

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Minnesota represented 11 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 12 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$1,629,471	38,690
Total Manufacturing	\$15,179,044	326,087

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 \$489,381 that was matched with \$661,127 from partners for seven projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

Project Title:

Heat Sterilization of Ash Firewood for Thermal Eradication of Emerald Ash Borer

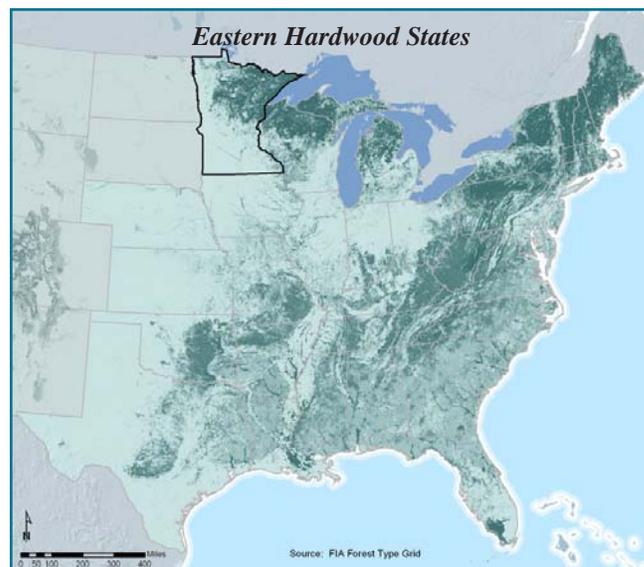


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The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. WERC's mission is to facilitate

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 project will examine the practicality and efficaciousness of using heat treating schedules for eradicating Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and other non-native insect species from ash firewood. The information will benefit communities and firewood producers in planning and executing effective heat treatment on hardwood firewood. Mathematical models will be developed to calculate estimates of heating times. Field trials will also be conducted to determine the validity of the models for large scale heat treatment operations.

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



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