State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce

Agriculture Fact Sheet Forestry 2015

- Mississippi ranks #3 in the United States in pulpwood production.
- In 2015, Mississippi had 19,700,000 forested acres with 125,000 landowners.
- The value of forestry produced in Mississippi in 2015 was $1.16 billion.
- Representation of land in forest production:
  - 70% - private, non-industrial owners
  - 19% - industry owned
  - 11% - government owned national forests

- Mississippi's forestry sector includes:
  - Pulp mills
  - Paper mills
  - Wood furniture
  - Upholstered furniture
  - Wood partitions and fixtures
  - Timber production and harvesting
  - Reconstituted wood product mills
  - Wood manufacturing firms

- Mississippi is blessed with climactic conditions and soils that are conducive to highly productive forests. From these productive forests, Mississippians derives numerous benefits including forest products of all kinds, clean water and air, abundant wildlife, natural beauty, and unlimited recreational opportunities.

- Forty-two percent of commercial forestland in Mississippi is capable of producing over 120 cubic feet of wood volume per acre annually, and another 40 percent is capable of producing over 85 cubic feet per acre annually. Nationwide, only 23 percent of the commercial forestland is capable of producing over 85 cubic feet per year.

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