

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of West Virginia represented 10 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 15 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$270,999	8,790
Total Manufacturing	\$2,594,829	59,483

Source: Census Bureau 2006

* Forest-Based Industries consists of all industries that use wood as a part of the finished product.

Project Spotlight

During the last 4 years of the Wood Education and Resource Center's activities, the Center provided \$871,361 that was matched with \$804,919 from partners for 18 projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

Project Title:

Up-Grading and Improving the "Managing Your Woodlot" Website



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AND RESOURCE CENTER

The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

WERC's mission is to facilitate networking and information exchange with the forest products industry, in order to enhance opportunities that sustain forest products production. WERC's programs support managerial and technical innovation that keep businesses competitive, and provide state-of-the-art training, technology transfer, and applied research. The center consists of offices, training facilities, and a rough mill in Princeton, WV, and serves the 35 States in the eastern hardwood region of the United States.

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The project resulted in upgrading the existing "Managing Your Woodlot" website. The website contains up-to-date pricing and related information on stumpage valuation that will assist landowners in deciding which trees to keep. To further assist woodlot owners in evaluating the monetary value of their trees, the site contains a stumpage worksheet along with a spreadsheet calculator. The website is available from the AHC website at: <http://ahc.caf.wvu.edu/index.php>

Detailed information about these projects can be found at the WERC website location: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/werc/projects.shtm>.



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