

Saskatchewan's Forestry Industry



Forestry Resource

- Over half of Saskatchewan is forested, representing 34 million hectares, of which greater than 90% is owned by the province.
- Saskatchewan's Commercial Forest Zone is 12 million hectares, of which over 5 million hectares are classified as productive forest land available for commercial timber harvesting.
- Saskatchewan's Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) is 9 million cubic metres of timber (4.7 million softwood tree species and 4.3 million hardwood tree species).

Forestry Economy

- Forestry is one of northern Saskatchewan's largest industries, which includes 6 large forest-products manufacturing facilities which produce lumber, pulp and oriented strand board (OSB) and over 210 small businesses that produce a variety of forest products.
- Annual forest products sales over \$1 billion and the sector supports nearly 8,000 direct and indirect jobs.
- Full sector development utilizing majority of AAC has the potential to generate over \$2 billion in forest products sales annually and support nearly 12,000 direct and indirect jobs.
- Over 70% of forest products are exported to other countries.
- Well positioned to harvest record levels of timber and produce record levels of forest products as early as 2027.

Competitive Edge

- Strong government support for development and growth of the forestry sector.
- Surplus AAC and wood biomass available for new investments.
- Well-established transportation network providing excellent access to North American and offshore markets.
- Well-trained, reliable and productive workforce.
- Results-based regulatory environment.



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- Manufacturing and processing tax rate as low as 10%.
- Corporate income tax rate of 12%.
- No corporate capital tax.
- Saskatchewan has a competitive and market-based timber royalty system.

Bottom Line

- Saskatchewan's forests are sustainably managed and its forestry sector is globally competitive.
- Competitive forest-products manufacturing costs and taxes.
- Significantly underutilized timber resource presents substantial new investment opportunities and increased forest products export potential.



Are you interested in learning more about Saskatchewan's forestry sector?

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