

## State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Pennsylvania represented 9 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 11 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
<b>Forest-based Industry*</b>	\$2,734,781	71,641
<b>Total Manufacturing</b>	\$28,998,942	643,498

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 \$296,399 that was matched with \$309,172 from partners for six projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

### Project Title:

Implications of an Environmental Certification Program for the U.S. Kitchen Cabinet Industry



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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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An analysis of the Environmental Stewardship Program recently developed by the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMA) will be conducted to determine potential benefits of the program, potential roadblocks to acceptance of the program, as well as the potential impacts it may have on suppliers of certified hardwood products. Association members will be surveyed in order to compare program adopters vs non-adopters, and their decision making process. Supply and demand implications will also be examined for primary hardwood producers that have been environmentally certified.

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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