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## Timber Output Survey Measures Arkansas Timber Production

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Arkansas forest product mills will soon receive the Timber Products Output (TPO) Survey, which provides year end harvest and production reports to help quantify Arkansas’s forest production industry. An estimated 120 Arkansas mills are active, and will be asked to participate. Mill managers can contact Darren Spinks with questions or to request a survey at (501) 944-2577 or [Darren.spinks@arkansas.gov](mailto:Darren.spinks@arkansas.gov).

The survey is completed every two years and is administered by the Agriculture Department’s Arkansas Forestry Commission (AFC). While individual mill data is confidential, the resulting report summarizes timber production by product sector. “The TPO helps us better understand the forest industry, and increases the visibility and marketability of Arkansas wood products to the public,” says State Forester Joe Fox. “Reliable data helps the forestry community recognize upcoming trends and prepare for future challenges. “

According to the most recent TPO Survey (based on 2015 data), industrial timber product output from Arkansas roundwood was 527.8 million cubic feet, which is 18.1 million tons. The term “roundwood” encompasses wood in log, bolt, or chipped form and includes softwood (or pine) and hardwood logs, pulpwood, veneer logs, poles, and logs used for composite wood products. Pulpwood and saw logs were the principal roundwood products in 2015. Together, they accounted for 88 percent of Arkansas’s total industrial roundwood output. Find the full fact sheet, which includes a map of all Arkansas forest product mills that participated in the 2015 survey, [here](#).

Since 1948, the TPO Survey has provided forest production data from across the southern region. The U.S. Forest Service oversees the program, while state agencies carry out the survey process. Over 1,600 mills will be surveyed across the south in 2018 for data. TPO data is used together with Forest Inventory & Analysis data, which focuses on forest growth and overall health, to generate comprehensive Arkansas forestry statistics and forecasts.

Arkansas is home to more than 19 million acres of forestland, which has an economic impact of \$6.3 billion and provides for more than 28,000 jobs. Learn more about the economic impact of the Arkansas forestry industry from the Arkansas Forestry Association, [here](#). Contact your County Forester to learn more about options for managing your timber, [here](#).

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