

## Wood Bioenergy & Forest Products Sectors: Jobs & Economic Benefits Needed Now More Than Ever

During times of great uncertainty and upheaval, such as today's COVID-19 pandemic, good-paying jobs and a stable energy supply are more important than ever. The wood bioenergy industry is an essential component of the world's low-carbon energy infrastructure, helping keep the lights on for millions of households in the United Kingdom, Europe and in Asia.

At the same time, wood bioenergy and other forest products are a key part of the fight against climate change – and is a sector that is **providing millions of stable, good-paying jobs for rural communities in the United States.**

Here are some notable facts about the economic and jobs contributions of the wood bioenergy and forest products industries:

### Wood Bioenergy Is A Critical Component Of The South's Vibrant Forest Products Economy

- Wood bioenergy from the U.S. is primarily sourced from the Southeast. Major wood bioenergy producing states include: Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi
- **Forest products support 1.3 million jobs in the South**

Source: [Forest2Market](#)

### The Forest Products Industry, Including Wood Bioenergy, Supports:

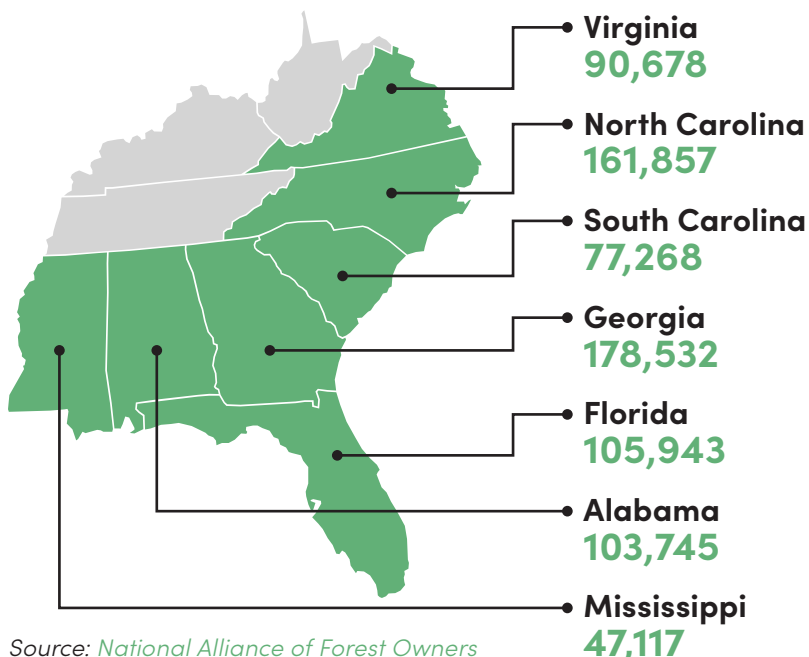
**2.9M**  
US Jobs

**\$128.1B**  
in payroll

**\$107B**  
in GDP

Source: [Forest2Market](#)

### Forest Products Jobs By State:



Source: [National Alliance of Forest Owners](#)

### Wood Bioenergy Considered “Critical Infrastructure” During COVID-19 Crisis

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security **has identified** the wood bioenergy sector as a “critical infrastructure industry” with a “special responsibility” to maintain operations during a national emergency such as today's COVID-19 pandemic. As a critical energy supplier and manufacturer, the wood bioenergy industry must continue to operate and provide stable jobs in communities across the United States.

