

### **ALABAMA'S FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY**



#### **OVERVIEW**

Alabama has the third largest commercial forestland base in lower 48 U.S. states with over 23 million acres. Alabama's timberland has a promising future which continues to add tree volume year over year at a rate of 2 to 2.5% per year. Forest products exports were valued over \$1.3 billion in 2020.

A study of the industry by the Forest Products Development Center at Auburn University in 2013 found that lumber and wood products industries produced an estimated \$4.1 billion worth of products, pulp and paper products industries produced an estimated \$8.8 billion worth of products, and furniture and other secondary wood industries produced an estimated \$1.9 billion worth of products.

Alabama's forest industry has been a large and consistent source of new capital investment. During 2020, 21 new and expansion projects were announced. Among those announcements, almost \$275 million has been invested.

(Source: Alabama Department of Commerce, AIDT, Alabama Forestry Commission, Forest Inventory and Analysis National Program https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/)













WOOD PRODUCT MFG ESTABLISHMENTS: 399 EMPLOYMENT: 17,657 PAPER PRODUCT MFG ESTABLISHMENTS: 97 EMPLOYMENT: 11,261

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Annual Avg. 2020

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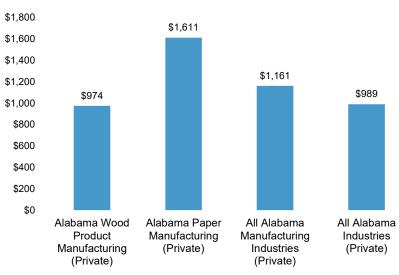
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Source: Alabama Forestry Commission, https://forestry.alabama.gov/Pages/Management/ForestIndustryDire





### **AVG WEEKLY WAGES**



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Annual Avg. 2020

# RECENT EXPANSIONS & NEW PROJECTS (PARTIAL LIST)

## **WORKFORCE TRAINING**



Alabama Forestry
Works is the only
workforce
development
program developed for
forest industries in the
United States.

A collaborative effort between the Forest Workforce Training Institute and other partners within the forest industry to develop a pipeline of qualified workers for the logging and wood product manufacturing industries.



# 3 COLLEGES IN ALABAMA OFFER DEGREES IN FORESTRY

| Company                                 | County     | Product                            | Jobs | Investment (million) |
|---|------------|------------------------------------|------|----------------------|
|   |            | 2020                               |      |                      |
| Ashton Lewis - Sullivan Lumber,<br>Inc. | Tuscaloosa | Sawmill                            | 89   | \$5.1 (New)          |
| Coastal Forest Products                 | Butler     | Forest Products                    | 0    | \$7.2 (Expansion)    |
| Harrigan Lumber Company,                | Monroe     | Sawmill                            | 0    | \$26.1 (Expansion)   |
| Integrity Cabinets                      | Clay       | Cabinets                           | 45   | \$4.7 (Expansion)    |
| Jasper Lumber Company                   | Walker     | Lumber Production                  | 73   | \$45 (Expansion)     |
| Kith Kitchens                           | Lauderdale | Cabinets and Countertops           | 131  | \$11 (Expansion)     |
| OMM Timber                              | Randolph   | Sawmill                            | 22   | \$2.5 (New)          |
| Pinnacle Renewable Energy               | Marengo    | Wood Pellet Manufacturing          | 45   | \$95 (New)           |
| Resource Fiber                          | Lamar      | Manufacturing Products from Bamboo | 110  | \$3.5 (New)          |
| Southeast Alabama Forest<br>Products    | Barbour    | Sawmill                            | 5    | \$41 (Expansion)     |
| Tru Cabinetry                           | Clay       | Cabinets                           | 10   | \$4.4 (Expansion)    |
| WestRock                                | Jackson    | Paper Mill                         | 0    | \$14.9 (Expansion)   |
|   |            | 2019                               |      |                      |
| Bay Minette Box LLC                     | Baldwin    | Box Manufacturer                   | 16   | \$8.5 (New)          |
| Georgia-Pacific                         | Choctaw    | Paper Mills                        | 0    | \$120 (Expansion)    |
| Kimberly-Clark                          | Mobile     | Paper Manufacturing                | 0    | \$29.3 (Expansion)   |
| Louisiana Pacific Corporation           | Cullman    | Oriented Strand Board (OSB)        | 0    | \$6.9 (Expansion)    |
| West Fraser                             | Lee        | Timber Plant                       | 0    | \$43.2 (Expansion)   |
| WestRock                                | Chambers   | Paperboard Printing & Packaging    | 0    | \$12.3 (Expansion)   |



