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2006 Wood Processor Report, Including Import and Export Information

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### What is the purpose of the Wood Processor Report?

Each year, the Maine Forest Service collects information from Maine primary wood processors regarding the volume of wood processed in Maine. Information is also collected for volumes imported into Maine or exported from Maine.

This report summarizes, for 2006, the volume of wood harvested in Maine, processed by Maine mills, and imported into or exported from Maine.

Wood flow data is summarized for sawlogs, pulpwood, biomass chips, and imports and exports.

### How was this information collected?

In 2006, the Maine Forest Service received wood processor reports from 183 primary processing mills (sawmills, pulp and paper mills), 83 portable sawmills, 48 loggers and brokers who may have exported wood, 20 concentration yards, and from 11 mills that burn some form of wood for energy. Volume information contained in these individual reports is confidential and by law shall not be made public, except that summary reports may be published using aggregated data which does not reveal the activities of an individual person or firm (12 MRSA chapter 805, subchapter 5, "Forest Landowner and Wood Processor Reporting Requirements").

### Interpreting Harvest, Export, Import, and Processed by the Maine Forest Products Industry

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**Total processed by Maine Forest Products Industry**

total volume of wood processed in Maine, regardless of origin.

### Definitions and Notes

1. **Biomass Chips:** produced in the woods by chipping the entire tree, including branches and tops. Usually used as energy fuel, they may also be suitable for sludge composting, playground padding, and mulch.

2. **Bole/Stem Pulp Chips:** produced in the woods by chipping the lower portion of the tree. These chips are not free of bark, but are suitable for use in pulp mills.

3. **Cords (cds):** a stack of fuel wood, pulpwood, or other material that measures 4 x 4 x 8 feet, or 128 cubic feet.

4. **Construction and Demolition Waste (C and D Waste):** ground up wooden debris left over from construction and demolition that is burned by wood energy facilities.

5. **Hog Fuel:** any woody residue produced from mills, such as sawdust, bark or shavings, and used as energy fuel.

6. **Pulpwood:** roundwood that is used for the production of wood pulp. Generally sold as tree length, 16’, 8’ or 4’ lengths.

7. **Sawlogs:** a log that meets minimum standards of diameter, length, and defect, intended for sawing into boards or lumber. Includes sawlogs, studwood, pallet logs, boltwood, and veneer logs.

8. **Sawmill residues:** clean, pulp-quality chips made from debarked slabs and edgings at sawmills. Used by pulp and paper mills to produce wood pulp.

9. **Thousand Board Feet (MBF):** One thousand board feet. One board foot is the amount of wood contained in an unfinished board 1” thick, 12” long, and 12” wide.

### Report Highlights

- Maine’s forest products industry consumed 6.5 million cord equivalents in 2006, up slightly from 2005 consumption. Seventy-seven percent of the supply (5 million cord equivalents) was harvested in Maine, while 23% (1.5 million cord equivalents) was imported from out of state.

- Maine landowners harvested 7 million cord equivalents of wood in 2006, up from 6.3 million cord equivalents in 2005. Twenty-eight percent (1.9 million cord equivalents) of the 2006 harvest was exported out of state, up from 2005 (1.4 million cord equivalents).

- Maine’s pulp and paper producers processed 3.4 million cord equivalents of pulpwood, the same as reported in 2005. Seventy-seven percent of the pulpwod originated from Maine’s forests; 23% was imported from out of state.

- Pulp and paper producers also processed 1.3 million tons of sawmill residues.

- Maine’s sawlog production in 2006 was 1 billion board feet, the same as 2005.

- During 2006, Maine’s forest products industry imported 1.5 million cords, while 2 million cords were exported.
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Maine wood processed: 357,240
Exported from Maine without processing: 394,208
Total harvested from Maine forests: 751,448
Imported from out of state: 17,386
Total processed by Maine Forest Products Industry: 374,626

Notes:
1. Sawlogs include logs, veneer, boltwood, studwood, palletwood, etc. Cords converted to MBF @ 2 cords = 1 MBF.
2. Other Softwood includes larch, pitch pine, and others.
Pulpwood Notes:
1. Other Softwood is comprised of bole chips of which specific species information was not collected.
2. Aspen volumes are based upon pure loads.
3. Other Hardwood is comprised of all hardwood species except aspen sold in pure loads.

Sawmill residues are clean, pulp-quality wood chips made from slabs and edgings at sawmills. The volume is reported here as an additional input to the pulp and paper mills. Sawmill residues are a by-product of the sawing process, and are not included as additional harvest volumes from Maine's forests.

