

Forest to *furniture*

Ohio Wood Products

Ohio's Forest and Wood Products Industry

Ohio's forest and wood products industry contributes more than \$24 billion annually to the statewide economy. Akin to a hardwood iceberg, sectors of the industry are understood regionally but its full impact is not apparent to most.

The supply chain that creates this robust economy begins with standing timber. Once cut, the wood begins a global journey of transformation becoming thousands of products made by domestic and international manufacturers.

THE FOREST BASE

- Ohio's forests cover 8.04 million acres, 31 percent of the state's land.
- 7.8 million acres of the forest are commercially viable timberland, capable of growing 20 cubic feet of commercial wood per acre per year.
- 87 percent of Ohio's forests are privately owned; state and forest lands account for the remaining acreage.
- All state forests are FSC certified through 2020 as are many private timberlands. Ohio's commitment to sustainable forest management insures long-term resource availability.
- 96 percent of Ohio forests are hardwood trees. Oak and hickory are the predominant species followed by maple, beech and birch.
- Appalachian hardwoods are highly valued and exported around the world.

WOOD PRODUCTS

- The largest remaining hardwood furniture manufacturing sector in the United States is in the Appalachian Partnership region. Amish businesses are a significant part of this sector.
- Ohio has over 500 sawmills to provide a reliable, full-service supply chain.
- Millwork and architectural products include: kitchen cabinets and counters, shelving, flooring, windows and doors, and burial casket manufacturing, among other categories.
- Ohio harvests 300-400 million board feet of wood each year and grows one billion board feet annually.
- Roughly 85 percent of commercial logging is in the state's Appalachian counties.



A Rare Mix of Assets



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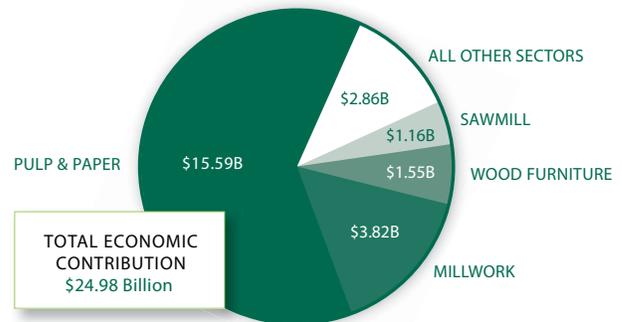
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ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Ohio's forest and wood products industry employs more 116,000 full- and part-time people in 30 sectors.
 - *Pulp and Paper* contributed \$15.5 billion to Ohio's economy.
 - *Millwork and Architectural Products* add \$4 billion to the economy; \$850 million in the Appalachian region.
 - *Wood Furniture* manufacturing contributed \$1.55 billion statewide; \$255 million in the Appalachian counties.
 - *Sawmills* generated \$1.16 billion statewide; \$711 million in Appalachian Ohio.
- In Ohio's 32 Appalachian-designated counties, the forest and wood industry contributed \$5.23 billion and employed more than 26,000.
- Appalachian Ohio's Holmes, Ross, Vinton, Coshocton and Pike County's wood industry businesses had the highest per capita contribution to Ohio's economy.
- Commercial logging generated \$371 million dollars in Ohio's Appalachian-designated counties.

Ohio Forest and Wood Products industry economic data was developed by Ohio University, Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs. Statistics reflect 2014 data.

OHIO WOOD INDUSTRY ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION BY SECTOR, 2014



"All Other Sectors" include Wood Container & Pallet Resources, Upholstered Household Furniture, Manufacturing Services, Manufactured Housing, Reconstituted Wood Products, Veneer & Plywood, Engineered Wood Member & Truss, and Commercial Logging.



Forest to Furniture is a project that supports Ohio's forest and wood products industries. It is part of the **Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth (APEG)**, a non-profit organization founded for the purpose of creating jobs and strategies for economic development primarily in Appalachian Ohio.

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The Forest to Furniture program is funded by the **Small Business Administration (SBA)** as part of their Regional Innovation Cluster initiatives. Through this project, the SBA's goal is to help small forest and wood product business grow.



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