

The Benefits of Family Forests



Forestry in Nebraska

Landcover: Approximately 1.24 million acres, or 2.5% of Nebraska’s total land are forested.

Ownership: Over 1 million acres of Nebraska’s forestland are owned by 54,000 family forest owners.

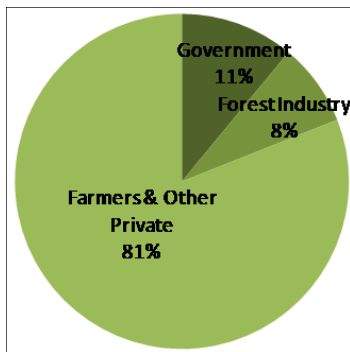
Certified Tree Farms: There are 4 certified American Tree Farms, for a total of 1,269 acres.

Wood: 94%, or 1.1 million acres, of forestland is capable of producing commercial timber.

Wildlife: Nebraska’s wildlife system provides habitats that are considered last strongholds for certain species, such the sandhill crane and the long-billed burllew. 905 of mid-continent geese use Nebraska’s Rainwater Basin each spring.

Recreation: 650,000 sportspersons and wild life watchers who used Nebraska’s forests contributed \$639 million to the local economy.

State Timberland Ownership



Acreage & Ownership of Forestland by Target District

Congressional District	Total	Family Owned	Public	Private Industry
NE 01 Jeff Fortenberry (R)	304,407	221,602	27,812	54,994
NE 03 Adrian Smith (R)	1,170,062	972,144	125,171	72,747

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.