

# DELAWARE WOOD INDUSTRY

WOOD PROCESSORS & BUYERS DIRECTORY

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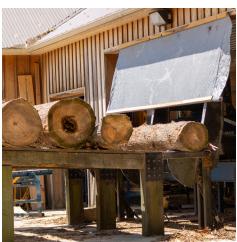
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# **Foreword**

The purpose of this Wood Industry Directory is to identify wood processors and other wood industry professionals operating within Delaware and assist buyers and sellers of wood products in their marketing efforts. This Directory serves as a revision to the 2018 printing.

All information listed is furnished with the understanding that no discrimination is intended.

The Delaware Forest Service does not guarantee reliability, nor do we endorse specific businesses. We urge landowners to solicit professional forestry advice before conducting any forest management activity, especially harvesting. Delaware Forestry Laws (i.e., Delaware Seed Tree Law, Commercial Forest Plantation Act, and Delaware Forestry Erosion and Sedimentation Control Law) could affect your future forestry management decisions.

Any additions, deletions, or corrections should be addressed to the Delaware Forest Service. If you have any questions, please call (302) 856-2893.

This edition has been compiled from those individuals and companies who responded to an extensive survey and indicated a desire to be included in this printing. This Directory does not reflect the total number of operators doing business in Delaware.

We would like to thank all those who helped make this Wood Industry Directory a valuable tool to Delaware woodland owners.

# **Before You Sell Your Timber**

When properly managed and marketed, standing timber can be a valuable asset with a solid rate of return. It takes many years to grow this investment, yet it only takes a few days or weeks to harvest your timber. Because it can take at least 40 years to grow a mature crop of timber, many landowners will only harvest once in their lifetime; consequently, most are not familiar with the process of selling timber and the steps needed to maximize their harvest income. Therefore, if you are considering a timber sale, we urge you to contact the Delaware Forest Service or another professional forester before selling your timber.

Studies show that landowners who work with a professional forester typically receive significantly more money for their timber (sometimes up to 50% more) and their forests are in better shape after the harvest than those who do not. The professional foresters from the Delaware Forest Service provide free forest management assistance, including: timber sale assistance, forest inventory, tax information, sample timber sale contracts, and forest management plan development. They can help you market your timber and achieve your objectives.

Before you sell your timber, there are several factors to address:

- Mark your property line: it is essential to avoid confusion and possible trespass.
- Mark any special areas, such as: very wet areas, buffers along streams, and areas you do not want to harvest.
- Review applicable state laws.

- Timber is usually treated as a capital asset. Contact your accountant before you sell so you can minimize your tax burden.
- Work with your lawyer to develop a timber sale contract before you sell the timber so prospective buyers can review the contract if they wish (the Delaware Forest Service has sample contracts).
- Determine the type of harvest (selection versus clearcut). The type of harvest will depend on the type of timber you have.

Selection harvests are often recommended for hardwood forests, and the trees to be harvested must be marked prior to the sale. Selection harvests are not the same as diameter limit harvest, which often degrade a forest. Clearcut harvests are usually conducted for pine forests.

After addressing these issues, it is recommended you solicit as many bids as possible from prospective buyers. Owners should provide potential buyers with general information about the timber sale (location acreage, landowner's name and address, type of harvest, special requirements, etc.) and include a date and time when the bids will open. By soliciting bids, the owner has the best chance to receive the best price.

After selecting a buyer, it is very important that you sign a contract with him/her; this protects both you and the buyer. We also recommend that the owner receive payment for the timber before the harvest begins. You may also wish to consider a performance bond, which you hold until the harvest is complete as an incentive to the logger

to do a good job and comply with contract specifications.

It is also very beneficial for the landowner and buyer to meet face-to-face to review the timber sale area before the harvest begins. This provides an opportunity to discuss the terms of the sale to help avoid any problems once the harvest is underway.

Ask the logger where he will locate the landings (where trees are loaded onto trucks) and skid trails. (This information will also be on the permit that is filed with the Delaware Forest Service.) Questions such as these can give the landowner a better understanding of the harvesting process.

Once the timber harvest begins, we recommend an owner periodically visit the site to help ensure the logger adheres to the terms of the sale. It is also very important that the logger inform you before he vacates the job so that you and he can review the site to ensure the work is satisfactory. It is much easier for the logger to fix a problem when he is there rather than after he leaves.

Lastly, there are two state laws that apply to timber harvests: the Forestry Practice Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) law and the Seed Tree Law. The landowner and logger are required to submit a notification form to the local Delaware Forest Service office at least ten (10) working days before initiating a harvest greater than one acre.

