

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Virginia represented 14 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 17 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$1,597,915	45,030
Total Manufacturing	\$11,665,311	272,293

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 \$1,404,630 that was matched with \$1,406,681 from partners for 21 projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

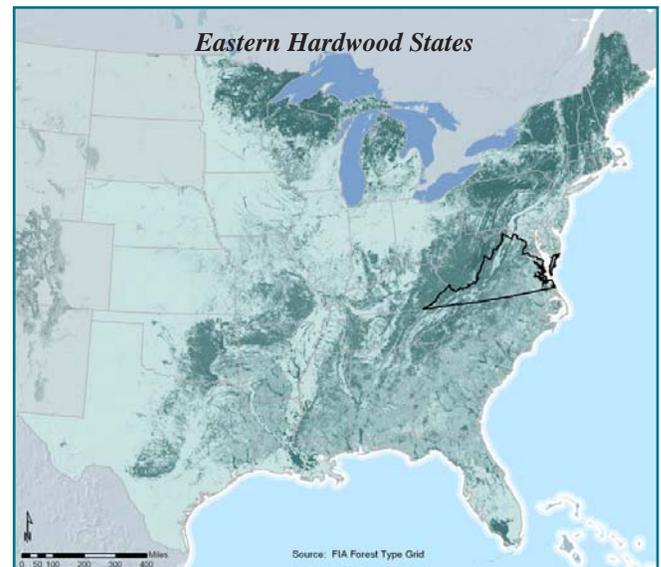


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The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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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Project Title:

Investigation on the Vacuum Lethal Time and Lethal Percentage Weight Loss of Asian Longhorned Beetle and Emerald Ash Borer

Grant Number: 05-DG-283

The project developed and tested a vacuum treatment process to eliminate the spread of the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) and the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) larvae in wood packaging materials and other wood products. A series of experiments were conducted to gather data to develop a system that targets wood insects in solid wood packaging materials as well as other wood products. Study results produced a low-pressure vacuum treatment system, in a controlled atmosphere, that desiccated insects in wood and other materials. It was found that desiccation killed ALB pupae and eggs.

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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