

# The Benefits of Family Forests



## Forestry in New Hampshire

**Landcover:** 86% of New Hampshire is forested, for a total of 4.8 million forest acres.

**Ownership:** Over 2.3 million acres of New Hampshire’s forestland are owned by 124,000 family forest owners.

**Certified Tree Farms:** There are 1,362 certified tree farms in the state ATFS program for a total of 484,099 acres.

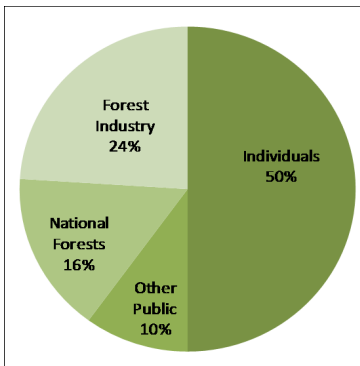
**Jobs:** The forest products industry contributes \$3.9 billion to the state’s economy annually and employs over 8,000 people.

**Wood:** NH has 6 wood-fired power plants that generate nearly 1 million MWh of electricity, or 4.25% of the state’s 2005 electricity generation level. Also, 4.3% of New Hampshire homes use wood energy for heat.

**Wildlife:** New Hampshire forests are host to several federally endangered species, including the Canada lynx, the gray wolf, and the small-footed bat.

**Recreation:** There are 61,000 licensed hunters in New Hampshire who benefit from well-managed forests.

State Timberland Ownership



Acreage & Ownership of Forestland by Target District

Congressional District	Total	Family Owned	Public	Private Industry
NH 01 Frank Guinta (R)	1,175,551	655,159	292,266	228,126
NH 02 Charles Bass (R)	3,639,828	1,741,767	942,377	955,684

## National Statistics and Facts

**Landcover:** More than half (56%) of the nation’s forests are privately owned.

**Jobs:** Every 1,000 acres of private forests supports eight well-paying jobs.; each job created in private forests creates an additional 2.95 jobs.

**Carbon:** Wood building materials—the majority of which are from private forests—reduce energy use and carbon emissions in manufacturing from 70% to 88%.

**Wood:** Family forests are the economic lynchpin of small towns and rural areas around the nation.

**Water:** More than 25% of our drinking water originates in private forests.

**Wildlife:** 60% of all at-risk species rely on America’s private forests.



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