

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of North Carolina represented 16 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 18 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$3,159,737	92,744
Total Manufacturing	\$19,223,990	501,548

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 \$469,595 that was matched with \$505,086 from partners for seven projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

Project Title:

Promoting Greater Use of Underutilized Eastern Hardwood Species by Improving Design, Marketing and Manufacturing



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 focus on expanding markets for finished wooden products made from underutilized hardwood species (Hickory, Sweetgum, Tupelo, Hackberry, Sycamore, Beech, Red Maple and White Pine) from eastern forests. Workshops will be conducted on the processing and marketing of underutilized species with various interest groups including landowners, loggers, sawmills, lumber dryers, dimension mills, furniture and millwork manufacturers, product designers, and retailers. Activities will include demonstrations that involve sawing logs, drying lumber, designing and building products, and applying finishes.

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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