

Alabama

Forest Products Industry



Alabama has the second largest timberland base in the United States with nearly 23 million acres. The forest products industry is the state's largest manufacturing industry, producing an estimated \$15.6 billion worth of products in 2005 at approximately 850 manufacturing operations. (Source: AU Forest Products Development Center)

Forest products exports were valued at \$1.015 billion in 2009, ranking the industry as the fourth largest exporter in the state. (Source: Alabama Development Office)

A study of the industry by the Forest Products Development Center at Auburn University in 2005 found that lumber and wood products industries produced an estimated \$5.2 billion worth of products, pulp and paper products industries produced an estimated \$7.9 billion worth of products, and furniture and other secondary wood industries produced an estimated \$2.5 billion worth of products.

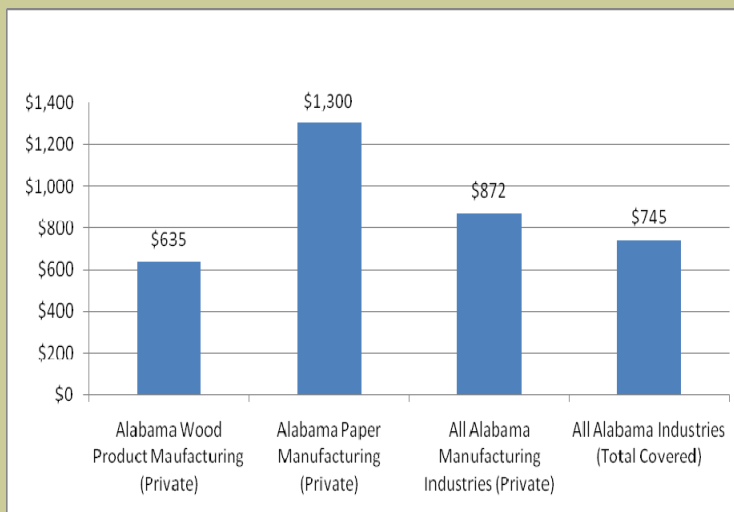
Alabama's forest industry has been the largest consistent source of new investment. During the 10-year period ending in 2005, the industry invested \$5.9 billion in capital for new plants, expansions and modernizations. (Source: Alabama Development Office)

Industry-University Collaboration: The Forest Products Development Center at Auburn University's School of Forestry provides a technical information and analytical support base to facilitate and encourage forest-based economic development in Alabama. The Center serves as a contact point for industry personnel wishing to explore new investment or market opportunities within Alabama.

Sources: U.S.D.A. Forest Service; Alabama Forestry Commission; Auburn Forest Products Development Center; Alabama International Trade Center

Average Weekly Wages

Outlook/Trends



The output of the wood products industry decreased by 9.0 percent to \$1.1 billion in 2009. Output is expected to grow 2.0 percent in 2010.

In 2009, the output of the paper and allied products industries declined by 4.9 percent to \$2.3 billion. Pulp and paper prices at the producer level are expected to increase 1.5 percent in 2010.

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2008 Annual Data; Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Alabama

Company	County	Product	Jobs	Investment (Millions)
2009				
Boatright Companies	Chilton	Crossties for the railroad industry	60	\$40.0 (New)
Boatright Companies	Walker	Crossties for the railroad industry	40	\$25.0 (New)
Coastal Forest Products LLC	Butler	Sawmill and plywood manufacturing	250	\$10.0 (New)
International Paper	Autauga	Paper	-	\$40.0 (Expansion)
Masterbrand Cabinets	Talladega	Cabinets	23	N.A. (Expansion)
2008				
Hixson Lumber	Houston	Preservation and treatment of lumber	40	\$2.0 (New)
Lonestar Forest Products	Fayette	Sawmill, lumber and hardwood flooring	60	\$5.5 (New)
Quality Mill Products	Blount	Cabinetry, railings doors and panels	40	\$2.1 (Expansion)
2007				
American Laminated Products	Franklin	Laminated wood products	10	\$2 (New)
Cascades Sonoco	Jefferson	Roll packaging products	19	\$6.8 (Expansion)
Cullman Cabinet	Cullman	Cabinets	20	\$2.2 (Expansion)
SCA Tissue North America	Colbert	Tissue paper products	30	\$145.0 (Expansion)
2006				
Forest Technologies Holdings	Pickens	Hardwood decking & flooring	30	N.A. (New)
Hardwoods, Inc. of Alabama	Shelby	Wood building products	28	\$4.0 (New)
International Paper	Lawrence	Paper	24	\$53.0 (Expansion)
Jim Bishop Cabinets	St. Clair	Semi-custom cabinets	20	N.A. (New)
SCA Tissue	Colbert	Tissue paper products	16	\$23.0 (Expansion)
2005				
Brown Wood Preserving	Lamar	Treated timber, lumber, utility poles	15	N.A. (Expansion)
C&S Door Corporation	Dale	Interior wood doors	80	\$10.0 (New)
D&S Cabinets, Inc.	Limestone	Cabinets	24	N.A. (Expansion)
Kronospan GmbH	Calhoun	Wood-based panels and particle board	700	\$500.0 (New)
LP Wood Polymers	Dallas	Wood building products	20	\$14.0 (Expansion)
Paragon Panels of Alabama	Barbour	Fiberboard	85	N.A. (New)
Perfection Cabinetry Co.	Cullman	Cabinets	30	N.A. (Expansion)
Pinnacle Enterprises	Etowah	Wood cabinet doors	11	N.A. (New)
Thacker Casket Mfg.	Lauderdale	Burial caskets	90	\$4.0 (New)
Windsor Cabinets	Blount	Frameless cabinets	20	\$1.0 (New)
2004				
Jim Bishop Cabinets	Montgomery	Kitchen cabinetry	50	\$2.0 (Expansion)
Falkville Wood Treating	Morgan	Creosote wood treatment	5	\$3.0 (New)
USG, Inc. (US Gypsum)	Jackson	Building materials	5	\$22.6 (Expansion)
Wellborn Cabinet	Clay	Kitchen and bath cabinetry	800	\$30.0 (Expansion)
Wellborn Forest Products	Tallapoosa	Kitchen and bath cabinetry	60	\$3.3 (Expansion)
2003				
Alabama Paper Products	Tuscaloosa	Roofing materials from recycled products	21	\$4.0 (Expansion)
Nature's Earth Products	Pickens	Kitty litter made from recycled wood	15	\$4.0 (New)
Wellborn Cabinet	Clay	Kitchen and bath cabinetry	250	\$4.5 (Expansion)



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