

The Benefits of Family Forests



Forestry in Texas

Landcover: 11.4% of Texas' total land area is covered by forestland

Ownership: Over 10.8 million acres of Texas' forestland are owned by 344,000 family forest owners.

Certified Tree Farms: There are 2,371 certified American Tree Farms for a total of 840,101 acres.

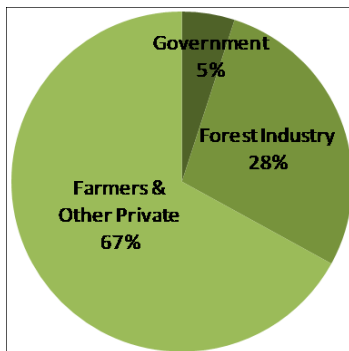
Jobs: The Forestry and Timber Industry employ 74,770 workers and has an annual payroll of \$1.8 billion

Wood: Texas' state tree, the Pecan, is the tallest-growing of all native hickories reaching heights of 200 feet. Mature trees can produce up to 1,000 pounds of nuts each year.

Wildlife: Forests provide habitats for a number of species including the rare Fringed Myotis, Pronghorn, and endangered Red Wolf

Recreation: More than 6 million sportspersons and wildlife watchers contributed over \$9 billion to the local economy.

State Timberland Ownership



Acreage & Ownership of Forestland by Target District

Congressional District	Total	Family Owned	Public	Private Industry
TX 11 K. Michael Conaway	12,734,202	10,498,387	697,783	1,538,032
TX 13 Mac Thornberry (R)	6,117,074	4,477,452	169,575	1,470,047
TX 23 Francisco Canseco (R)	15,009,848	7,137,984	733,880	7,137,984
TX 28 Henry Cuellar (D)	4,132,467	2,866,812	69,246	1,196,409

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.