Economic Impacts of Timber in Ohio

Ohio's hardwoods are sought by forest products manufacturers around the world. Each million board feet of logs harvested from Ohio woodlands and delivered to market in 2010 resulted in...

- The employment of 2.6 loggers
- The employment of 1.8 other people in Ohio
- $163,000 in total wages and benefits
- $207,000 in total value-added
- $439,000 in economic activity throughout our state

What is the current state of the resource?

- Over 8 million acres of forestland, 30% of the state's land area
- 5.8 million acres held by 336,000 nonindustrial private landowners
- 96.3% hardwoods and 3.7% conifers
- Growth continues to exceed removals by more than 2:1

What does the forest industry mean to Ohio?

- Over 118,000 people were employed in 372 sectors of Ohio's economy
- Those workers earned $5.69 billion in wages and benefits
- Converting raw materials into various forest products resulted in $9.02 billion in value-added
- $22.05 billion in total economic activity was generated

Ohio’s Forest Economy

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Forestry and Logging

Forestry and Logging directly employs 2,700 people. However, 1,500 more people are employed in Ohio because of these sectors. Total impacts include...

- $106 million in wages and benefits
- $212 million in value added
- $434 million in total economic activity

Wood Products

Wood Products Manufacturing directly employs 13,200 people. However, 14,500 more Ohioans are employed because of these sectors. Total impacts include...

- $1.12 billion in wages and benefits
- $1.62 billion in value added
- $3.72 billion in total economic activity

Exports

Ohio’s forest products are exported for shipment throughout the United States and around the world. Total exports include...

- $7.24 billion to other states within the United States
- $964 million to foreign markets

Wood Furniture

Wood Furniture Manufacturing directly employs 12,200 people. However, 11,700 more Ohioans are employed because of these sectors. Total impacts include...

- $1.05 billion in wages and benefits
- $1.51 billion in value added
- $3.14 billion in total economic activity

Tax Impacts

Forest industries significantly contribute to the tax base of local economies throughout Ohio. Total federal, state, and local tax impacts include...

- $907 million in Western Ohio
- $669 million in Northeastern Ohio
- $189 million in Southeastern Ohio

Paper Products

Paper Manufacturing is the largest contributor to Ohio’s forest economy, directly employing 19,800 people. However, 45,500 more people are employed in Ohio because of these sectors. Total impacts include...

- $3.50 billion in wages and benefits
- $5.84 billion in value added
- $15.15 billion in total economic activity