

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Missouri represented 8 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 10 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll <i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$994,685	27,776
Total Manufacturing	\$12,573,136	284,980

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 \$184,205 that was matched with \$184,313 from partners for two projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

Project Title:

Simple Sawing Trainer



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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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A simple log sawing program will be developed, tested, and implemented to run on an accessible and affordable software platform. It will consist of an interactive graphic log sawing simulator that will be accessible and affordable. The program will be a visual tool with which students can learn about log sawing, researchers can study log sawing, and small sawmills will be able to examine certain sawing practices. The effects of various sawing methods, sawing patterns, or flitch thickness can be tested.

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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