing lumber, veneer, poles, or ties/timbers (currently or in the future) based on FIA specifications. "Red Oak" includes all species listed in the red oak group and "White Oak" includes all species listed in the white oak group.

GROWING STOCK VOLUME BY SPECIES – NORTHWEST REGION

County	Loblolly Pine	Red Oak	White Oak	Sweetgum	Yellow-poplar
		7	ons		
Bibb	9,907,657	3,092,643	2,151,478	1,461,553	1,035,715
Colbert	3,616,853	1,788,835	4,316,848	1,444,515	1,438,769
Fayette	13,178,361	1,160,080	1,335,007	1,762,995	3,199,924
Franklin	6,908,413	1,930,287	3,460,977	1,259,090	2,560,871
Greene	7,811,595	4,223,685	1,876,036	2,192,165	800,066
Hale	5,258,212	2,939,435	665,522	1,798,266	729,507
Lamar	9,914,122	2,430,530	1,306,151	1,785,434	478,118
Lauderdale	1,211,664	2,303,248	2,048,165	1,379,690	1,007,431
Lawrence	4,579,469	2,502,403	3,738,420	1,087,858	594,804
Limestone	799,707	2,309,199	687,984	983,287	1,580,606
Madison	3,805,035	3,306,293	2,445,041	2,660,991	932,388
Marion	15,878,750	1,076,322	3,024,467	942,566	1,830,814
Morgan	3,202,371	2,275,915	2,830,317	2,940,025	2,069,004
Pickens	17,644,245	3,769,715	1,997,860	3,022,291	3,008,994
Sumter	17,417,673	4,862,400	1,429,949	2,128,972	605,935
Tuscaloosa	22,567,513	6,163,336	5,442,110	5,643,791	2,986,679
Walker	13,552,704	2,062,452	3,689,055	2,927,841	1,915,628
Winston	9,615,695	1,307,616	5,196,036	1,007,540	2,918,774
Total	166,870,039	49,504,394	47,641,424	36,428,870	29,694,027

GROWING STOCK VOLUME BY SPECIES – NORTHEAST REGION

County	Loblolly Pine	Red Oak	White Oak	Sweetgum	Yellow-poplar
		То	ns		
Blount	7,500,243	2,043,964	2,248,539	1,362,235	1,125,051
Calhoun	3,985,641	1,814,998	2,119,588	1,960,351	249,233
Chambers	13,160,416	1,432,297	1,148,092	1,199,616	2,015,982
Cherokee	7,535,809	1,958,679	3,731,714	1,096,851	68,061
Clay	7,115,994	1,808,162	2,118,241	1,231,210	1,583,032
Cleburne	9,146,651	2,037,140	3,517,729	1,121,566	2,128,454
Coosa	12,772,780	1,623,265	1,077,508	1,200,696	1,643,447
Cullman	4,599,109	1,433,021	2,456,128	1,270,478	3,108,768
DeKalb	2,275,263	1,931,798	2,620,650	824,694	990,238
Elmore	8,479,995	1,829,297	558,694	1,722,917	750,512
Etowah	3,974,032	1,059,802	1,635,287	876,440	1,267,127
Jackson	1,792,974	5,884,295	10,965,159	1,607,254	4,980,899
Jefferson	14,764,754	2,941,998	2,427,584	3,405,889	2,716,366
Marshall	2,516,910	1,394,512	2,045,437	1,109,527	1,101,201
Randolph	10,130,343	1,558,452	1,802,882	1,396,604	3,122,361
St. Clair	9,135,106	3,714,356	3,592,547	1,747,167	1,548,184
Shelby	12,961,561	2,528,647	2,949,703	1,527,058	743,656
Talladega	9,581,668	1,692,205	1,386,737	1,208,768	719,550
Tallapoosa	14,786,123	2,394,119	1,558,156	1,995,830	2,191,580
Total	156,215,372	41,081,005	49,960,374	27,865,152	32,053,702

GROWING STOCK VOLUME BY SPECIES – SOUTHEAST REGION

County	Loblolly Pine	Red Oak	White Oak	Sweetgum	Yellow-poplar
		7	Tons		
Autauga	6,662,639	960,982	692,735	848,695	954,383
Barbour	11,277,143	2,574,300	1,586,126	1,963,558	744,044
Bullock	9,932,806	2,229,141	231,455	1,159,552	1,059,550
Butler	15,786,120	1,477,162	363,567	1,209,132	1,478,644
Chilton	8,457,644	2,279,503	1,660,280	1,624,447	1,839,032
Coffee	6,985,491	2,012,976	295,126	211,835	654,232
Covington	13,541,105	3,050,327	282,748	561,617	1,662,083
Crenshaw	9,615,872	1,014,549	605,020	699,752	1,218,691
Dale	5,238,335	3,020,552	304,987	728,663	1,445,789
Geneva	3,570,563	1,750,210	4,356	449,140	1,025,619
Henry	5,470,577	1,417,207	166,507	508,233	454,199
Houston	2,402,279	871,720	145,225	229,999	522,695
Lee	8,818,647	1,259,599	473,323	1,712,684	1,266,497
Lowndes	12,277,981	2,171,355	722,250	1,476,856	175,862
Macon	9,098,870	2,449,643	1,192,670	1,673,620	837,029
Montgomery	4,434,297	3,952,256	845,829	2,111,673	428,422
Pike	8,259,698	1,920,709	648,056	948,184	1,501,962
Russell	8,006,470	2,142,704	446,938	908,970	757,904
Total	149,836,537	36,554,897	10,667,197	19,026,610	18,026,638

GROWING STOCK VOLUME BY SPECIES – SOUTHWEST REGION

County	Loblolly Pine	Red Oak	White Oak	Sweetgum	Yellow-poplar	
	Tons					
Baldwin	10,435,387	3,708,436	338,305	312,137	1,146,217	
Choctaw	19,790,320	2,700,859	1,199,206	4,114,765	1,587,096	
Clarke	27,742,248	5,614,157	1,108,030	3,707,061	1,611,947	
Conecuh	16,067,053	1,767,046	401,260	1,286,073	1,561,284	
Dallas	10,228,834	3,898,645	983,686	2,613,857	545,412	
Escambia	9,823,846	1,984,562	6,576	740,146	544,181	
Marengo	17,198,027	4,661,866	498,682	3,103,096	1,709,239	
Mobile	5,659,447	2,296,759	94,920	530,573	502,149	
Monroe	17,422,333	2,919,240	1,283,271	2,964,076	511,773	
Perry	12,147,132	2,655,861	502,828	1,478,564	1,340,674	
Washington	16,106,474	4,273,673	761,563	1,573,555	1,656,311	
Wilcox	14,201,247	3,998,516	1,275,742	2,666,552	985,967	
Total	176,822,350	40,479,617	8,454,070	25,090,455	13,702,251	

