

## State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Mississippi represented 25 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 27 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
<b>Forest-based Industry*</b>	\$1,417,287	43,081
<b>Total Manufacturing</b>	\$5,607,110	159,943

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 \$188,104 that was matched with \$190,325 from partners for three projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

### Project Title:

Development of Saw Engineering and Trouble Shooting (SETS) Software

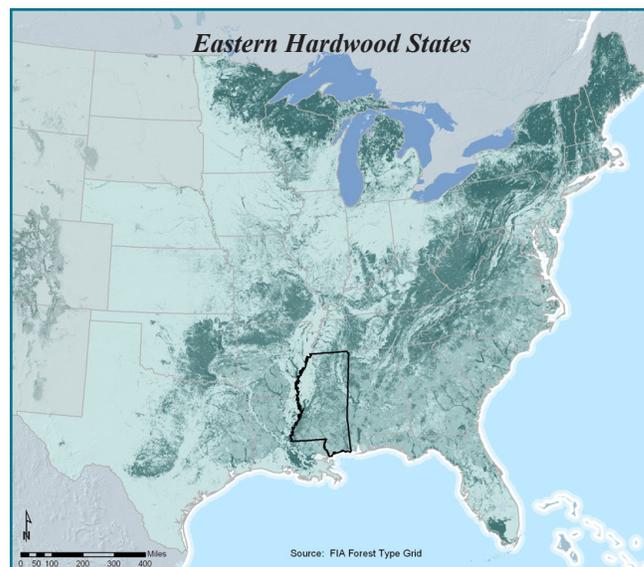


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WERC's mission is to facilitate networking and information exchange with the forest products industry, in order to enhance opportunities that sustain forest products production. WERC's programs support managerial and technical innovation that keep 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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Software will be developed that will enable users to determine the proper saw design for purchasing, optimizing or troubleshooting circular or band saws. Workshops will be held on the use of the software and the saws for sawmill managers and or millwrights who are unfamiliar with the mechanics of the saws. The users' manual will describe basic sawmill mechanics and include a tutorial and prompt for information that sawmill staff will be able to input without engineering training.

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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