



**FLORIDA
FORESTRY
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Florida Forestry Facts

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- Roughly half of Florida is forested, primarily in North & Central FL. **(17.3 million acres total; 15.4 million acres of working forests)**
- About one-third of that is in long leaf and slash pines.
- Since the 1930s, nearly 6 million acres of forestland have been converted to other uses, primarily due to the state's continuing urbanization.
- Forest Ownership:
 - 66% Private
 - 29% Public
 - 5% Industry
- **\$16.1 billion industry**
- **77,621 people employed**
- In addition to wood products, Florida's working forests provide **improved water quality and increased water quantity; natural air filtration; and wildlife habitat**, as well as **recreational opportunities**.

Value per acre per growing cycle:

- Water purification -- \$3300
- Carbon stocks -- \$1280
- Timber -- \$330
- Wildlife -- \$120
- Total -- \$5030
- **More than 5000 forest products touch every part of life:**
 - Housing, furniture, lumber, etc.
 - Pharmaceuticals (aspirin, prescription drugs)
 - Food (ice cream, cereal bars, bread, salad dressing, chewing gum)
 - Fashion (cosmetics, rayon, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, laundry detergent, perfume)
 - Fun (skateboards, football helmets, books, paper, fireworks, sports drinks, crayons, tv and cell phone screens)

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