

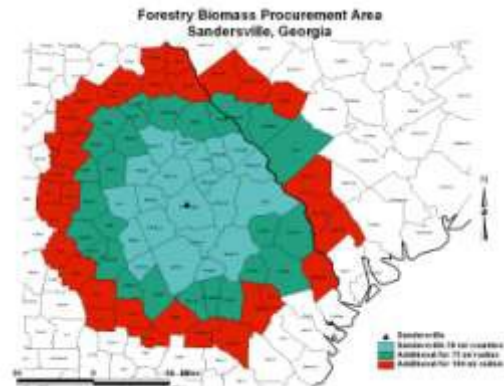


Forest Utilization Services

The mission of the Georgia Forestry Commission is to provide leadership, service, and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources. The owners of Georgia's 24.4 million acres of forests invest in reforestation and careful forest management practices with an expectation of future benefits. The confidence in these future benefits drives further reforestation and forest retention. The GFC Forest Utilization Department strives to deliver the real value of these benefits by maintaining and improving markets for forest-based goods and services.

Guiding Sustainable Utilization of Timber and Biomass

- Landscape level data is provided to guide planning for new industry development and existing industry expansion into areas of higher available resources. Data is provided on timber and biomass resources by geographic and time scale, including timberland, wood inventory, growth and removal rates, and logging and mill residue production.
- Forest resource analysis and reports are also provided for specific wood sheds using general parameters. These reports usually precede more in-depth analysis by private consultants.



Economic Development Services

- In addition to resource availability, GFC Utilization staff members provide information and facilitate business development involving the wood and biomass supply chain: wood suppliers, loggers, landowners, and mills.
- Guidance is provided on regulations related to the utilization of forest resources.



Georgia Wood-Using
Industries Directory
2013



Promoting Georgia's Forests, Forest Products and Industry

- The GFC staff collects and provides information on Georgia's forest products to buyers. The Wood-Using Industry Directory of all primary forest producers is available [online](#) and provided in response to specific requests.
- A forest industry economic impact [study](#) is commissioned annually by the Georgia Institute of Technology.
- Assistance is available for specific requests from industry about various technical issues.

Forest Ecosystem Services

- Maintenance of the [Georgia Carbon Sequestration Registry](#).
- Information can be provided to forest managers on forestry carbon offset opportunities.

Product Development

- New product development efforts are focused on forest bioenergy.
- Resource information and technical information on wood and biomass is provided directly to companies, as listed above. In addition, GFC staff members organize and assist with workshops and conferences for bioenergy companies.



Technology Transfer

- The GFC Utilization Department tracks wood utilization and industry activity through direct contacts with primary wood manufacturing industries on a biannual basis - the "Timber Product Output" program.; a cooperative effort with the USDA Forest Service.
- The staff collects and distributes research results directly related to timber harvests, wood product performance, and other technical issues.

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