

# Forest Products

Forest resources are a major component of Mississippi's economic base covering more than **19.2 million** forested acres, or **62%** of the state's total land area. Of the forested acres, **77%** are privately owned. Mississippi has the natural resources, logistics infrastructure, and specialized workforce to help forest products companies succeed in an increasingly competitive market.



**Did you know? Forestry is the #3 agriculture commodity in Mississippi.**

The forest products industry in Mississippi is made up of **four** major sectors:

- 1. Solid Wood Products** – pine and hardwood lumber, plywood, poles, oriented strand board, and other composite forest products
- 2. Pulp and Paper** – fine writing papers, liner-board used for cardboard boxes, tissues and absorbent papers, and market pulp
- 3. Wood furniture and related products**
- 4. Timber harvesting**

**MISSISSIPPI RANKED #4**  
for environmental permitting speed



Source: Area Development Magazine, 2023



Forestry & forest related employment account for almost **62,000** total jobs in Mississippi.



**\$3 billion** in wages are paid out each year for forestry & forestry related jobs in Mississippi.



Forestry & forest products are a **\$13.1 billion** industry in Mississippi.

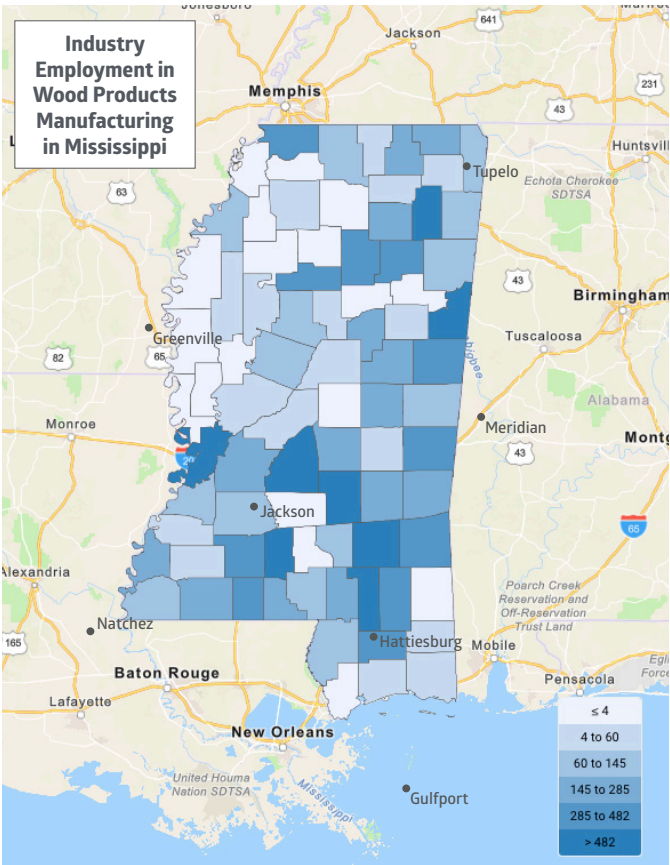


High Demand Forest Products Occupations			
Occupation	Mississippi		
	Employment	Average Wage	National Average Wage
Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	1,167	\$44,800	\$48,800
Team Assemblers	15,243	\$39,300	\$42,900
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	30,255	\$33,600	\$39,700
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	8,411	\$39,700	\$45,700
Sawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Wood	1,864	\$35,900	\$40,100
Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	1,212	\$36,700	\$40,600
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	8,603	\$69,400	\$73,400
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	5,192	\$61,400	\$65,000
Carpenters	5,755	\$43,800	\$60,000
Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	671	\$38,200	\$44,400

Source: JobsEQ, Data as of 2024Q1.

Mississippi Stumpage Prices (\$/ton)									
	Softwood Pine					Hardwood			
	Pine Poles	Pine Sawtimber	Pine Plylogs	Pine Chip-n-Saw	Pine Pulpwood	Oak Sawtimber	Mixed Hardwood Sawtimber	Hardwood Pulpwood	Crossties
Low	\$25.00	\$12.00	\$18.00	\$5.00	\$1.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$2.00	\$15.00
Average	\$33.47	\$21.96	\$19.50	\$11.73	\$2.80	\$34.56	\$26.67	\$5.02	\$18.33
High	\$45.00	\$36.40	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$5.00	\$43.75	\$45.00	\$8.50	\$25.00

Source: Mississippi State University Extension Service, Data as of Q2 2021.

### Research and Development Partners

- 
**MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**
  - College of Forest Resources
  - Forest Products Laboratory
  - Department of Sustainable Bioproducts
  - Department of Forestry
  - Mississippi State Extension Service
- 
**MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION**
  - Mississippi Forestry Inventory (MFI)

For more information on the forest products industry, contact a Cooperative Energy Economic Development team member or visit [www.CooperativeEnergy.com](http://www.CooperativeEnergy.com)



# Forest Products Property Spotlight

## GOSS SAWMILL SITE



The Goss Sawmill site is an available industrial property located in the heart of the Mississippi Pinebelt in Marion County. Georgia Pacific vacated the facility in 2012, all former structures are still in place, but would need upgrades. The property has access to all utilities and is adjacent to Mississippi Highway 13.

- 80 acres
- Former wood processing facility
- All utilities in place
- New Market Tax Credit eligible

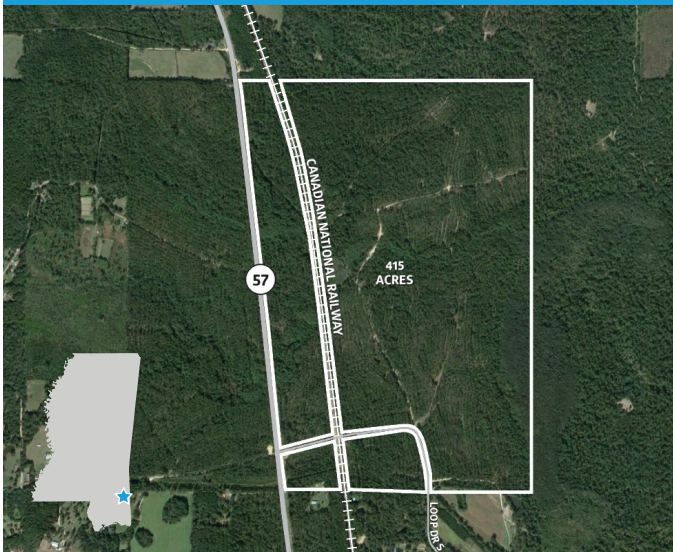
## TAYLORSVILLE INDUSTRIAL SITE



The Taylorsville Industrial Site is in Smith County, Mississippi. The site has a total of 200+ acres available for development, with all environmental due diligence complete and up to date. Taylorsville is within the Pine Belt of east central Mississippi.

- 200 acres, largest contiguous tract +/- 120 acres
- All environmental due diligence complete
- Rail: Canadian National industrial lead track
- Existing forest products supply chain in region
- New Market Tax Credit eligible

## GREENE COUNTY RAIL SITE



The Greene County Rail Site is an available property located in southeast Mississippi just south of the town of McLain in Greene County. This 415+/- acre site is adjacent to the Canadian National Railroad and Mississippi Highway 57. The site is owned by Greene County and under the control of the Greene County Board of Education, operated as 16th Section Land.

- 415 acres, largest contiguous tracts +/- 100 acres
- Rail: Canadian National
- 60 miles trucking distance to Port of Pascagoula with existing forest products export capabilities
- Forestry is the largest industry in Greene County