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.)

No change in number of forested acres in Oregon since 1953: Still 30 million acres

Nearly half of Oregon’s 63 million acres are forestland.

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

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

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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