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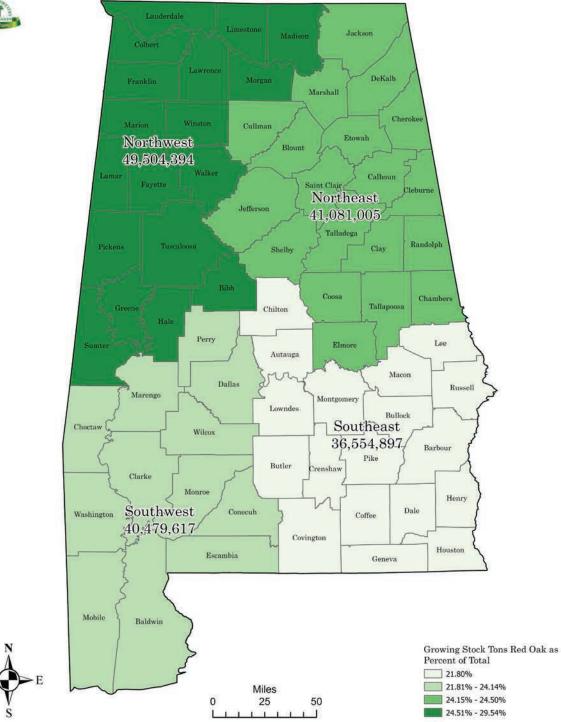






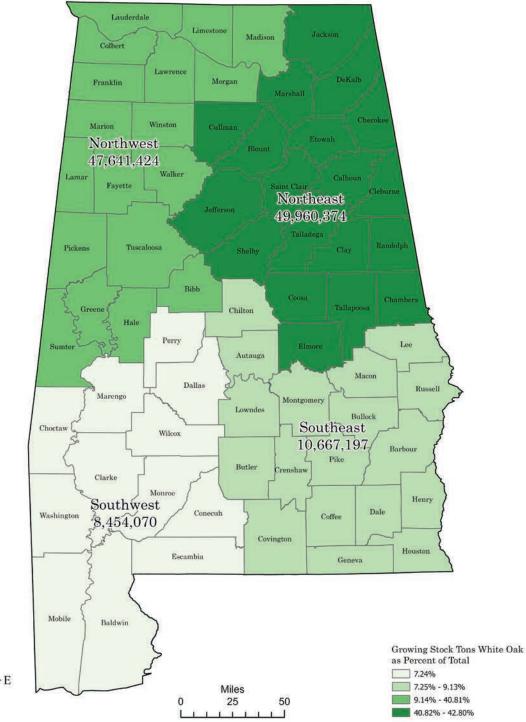
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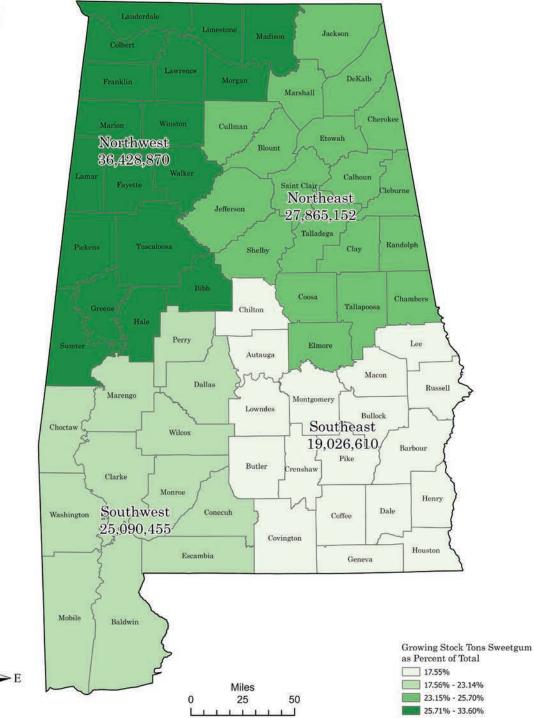
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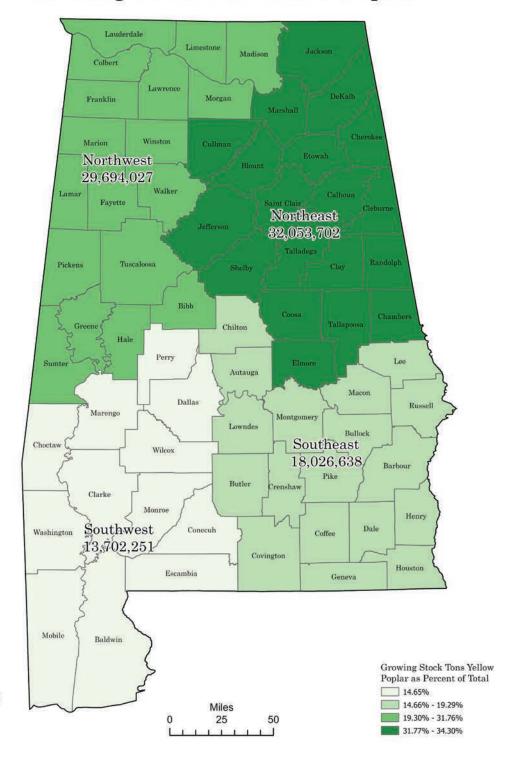
Growing Stock Tons Sweetgum





Growing Stock Tons Yellow Poplar







Average Annual Net Timber Growth (total growth minus mortality)

- Average annual net growth of growing stock trees for softwood species is 54.9 million tons and for hardwood species it is 21.8 million tons.
- The Southwest Region leads in both Softwood Net Growth and Total Net Growth. Although the two northern regions had nearly identical Softwood, Hardwood, and Total Net Growth of Growing Stock trees in the 2019 report, the Northwest Region separated itself in 2020 and has maintained that lead through 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 through much higher reported growth in both the Softwood and Hardwood categories. The Northwest Region leads all regions in Hardwood Net Growth.

