Wood & Forest Products

Oregon is the largest lumber producer in the U.S. With 30.5 million acres of forestlands, about 50 percent of the total landmass of the state is covered in forest. An internationally recognized leader in forest product manufacturing, Oregon combines accessible raw materials with cutting-edge innovation to produce a diverse range of high quality, value-added wood products that are exported to every corner of the globe.

Advanced technology in the wood products industry has streamlined the processing of Oregon timber, making the industry more competitive and less labor intensive. Innovation has created new opportunities for Oregon companies like Murphy Co. which went from producing traditional plywood to value-added engineered wood products, such as laminated veneer beams that can compete with steel as a building material in the global marketplace.

Oregon State University (OSU), one of the world’s leading forestry schools, helps keep Oregon on the leading edge of advanced technology in wood products, from timber harvesting to processing. In particular, OSU’s Wood Innovation Center connects the best in business, science and forestry, linking industry with university-based research to develop innovative processes and systems that add value to Oregon’s wood products. And the multi-university Oregon Built Environment & Sustainable Technologies (Oregon BEST) Center provides businesses around the state with access to the latest developments in green building, biofuels, bioproducts and biomass-based renewable energy.

“We have a completely integrated industry here. Throughout the country and the world, there is no place like Oregon. If it relates to wood, we are number one.”

Allyn Ford
CEO, Roseburg Forest Products
Wood Products

From dimensional lumber to ready-to-install windows and doors, Oregon’s value-added wood products are world-renowned. Oregon companies export wood products to meet market needs across the globe. Oregon’s wood products exports to China increased by 76 percent in 2011, and 27 percent to all partner countries.

The quality of raw material and production expertise found in Oregon are second to none, making Oregon the ideal place to do business in secondary wood product manufacturing.

Oregon lumber manufacturing companies include JELD-WEN, Weyerhaeuser, The Collins Companies, Murphy Company, Hampton Affiliates and Roseburg Forest Products. These companies are known for continued innovation in their product lines. For example, JELD-WEN’s proprietary process penetrates lumber down to the core with environmentally safer treatments, versus a standard dip process that simply coats the outer surface of the lumber. Softwood moldings, wood furniture, fabricated structural wood members, windows and doors currently top the list of Oregon value-added wood products.

Forestry

Oregon’s economy has been shaped by the evolution of its longstanding forestry industry; an industry which now includes biomass generation, sustainability practices, manufactured housing and many secondary wood products manufacturers.

Privately owned forestlands are Oregon’s primary providers of timber, accounting for nearly 85 percent of the statewide timber harvest annually. Today, the forest sector is lean, resilient and competitive. The industry has a modern transportation and utility infrastructure and strong market links. It produces high-quality wood products in high-tech, low-waste mills from timber. And it meets tough federal and state air emission standards and other environmental laws.

Oregon.
Where business and forests grow together.