

**May the
Forest
be with you**



Texas Forest Sector

- The Texas Forest Sector consists of **12 million acres** of commercial forests and is located in primarily 43 counties in East Texas.
- During the past decade, the wood-based industry has remained **one of the top 10 manufacturing sectors** in the state.
- The forest sector is one of the top two largest manufacturing employers in 25 of the 43 East Texas counties.
- With direct, indirect, and induced impacts, the total economic impact of the Texas Forest Sector is **\$33 billion** in industry output, **\$14.1 billion** in value-added; **\$8.6 billion** in labor income; and, **166,071 jobs** for Texans.
- Each year in Texas, **100 million seedlings are planted** – that's about five trees per Texan.
- Trees are a renewable, sustainable resource!

Source: Economic Impact of the Texas Forest Sector, 2007

You don't have to stand in the middle of the woods to be surrounded by the forest. The home you live in. The food you eat. The clothes you wear. The books you read. They all come from the trees growing in Texas.

But there's more...

Forests provide shelter for animals like birds and deer. They give people a nice place to relax and play. They even help clean the water we drink and the air we breathe. It doesn't matter where you are - *the forest is with you.*



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