This notification form will include, but is not limited to:

- Forest acreage and the type of timber harvest planned.
- Specific forestry Best Management Practices (BMPs) to use on the site to protect any water bodies from

- erosion and sedimentation.
- Intended future use of the property (forest, cropland, development).
   Map of the site, including locations of water bodies, buffers, water crossings, skid trails, haul roads, landings, and other pertinent site specific information.
- Estimated start and completion dates.
- Signed statement of the landowner's and operator's intent to use forestry BMPs to prevent pollution.

A forester will then review the permit and visit the site to ensure that the planned harvest will implement all the necessary BMPs and determine if the Seed Tree Law applies to the property. The law requires landowners to reforest all properties that are a minimum of 10 acres, contain at least 25% pine and/or yellow poplar, and will remain in forestland after the harvest. Owners must indicate on the permit how they intend to reforest the property. The forester will then approve with modifications, or deny all applications within ten (10) business days of their receipt.

In cases where denial of the application is issued, the Delaware Forest Service will provide technical assistance to the landowner and/or the operator to develop modifications necessary to bring the application into compliance. The forester will then periodically inspect the timber harvest to ensure it follows the specifications on the permit.

Again, the Delaware Forest Service urges you to contact your local Forest Service office before you sell your timber. We can help you with this important step in managing your timber to help ensure you get the most money for your investment now and in the future.

# **Avoiding a "High-Grade" Timber Harvest**

The trees that you sell during a timber sale are more than just a commodity to be harvested at regular intervals, like corn or soybeans. Your trees are also a vital component of the ecosystem of your property and the larger landscape.

Careless timber harvesting can negatively affect not only your property and your neighbors' properties, but the valuable forest landscapes of the state that we all depend on and enjoy. In fact, poorly executed timber harvests can significantly reduce your timber income for generations. Care must be taken to avoid these detrimental forms of timber harvesting, called "high-grading."

High-grading is defined as the removal of the most commercially valuable trees, often leaving a residual stand of trees of poor condition and/or species composition. High-grade harvests are commonly called "diameter-limit" or "selection" harvests. Selection harvests are sometimes legitimate types of timber harvests, but must be planned and conducted with great care to avoid a high-grade situation.

When a high-grade timber harvest is conducted, the harvested trees are the largest trees of the most commercially valuable species. Little to no consideration is usually given to site and stand variation, residual stand composition, biological diversity, or regeneration.

Selection harvests must be done with great care to avoid a high-grade situation.

The result is a stand with poor species diversity, poor genetic quality, poor regeneration of desirable species, and a diminished ability to respond favorably to the increase in sunlight, water, and nutrients to the remaining trees. These conditions reduce the stand's ability to produce valuable saw-timber and wildlife habitat in the future.

High-grade harvests can have negative economic impacts as well. High-grading may sometimes generate a larger short-term income, but almost always result in environmental degradation, reduction in long-term forest income, and high costs associated with restoring high-graded timber stands.





# **Benefits of a Forest Stewardship Plan**

Careful forest management with the help of a professional forester can yield a profit while also improving the ecological condition and future value of your forest. The Delaware Forest Service strongly advises any landowner considering a timber harvest to consult with us before you make your final decision.

Our foresters can recommend strategies to help you develop concrete goals, select an appropriate timber harvest type, find a logger, and set up and monitor your timber harvest. This assistance usually takes the form of a site evaluation and a Forest Stewardship Plan.

This plan helps you define and organize your goals, describe your current forest conditions, and recommend a range of forest management activities.

A Forest Stewardship Plan is also needed to be eligible for government cost-share programs that can offset the cost of forest management. Even if you don't plan to harvest now, this plan is a valuable tool to help you responsibly manage and enhance its ecological and economic value. Please contact your Delaware Forest Service county service forester for free assistance in managing your valuable resources.





# **Delaware Wood Processors and Buyers**

Business Name and Address	Type of Business	Species	Products Sold
A. Bruce Miller Logging LLC 8611 Harmony Road Denton, MD 21629 Phone: 410-924-5797 Contact: Bruce Miller Areas: Statewide	Logger	All species - hardwoods and pine	
Absher's Sawmill 27729 Absher Circle Seaford, DE 19973 Phone: 302-349-4710 Contact: Ray Absher rtabsherjrinc@gmail.com Areas: Statewide	Commercial Sawmill Custom Sawmill Dry Kiln Logger Retailer	All species - hardwoods and pine	Animal Bedding Lumber Wood Chips
Bitter's Firewood & Logging 303 Rosin Drive Chestertown MD 21620 Phone: 410-708-7728 Contact: Brandon Bitter bitter brandon@yahoo.com Areas: New Castle, Kent	Firewood Dealer Logger	Hickory White Oak Red Oak Pine Poplar	Hardwood Sawlogs Hardwood Veneer Sawlogs
Crown Hardwood Co. Inc. 1270 Baltimore Pike West Grove, PA 19390 Phone: 610-869-8771 Fax: 610-869-4166 Contact: Ron Beans rbeans@crown-wood.com www.crown-wood.com Areas: Statewide	Timber Broker/Buyer Timber Dealer	Poplar White Oak Red Oak Walnut	Veneer Logs Logs
Danny Reid Logging LLC 36968 Susan Beach Road Delmar, DE 19940 Phone: 443-859-5311 Contact: Danny Reid dreidlogging@gmail.com Areas: Statewide	Logger	Pine	