AVERAGE ANNUAL NET GROWTH OF GROWING STOCK BY MAJOR SPECIES GROUP **NORTHWEST REGION**

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwoods			
	Tons					
Bibb	956,308	681,630	274,678			
Colbert	672,018	257,074	414,945			
Fayette	1,484,949	1,130,612	354,337			
Franklin	1,121,789	586,285	535,504			
Greene	1,178,405	815,855	362,550			
Hale	608,934	387,934	221,000			
Lamar	1,292,066	911,621	380,446			
Lauderdale	335,656	134,829	200,827			
Lawrence	470,870	233,533	237,337			
Limestone	432,609	60,073	372,536			
Madison	544,383	217,166	327,217			
Marion	1,714,776	1,292,893	421,883			
Morgan	470,145	174,547	295,598			
Pickens	1,914,017	1,391,963	552,054			
Sumter	1,861,970	1,468,718	393,252			
Tuscaloosa	2,645,454	1,765,740	879,714			
Walker	1,444,538	1,002,112	442,425			
Winston	1,331,418	849,531	481,887			
Total	20,480,304	13,362,113	7,118,190			

AVERAGE ANNUAL NET GROWTH OF GROWING STOCK BY MAJOR SPECIES GROUP NORTHEAST REGION

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwoods		
Tons					
Blount	682,007	455,884	226,123		
Calhoun	390,745	267,178	123,567		
Chambers	1,491,510	1,226,610	264,900		
Cherokee	821,934	552,424	269,510		
Clay	633,511	384,077	249,434		
Cleburne	859,602	509,957	349,645		
Coosa	1,277,717	1,000,540	277,176		
Cullman	636,839	302,636	334,202		
DeKalb	400,257	190,824	209,433		
Elmore	855,480	621,271	234,209		
Etowah	471,354	268,588	202,766		
Jackson	990,448	209,248	781,200		
Jefferson	1,316,760	901,082	415,679		
Marshall	213,954	237,036	92,934		
Randolph	1,063,571	694,234	369,337		
St. Clair	917,000	574,503	342,497		
Shelby	1,053,335	950,320	103,016		
Talladega	978,392	760,808	217,584		
Tallapoosa	1,376,685	1,026,797	349,888		
Total	16,547,117	11,134,017	5,413,100		

AVERAGE ANNUAL NET GROWTH OF GROWING STOCK BY MAJOR SPECIES GROUP SOUTHEAST REGION

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwoods		
Tons					
Autauga	881,133	684,355	196,778		
Barbour	1,366,410	978,417	387,993		
Bullock	1,098,669	798,508	300,161		
Butler	1,731,707	1,401,292	330,415		
Chilton	1,112,395	704,722	407,672		
Coffee	830,439	637,070	193,369		
Covington	1,517,922	1,246,210	271,712		
Crenshaw	1,065,805	845,393	220,411		
Dale	627,599	402,798	224,801		
Geneva	567,508	348,514	218,993		
Henry	775,612	608,656	166,956		
Houston	225,824	179,760	46,064		
Lee	820,169	621,880	198,289		
Lowndes	1,145,691	779,700	365,991		
Macon	939,254	686,065	253,190		
Montgomery	663,992	344,948	319,044		
Pike	850,970	536,385	314,586		
Russell	876,951	718,359	158,592		
Total	17,098,049	12,523,032	4,575,017		

AVERAGE ANNUAL NET GROWTH OF GROWING STOCK BY MAJOR SPECIES GROUP **SOUTHWEST REGION**

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwoods			
	Tons					
Baldwin	1,909,187	1,709,054	200,133			
Choctaw	2,151,885	1,709,739	442,146			
Clarke	3,086,580	2,437,098	649,482			
Conecuh	1,939,121	1,636,149	302,972			
Dallas	1,381,800	961,832	419,967			
Escambia	1,847,347	1,615,129	232,218			
Marengo	1,941,381	1,405,569	535,811			
Mobile	1,006,807	769,119	237,688			
Monroe	2,219,394	1,643,695	575,699			
Perry	1,274,804	979,053	295,751			
Washington	2,087,910	1,669,712	418,198			
Wilcox	1,691,314	1,307,797	383,517			
Total	22,537,528	17,843,946	4,693,583			

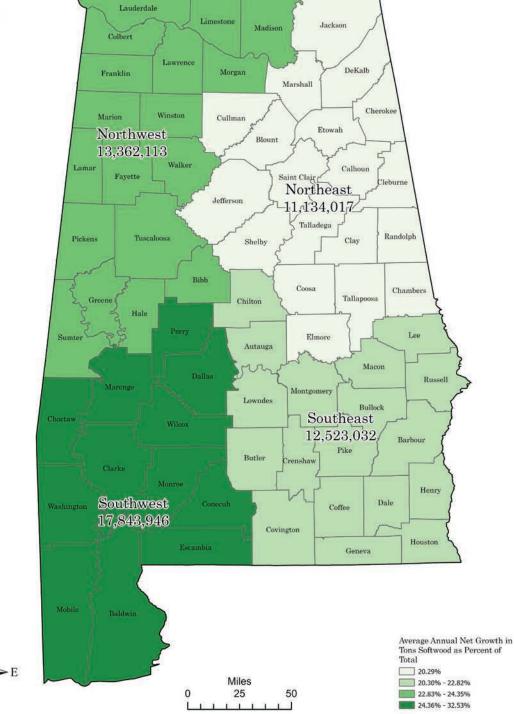
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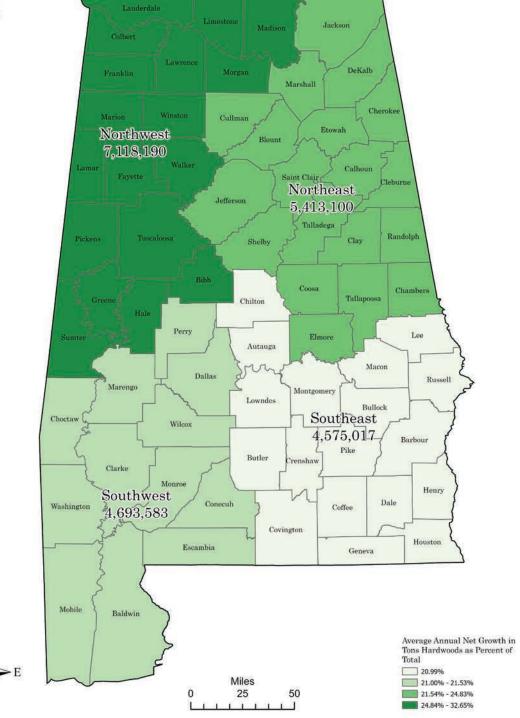
Average Annual Net Growth In Tons Softwood





Average Annual Net Growth In Tons Hardwoods





Average Annual Timber Harvest Removals

Softwood timber volume removed annually as a result of harvesting is estimated to be 30.8 million tons. Hardwood volume removed annually from timber harvesting is estimated at 8.2 million tons. Compared with the 2023 estimates, Softwood Removal shows a 0.60% decrease, whereas a 1.86% increase in Hardwood Removal was recorded. Combining totals, and due to the larger volumes coming from softwoods, estimated removals were nearly equal in 2023 and 2024.

