



OVERVIEW

Alabama has the second largest timberland base in the United States with nearly 23 million acres. The forest products industry is the state's largest manufacturing industry, producing an estimated \$15.6 billion worth of products in 2005 at approximately 850 manufacturing operations.

Forest products exports were valued at \$1.04 billion in 2014, ranking the industry as the fifth largest exporter in the state.

A study of the industry by the Forest Products Development Center at Auburn University in 2005 found that lumber and wood products industries produced an estimated \$5.2 billion worth of products, pulp and paper products industries produced an estimated \$7.9 billion worth of products, and furniture and other secondary wood industries produced an estimated \$2.5 billion worth of products.

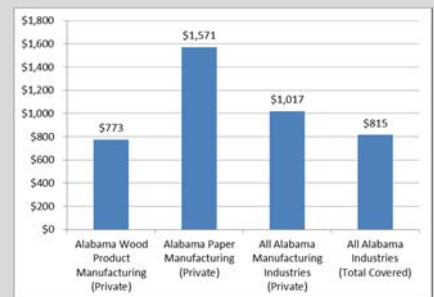
Alabama's forest industry has been a large and consistent source of new capital investment. During the 10-year period ending in 2005, the industry invested \$5.9 billion in capital for new plants, expansions and modernizations.

(Source: Alabama Department of Commerce, AIDT)



Employment and Average Weekly Wages

In 2014, employment in the forest products sector was 25,844; 11,415 jobs in paper manufacturing and 14,429 in wood products manufacturing.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2014 Annual Data.



SELECT RECENT EXPANSIONS & NEW PROJECTS

Company	County	Product	Jobs	Investment (million)
2015				
Capitol Container	Montgomery	Corrugated boxes	15	\$1.9 (Expansion)
Louisiana Pacific	Clarke	Oriented Strand Board (OSB) panels	20	N.A. (Expansion)
WestRock	Chambers	Food & beverage packaging	12	\$19.0 (Expansion)
WestRock	Montgomery	Corrugated boxes	-	\$8.5 (Expansion)
2014				
Conner Industries	Montgomery	Shipping crates, skids & pallets	40	\$0.4 (New)
Georgia-Pacific	Escambia	Linerboard and cartonboard	4	\$375.0 (Expansion)
K&S Lumber	Lamar	Lumber and crossties	12	\$0.4 (New)
Legacy Cabinets	Talladega	Cabinets	140	\$3.4 (Expansion)
West Fraser	Lee	Timber processing	-	\$12.7 (Expansion)
WestRock	Chambers	Food & beverage packaging	18	\$16.4 (Expansion)
2013				
Coastal Forest Products	Butler	Sawmill and plywood manufacturing	50	\$20 (Expansion)
Huhtamaki North America	Covington	Foodservice packaging	13	\$1.9 (Expansion)
Southern Parallel Forest Prod.	Marshall	Pine dimensional lumber	130	N.A. (New)
Weyerhaeuser	Conecuh	Engineered lumber products	100	N.A. (New)
2012				
Boatright Companies	Chilton	Railroad crossties	40	\$15 (Expansion)
Brown-Forman Cooperage	Lawrence	Barrels for Jack Daniel's Whiskey	200	\$100 (New)
Eovations, LLC	Dallas	Building materials	80	\$7.0 (New)
Rock-Tenn	Montgomery	Corrugated boxes	25	N.A. (Expansion)
2011				
Brown-Forman Cooperage	Jackson	White oak used to make whiskey barrels	30	\$7.2 (New)
Sonoco Products	Morgan	Wooden plugs for paper cores	28	\$4.6 (Expansion)
Rock-Tenn Mill Company	Marengo	Bleached paperboard	8	\$28 (Expansion)
Garrison Brothers Lumber Co.	Barbour	Planer mill	10	\$1.0 (Expansion)
2010				
American Lumber	Jefferson	Remanufacturing lumber	50	\$1.6 (New)
Rocky Creek Lumber Co.	Monroe	Lumber and timber sawmill	20	N.A. (Expansion)
Thacker Caskets	Lauderdale	Casket components	40	\$1.6 (Expansion)
United Casework	Etowah	Industrial casework, cabinetry & millwork	30	N.A. (New)
United Treating, Inc.	Lawrence	Treated wood products	25	N.A. (New)
2009				
Boatright Companies	Chilton	Crossties for the railroad industry	60	\$40.0 (New)
Boatright Companies	Walker	Crossties for the railroad industry	40	\$25.0 (New)
Coastal Forest Products LLC	Butler	Sawmill and plywood manufacturing	250	\$10.0 (New)
International Paper	Autauga	Kraft linerboard	-	\$40.0 (Expansion)
Masterbrand Cabinets	Talladega	Cabinets	23	N.A. (Expansion)

Sources

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