

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Vermont represented 9 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 14 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$148,887	4,745
Total Manufacturing	\$1,606,963	34,416

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 \$211,147 that was matched with \$544,175 from partners for four projects. A brief summary of a project follows::

Project Title:

Decision Making Tools (Software) for the Sawmill Industry in the Northeast and Midwest

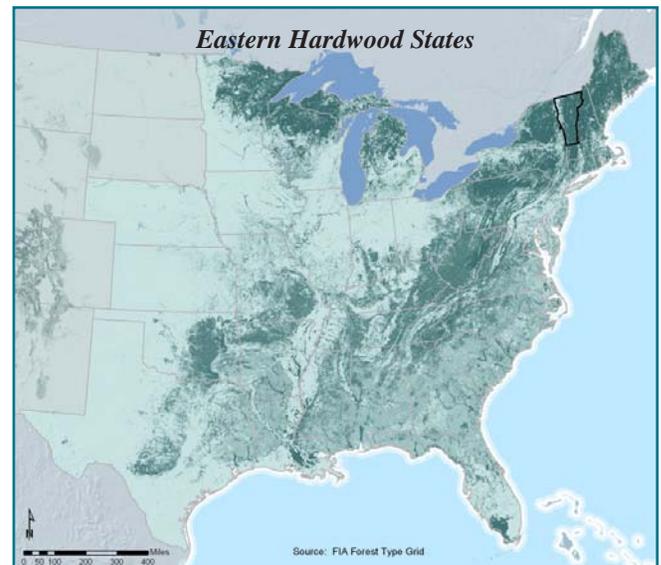


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The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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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This project is designed to help familiarize state and university wood utilization specialists and sawmill personnel with the software decision-making tools developed through USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station. The programs were developed to help the industry improve sawmill recovery efficiency and to improve their economic competitiveness. Interested state and university wood utilization specialists will be trained through a video conference. Workshops will be developed and conducted throughout the northeast and mid-west to introduce the range of tools available to the forest products industry. The decision-making tools can be viewed at www.fs.fed.us/ne/princeton/software.

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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