Volume of timber removed was greatest in the Southwest Region and lowest in the Northeast Region. The Northwest Region saw the greatest volumes of Hardwood Removals. The Southwest Region saw the greatest volume of Softwood Removals of any region. Softwood removal tonnages for that region were recorded as 0.5% greater than the 2023 estimate.

AVERAGE ANNUAL REMOVALS OF GROWING STOCK BY MAJOR SPECIES GROUP **NORTHWEST REGION**

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwoods			
	Tons					
Bibb	432,877	283,765	149,112			
Colbert	337,927	259,418	78,508			
Fayette	673,074	428,642	244,432			
Franklin	585,442	403,446	181,997			
Greene	811,314	683,201	128,113			
Hale	392,817	331,298	61,519			
Lamar	700,258	491,258	209,000			
Lauderdale	232,069	80,958	151,111			
Lawrence	17,524	17,524	0			
Limestone	56,647	0	56,647			
Madison	195,688	69,179	126,509			
Marion	540,232	489,587	50,644			
Morgan	293,933	50,819	243,114			
Pickens	962,723	782,712	180,011			
Sumter	846,749	608,983	237,766			
Tuscaloosa	750,059	626,817	123,242			
Walker	657,372	555,105	102,267			
Winston	402,339	247,708	154,630			
Total	8,889,044	6,410,421	2,478,623			

AVERAGE ANNUAL REMOVALS OF GROWING STOCK BY MAJOR SPECIES GROUP **NORTHEAST REGION**

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwoods			
	Tons					
Blount	140,680	118,740	21,940			
Calhoun	425,467	309,548	115,919			
Chambers	820,326	748,722	71,604			
Cherokee	144,931	75,782	69,149			
Clay	597,226	483,235	113,991			
Cleburne	426,511	362,922	63,589			
Coosa	942,234	801,457	140,777			
Cullman	401,229	279,298	122,040			
DeKalb	245,740	126,082	119,659			
Elmore	348,218	281,101	67,117			
Etowah	366,478	217,867	148,612			
Jackson	163,133	29,045	134,088			
Jefferson	454,528	329,975	124,554			
Marshall	20,939	0	20,939			
Randolph	511,404	400,493	110,911			
St. Clair	229,309	133,594	95,715			
Shelby	564,625	527,124	37,501			
Talladega	773,048	704,137	68,911			
Tallapoosa	716,176	589,415	126,761			
Total	8,292,312	6,518,537	1,773,775			

AVERAGE ANNUAL REMOVALS OF GROWING STOCK BY MAJOR SPECIES GROUP SOUTHEAST REGION

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwoods				
Tons							
Autauga	797,367	725,202	72,165				
Barbour	1,097,674	943,136	154,538				
Bullock	604,963	465,939	139,024				
Butler	1,266,770	1,085,205	181,565				
Chilton	488,454	444,725	43,729				
Coffee	462,052	393,239	68,814				
Covington	834,521	784,633	49,888				
Crenshaw	621,320	426,384	194,935				
Dale	184,932	152,602	32,331				
Geneva	228,827	215,638	13,189				
Henry	703,028	652,579	50,449				
Houston	182,005	177,315	4,689				
Lee	731,451	565,627	165,824				
Lowndes	355,326	259,642	95,684				
Macon	401,064	280,125	120,939				
Montgomery	298,244	189,255	108,990				
Pike	390,408	350,150	40,258				
Russell	536,875	316,792	220,083				
Total	10,185,282	8,428,189	1,757,093				

AVERAGE ANNUAL REMOVALS OF GROWING STOCK BY MAJOR SPECIES GROUP **SOUTHWEST REGION**

County	Total	Softwoods	Hardwoods			
Tons						
Baldwin	621,773	16,235				
Choctaw	1,593,006	1,314,578	278,429			
Clarke	1,405,723	1,225,917	179,805			
Conecuh	1,072,750	948,223	124,527			
Dallas	548,224	364,723	183,501			
Escambia	350,274	343,714	6,660			
Marengo	886,824	447,404	439,419			
Mobile	434,079	394,080	39,999			
Monroe	1,687,239	1,256,153	431,086			
Perry	820,279	682,436	137,843			
Washington	944,095	808,404	135,691			
Wilcox	1,214,026	1,037,644	176,382			
Total	11,578,392	9,428,814	2,149,577			

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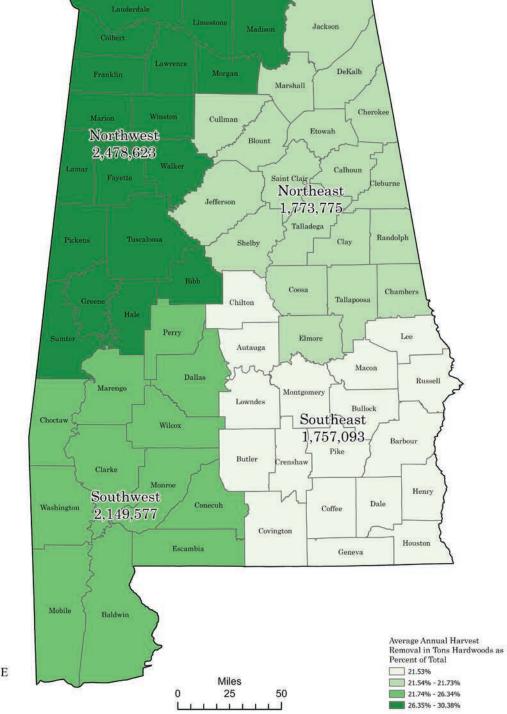
Average Annual Harvest Removal In Tons Softwood





