

The Benefits of Family Forests



Forestry in Alabama

Landcover: AL has nearly 23 million acres of forests, comprising 71% of total state land area.

Ownership: Over 14.7 million acres of Alabama’s forestland are owned by 399,000 family forest owners.

Certified Tree Farms: There are 2,657 certified tree farms in the state ATFS program for a total of 3,090,878 acres.

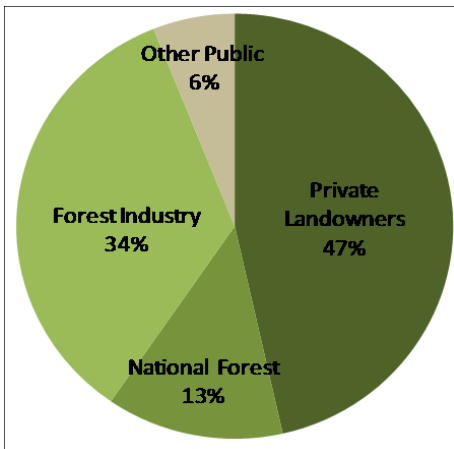
Jobs: The forests industry directly employs 48,000 people and indirectly employs over 100,000 people.

Wood: Timber is Alabama’s #1 crop, and forestry is one of the state’s top industries, generating \$13 billion per year.

Wildlife: Alabama ranks 4th in the nation for biological diversity. Forests provide habitat for a vast majority of these species.

Recreation: There are 310,000 licensed hunters in Alabama who benefit from well-managed forests.

State Timberland Ownership



Acreage & Ownership of Forestland by Target District

| Congressional District | Total | Family Owned | Public | Private Industry |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------|------------------|
| AL 01 Jo Bonner (R) | 3,173,470 | 1,709,223 | 171,193 | 91,205 |
| AL 02 Martha Roby (R) | 4,624,046 | 3,243,377 | 136,502 | 1,244,164 |
| AL 07 Terri Sewell (D) | 4,247,291 | 2,490,313 | 265,883 | 1,627,594 |

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.