

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of South Carolina represented 11 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 10 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$ 1,120,831	25,244
Total Manufacturing	\$10,540,014	248,294

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 \$156,300 that was matched with \$217,035 from partners for two projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

Project Title:

Strategic and Tactical Solutions to Sustainability Issues within South Carolina's Wood Manufacturing Industry

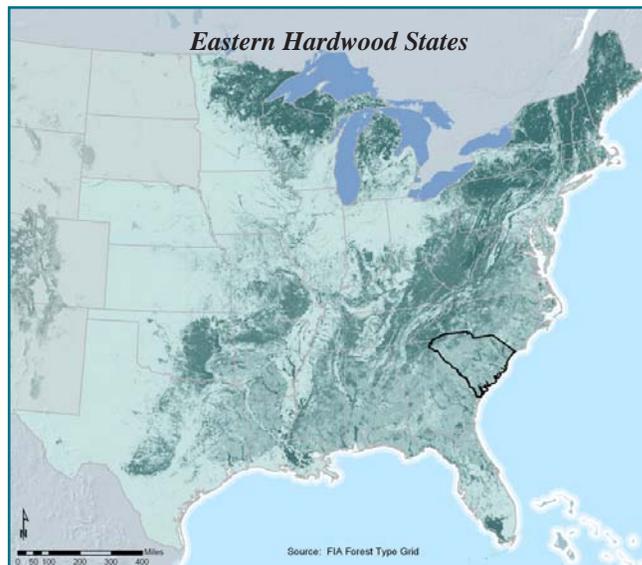


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The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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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The project will address manufacturing and sustainability issues facing primary and secondary wood industries of South Carolina. Experienced manufacturing specialists, wood industry experts, educational resources, along with forestry service resources will be part of a program that will target issues such as market technology, business and marketing solution and management practices that will improve the competitiveness of the wood products manufacturers. On-site visits will be conducted to perform manufacturing business assessments that will lead to individual prioritized improvement plans. The project will also provide implementation assistance which may include training and coaching and mentoring.

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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