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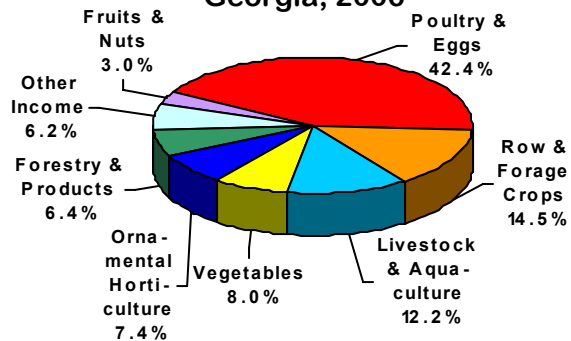
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Food and Fiber Production Value Georgia, 2006



Total Farm Gate Value = \$10.4 billion

Source: 2006 Georgia Farm Gate Value Survey



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Economic Importance of Forestry in Georgia

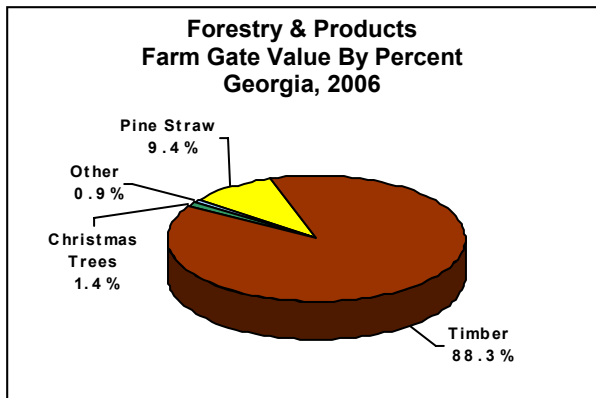


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“Adding Value to Georgia’s Agricultural Economy Through Research and Extension”

Georgia's Forest Industry

Forests affect nearly every aspect of our lives by providing the raw materials for home building, paper, packaging and many other uses. Forests shape our landscape, help stabilize our farms, and enhance our cities. Forestry creates, manages and conserves the forest ecosystem for our current needs as well as for future generations.

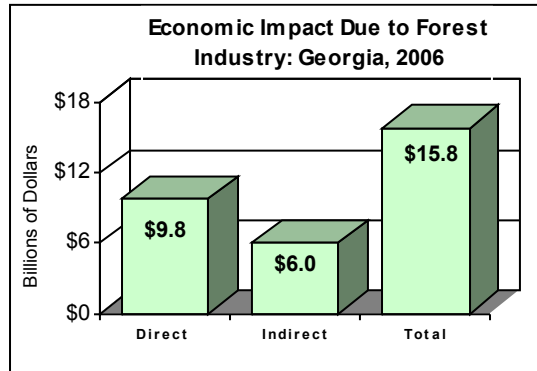


GEORGIA FORESTRY FACTS:

- Forestry and related production had a total farm gate value of \$662.9 million in Georgia in 2006.
- Pine straw mulch is a favorite material for landscapers and gardeners in the southern U.S.
- Timber had the 3rd highest farm gate value of production of all commodities in 2006.
- There are 24.3 million acres of commercial forest land in Georgia, more than in any other U.S. state. (*Georgia Forestry Association*)
- Georgia is one of the top pulp and paper states in the nation.

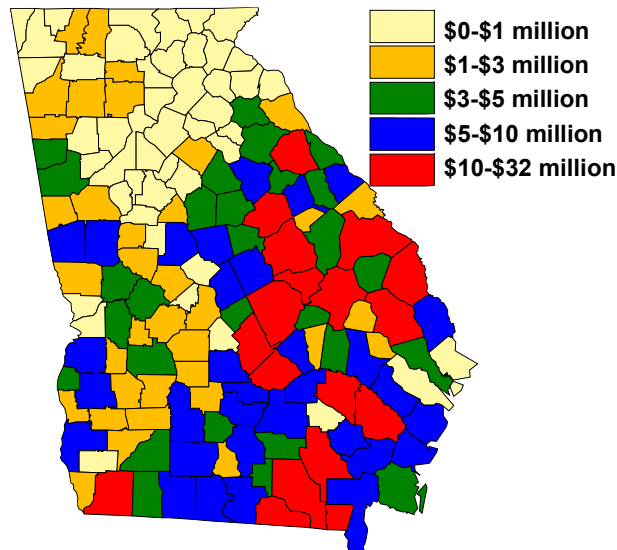
OUTPUT IMPACT

- ⇒ Forest industry producers and processors create **direct** sales of \$9.8 billion.
- ⇒ These sales, in turn, generate additional sales in the state economy, creating another \$6 billion of **indirect** economic impact.



- ⇒ Forest industry production generates a total economic impact of \$15.8 billion for the State of Georgia.

2006 Forestry & Products Farm Gate Value by County

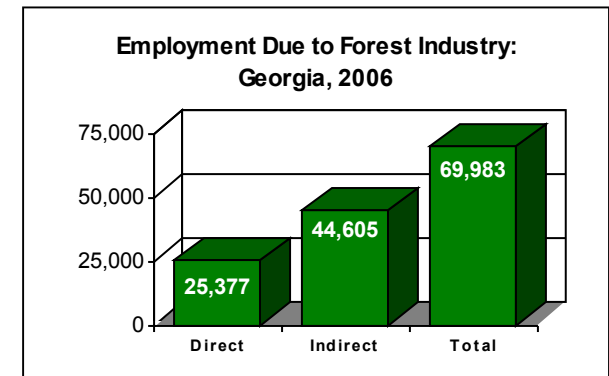


EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

- ⇒ Forest industry producers and processors **directly** employ 25,377 workers in Georgia which include full-time and part-time jobs.



- ⇒ **Indirect** employment (those relying on the forest industry) provides an additional 44,605 jobs. This group includes those who provide supplies and inputs to the forest industry, such as producers of logging machinery and tree planting equipment. Increased wage spending creates jobs in other sectors, such as retail sales and health services.



- ⇒ A **total** of 69,983 jobs are created due to the forest industry in Georgia.

STUDY METHODOLOGY

- ⇒ This study used an input-output model called IMPLAN to determine the effects of the forest industry in Georgia.
- ⇒ Data used came from IMPLAN as well as from the **2006 Farm Gate Value Report**. Production includes the major industrial sectors included in this series. Processing includes all industries which rely directly on the production of agricultural products in Georgia.