Business Name and Address	Type of Business	Species	Products Sold
Diamond State Logging 5155 Pearsons Corner Road Dover, DE 19904 Phone: 302-492-0720 Contact: Wilmer Miller Areas: Statewide	Logger	Cypress Gum Maple Red Oak White Oak Pine Poplar	Exported Lumber Exported Logs Firewood Hardwood Sawlogs Poles & Timber (Logs) Sawlogs Veneer Logs
Douglas R. Simpson 13809 Haven Road Bridgeville, DE 19933 Phone: 302-858-3194 Contact: Doug Simpson tmbrcruiser@aol.com Areas: Kent, Sussex	Contract Sawing Custom Sawmill Custom Sawing Custom Dried Lumber Custom Planking Fencing Flooring Logger	Cedar Cherry Cypress Elm Oak Sassafras Walnut Misc. hardwood	Beams Cedar Lumber Dimension Hardwood Dressed Lumber Grade Lumber Green Lumber Hardwood Lumber Kiln-Dried Lumbe Lumber Softwood Lumber
Eastern Shore Forest Products, Inc. 3667 St. Lukes Road Salisbury, MD 21804 Phone: 410-742-5540 Fax: 410-548-7136 Contact: Rob Windsor rwindsor@esforest.com www.esforest.com Areas: Sussex	Custom Sawmill Dry Kiln Firewood Dealer Logger Pallet & Container Pellet Manufacturer Pulp Chip Producer Tree Removal Timber Broker/Buyer Wood Chipper	Red Oak White Oak Southern Yellow Pine Misc. hardwood	Animal Bedding (litter) Bark Landscape Mulch Hardwood Chips Hardwood Sawlogs Hardwood Pulpwood Pallet Lumber Pallet Products Poles Timber Sawdust/Shavings Sawlogs Softwood Chips, Whole Tree Chips
Easton Timber and Mat LLC 11561 Longwoods Road Easton, MD 21601 Phone: 410-822-5476 Contact: Phil Wells michelle@eastontimberandmat.com www.eastontimberandmat.com Areas: Kent, Sussex	Commercial Sawmill Pallet & Container	All species - hardwoods and pine	Animal Bedding Bark & Bark Mulch Chips Exported Lumber/Log Grade Lumber Hardwood Lumber Mats, Pallet Cants & Lumber Poles & Timber Sawdust Sawlogs Veneer Logs

Business Name and Address	Type of Business	Species	Products Sold
Egolf Forest Harvesting, Inc. 36642 Horsey Church Road Delmar, DE 19940 Phone: 410-430-7347 Contact: Arthur Egolf egoart1@yahoo.com Areas: Kent, Sussex	Logger	Southern Yellow Pine	Pine pulp Hardwood pulp Pine saw timber
Evergreen Enterprises 602 Yoder Drive Hartly, DE 19953 Phone: 302-382-2081 Contact: Harvey Coblentz Areas: Statewide	Commercial Sawmill Custom Sawmill Pallet & Container	All species - hardwoods and pine	Animal Bedding Bark Mulch Barn Poles Beams Cants Crates Crossties Green Lumber Hardwood Lumber Hardwood Sawlogs Landscape Ties Mats Pallet Lumber Pallet Parts Pallets(new/used/ reconditioned) Timber Sawdust Sawlogs Softwood Lumber
F.D. Eure Inc. 6860 Fire Tower Road Hebron, MD 21830 Phone: 410-726-6076 Fax: 410-860-1760 Contact: Frankie Eure fde1218@gmail.com Areas: Statewide	Logger	All species - hardwoods and pine	
Freeman A. Yoder 1260 Hartly Road Hartly, DE 19953 Phone: 302-538-4086 Contact: Freeman A. Yoder Areas: Kent	Logger	Black Gum Sweet Gum Red Oak White Oak Maple Pine Poplar	Exported Lumber/Logs Hardwood Sawlogs Hardwood Veneer Sawlogs Veneer Logs

