

Saskatchewan's Forestry Sector



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Forestry Resources

- 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 11.7 million hectares, of which 5.3 million hectares are classified as productive forest land available for commercial timber harvesting
- The current Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) for timber harvested from the Commercial Forest Zone is 8.3 million cubic metres (4.9 million softwood tree species and 3.4 million hardwood tree species)
- Over 1.0 million oven-dried tonnes of biomass per year available from forest products mill wood waste and timber harvesting operations

Forestry Economy

- Forestry is northern Saskatchewan's second largest industry
- Existing forest industry has the mill capacity to utilize approximately 80% of the AAC, leaving 1.8 million cubic metres of timber available for new mill investments

- 2017 forest products sales nearly \$1.2 billion and the sector supported over 8,000 direct and indirect jobs
- Full AAC utilization has the potential to generate over \$2.0 billion in forest products sales annually and support over 13,000 direct and indirect jobs
- Over 75% of primary forest products are exported to other countries
- First Nations and Métis people comprise over 30% of the workforce, by far the largest percentage of Indigenous forestry employees in Canada

Forestry Industry

- Well-established and competitive with leading-edge technology
- 10 large forest-products manufacturing facilities which produce lumber, pulp and panels
- Over 170 small businesses that produce a variety of forest products
- Well positioned to harvest record levels of timber and produce record levels of forest products as early as 2020





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Competitive Edge

Investment Climate

- Strong government support for development and growth of the forestry sector, including opportunities within the emerging bio-economy and other value-added forest products
- New investment opportunities are available for underutilized AAC, biomass and secondary manufacturing.
- Planned investments of \$500 million over the next four years
- Well-established transportation network providing excellent access to North American and offshore markets
- Well-trained, reliable and productive workforce
- Results based regulatory environment

Tax Structure

- Manufacturing and processing tax rate as low as 9.5%
- Corporate income tax rate of 12%
- No corporate capital tax

Timber Royalties

- 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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