

Forest Tree Facts

In Indiana, we can see the TREES for the Forest!

- Our forests support recreational activities that include hunting, fishing, trail riding, camping, bird watching and habitat for wildlife.
- Most harvesting is conducted on single tree selection; that is selection of individual mature trees for harvest.
- Indiana's forest area continues to grow by 100,000 acres in 3 years.
- Total forest growth is 1.5 times faster than timber harvest.

How big is Indiana Forestry?

- The Indiana forest products industry is the fourth largest manufacturing industry in the state.
- Indiana has 4.6 million acres of forest land; 85% of that land is held by private owners.
- The total economic impact of the Hardwoods industry in Indiana is \$17 billion.
- The forest products industry directly employs over 38,000 Hoosiers statewide and indirectly employs an additional 91,000.
- Indiana ranks first nationally in the production of:
 - o Wood office furniture
 - o Manufactured homes
 - o Wood stock line kitchen cabinets
 - o Wooden caskets and coffins
 - o Hardwood plywood type products

U.S. Forest Tree Facts

- One third of the U.S. is covered with trees....more than 747 million acres. This number has actually grown over the past 100 years.
- Each day, the forestry community plants over 4 million seedlings to ensure the continuation of this important natural resource
- Lumber and wood products companies employ 1.7 million people who plant, grow, harvest and produce wood and paper products.
- Lumber and wood products firms are the most energy efficient of all industries, using wood waste to furnish 75% of their energy needs.
- More than 193 million acres are set aside in national parks, never to be touched by logging.

