

# Mississippi Forestry by the Numbers

FISCAL YEAR 2025



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# MISSISSIPPI FORESTLAND FACTS

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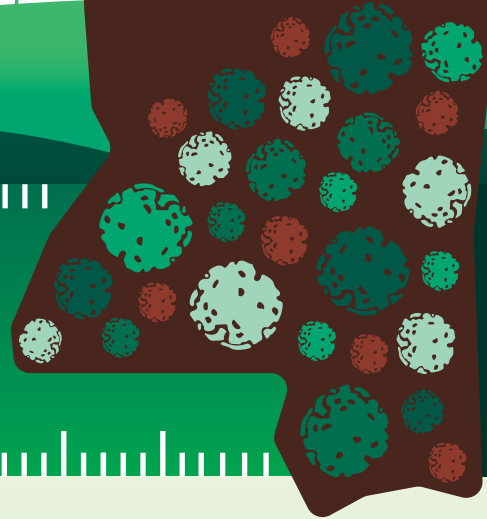


MISSISSIPPI HAS

## 19 MILLION FORESTED ACRES

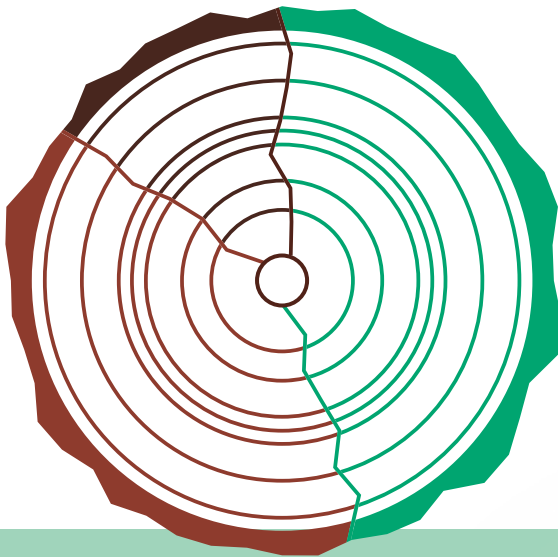


FORESTLAND  
COVERS **64%**  
OF MISSISSIPPI



It would take over **15 million** football fields to fill **19 million** acres!

## TYPES OF FORESTLAND



- Pine, 45%
- Hardwood, 40%
- Mixed, 15%  
(pine & hardwood)

Most of Mississippi's forestland is **privately owned**.



**76.5%** of Mississippi's forestland is owned by **private citizens**.



**12%** of Mississippi's forestland is **corporate-owned**.



**11.5%** of Mississippi's forestland is **government-owned**.



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## \$19.09 BILLION

Mississippi's forestry and forest products industries have a **\$19.09 billion** economic impact.

#1 POULTRY

## #2

### FORESTRY

**FORESTRY** consistently ranks in the top 3 as the state's most valuable agricultural commodity.

#3 SOYBEANS

## \$4.42 BILLION

Mississippi's forestry and forest products industries have a **\$4.42 billion** annual payroll.



## EMPLOYMENT

84,024 people are employed in forestry or related industries.



The Mississippi Forestry Commission provides expert management, protection, and information to keep Mississippi's forestland **healthy, productive, and prosperous.**



## \$9.5 MILLION

School Trust Land (16th section) timber sale revenue contributes millions toward education on a 3-year average.



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR STATE (BY THE NUMBERS)

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**1,702** wildfires suppressed **43,637** acres burned


**2,742** structures saved **19** million acres of forestland in MS


**\$4.7 MILLION**

in **wildland firefighting equipment** issued to local Volunteer Fire Departments.

Forestry accounts for **5.18%** of all jobs in Mississippi

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

 63 VFA grants with a total value of \$270,310 distributed to local **Volunteer Fire Departments**.

 \$29,215 distributed through the **Urban & Community Forestry** Grant Program.

 145,307 people reached through community **outreach** education programs.

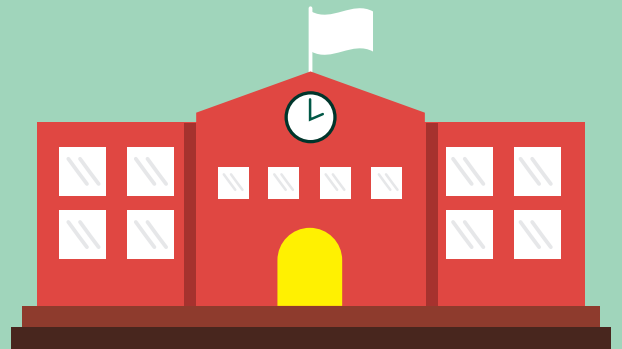
## PRESCRIBED BURNING PROGRAM

 MFC provided 7 **Prescribed Burning Certification** courses for Landowners - 176 students are now **MS Certified Burn Mangers**.

**\$2.55 MILLION**

Cost-share funding distributed to private forest landowners.

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MFC manages **480,000 ACRES** of 16th Section Public School Land to benefit Mississippi schools

**81,608 ACRES**

were reported under a certified stewardship plan or another type of forest management plan in FY 25.