Business Name and Address	Type of Business	Species	Products Sold
Hardwood Mills LLC 200 Hardwood Mills Road Millington, MD 21651 Phone: 410-928-3142 Contact: Carl Corrick hardwoodmillsllc@outlook.com Areas: Statewide	Commercial Sawmill	Beech Hickory Gum Oak Pine Poplar	Bark Lumber Grade Lumber Hardwood Lumber Mats Sawdust
Jack Mills Logging 28261 Turner Road Federalsburg, MD 21632 Phone: 443-521-0467 Contact: Jack Mills jmeexcavating@yahoo.com Areas: Kent, Sussex	Logger	All species - hardwoods and pine	
Jason Mitchell Forestry Service 20166 Nanticoke Road Nanticoke, MD 21840 Phone: 410-430-3675 Contact: Jason Mitchell JMForestrySVC@gmail.com Areas: Kent, Sussex	Logger	All species - hardwoods and pine	
JW's Sawmill 4087 Pearsons Corner Road Dover, DE 19904 Phone: 302-242-7523 Contact: William Miller Areas: Kent	Commercial Sawmill Custom Sawmill Fencing Logger Log & Bolt Pulp Chip Producer	All species - hardwoods and pine	Animal Bedding Bark Mulch Cants Cribs/Cribbing Crossties Custom Sawing Custom Planking Dimension Hardwood Hardwood Products Landscape/Switch Ties Lumber Mats Pallet Products Sawdust Saw/Veneer Logs Slabs

In Delaware, more than 3,200 jobs are directly tied to forestry or support forest management.

Business Name and Address	Type of Business	Species	Products Sold
Laird Logs LLC 3505 Dublin Road Darlington, MD 21034 Phone: 410-457-4829 Contact: Craig Laird lairdpal@aol.com Areas: Statewide	Firewood Dealer Logger Log Yard Timber Buyer	Ash Hickory Oak Poplar Walnut	Hardwood Sawlogs Hardwood Veneer
Low Country Timber Company 7202 Old Stagecoach Lane Snow Hill, MD 21863 Phone: 410-436-1773 Contact: Paul Egolf lowctim@hotmail.com Areas: Sussex	Logger	Pine	
MacDonald Logging LLC 10919 Chapel Road Cordova, MD 21625 Phone: 410-829-3342 Contact: Philip MacDonald macdonaldloggingllc@gmail.com Areas: Statewide	Logger	All species - hardwoods and pine	Pine pulp
Maryland Logs 2 Lumber LLC Address (physical): 25901 Auction Road Federalsburg, MD 21632 Address: 4807 Harmony Rd Preston, MD 21655 Phone: 301-580-2526 Contact: John Barrtlett jbartlettjr89@aol.com Areas: Statewide	Custom Sawmill Dry Kiln	All species - hardwoods and pine	Lumber Custom Dried Lumber Kiln-Dried Lumber

About 28 percent of Delaware is forested (353,000 acres), with almost 78 percent owned privately.

(U.S. Forestry Economic Contributions, 2023)

Business Name and Address	Type of Business	Species	Products Sold
Mike Biddle Logging, LLC P.O. Box 70 Henderson, MD 21640 Phone: 410-482-8736 Contact: Mike Biddle j.biddleol@comcast.net Areas: Statewide	Logger	All species - hardwoods and pine	Firewood Hardwood Veneer Sawlogs Veneer Logs
Miller's Sawmill 292 Yoder Drive Hartly, DE 19953 Phone: 302-242-3934 Contact: Jonathan Miller Areas: Kent	Commercial Sawmill Custom Sawmill Timber Buyer	All hardwood species	Animal Bedding Landscape Mulch Cants Crossties Firewood Green Lumber Hardwood Lumber Hardwood Sawlogs Pallet Cants Pallet Lumber Sawdust
Millville Lumber Co. Inc. P.O. Box 302 Snow Hill, MD 21863 Phone: 410-632-2511 Fax: 410-632-2136 Contact: Bryan Tilghman bryan@millvillelumber.us Areas: Kent, Sussex	Commercial Sawmill	Southern Yellow Pine	Bark Chips Dressed Lumber Grade Lumber Green Lumber Kiln-dried Lumber Sawdust Softwood Lumber
M. S. Vickers Inc. 588 Blackbird Landing Road Townsend, DE 19734 Phone: 302-218-6835 Contact: Michael Vickers tdlogger@aol.com Areas: Statewide	Logger	Ash Cherry Gum Poplar Red Oak White Oak Walnut	

Delaware's Forest Stewardship program provides <u>zerocost</u> science-based technical services to both private and public landowners. Call (302) 856-2893.

