

# HOW MUCH WOOD IS OREGON HARVESTING ?

Over the last 100 years, economic, social and environmental factors have caused Oregon's timber harvest to vary greatly. Even so, for decades, harvest has remained at a level below the annual growth of Oregon forests. Harvesting has declined since 1990; however, forests remain our state's most abundant natural resource and a crucial piece of Oregon's economy.

Current forest growth is estimated at 6 to 7 billion board feet per year. In 2007, Oregon's timber harvest totalled 3.79 billion board feet – only 60 percent of total annual growth.

## NATIONAL LEADER

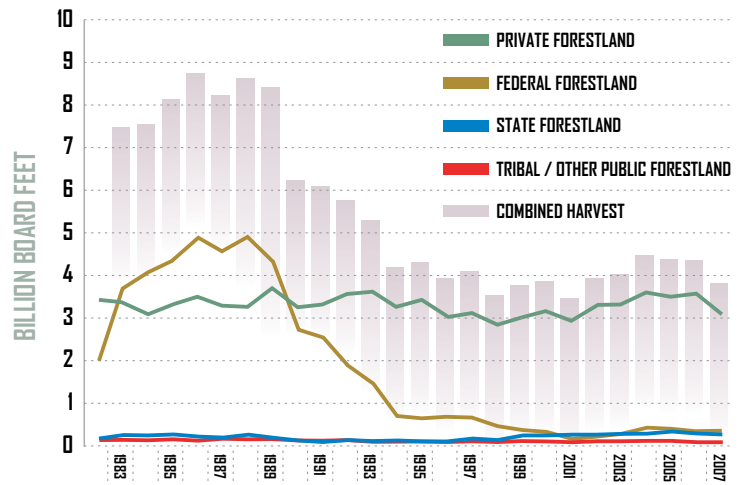
Oregon is the leading softwood lumber producer in the nation and has been for more than 25 years, followed by Washington and California.

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TIMBER HARVEST AND SOFTWOOD  
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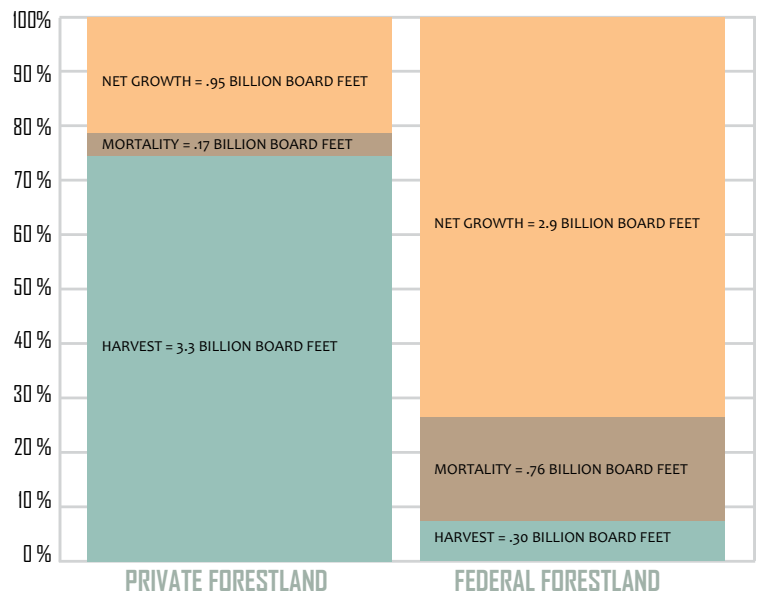
## WHAT IS A BOARD FOOT?

Oregon measures its timber harvest and lumber production in billions of board feet. One board foot is equivalent to a solid piece of wood one foot square by one inch thick. An 8-foot 2x4 contains 3.5 board feet. An average 2,300 square foot home uses about 16,000 board feet of lumber.

## OREGON HARVEST DATA



## TIMBER HARVEST AND MORTALITY (AS % OF TOTAL ANNUAL GROWTH)



Oregon's Legislature created the Oregon Forest Resources Institute to improve public understanding of Oregon's forest resources and to encourage sound forest practices

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