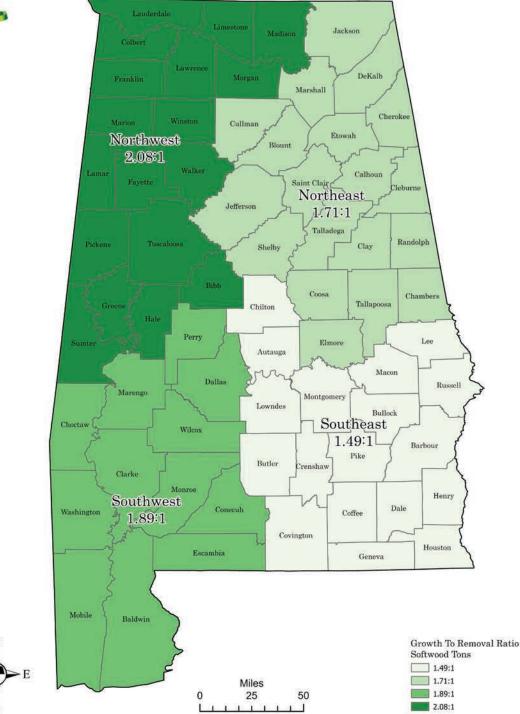
Average Annual Harvest Removal In Tons Hardwoods





Growth To Removal Ratio Softwood Tons

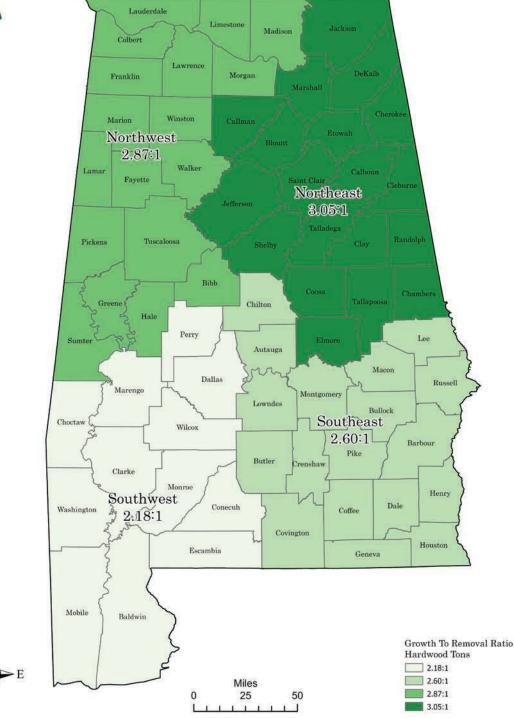






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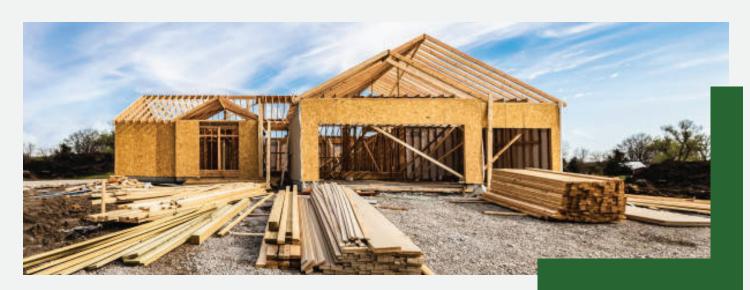




2024 Timber Market and Lumber Summary

(from Alabama Department of Revenue Forest Product Severance Tax filings)

- By tonnage, Pine Sawtimber harvests accounted for 46% of the total harvests in 2024 (see chart on page 45). Hardwood Sawtimber accounted for 2% of the harvest, and Poles and Pilings slightly more than 1%. Under the law, all pulpwood is classed together, unlike in the past (pre-2017) when softwood and hardwood were broken out. Pulpwood accounted for 51% of harvest tonnage.
- The increase in pine sawtimber harvests over the past several years took a second consecutive backwards step in 2024, falling by 1.5%. Elevated home mortgage rates, and interest rates in general, remained elevated throughout the year and into 2025. That, along with uncertainty about the timing and extent of interest rate cuts provided significant challenges to new home construction during 2024, and thus lumber use/manufacture. In 2009, in the South Region of the U.S., the number of housing starts was 278,200. This number increased steadily in each of the next 11 years, and then further increased to 848,100 in 2021. For the first time since 2009, that number retreated in 2022, to 834,100 starts, and fell back again in 2023 to 792,000. Further weakness in 2024 led to a final South Region tally of 754,000 for the year. The total housing starts recorded for the U.S. for 2023 was 1,420,000, marking a second consecutive year of decline, which proceeded to drop further to 1,367,000 for 2024. In the early portions of 2025, the rate on 10-year US Treasury Securities has been very volatile, making it a challenge to predict the ultimate direction of home mortgage rates. A highly informative, highly readable monthly document published jointly by Urs Buehlmann of Virginia Tech and the Forest Service is useful in tracking housing data and associated lumber demand. To subscribe to this newsletter, make a request to buehlmann@gmail.com.
- The following quote is taken from the 2019 Forest Resource Report: "The housing market, like many things in 2020, is proving difficult to predict." That statement can be updated for 2025, with the new complexity of a changing tariff landscape to take into consideration. Data reveals that the nation is still "underbuilt" with respect to housing. However, high prices for existing homes and a lack of "starter homes," both older and newly constructed, make it challenging for many first-time buyers to enter the housing market. At time of writing, sales of existing homes have sunk to a very low level. Even if the overall "pie" for lumber remains the same size, Alabama and the Southeast continue to gain market share from other lumber producing regions in North America. When conditions favor the takeoff of the next major expansion in home construction, the region's wealth of large, highly efficient sawmills will be in perfect position to meet that growing demand.



Production of Forest Products by Product and County for Calendar Year 2024

This data provided by the Alabama Department of Revenue – Forest Product Severance Tax Records.

