Oregon's wood products industry is a traded sector, with close to 75 percent of all products made here sold outside the state. This state dominates U.S. production of softwood lumber and plywood. Now, it’s also a leader in engineered wood, and home to the first mill in the United States to manufacture structurally certified cross-laminated timber (CLT). Oregon forest landowners practice sustainable forestry and comply with the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

Lumber: 5.5 billion board feet, 16% of total U.S. production (No. 1 in U.S.)

Plywood: 2.5 billion square feet, 28% of total U.S. production (No. 1 in U.S.)

40 MILLION TREES PLANTED IN 2017

NO CHANGE IN NUMBER OF FORESTED ACRES IN OREGON SINCE 1953: STILL 30 MILLION ACRES

OREGON TIMBER HARVEST BY OWNER

FORESTLAND OWNERSHIP

- Federal: 17.8 million acres
- Large private: 6.6 million acres
- Small private: 3.6 million acres
- State and other public: 1.1 million acres
- Tribal: 484,000 acres
- Total: 29.7 million acres

FOREST SECTOR JOBS (2017)

- Forest management: 6,952
- Forestry support: 13,239
- Primary forest products: 19,888
- Secondary forest products: 12,197
- Distribution, transportation: 8,775
- Total: 61,051

Annual payroll: $3.3 billion

PRIMARY WOOD PROCESSING

- Sawmills: 90
- Plywood/veneer plants: 26
- Pulp and board plants: 19
- Engineered wood plants: 18
- Other: 35
- Total facilities: 188

A BALANCED APPROACH - FORESTLAND MANAGEMENT CLASSES

- Timber production: 36%
- Multi-resource: 33%
- Reserve: 31%

Oregon’s forests are managed for three primary purposes: timber production, multi-resource, including recreation, water and wildlife, and reserves with limited timber harvest that are set aside as parks or wilderness areas, or to protect endangered species habitat.

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