Business Name and Address	Type of Business	Species	Products Sold
Paul M. Jones Lumber Co. Inc. 324 East Market Street Snow Hill, MD 21863 Phone: 410-632-1556 Fax: 410-632-3772 Contact: Hunter Pusey hunterpusey@gmail.com www.pauljoneslumber.com Areas: Statewide	Commercial Sawmill Timber Buyer	All species - hardwoods and pine	Animal Bedding Bark Bark Mulch Beams Chips Dressed Lumber Exported Lumber/Logs Green Lumber Piling Poles & Timber Sawdust Softwood Chips Softwood Lumber
Pixelle Specialty Solutions 228 South Main Street Spring Grove, PA 17362 Phone: 717-955-8416 Contact: Todd Berman todd.berman@pixelle.com www.pixelle.com Areas: Kent, Sussex	Pulp Chip Producer Pulp & Paper Mill	Hardwoods Softwoods	
Renshaw Logging Company 24915 Collins Wharf Road Eden, MD 21822 Phone: 410-543-2757 Contact: Marty Renshaw renshawlogging@yahoo.com Areas: Sussex	Logger	All species - hardwoods and pine	Firewood Hardwood Pulpwood Hardwood Sawlogs Poles & Timber Sawlogs Veneer Logs
Sheets Timberview Forestry 609 Lees Bridge Road Nottingham, PA 19362 Phone: 717-669-6941 Contact: Jesse Sheets power73sheets01@aol.com www.sheetstimberview.com Areas: Statewide	Logger Veneer & Plywood Mill	Gum Black Oak Red Oak White Oak Poplar	Hardwood Sawlogs Veneer Logs

Active forest management contributes to an improved overall quality of life for <u>all</u> Delawareans, providing forests for future generations.

Business Name and Address	Type of Business	Species	Products Sold
Short's Sawmill 18310 Old Sawmill Road Georgetown, DE 19947 Phone: 302-245-3462 Contact: Austin Short III shortfarmIII@hotmail.com Areas: Sussex	Custom Sawmill		Custom Dried Lumber Green Lumber Grade Lumber Kiln-Dried Lumber Rustic Lumber Sawdust Slabs
Simon's Chainsaw Logging 4089 Pearsons Corner Road Dover, DE 19904 Phone: 302-943-5539 Contact: Simon Byler Areas: Kent, Sussex	Logger	All species - hardwoods and (5%) pine	Sawlogs Veneer Logs
Soapstone Sawmill LLC 332 Little Britain Church Road Peach Bottom, PA 17563 Phone: 717-548-4928 Fax: 717-548-4248 Contact: Ben Stoltzfus soapstone@ibyfax.com www.reallancastercounty.com/ soapstone-sawmill Areas: Statewide	Commercial Sawmill Custom Sawmill Logger Pallet & Container	Beech Hickory Poplar Red Oak White Oak Sweet Gum Walnut, All mixed hardwoods	Animal Bedding Bark Bark/Landscape Mulch Beams Cants Crates Cribs/Cribbing Crossties & Switch Ties Dimension Hardwood Fence Posts Firewood Hardwood Chips Lumber Mats Pallet Products Sawlogs Shipping Crates Veneer Logs



The Delaware Forest Service provides assistance with forest stewardship planning, tree planting, and timber stand improvement.

Business Name and Address	Type of Business	Species	Products Sold
Southern Coastal Forest Products II 31766 Peggy Neck Road Princess Anne, MD 21853 Phone: 443-944-1437 Contact: Melanie Russell mrussellscfp@gmail.com Areas: Statewide	Commercial Sawmill Peeled Post Producer Pulp Chip Producer Wood Chipper Piling & Post Mill	Southern Yellow Pine	Animal Bedding Fence Posts Poles & Timber Softwood Chips
Spence Logging Inc. 29945 Rabbit Hill Road Easton, MD 21601 Phone: 443-786-5130 Contact: Luke Spence luke@spencelogging.com spencelogging@gmail.com www.spencelogging.com Areas: Statewide	Logger Log & Bolt Tree Removal Firewood Dealer	Gum Maple Oak Poplar Pine	Hardwood Sawlogs Hardwood Veneer
Spicer Pole LLC 5274 Bucktown Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Phone: 410-228-2535 Contact: Tommy Spicer hannah@chesapeakewood.com Areas: Statewide	Logger Peeled Post Producer Pole Machine	Pine	Animal Bedding Barn Poles Piling Poles & Timber Shavings
Stoltzfus Forest Products 675 Nottingham Road Peach Bottom, PA 17563 Phone: 717-548-2668 Contact: Benuel Stoltzfus info@stoltzfusforestproducts.net www.stoltzfusforestproducts.net Areas: Statewide	Commercial Sawmill Dimension & Furniture Dry Kiln	Ash Cherry Hickory Poplar Sugar Maple Red Oak White Oak Walnut	Animal Bedding Bark Bark/Landscape Mulch Beams Cants Crates Cribs/Cribbing Crossties & Switch Ties Dimension Hardwood Firewood Whole Tree Chips Lumber Mats Pallet Products Sawlogs Shipping Crates Skids Veneer Logs

