

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Illinois represented 6 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 7 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$1,812,170	46,025
Total Manufacturing	\$29,905,719	639,422

Source: Census Bureau 2006

* Forest-Based Industries consists of all industries that use wood as a part of the finished product.

Project Spotlight

During the last 4 years of the Wood Education and Resource Center's activities, the Center provided \$115,000 that was matched with \$125,000 from partners for two projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

Project Title:

Ash Reclamation Project for Illinois

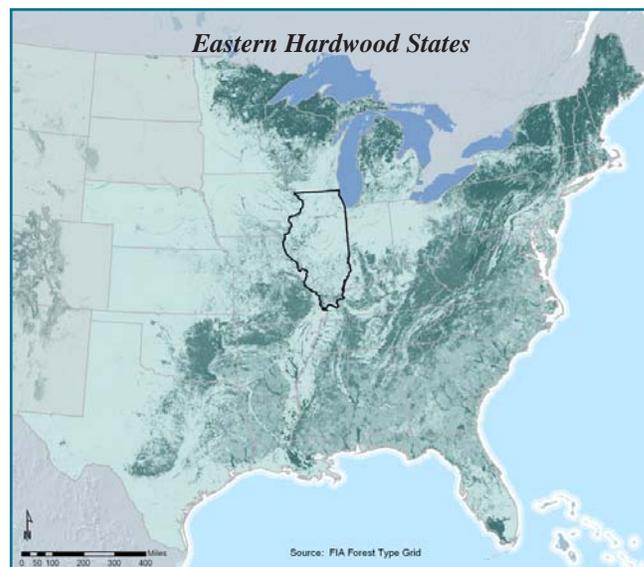


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The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. WERC's mission is to facilitate

networking and information exchange with the forest products industry, in order to enhance opportunities that sustain forest products production. WERC's programs support managerial and technical innovation that keep businesses competitive, and provide state-of-the-art training, technology transfer, and applied research. The center consists of offices, training facilities, and a rough mill in Princeton, WV, and serves the 35 States in the eastern hardwood region of the United States.

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The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Wood Utilization project plans to build the foundation necessary to develop a successful urban ash utilization initiative in Illinois. The project will assess the volume and quality of ash and other urban tree resources that are available for possible reclamation. The program will compare various disposal methods and costs to other methods that recover wood. Technical and financial support will be provided to entrepreneurs, community organizations and start-up businesses to assist in managing impending losses; to enable optimization of wood utilization; and to encourage economic development. The project will create market opportunities beyond Illinois borders and demonstrate the value of the urban ash resource.

Detailed information about this project can be found at the WERC website location: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/werc/projects.shtm>.



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