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Exported from Maine without processing: 155,547 27 562 0 22,501 178,639 13,754 308,849 322,603 0 501,242

Total harvested from Maine forests: 568,815 124,638 205,816 0 129,606 1,028,876 193,802 1,906,385 2,100,187 0 3,129,063

Imported from out of state: 116,958 56,379 46,142 0 14,330 233,808 39,466 495,075 534,540 0 768,348

Total processed by Maine Forest Products Industry: 530,226 180,990 251,396 0 121,435 1,084,046 219,513 2,092,611 2,312,123 0 3,396,169

2006 Wood flow in Maine as reported to the Maine Forest Service (Converted to Cords), including both solid wood and bole/stem pulp chips (Totals do not add up due to rounding.)
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#### Maine wood processed:
- 1,969,487
- 1,207,919
- 75,866

#### Exported from Maine without processing:
- 362,237
- 74,136
- 0

#### Total harvested from Maine Forests:
- 2,331,724
- 1,282,055
- 75,866

#### Imported from out of state:
- 818,226
- 658,696
- 163,669

#### Total processed by Maine Forest Products Industry:
- 2,787,713
- 1,866,615
- 239,535

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### Wood Imports and Exports

#### Import Origins
- **States:**
  - Connecticut
  - Massachusetts
  - New Hampshire
  - New Jersey
  - New York
  - Rhode Island
  - Vermont
- **Provinces:**
  - New Brunswick
  - Nova Scotia
  - Quebec
- **Countries:**
  - Thailand

#### Export Destinations
- **States:**
  - Connecticut
  - Illinois
  - Indiana
  - Kentucky
  - Massachusetts
  - Michigan
  - New Hampshire
  - New York
  - Oregon
  - Pennsylvania
  - Vermont
  - Virginia
  - Wisconsin
- **Provinces:**
  - New Brunswick
  - Quebec
- **Countries:**
  - Thailand
### SUMMARY

2006 Wood flow in Maine as reported to the Maine Forest Service

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| **Sawlogs**  
(in MBF)  
1 MBF = 1,000 board feet | a. Maine wood processed                     | 807,062      | 1,614,123    |
|                          | b. Exported from Maine without processing   | 673,995      | 1,347,990    |
|                          | c. Total harvested from Maine forests (a+b=c)| 1,481,057    | 2,962,113    |
|                          | d. Imported from out of state               | 181,396      | 362,792      |
|                          | f. Total processed by Maine Forest Products Industry (a+d=e) | 988,458      | 1,976,915    |
| **Pulpwood**  
(in cords) | a. Maine wood processed                     | 2,627,821    | 2,627,821    |
|                          | b. Exported from Maine without processing   | 501,242      | 501,242      |
|                          | c. Total harvested from Maine forests (a+b=c)| 3,129,063    | 3,129,063    |
|                          | d. Imported from out of state               | 768,348      | 768,348      |
|                          | f. Total processed by Maine Forest Products Industry (a+d=e) | 3,396,169    | 3,396,169    |
| **Biomass Chips**  
(in green tons) | a. Maine wood processed                     | 1,969,487    | 787,795      |
|                          | b. Exported from Maine without processing   | 362,237      | 144,895      |
|                          | c. Total harvested from Maine forests (a+b=c)| 2,331,724    | 932,690      |
|                          | d. Imported from out of state               | 818,226      | 327,291      |
|                          | f. Total processed by Maine Forest Products Industry (a+d=e) | 2,787,713    | 1,115,085    |
| **Totals**  
(in cords) | a. Maine wood processed                     | 5,029,739    |               |
|                          | b. Exported from Maine without processing   | 1,994,127    |               |
|                          | c. Total harvested from Maine forests (a+b=c)| 7,023,866    |               |
|                          | d. Imported from out of state               | 1,458,431    |               |
|                          | f. Total processed by Maine Forest Products Industry (a+d=e) | 6,488,170    |               |

**Note on conversions:**  
For sawlogs: 1 MBF = 2 cords  
For Biomass Chips: 1 cord = 2.5 green tons
Wood Harvesting Trends (1960-2006)

The Maine Forest Service has been collecting data on volume of wood harvested since the late 1940's. The following three charts illustrate wood harvesting trends over the past 46 years.

The two graphs to the right show the harvest volumes for selected species for sawlogs and pulpwood. These volumes include exported volumes.
Wood Harvesting Trends (1960-2006)

The graph to the right shows the volumes for commercially important species.

Import and Export Trends (1990-2006)

The graph to the right shows the volumes of forest products being exported from Maine, imported into Maine, and processed within Maine.
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