Business Name and Address	Type of Business	Species	Products Sold
Timber Harvest, Inc. 10849 Chapel Road Cordova, MD 21625 Phone: 410-829-0230 Contact: Phil MacDonald Sr. pmacdonald@atlanticbb.net Areas: Kent, Sussex	Logger	All species - hardwoods and pine	Hardwood Pulpwood Hardwood Sawlogs Poles & Timber Sawlogs
Timothy I. Hopper, DBA: J & T Logging 18347 Chaplains Chapel Road Bridgeville, DE 19933 Phone: 302-337-0207 Contact: Tim Hopper jtloggin@aol.com Areas: Kent, Sussex	Timber Buyer Logger	All species - hardwoods and pine	Hardwood Saw Timber Hardwood Sawlogs Piling Pine Pulpwood Pine Sawlogs Poles & Timber
West Dover Sawmill 1191 Pearsons Corner Road Hartly, DE 19934 Phone: 302-697-5557 Contact: Eli Miller Areas: Statewide	Commercial Sawmill Custom Sawmill Fencing Pallet & Container	All species - hardwoods and pine	Animal Bedding Green Lumber Hardwood Lumber Hardwood Sawlogs Pallet Cants & Lumber Sawdust Sawlogs Switch Ties Veneer Logs
Wheatleys Pond Woodcraft 1320 Wheatleys Pond Road Smyrna, DE 19977 Phone: 302-659-1740 Areas: Kent	Logger Pallet & Container	Gum Maple Oak Poplar	Crates Hardwood Sawlogs Pallets (new) Sawdust Shipping Crates
Wood Export Corporation 4 My Way Lincoln University, PA 19352 Phone: 484-368-7825 Contact: Tim Nilan timnilan@woodexportcorp.com www.woodexportcorp.com Areas: Statewide	Log & Bolt Logger Firewood Dealer Pulp & Paper Mill Wood Chipper	Various species - hardwoods and pine	Animal Bedding Bark Mulch Exported Lumber/Logs Hardwood Chips Hardwood Sawlogs Hardwood Veneer Mulch Sawlogs Veneer Logs Whole Tree Chips

# **Glossary of Forestry Terms**

#### **Board foot**

Amount of timber equivalent to a piece 12" X 12" X 1" (equals 1/12 cubic foot)

### **Bucking** (also called cross-cutting)

Cutting of a tree stem or branch across the grain (transversely) into lengths (creating logs).

#### Cant

A log partially or wholly cut or sawn square.

# Clearcutting

A silvicultural system in which the trees are completely harvested over a particular area at one time; regeneration (natural or artificial) is evenaged and normally requires direct sunlight for establishment.

#### **Commercial forest land**

Forest land capable of producing merchantable timber, currently or prospectively accessible and not withdrawn from harvesting use.

#### Cord

A standard cord: a unit of gross volume measurement for stacked wood (normally firewood) based on external dimensions; contains 128 cubic feet of wood, bark, and air stacked 4' X 4' X 8'; a face cord contains less than 128 cubic feet for wood stacked 4' X 8' long X variable width; normally cut to stove length.

#### Cruise

A forest survey to estimate the quantity of timber on a given area according to species, size, quality, possible products, or other characteristics.

# Crosstie (locally called tie)

A timber cross-member sawn and/or hewn into sizes varying according rail-gauge or function for supporting the rails of railway tracks. Locally 'tie' does not always imply use for rail support, but may imply the timber is sized and ready for final use (e.g. landscape tie) unlike 'cant' which is normally resawn.

# Cunit ("unit")

Unit of stacked wood containing 100 cubic feet of solid wood; normally stacks 4' high X 8' long X greater than 4' wide.

# **Diameter at breast height** (DBH)

On standing trees, the standard diameter of a tree at 4.5' above ground level.

#### **Diameter limit cut**

Removal of all trees above a specified DBH, with or without the elimination of cull trees (trees without timber value).

# Fire danger rating

A relative number or level indicating the severity of forest fire danger as determined by burning conditions or other factors of fire danger.

#### **Forest**

A plant or animal community of trees and other woody vegetation, growing more or less closely together.

