

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Georgia represented 14 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 13 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll <i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$2,227,309	54,540
Total Manufacturing	\$16,135,096	408,157

Source: Census Bureau 2006

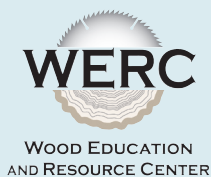
* Forest-Based Industries consists of all industries that use wood as a part of the finished product.

Project Spotlight

During the last 4 years of the Wood Education and Resource Center's activities, the Center provided \$79,100 that was matched with \$143,500 from partners for a project. A brief summary of the project follows:

Project Title:

Development of a Manufacturing Guide for Building Heat-Treatment Chambers Utilizing Wood Waste from Pallet and Sawmill Operations for ISM-15 Compliance

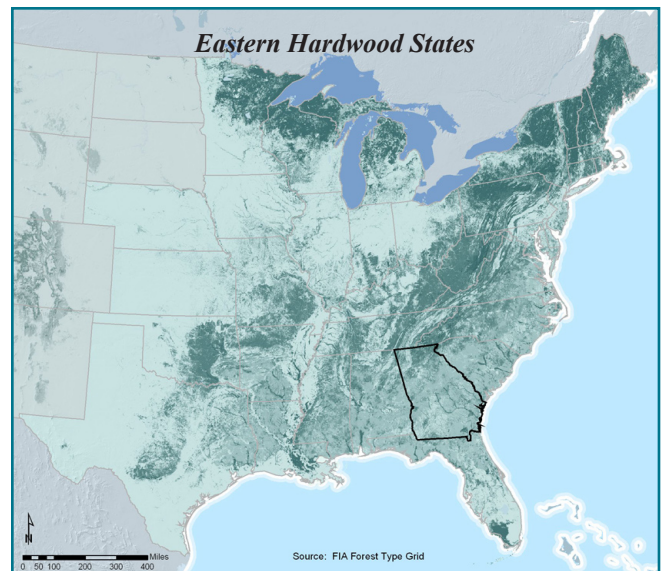


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The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. WERC's mission is to facilitate

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 development of the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM-15) regulations and growing domestic concerns over invasive species have increased the demand for heat-treated wood packaging materials used for shipping. A study will be conducted to collect data that will be used to develop a guide that can be used by wood pallet manufacturers to build heat-treating kilns to comply with ISPM-15 shipping regulations. The guide will be available in both printed and electronic formats. The electronic version will be available through the Wood Education and Resource Center's (WERC) website.

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



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