Florida’s Forests

In Florida, forests cover about 17.1 million acres or roughly half the state. Most of the forests are located in North Florida and the Panhandle.

As indicated in the chart below, almost two-thirds (64%) of those lands are under private ownership. Local, state and federal governments own the rest.

About the Association

The Florida Forestry Association was founded in 1923 by a small group of concerned people who wanted to protect the future of the state’s working forests.

Today, the Association continues to promote the responsible and sustainable use of our forests and their resources. It advocates for all segments of the forest industry on local, state and federal levels.

The Association also provides resources and information to help others understand the tremendous benefits of working forests.

To find out more or to become a member, visit our website: www.FloridaForest.org
“Like” us on Facebook (Florida Forestry Association) and follow us on Twitter (@FIForestryAssoc).

Figure 1—Survey units and percentage of land in forest by county, Florida, 2010.
**Working Forests Work for the Economy.**

- *124,000+ Jobs*

**Working Forests Work for the Environment.**

- *Clean Water & Air*

- *Green Space*

- *Wildlife Habitat*

**Working Forests Work for the Future.**

- *Best Management Practices*

  Sustainability is key for the success of our state’s forests and for its forest industry.

  Because of its commitment to sustainable, responsible forestry, Florida pioneered the development of best management practices (BMPs) in the state and the nation.

  While these practices are voluntary, an extremely high compliance rate is maintained across the industry. By following these practices, Florida forestry is protecting and improving our water quality and quantity and wildlife habitat.

  In addition to BMPs, the forest industry continues to conduct extensive research to ensure the latest science and the most effective methods are used in growing and harvesting forest products.

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**Forestry's Economic Impact**

- *$25 BILLION*

**5,000+ “Goods from the Woods”**

More than 5,000 products that people use every day are made with forest resources.

- Aspirin...
- Ice cream...
- Diapers...
- Cell phones...
- Syrup...
- Crayons...
- Detergent...
- Paper...
- Lotions...
- Toothpaste...
- Soft drinks...
- Tea...
- Gum...
- Paint...
- Tires...
- Cosmetics...
- Football helmets...
- Soap...
- Bread...
- Fireworks...
- Glue...
- Concrete...
- Tissues...
- Cleaning supplies...
- Fragrances...
- Carpet...
- Eyeglass frames...
- Luggage...
- Charcoal...
- Ink...
- Shoe polish...
- Steering wheels...
- Skateboards...
- Bug repellent...
- Cancer drugs...
- Fabrics...
- and much more!