#### **Forester**

A person trained and educated with a minimum Bachelor's degree in the science, art, and practice of managing and using for human benefit, the natural resources which occur on and in association with forest lands. Knowledge includes the interrelationships of soil, water, air, trees, people, wildlife, and domestic animals; forest protection from fire, insects, and diseases; economics of forestry; harvesting techniques; and reforestation.

### Forest management

Segment of forestry primarily concerned with the practical application of scientific, economic, and social principles to the administration of forest land for specified objectives.

# Forest management plan

Written document (normally long-ranged in scope) which identifies the objectives of the landowner; silvicultural practices to be administered over time; and the economic, social, and other resource principles affecting the forest land. Prepared by a professional forester.

# Forest plantation

A forest established by the "setting-out" or planting of tree seedlings.

# **Forest product**

Any raw material yielded from a forest. Usually refers to timber and fuelwood.

# Grade timber, logs, and stock (lumber)

Standing timber, logs, squares, or other sawn timber that meet the minimum requirements of the set rules established to best meet the buyer's needs. Separate rules are established for timber, logs, lumber, and other sawn products. Primarily, the rules are descriptions of the external and internal defects of wood permitted for various grade levels.

#### Green

A loose term applied to wood of living trees, standing or freshly cut, or wood still containing most of the moisture present at the time of felling.

#### **Hardwood**

A conventional term for the timber of broadleaved trees and the trees themselves belonging to the botanical group *Angiosperm* (oaks, maples, beech, birch, walnut, cherry, yellow-poplar, hickories, etc.).

#### **Harvest**

A conventional term for the removal of financially or physically mature trees.

#### **Herbicide control**

Chemical method used to kill or inhibit the growth of certain plants, their spores, or seed. Term may be used broadly to mean control of undesirable tree species, woody plants, herbs, (forbs & grasses) and fungi.

# **Inventory**

Survey of a forest whereby each tree (or a large sample of all trees) is measured for volume determination of age, defects, diseases, stand class, or other characteristics (nearly synonymous with 'cruise,' but an intensive survey normally conducted to determine land use potential rather than timber harvest potential.

# **Landing**

Any place where round timber is assembled for further transport, typically to a sawmill or pulpmill.

# Logging

Felling and extraction of timber, particularly as logs from a forested area.

#### Merchantable

Trees of a size, quality, and condition suitable for marketing under given economic conditions (usually over 4" DBH).

#### Non-commercial forest land

Either commercial forest land withdrawn from harvesting use, or forest land not capable of producing merchantable timber or totally inaccessible (e.g., marshland).

#### **Performance bond**

Bond, normally monetary, that is set and held under contract until performance conditions are accomplished under said contract. (For example: (10% of sale price to be given at time of contract signing and held until harvest operations complete, and all skid roads are seeded with grass as specified in contract.)

# Piling (also known as pile)

Long heavy timber, round or square cut, that is driven deep into the ground to provide a secure foundations for structures built on soft, wet, or submerged sites.

#### **Poles**

Any considerable length of round timber below sawlog size, ready for use without further conversion.

#### **Pole timber**

Young tree or tree greater than 5" DBH and less than 11" DBH for hardwoods or less than 9" DBH for softwoods.

#### **Post**

Length of timber, generally round or square-cut, used as a pillar or other support in building, fencing, etc.

# **Primary** (as related to processing and the forest products industry)

The first or initial conversion of standing timber into logs and/or initial forest products normally not ready for final use, except for untreated poles, piling, posts, and firewood.

### **Pulpwood**

Wood cut and prepared primarily for manufacturing into pulp. Usually cut form pole timber and thinning operations.

# Regeneration or reforestation

Renewal of a tree crop, whether naturally (establishment of seedlings from seed of surrounding trees) or artificially (planting or seeding by man).

#### Roundwood

Wood prepared in the round state, bucked, but not split, formally used as firewood.

# Salvage cut

Harvesting of dead, dying, or deteriorating trees before their timber becomes worthless.

# Sapling

A loose term for a young tree larger than 1" DBH, yet smaller that 5" DBH.

# Savannah thinning

A silvicultural system in which most trees are removed except 30-50 trees per acre. This creates either a two-aged stand or it can be used for early successional wildlife habitat.

# Sawlog & sawtimber

Log or tree considered as suitable in size and quality for producing sawn timber. Normal size limits are greater than 11" DBH for hardwoods and greater than 9" DBH for softwoods.

# Sawn timber

Timber or logs cut by a saw to any dimension with or without wane (bark). Not surface-finished (planed) is called rough; surfaced-finished is called dressed.

### Seasoning

Process of removing moisture from wood, timber, and other forest products. In terms of firewood, seasoned implies that the wood is dried by setting out with proper air circulation and protection from weather or at least a 6-month period (after that period the moisture content of the wood is low enough for efficient burning).

