

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of New Jersey 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*	\$974,923	20,519
Total Manufacturing	\$15,301,784	290,513

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 \$70,268 that was matched with \$71,500 from partners for two projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

Project Title:

Prospects for Enhancing Opportunities for Sustained Production in Primary and Secondary Hardwood Industries in New Jersey



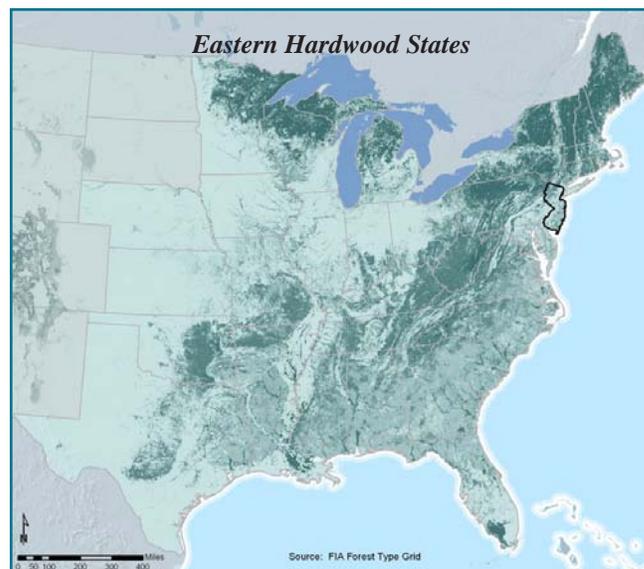
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The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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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A review was conducted of the primary and secondary hardwood industries as well as the forest resources in New Jersey, from both an historical and an existing perspective. The project identified and characterized innovative products and services for expanding existing businesses as well as starting new ones. It examined the prospects available for enhancing opportunities for sustained forest products production. A final report documented how the information was gathered, the analysis undertaken, its findings and the resulting conclusions.

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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