

Forest Products Industry



Alabama has the second largest timberland base in the United States with nearly 23 million acres. It's no surprise that the forest industry is the state's largest manufacturing industry, producing an estimated \$15.6 billion worth of products in 2005. In fact, there are approximately 850 forest products manufacturing operations in the state. The value of forest products exported in 2005 was \$983 million, making it the largest exporting industry in the state.

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)

Lumber and Wood Products

In 2005, the lumber and wood products industries produced an estimated \$5.2 billion worth of products.

Pulp and Paper Products

Pulp and paper products industries produced an estimated \$7.9 billion worth of products in 2005.

Furniture and Fixtures

Furniture and other secondary wood products industries produced an estimated \$2.5 billion worth of products in 2005.

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. The Center can either directly provide or assist in providing numerous technical studies, marketing studies, and evaluations. :

Visit the center's website at <http://www.forestry.auburn.edu/fpdc/fpdchome.html>

Employment

Alabama's forest industry directly employs approximately 59,000 Alabamians with an annual payroll in 2005 estimated at \$2.3 billion.

Outlook/Trends

The wood products manufacturing industry output decreased by 12 percent in 2007 to \$1.1 billion.

In 2007, the output of the paper and allied products industries rose by 1.5 percent to \$3.1 billion.

Source: Auburn University Forest Products Development Center; Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Alabama

Company	County	Product	Jobs Created	Investment (Millions)
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 (Expansion)
2006				
Forest Technologies Holdings	Pickens	Hardwood decking & flooring	30	N.A. (New)
Hardwoods, Inc. of Alabama	Shelby	Wood building products	28	\$4 (New)
International Paper	Lawrence	Paper	24	\$53 (Expansion)
Jim Bishop Cabinets	St. Clair	Semi-custom cabinets	20	N.A. (New)
SCA Tissue	Colbert	Tissue paper products	16	\$23 (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 (New)
D&S Cabinets, Inc.	Limestone	Cabinets	24	N.A. (Expansion)
Kronospan GmbH	Calhoun	Wood-based panels and particle board	700	\$500 (New)
LP Wood Polymers	Dallas	Wood building products	20	\$14 (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 (New)
Windsor Cabinets	Blount	Frameless cabinets	20	\$1 (New)
2004				
Wellborn Cabinets, Inc.	Clay	Kitchen and bath cabinetry	800	30 (Expansion)
Jim Bishop Cabinets	Montgomery	Kitchen cabinetry	50	\$2 (Expansion)
USG, Inc. (US Gypsum)	Jackson	Building materials	5	\$22.6 (Expansion)
Louisiana-Pacific Corp.	Clarke	Smartside siding products	130	N/A (New Project)
Wellborn Forest Products	Tallapoosa	Kitchen and bath cabinetry	60	\$3.3 (Expansion)
Falkville Wood Treating	Morgan	Creosote wood treatment	5	\$3 (New Project)
2003				
Alabama Paper Products	Tuscaloosa	Roofing materials from recycled products	21	\$4 (Expansion)
Wellborn Cabinets Inc.	Clay	Cabinets	250	\$4.5 (Expansion)
Nature's Earth Products	Pickens	Alternative kitty litter made from recycled wood	15	\$4.0 (New Project)
2002				
Grayson Lumber Corp	Conecuh	Lumber	100	\$11.5 (Expansion)
Menasha Packaging Corp.	Limestone	Corrugated cardboard boxes	100	N/A (New Project)
SCA North America	Colbert	Napkins, paper towels, tissue	400	\$240 (New Project)
2001				
Homan Forest Products	Colbert	Processed Lumber	50	\$.5 (Expansion)
Berry Wood Products	Fayette	Wood product finishing	25	\$2.5 (New Project)
Paris Packaging	Covington	Folding cartons	35	\$2 (New Project)



Updated September 2007