# **Secondary** (as related to processing and the forest products industry)

The conversion of primary timber products into their final use products (e.g., furniture, paper, etc.).

# Seedling

Young tree grown from seed from its germination up to 1" DBH.

#### **Selection cut**

Periodic or annual harvest of trees (usually mature trees) as individuals or in small groups from an uneven-aged forest to realize the yield and establish a new crop. In Delaware, this is typically applied to hardwood management.

#### **Shares**

System of selling timber whereby the buyer and seller share in the price received for the product.

### Silviculture

The art and science of cultivating (growing and tending) forest crops based on their life history, general, and local characteristics.

# **Site preparation**

The modification of an area prior to artificial regeneration of forest or to ensure increased success of natural regeneration. Local methods include shearing & piling; prescribe burning; bedding; disking; herbicides, etc.

### Skidder

Equipment used to transport ground logs between different areas of the forest floor.

# Skidding

A loose term for hauling logs by sliding, not on wheels, from stump to landing. If wholly off the ground it's termed aerial or skyline skidding.

#### **Skid road**

Any trail, more or less prepared, over which logs are dragged.

### **Softwood**

A conventional term for trees belonging to the botanical group *Gymnospermae*. These include conifers, broad-leaved evergreens, and needle-type trees.

# **Thinning**

Cutting made in an immature stand to increase increment (diameter) growth and improve the average form of the remaining trees, without permanently affecting the upper crown cover.

#### **Timber sale contract**

Written and signed agreement between buyer and seller which outlines the price to be paid and conditions to be met during the harvest of timber.

# Timber stand improvement (TSI)

Loose term comprising all cuttings made before final harvest of mature trees to improve composition, constitution, condition & diameter growth of a timber stand.

# Tree length logging

Felling and then transporting the trimmed (limbed) bole (stem), as far as possible, in one piece. Bucking to be conducted at the landing or mill.

#### **Truckload**

Relating to the sale of firewood it may mean either a semitrailer or pickup truck load.

# Veneer log or timber

Tree or log considered suitable in size or quality for producing veneer. Normal size in this area is greater than 18" DBH. Veneer is a thin sheet of uniform thickness produced by slicing or peeling a log. Quality requirements are based on the amount of clear wood (absence of knots, bumps, scars, or any deviation of wood grain, surface, or color).

#### Volume tables and scales

Table or scale for one or more species showing the average cubic or board foot contents of trees, logs, or lumber (based on tree DBH & height; log diameter at the small end & length; lumber thickness, width, and length). Taper of trees and logs are accounted for in the volume determination in various ways, thus different scale rules.

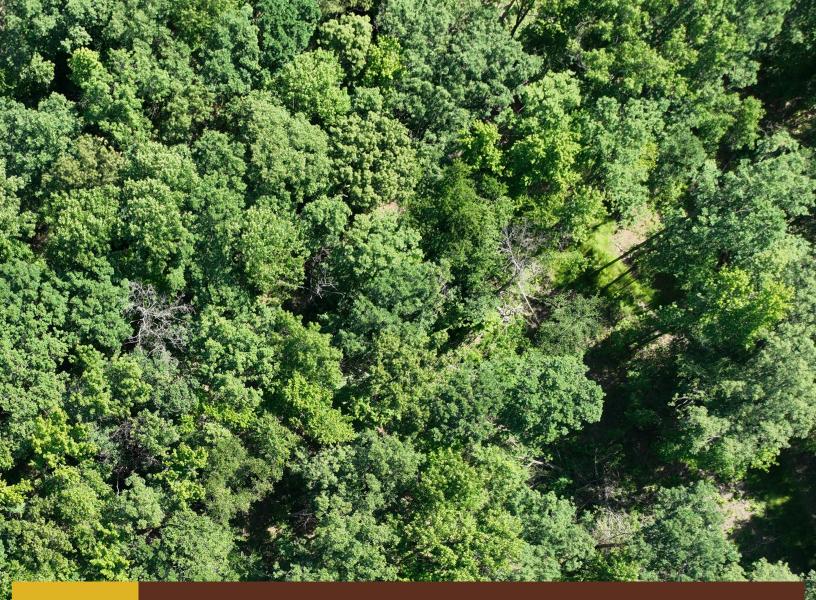
#### **International Rule**

Formula log rule allowing ½" taper for each 4" of length and 1/16" shrinkage in each 1" of board. (International ¼" Rule assumes ¼" kerf for the saw, official rule of the U.S. Forest Service).

#### **Wood residue**

Any material left after the completion of logging. Used as residue alone it means the material unused or created as a by-product of processing. (e.g., sawdust chips, bark, biomass, etc.)





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