

State of Forest-based Industries

The forest-based industries in the State of Tennessee represented 11 percent of the manufacturing sector's annual payroll and represents 13 percent of the manufacturing sector's employment.

	Annual Payroll (Thousand Dollars)	Employment
Forest-based Industry*	\$ 1,120,831	25,244
Total Manufacturing	\$10,540,014	248,294

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 \$245,279 that was matched with \$274,431 from partners for four projects. A brief summary of a project follows:

Project Title:

The Use of Eastern Hardwoods for Wood Plastic Composites

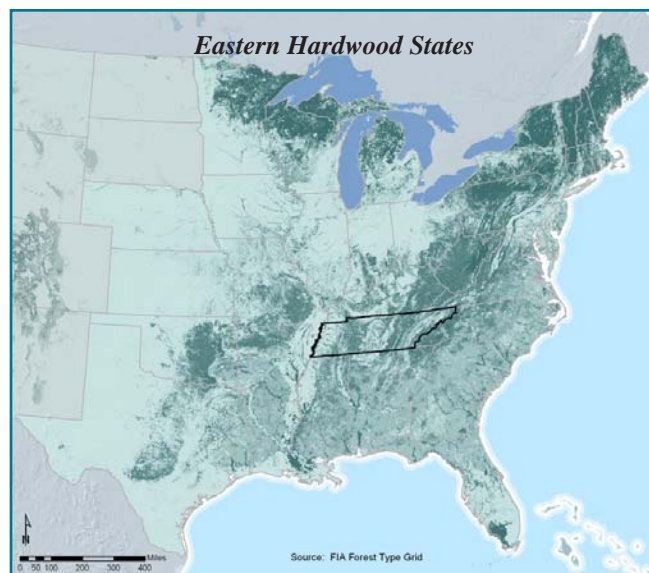


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The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) is administered by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. WERC's mission is to facilitate

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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This project will enhance baseline data available on Wood Plastic Composites (WPCs) and the role of wood raw material properties. WPCs are high-value products that represent a new and growing market for wood waste materials. Examples of WPCs that are currently available include decking lumber, fencing, window frames and interior paneling used in automobiles. Currently, the wood component in WPCs is principally used as a low-cost filler. The project will examine the suitability of various wood species from the eastern hardwood region as feedstock for wood plastic composites.

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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