



Mississippi's Lumber Industry

Mississippi produces over 11 billion board feet of lumber each year

Forestry is the third most valuable agricultural commodity in Mississippi. Nearly 20 million acres of land in the state, or 65 percent of the state, are timberland and forestland. More than 90 sawmills throughout the state produce 11.2 billion board feet of lumber annually, each processing an average of 91.6 million board feet per year. Mississippi timber is used for building materials, logs and poles, construction mats, furniture, and wood pellets that are used in the energy industry in the U.S. and overseas. In fact, four of the five largest timber companies in the United States have operations in Mississippi.

Mississippi's educational institutions supply a pipeline of forestry and manufacturing talent

Five Mississippi community colleges offer two-year degree programs in forestry science and technology, preparing students with technical instruction in timber production and forest management. Mississippi State University's College of Forest Resources amplifies the flow of talent through renowned undergraduate and graduate programs in forestry and bioproducts, and MSU's Professional Logging Manager Program provides specialized training for experienced industry professionals. Mississippi's talented forestry, logging, and wood products manufacturing workforce is 513 percent higher than the national average (EMSI, 2021).

Mississippi hosts six U.S. Forest Service research facilities

The U.S. Forest Service operates three research laboratories and three experimental forests in Mississippi. Additionally, Mississippi State University's Forest and Wildlife Research Center serves as Mississippi's hub of forestry-related innovation. Staffed by 50 faculty and research affiliates and fueled by nearly \$15 million in funding, the FWRC collaborates with public and private partners to conduct basic and applied research into forestry, sustainable bioproducts, and wildlife.

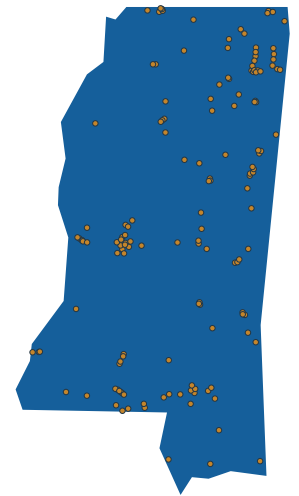
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FOREST AND WOOD
COMPANIES

13,500
FORESTRY AND WOOD
PRODUCTS JOBS

\$19 MILLION
FOREST ACRES OF LAND

\$1.2 BILLION
ANNUAL FOREST AND WOOD
PRODUCTS-RELATED GROSS
REGIONAL PRODUCT

Mississippi Forestry and Wood Products Companies
with 20+ employees

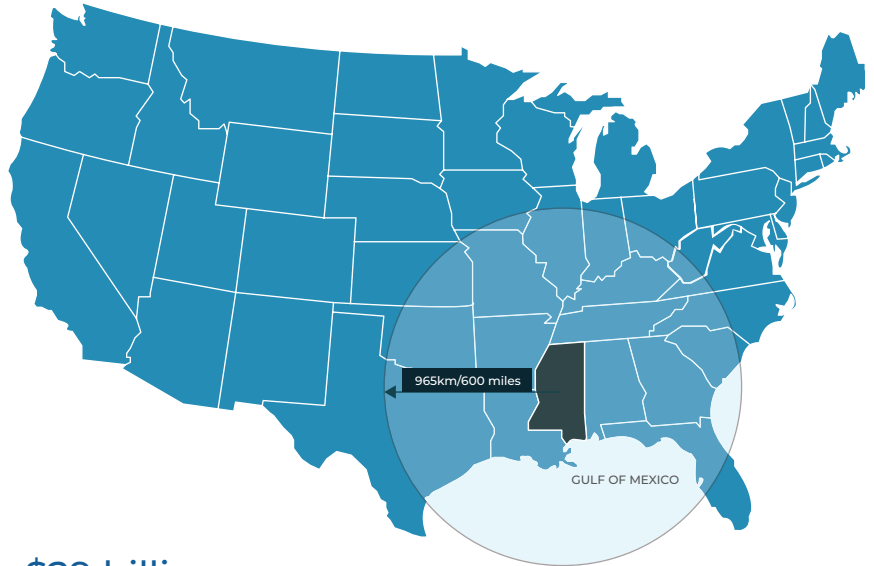


Notable Announced Forest and Wood Locations and Expansions in Mississippi Since 2015

COMPANY	EXPECTED JOBS	EXPECTED CapEx
Winston Plywood	400	\$48M
Biewer Lumber	320	\$255M
Vicksburg Forest Products	185	\$44M
Idaho Forest Group	135	\$120K
Mission Forest Products	130	\$160M
Industrial Wood Products	50	\$2M
Hankins Lumber	43	\$12.5M

Halfway to everywhere

Mississippi is centrally located between the East and West coasts, providing easy access to major U.S. markets, including Mobile, New Orleans, Atlanta, Nashville, Dallas, Houston and St. Louis. The U.S. distribution hub of Memphis, Tennessee, is just across the northern state line, and the Gulf of Mexico is our southern border, offering convenient access to Central and South American markets. Mississippi is accessible by six U.S. interstates, 14 U.S. highways, an extensive rail system, and 15 ports (including two deep-water ports) on the Gulf of Mexico, enabling producers to move goods quickly and efficiently.



Standing timber assets worth \$29 billion

With nearly 20 million acres of forestland and timberland in the state, the economic value of standing timber in Mississippi is more than \$29 billion. Mississippi also provides producers with abundant, cost-effective access to other natural resources commonly used in industrial processes. Mississippi has extensive endowments of ground water, surface water, sand and gravel, and stone quarries available for industrial usage.

More than \$112M in total forest and wood products exports

From 2018-2020, Mississippi businesses exported a yearly average of \$112 million in forest and wood products. Overall, manufacturing exports support more than 48,830 direct and indirect jobs in the state. For the past two decades, Mississippi has ranked in the top 10 states in the United States in job growth as a result of manufacturing exports (International Trade Administration, 2020).



Mississippi's gross regional product ranks in the top 10 of states in several forest and wood products industries

INDUSTRY	Jobs (2021)	Gross Regional Product (2020)
Sawmills	3,552	\$346M
Logging*	3,544	\$294M
Softwood veneer and plywood manufacturing*	1,400	\$160M
Support activities for forestry	963	\$75k
Timber tract operations	176	\$32M

Leading Mississippi Forest and Wood Products Companies

(D&B Hoovers, 2021; MDA data)

CORPORATE PARENT	EMPLOYEES (EST.)
Hood Industries	790 - 810
Weyerhaeuser	470 - 490
Roseburg Forest Products	400 - 420
Winston Plywood	370 - 390
Davis Wood Products	190 - 210
Industrial Timber	160 - 180
Biewer Lumber	160 - 180
Shuqualak Lumber Co.	140 - 160
Vicksburg Forest Products	120 - 140
West Fraser Timber	120 - 140

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