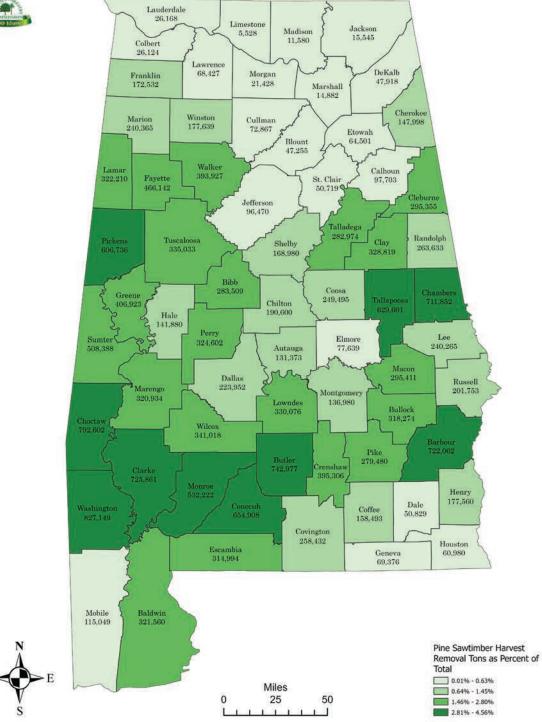
County	Pine Sawtimber (Tons)	Hardwood Sawtimber (Tons)	Pulpwood All-Species (Tons)	Poles and Piles (Tons)	Total Severance (Tons)
AUTAUGA	131,373	6,934	281,826	1,514	421,647
BALDWIN	321,560	6,074	556,579	21,534	905,746
BARBOUR	722,062	5,736	639,669	2,233	1,369,700
BIBB	283,509	6,692	377,654	3,801	671,656
BLOUNT	47,255	5,414	69,502	0	122,171
BULLOCK	318,274	2,439	340,126	1,367	671,656
BUTLER	742,977	433	629,930	28,774	1,402,114
CALHOUN	97,703	2,304	147,045	165	247,217
CHAMBERS	711,852	14,840	241,814	3,509	972,015
CHEROKEE	147,998	5,298	183,360	683	337,228
CHILTON	190,600	7,607	294,709	2,779	495,695
CHOCTAW	792,602	18,021	940,334	17,747	1,768,704
CLARKE	725,861	38,953	956,292	19,466	1,740,572
CLAY	328,819	16,542	303,018	5,857	654,236
CLEBURNE	295,355	5,757	281,233	1,993	584,338
COFFEE	158,493	898	343,632	8,781	511,805
COLBERT	26,124	1,561	99,458	0	127,144
CONECUH	654,908	4,870	797,846	38,182	1,495,806
COOSA	249,495	6,645	396,679	18,590	671,409
COVINGTON	258,432	0	537,133	20,005	815,570
CRENSHAW	395,306	31,315	386,136	7,958	820,715
CULLMAN	72,867	16,092	85,605	55	174,620
DALE	50,829	2,546	222,529	836	276,740
DALLAS	223,952	3,021	412,180	3,518	642,671
DEKALB	47,918	10,590	44,909	0	103,417
ELMORE	77,639	1,164	122,022	2,443	203,267
ESCAMBIA	314,994	0	444,321	33,189	792,504
ETOWAH	64,501	8,298	111,126	1,174	185,099
FAYETTE	466,142	20,331	299,075	8,746	794,295
FRANKLIN	172,532	13,841	303,020	290	489,682
GENEVA	69,376	1,595	124,477	1,757	197,205
GREENE	406,923	33,506	316,629	3,238	760,296
HALE	141,880	11,124	199,199	5,130	357,333
HENRY	177,560	610	281,094	2,380	461,645
HOUSTON	60,980	264	75,282	1,157	137,684

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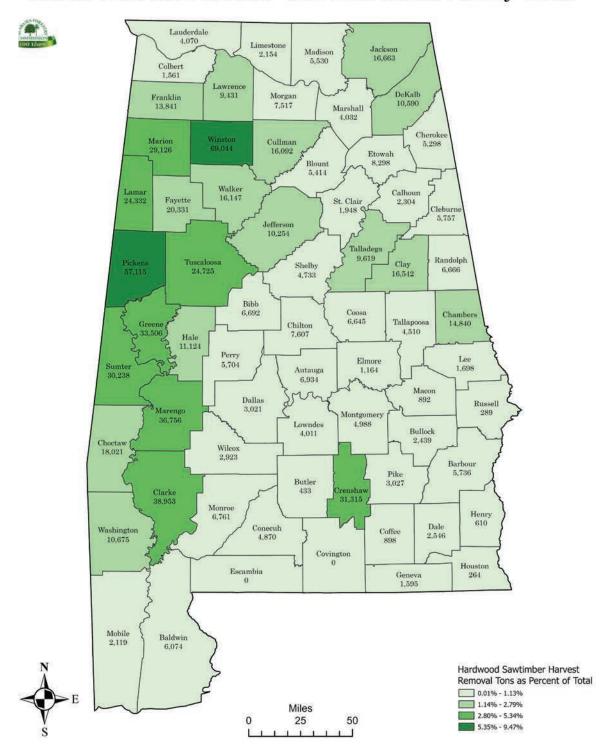
County	Pine Sawtimber (Tons)	Hardwood Sawtimber (Tons)	Pulpwood All-Species (Tons)	Poles and Piles (Tons)	Total Severance (Tons)
JACKSON	15,545	16,663	131,228	0	163,436
JEFFERSON	96,470	10,254	69,651	30	176,406
LAMAR	322,210	24,332	277,807	6,481	630,830
LAUDERDALE	26,168	4,070	94,284	0	124,521
LAWRENCE	68,427	9,431	58,354	31	136,243
LEE	240,265	1,698	160,890	7,628	410,481
LIMESTONE	5,528	2,154	18,398	0	26,080
LOWNDES	330,076	4,011	297,440	10,841	642,368
MACON	295,411	892	279,286	1,507	577,096
MADISON	11,580	5,530	32,977	0	50,087
MARENGO	320,934	36,756	463,132	23,671	844,494
MARION	240,365	29,126	355,039	977	625,507
MARSHALL	14,882	4,032	31,118	145	50,177
MOBILE	115,049	2,119	271,297	4,675	393,141
MONROE	532,222	6,761	788,890	31,366	1,359,240
MONTGOMERY	136,980	4,988	147,581	100	289,649
MORGAN	21,428	7,517	49,809	56	78,810
PERRY	324,602	5,704	390,646	4,863	725,816
PICKENS	606,736	57,115	344,347	3,568	1,011,765
PIKE	279,480	3,027	283,176	3,269	568,952
RANDOLPH	263,633	6,666	220,027	5,373	495,700
RUSSELL	201,753	289	300,803	835	503,681
ST. CLAIR	50,719	1,948	144,703	0	197,370
SHELBY	168,980	4,733	252,784	3,558	430,054
SUMTER	508,388	30,238	484,942	21,033	1,044,600
TALLADEGA	282,974	9,619	404,679	8,984	706,256
TALLAPOOSA	629,601	4,510	340,629	18,227	992,967
TUSCALOOSA	335,033	24,725	277,599	4,139	641,496
WALKER	393,927	16,147	147,763	8,549	566,386
WASHINGTON	827,149	10,675	324,821	8,082	1,170,727
WILCOX	341,018	2,923	697,053	6,508	1,047,502
WINSTON	177,639	69,044	392,395	971	640,049
Totals	18,133,825	729,012	20,378,990	454,319	39,696,145
2024 vs 2023	-1.5%	-15.7%	-6.5%	+23.7%	-1.7%

