

THE VAST IMPACTS OF ARKANSAS'S FOREST LANDOWNERS

The environmental and economic benefits of a managed forest begin with the commitment, investment, and hard work of the landowner. Arkansas's forest landowners are the unsung heroes who play a critical role in the state's economy, communities, and environment.

PLANT, GROW, HARVEST, RE-PLANT

15M

Acres of private forest

Every year, Arkansas grows nearly 2x more wood than harvested

SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

95%

Landowners use sustainable practices

Arkansas landowners are responsible stewards of their forest, following state guidelines across all categories including streams, wetlands, reforestation, and more

GROWING OXYGEN FOR

153M

Residents annually

Thank a forest landowner for the air you breathe. Private forests produce enough oxygen for 153M residents to breathe every year

CLEANING THE AIR

2.6M

Cars' emissions removed

Private forest landowners are sequestering the emissions of 2.6M cars annually driven on Arkansas's roads

ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

\$30B

Impact on the Arkansas economy

COMPARE

If forestry were a corporation in Arkansas, its economic impact would rank 3rd, just behind Wal-Mart and Tyson Foods (\$514B vs. \$37B)

JOB CREATION

64,000

Arkansas jobs supported by forestry

COMPARE

Jobs supported by forestry are more than the combined employees of Tyson Chicken, Dillard's Store, and ArcBest (64,000 vs. 7,800 + 40,000 + 13,000)

PAYCHECKS FOR FAMILIES

\$1.5B

Salaries and wages

COMPARE

Paychecks in the pockets of families employed by forestry could buy 11,500 homes annually

FUNDING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

\$444M

State taxes

COMPARE

Taxes paid to the state by forestry jobs could pay the annual salaries of 8,700 teachers in the Arkansas school system

FORESTS TO FAUCETS

40%

Of Arkansas's water supply flows from private forests

100 MATURE TREES INTERCEPT

250,000

Gallons of rainfall per year

Forests filter rainfall, removing sediments and pollutants before slowly releasing water into streams and rivers that feed into the watersheds that provide public drinking water

SAFE DRINKING WATER

500K

Arkansas residents get more than half their public drinking water from private forests

Whether you care about drinking water, clean air or economic benefits, we must understand the role of the landowner and the importance of harvesting timber to provide income for the caretakers of the forests.

Economic Impact Data was derived from 2018 IMPLAN data. Find more information about this factsheet or forestry in Alabama, agriculture.arkansas.gov/.



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