

Georgia-Pacific, Sustainable Forestry and Certification



As a company that does not own forestland, Georgia-Pacific takes steps to assure our customers and consumers that we are responsibly sourcing wood and fiber for our pulp, paper and wood products operations.

It starts with our due diligence system, which includes:

- Building relationships with our suppliers and knowing, down to the county level, where they are sourcing fiber
- Incorporating our responsible sourcing expectations into our purchase contracts
- Evaluating risk levels and public concerns about harvesting practices outside of the United States.

Our due diligence is reinforced by our support for sustainable forestry practices such as:

- **Fiber Sourcing Certification** – Our wood and fiber procurement practices are certified to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Fiber Sourcing Standard. This certification confirms that:
 - raw material in our supply chain comes from legal and responsible sources
 - trained loggers are used in all harvesting activities
 - forestry best management practices are followed
- **Chain of Custody Certification** – Chain of custody certification is an accounting system that tracks fiber content through production and manufacturing to the end product. Georgia-Pacific holds chain of custody certifications from SFI®, Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC®) at many of our locations.
- **Controlled Wood Risk Assessment** – An independent analysis determined that all basins in which Georgia-Pacific operates are at low risk for impacting high conservation value forests, conversion to plantations or non-forest use, illegal harvesting, violating traditional and civil rights, and use of genetically modified trees.

Sustainable forestry means managing forests today in a way that ensures there will be abundant, healthy and diverse forests in the future.



Forest certification was developed to provide guidelines and structure – a set of standards – to determine what is “good” sustainable forestry, and then to verify it. This verification is conducted by third-party auditors.

Georgia-Pacific supports all of the recognized forest certification organizations. We view competition among these programs as vital to continually improving the practice of sustainable forestry on all lands, but not all programs are applicable or relevant for all landowners and every region of the world.



More than 80% of forests in the United States are not certified. These forests are primarily owned by family forest landowners, who have a history of managing their lands sustainably.

About 200 Georgia-Pacific foresters are on the ground in more than a dozen states meeting with local landowners and other wood suppliers.

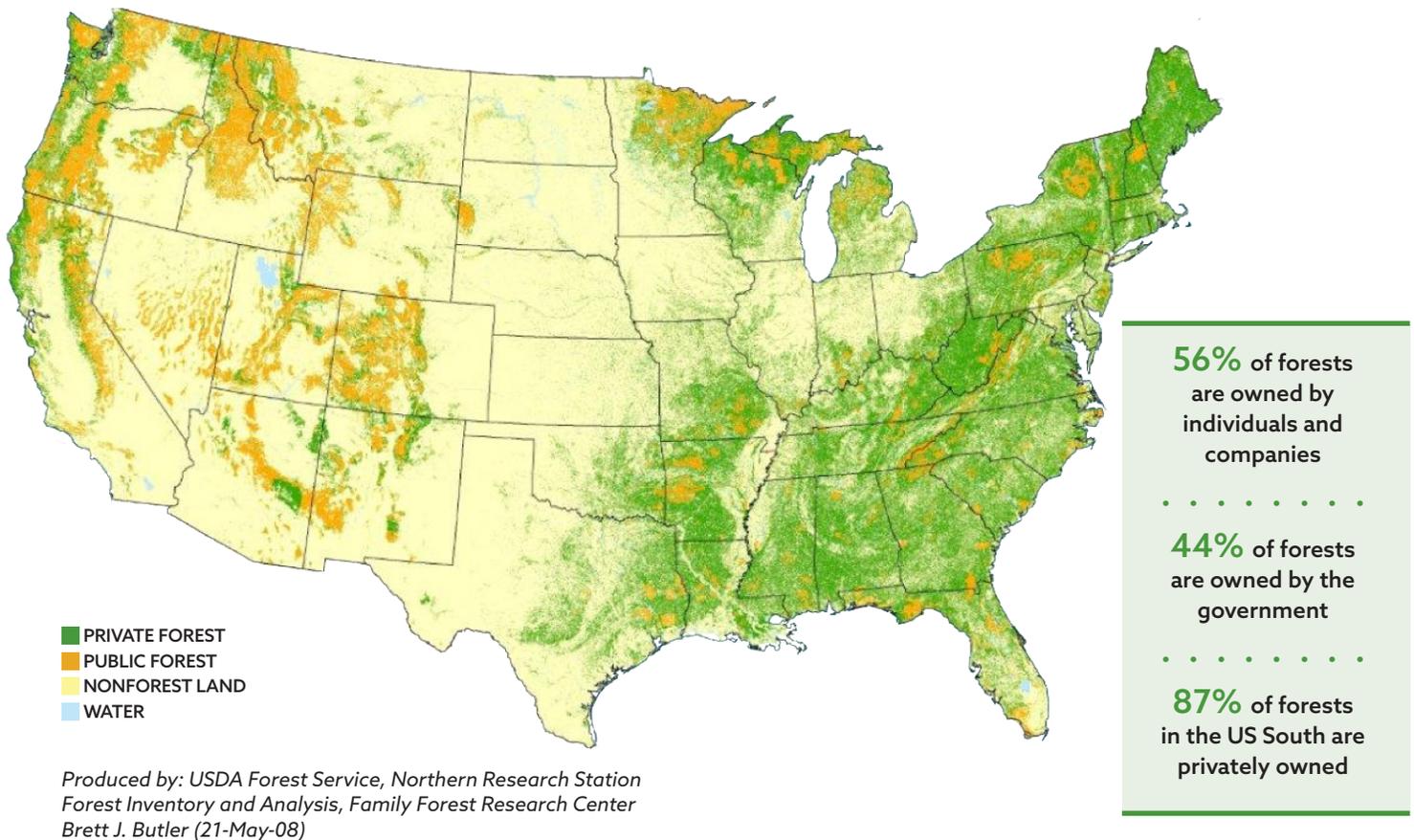
“We do extensive landowner outreach to promote sustainable forest management in areas where we buy fiber.”

*David Schille
Procurement Manager
Alabama*



Ownership of U.S. Forests

The map shows forest coverage and ownership of United States forests — government or private forest landowners (family and corporate ownership) — as well as non-forested land and water.



Protecting Endangered Forests and Promoting Forest Diversity

As part of our commitment to sustainable forestry, Georgia-Pacific is working to protect forests with high conservation value (including endangered forests and special areas) and maintain natural hardwood forests, which can be vulnerable to conversion to pine forests.

We collaborated with the Natural Resources Defense Council and Dogwood Alliance to characterize and map these forest areas. As endangered forests are identified in our key supply regions, Georgia-Pacific won't buy wood fiber from these areas except in unique situations when active forest management is needed to improve habitat for endangered, rare and/or vulnerable species. We will help maintain stands of natural hardwood trees in our operating areas by not sourcing pine fiber from any natural hardwood sites that were converted to pine plantations after 2008.

Collaborating to Support Sustainable Forestry

Georgia-Pacific works with others in the forestry and environmental community to support wildlife and habitat enhancement projects in communities near Georgia-Pacific operations. Examples include:

- A 20-year commitment at our Big Island, Virginia, containerboard mill to help reintroduce the American chestnut to its native habitat after it was wiped out by a fungal disease in the early 1900s. More than 600 chestnut saplings have been planted on mill property.
- Restoration of longleaf pine habitat through a collaboration with the National Wild Turkey Federation to plant 7,000 acres of land in the southern United States in longleaf pine.
- Protection and enhancement of wildlife habitat at six Georgia-Pacific facilities through Conservation Certification from the Wildlife Habitat Council.