Pine Sawtimber Harvest Removal By Tons



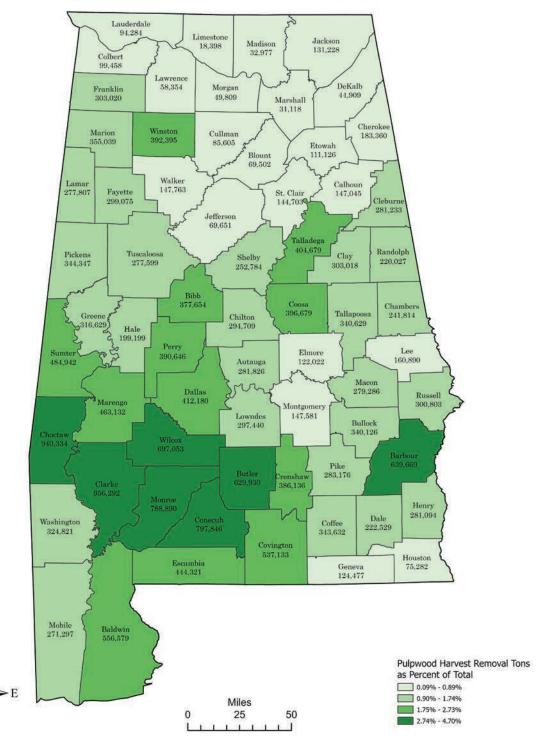


Hardwood Sawtimber Harvest Removal By Tons



Pulpwood Harvest Removal By Tons





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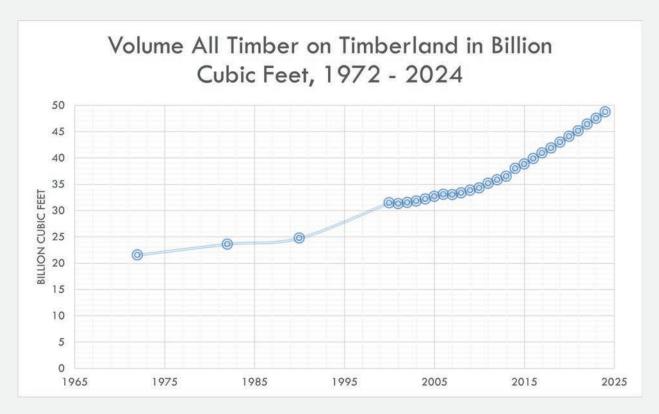


2024 Timber Price Trends

	2024	Stumpage Prices	2023	Stumpage Prices	
PRODUCT	Price (Region 1)	Price (Region 2)	Price (Region 1)	Price (Region 2)	
Pine Sawtimber	\$23.04/ton	\$26.06/ton	\$23.92/ton	\$26.45/ton	
Hardwood Sawtimber	\$46.50/ton	\$33.13/ton	\$41.26/ton	\$35.06/ton	
Pine Pulpwood	\$6.29/ton	\$8.72/ton	\$6.03/ton	\$9.22/ton	
Hardwood Pulpwood	\$12.93/ton	\$14.93/ton	\$14.93/ton	\$13.81/ton	

Data obtained from TimberMart-South, 2023 and 2024. Numbers are averaged from all four quarters.

^{*}Region 1 represents the northern half of the state. Region 2 represents the southern third. "Black Belt" counties would be an average of the two regions.



An inescapable truth when it comes to timber price trends involves timber supply. According to FIA data, it has never been higher, and it continues to expand. Strong, sustained improvement in stumpage prices paid to the landowner are difficult to anticipate while supplies remain at high and growing levels. As always with timber, local access to a source of demand, weather, availability of logging operators, timber quality, and tract size will play a large role in determining the value of any given ton of wood. The following concerns Forest Industry, and its recent trend toward expansion, which is poised to take advantage of this record wood supply while being sustainable in the long term.

Alabama's Forest Industry

Contributions

The state's forest industry is a primary contributor for rural development within Alabama. According to an IMPLAN analysis commissioned by the Forest Workforce Training Institute and performed by the Center for Economic Development and Business Research at Jacksonville State University, the industry contributed \$36.3 billion to the state's overall economy in 2023 (most recent year of data), up from \$28.9 billion estimated from same parameters in the 2019 study. According to the Alabama Department of Labor, there were 1,559 establishments in these four categories to begin 2024. Below are the state's forest industry numbers from two points in time, the 1st Quarter of 2022 and the most recent data available at time of publication from the 1st Quarter of 2025 data set. Note how this industrial sector has remained a vibrant and growing portion of the state's economy, with number of businesses, job count, job concentration, and earnings per job all trending upward.

1.479

Payrolled Business Locations

Payrolled business locations increased by 49 over the last 5 years.

44,141

Jobs increased by 1,972 over the last 5 years. Projected to increase by 1,914 over the next 5 years.

2.56

Regional job concentration is 2.56 times the national job concentration.

\$68.6K

Regional earnings per job are \$373.2 below the national earnings per job of \$69.0K.

Source: Alabama Department of Commerce/AIDT, Emsi, Q1, 2022

1.560

Payrolled Business Locations

Payrolled business locations increased by 80 over the last 5 years.

45.070

Jobs increased by 984 over the last 5 years. Projected to increase by 811 over the next 5 years.

Regional job concentration is 2.62 times the national job concentration.

Regional earnings per job are \$2.4K above the national earnings per job of \$77.9K.

