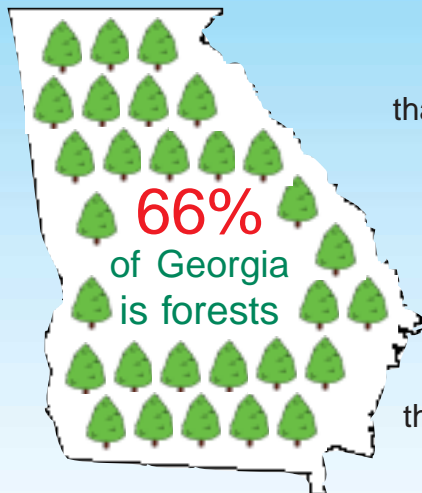


Georgia Forest Facts

GEORGIA'S FORESTLAND

The total land area of Georgia is 37 million acres.

24.5 million acres
is considered to be
forestland...
that's 2/3 of the state!

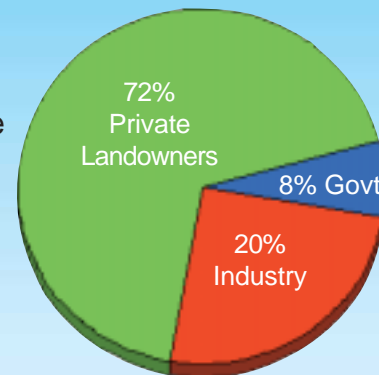


Of this
24.5 million acres,
23.9 million acres
are available for
commercial use
...that's more
than any other state!

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COMMERCIAL FORESTLAND OWNERSHIP

Of the 23.9 million acres
of commercially available
forestland, individual
citizens (*private non-
industrial landowners*)
own the bulk of the land.



Government - 8% (2.02 million acres)

Forest Industry - 20% (4.68 million acres)

Private non-industrial landowners - 72% (17.20 million acres)

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ECONOMY:

TIMBER - THE TOP CROP:

- Timber is the highest valued vegetative crop in Georgia followed by cotton, peanuts, and vegetables.
- Georgia remains one of the top pulp & paper states in the nation.



Timber
19%*

GEORGIA'S TOP FOUR CROPS



Cotton
8%*



Peanuts
6%*



Vegetables
5%*

* % of total sales includes plant and animal crops

Georgia Forestry Commission
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002

FORESTRY - THE LEADING INDUSTRY:

- Forestry directly creates 177,266 jobs statewide and supports a total of 204,065 jobs.
- Georgia's forest resource creates a **19.5 billion** dollar direct economic impact in the state annually with a total direct and indirect impact of **30.5 billion** dollars.

Economic Development Institute
Georgia Institute of Technology



**FORESTRY IS A
\$30.5 BILLION / YEAR
INDUSTRY IN GEORGIA**

SUPPORT FORESTRY . . . IT DEFINITELY SUPPORTS YOU!



REFORESTATION:

- In the last 20 years (1983-2002), Georgians have replanted nearly 7.85 million acres in trees... that's 1,075 acres a day, which is 698,750 trees per day.
- Approximately 1.78 trees are planted for every one harvested to ensure that future forests will continue to support our economy and environment.
- An estimated 80,000 acres of forestland are naturally regenerated each year.

2001-2002 GFC Reforestation Survey

FOREST PROTECTION:

- Georgia experiences about 8,767 forest fires each year that damage or destroy approximately 38,183 forest acres.
- Georgia firefighters have the best fire suppression record in the Southeast with the average size fire consuming less than five acres.
- Careless burning of debris continues to be the leading cause of forest fires.

Based on USFS Annual Forest Fire Statistics

FOREST TYPE:

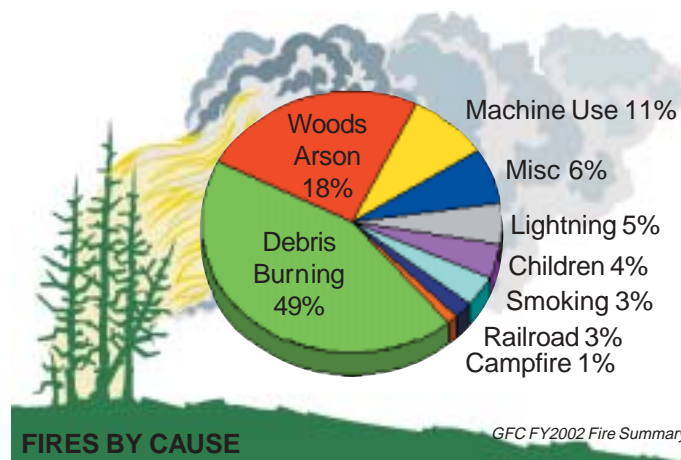
- Commercial forestland in Georgia consists of: 39.2% hardwoods, 16.2% oak/pine, 44% pine, and .6% non-stocked.
- The most prevalent hardwood forest types are oak, maple, yellow poplar, and sweetgum.
- Loblolly and slash are the primary pine forest types.

HARDWOODS - 39.2 %

OAK/PINE - 16.2 %

PINE - 44 %

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URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY:

Over 70% of Georgia's population lives in urban areas. Urban and community trees make our communities livable. Benefits of healthy trees in urban & rural areas include:

*U.S. Census, 2000
USDA Forest Service*



ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

- Enhance economic stability by attracting businesses and tourists
- Reduce cooling and heating costs
- Can add up to 15% to residential property value

SOCIAL BENEFITS:

- Improve mental and physical health and well-being of people
- Contribute to a sense of community pride and ownership
- Provide privacy and a sense of solitude and security

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS:

- Clean water, conserve water, and reduce soil erosion
- Clean air and reduce air pollution
- Create wildlife and plant diversity
- Modify local climate

FOREST PRODUCTS:

Trees can be used to make thousands of consumer items. On the average, each American will use approximately 3 pounds of wood products per day. Products or by-products from trees include:

Bandage strips

Baseball bats

Candles

Capsules/Tablets

Clothing

Combs

Cough syrup

Crackers

Crayons

Eyeglass frames

Football helmets

Fruits & Nuts

Gum

Ice cream

Lipstick

Make-up

Maple syrup

Milk cartons

Nail polish

Newspaper

Paint

Parmesan cheese

Pencils

Perfume

Photo film

Shampoo

Sponges

Tires

Toilet tissue

Toothpaste



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