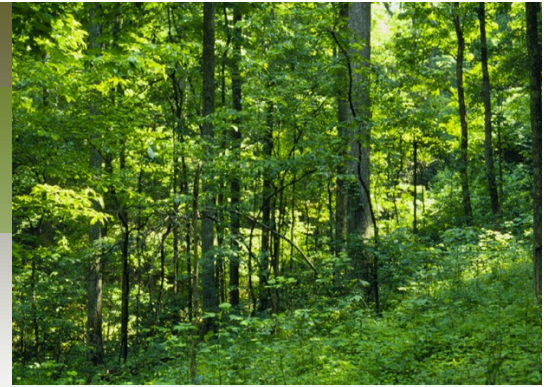


The Benefits of Family Forests



Forestry in Indiana

Landcover: 19% of total land area in Indiana is comprised of forest land.

Ownership: Over 3.4 million acres of Indiana’s forestland are owned by 218,000 family forest owners.

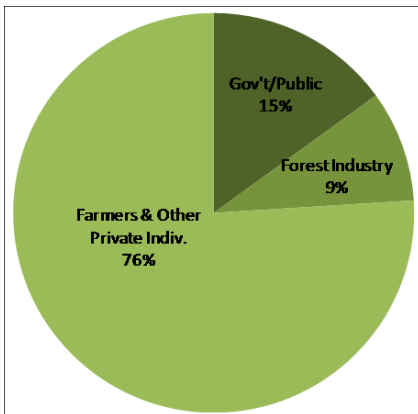
Certified Tree Farms: There are a total of 906 certified American Tree Farms, covering a total of 109,477 acres.

Jobs: The forest industry employs over 45,000 workers and has an annual payroll of \$1.1 billion.

Wood: 5% of Indiana's forests are classified as hardwood forest types. Primary forest types are oak and hickory (3.4 million acres) and elm, ash, and cottonwood (580 thousand acres).

Recreation: There are 2.6 million sportspeople who use Indiana’s forests to hunt, fish, and wildlife watch, adding a total of over \$2.2 billion to the local economy.

State Timberland Ownership



Acreage & Ownership of Forestland by Target District

Congressional District	Total	Family	Public	Private
IN 06 Mike Pence (R)	439,595	366,747	38,473	34,375
IN 08 Larry Bucshon (R)	1,166,471	825,028	160,211	181,232
IN 09 Todd C. Young (R)	1,853,631	1,313,922	427,321	112,387

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.



American Forest Foundation

The American Forest Foundation is a non-profit organization that gives people the tools they need to be effective stewards of America’s natural heritage. We work with educators, family woodlands owners, and partners in every state to keep our forests healthy and our children well-prepared for the future they will inherit. We grow stewardship every day.