

# State of Mississippi

## Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce

# Agriculture Fact Sheet Forestry 2021



- Mississippi ranks #3 in the United States in pulpwood production.
- In 2021, Mississippi had 19.2 million forested acres with 125,000 landowners.
- Forest-related activity generated 61,619 jobs and over \$2.96 billion in income for Mississippi.
- The production value of forestry in 2021 was \$1.3 billion.
- Representation of land in forest production:
  - 70 percent - Private, non-industrial owners
  - 19 percent - Industry owned
  - 11 percent - 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 derive 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 can produce more than 120 cubic feet of wood volume per acre annually, and another 40 percent can produce more than 85 cubic feet per acre annually. Nationwide, only 23 percent of commercial forestland is capable of producing more than 85 cubic feet per year.

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