Source: Alabama Department of Commerce/AIDT, Lightcast (formerly Emsi), Q1, 2025

Alabama's industry rankings relative to the U.S. is: 2nd overall in roundwood usage, 2nd in pulp production, 2nd in paper and paperboard production, 3rd in lumber, and 3rd in panel production. Further, in 2024, Alabama businesses exported over \$980,000,000 worth of paper products, over \$425,000,000 worth of wood products, and over \$17,000,000 worth of unfinished forestry products.

Economic Development

Economic Development announcements in recent years have been very active with new and expanding industry within forest products. The investment trend for the industry in the last ten years reflects growth as a function of positive U.S. economic factors. However, 2024 had the lowest numbers of the past decade in terms of number of projects, job creation, and capital investment. Higher interest rates, uncertainty about policy moving ahead, and a general "wait and see" approach by business were likely all contributing factors to the low figures seen this year. If 2025 can provide some relief on one or more of these fronts, then a return to higher values in 2025 is a likelihood.



Alabama Forest Industry Ten Year Report Card (2015 – 2024)

YEAR	PROJECTS	JOBS	CAPITAL INVESTMENT (\$)
2024	16	333	172,323,238
2023	23	966	753,318,862
2022	29	1,030	967,644,939
2021	27	733	616,623,095
2020	31	924	286,022,590
2019	30	654	467,095,232
2018	54	1,975	1,304,165,296
2017	47	1,464	1,284,628,303
2016	50	1,005	1,196,774,911
2015	43	917	897,061,100

Source: Alabama Department of Commerce

2024 New and Expanding Forest Industries

New/							Capital
Expanding	Company	City	County	NAICS	Business Activity	Jobs	Investment
New	Haywood Forest Products Inc.	LaFayette	Chambers	321110	Sawmill	35	\$2,155,000
Expansion	Abbeville Fiber	Abbeville	Henry	32113	Sawmill	5	\$5,506,000
Expansion	Canfor Southern Pine Inc.	Fulton	Clarke	321113	Sawmill	64	\$19,266,832
Expansion	Cullman Cabinet and Supply	Cullman	Cullman	337110	Cabinets	0	\$179,000
Expansion	Dickert's Forest Products LLC	Wadley	Randolph	321113	Sawmill	5	\$700,000
Expansion	Greenbush Wood Products	Abbeville	Henry	321999	Wood Products	0	\$2,300,000
Evennion	Lloodlond Wood Dvodusto	l loodlond	Hammi	201000	Miscellaneous Wood	0	\$500,000
Expansion	Headland Wood Products	Headland	Henry	321999	Products	0	
Expansion	Integrity Cabinets	Lineville	Clay	337110	Cabinets	0	\$825,000
Expansion	Owens Lumber Co.	Old Texas	Monroe	321113	Pole Mill	14	\$2,700,000
Expansion	Simcoe Wood Products	Cullman	Cullman	321999	Pallets and Custom Wood	0	\$8,250,750
Expansion	Southern Parallel / Parallel 33	Albertville	Marshall	321113	Lumber	29	\$1,000,000
Expansion	Southwest Paper/S3 Holdings LLC	Livingston	Sumter	322219	Other Paperboard Containers	20	\$2,000,000
Expansion	Swift Supply	Robertsdale	Baldwin	321214	Roof Trusses	21	\$2,175,656
New	Two Rivers Lumber Company LLC	Kellyton	Coosa	321113	Sawmill	130	\$115,000,000
Expansion	United Forestry Products (UFP Packaging)	Unincorporated	Autauga	321912	Structural Packaging	8	\$1,100,000
Expansion	Wellborn Cabinet	Ashland	Clay	337110	Cabinets	2	\$8,665,000
TOTALS	(16 PROJECTS)					333	\$172,323,238

Source: Alabama Department of Commerce



Economic Development Initiatives

Forest-based economic development has always been a priority for Alabama. Retention and expansion of the state's forest industry is achieved through many economic development initiatives. These include the following:



New State Strategic Plan for Economic Development CatALyst

The Alabama Department of Commerce markets the forest products industry, which remains an industrial focal point in the new, third iteration of the state's strategic plan for economic development.



Forest Product Development Center

The Center, as a function of the Alabama Department of Commerce and Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT), facilitates forest-based economic development within the state by providing a wide range of technical information and analytical support to industrial clients, site location consultants, economic developers, and existing industry.



Forest Inventory & Analysis and Timber Product Output

The Alabama Forestry Commission conducts these two critical surveys that provide the foundation of forest industry expansions and recruitment.



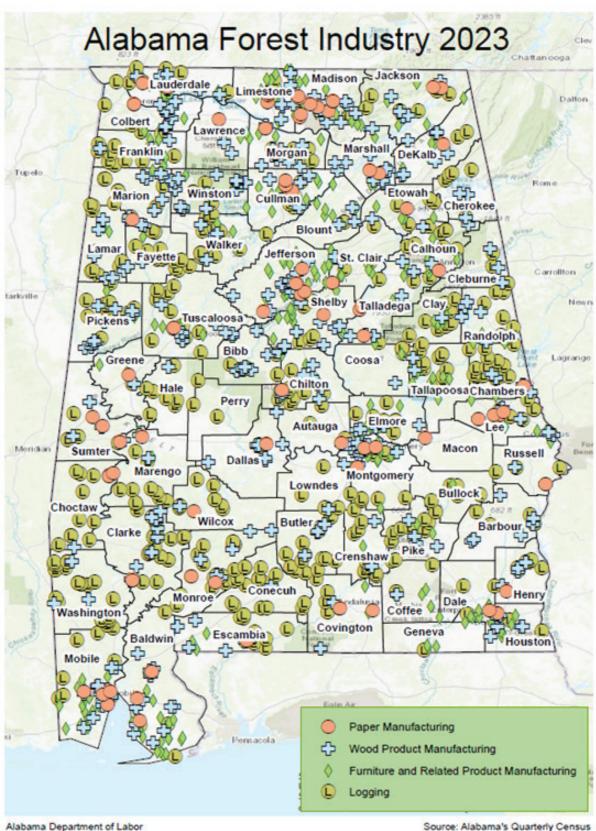
ForestryWorks of Alabama

Forestry Works of Alabama and its partners are developing a pipeline of qualified workers for the logging and wood product industry.



Alabama Forestry Association

The Alabama Forestry Association has initiated a public-private consortium to analyze opportunities to grow markets for forest products, develop strategies to increase demand for wood products, and implement solutions by removing barriers to market growth and expansion.



Labor Market Information Division

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