



Timber

Mississippi Timber Talk



OUR HERITAGE

Since the early 1900s Mississippi has been a leader in the timber industry. Excellent forest management has turned our forests into one of the most desirable timberlands in the world. Gulfport, Mississippi exported more Southern Yellow Pine logs than any other port on the globe!



WOODBASKET

Mississippi has over 19 million acres of timberland of which about 90% is privately owned. Timberland covers about 65% of the state. Mississippi was the first state in the nation to establish reforestation tax credit. Mississippi is business-friendly!



SUSTAINABILITY

We plant more than we harvest. You never come short of timber supply when you operate your business in Mississippi. We are rich, both in softwood and hardwood timber.

The average Pine growth to harvest ratio is 3:1

The average Hardwood growth to harvest ratio is 6:1



CERTIFIED TREE FARMERS

Mississippi is ranked Number 1 in the nation to have the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) certified forest landowners trained to keep forests healthy and productive. ATFS certification standards recognize new conservation forestry practices and evolving consumer demand for sustainably harvested forest products.


















LOGGING

Mississippi has about 1,000 qualified professional logging companies.

Loggers qualified from Professional Logging Manager (PLM) program are trained to meet the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) standards, Best Management Practices (BMPs), logging and transportation safety, and to make businesses more efficient, profitable, and legal.

Mississippi Land Cover Map

LAND COVER CLASSIFICATION FROM SATELLITE IMAGERY

	OPEN WATER
	DEVELOPED, OPEN SPACE
	DEVELOPED, LOW INTENSITY
	DEVELOPED, MEDIUM INTENSITY
	DEVELOPED, HIGH INTENSITY
	BARREN LAND
	DECIDUOUS FOREST
	EVERGREEN FOREST
	MIXED FOREST
	SHRUB/SCRUB
	HERBACEOUS
	HAY/PASTURE
	CULTIVATED CROPS
	WOODY WETLANDS
	EMERGENT HERBACEOUS WETLANDS

WORKING PRIVATE FORESTS: STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

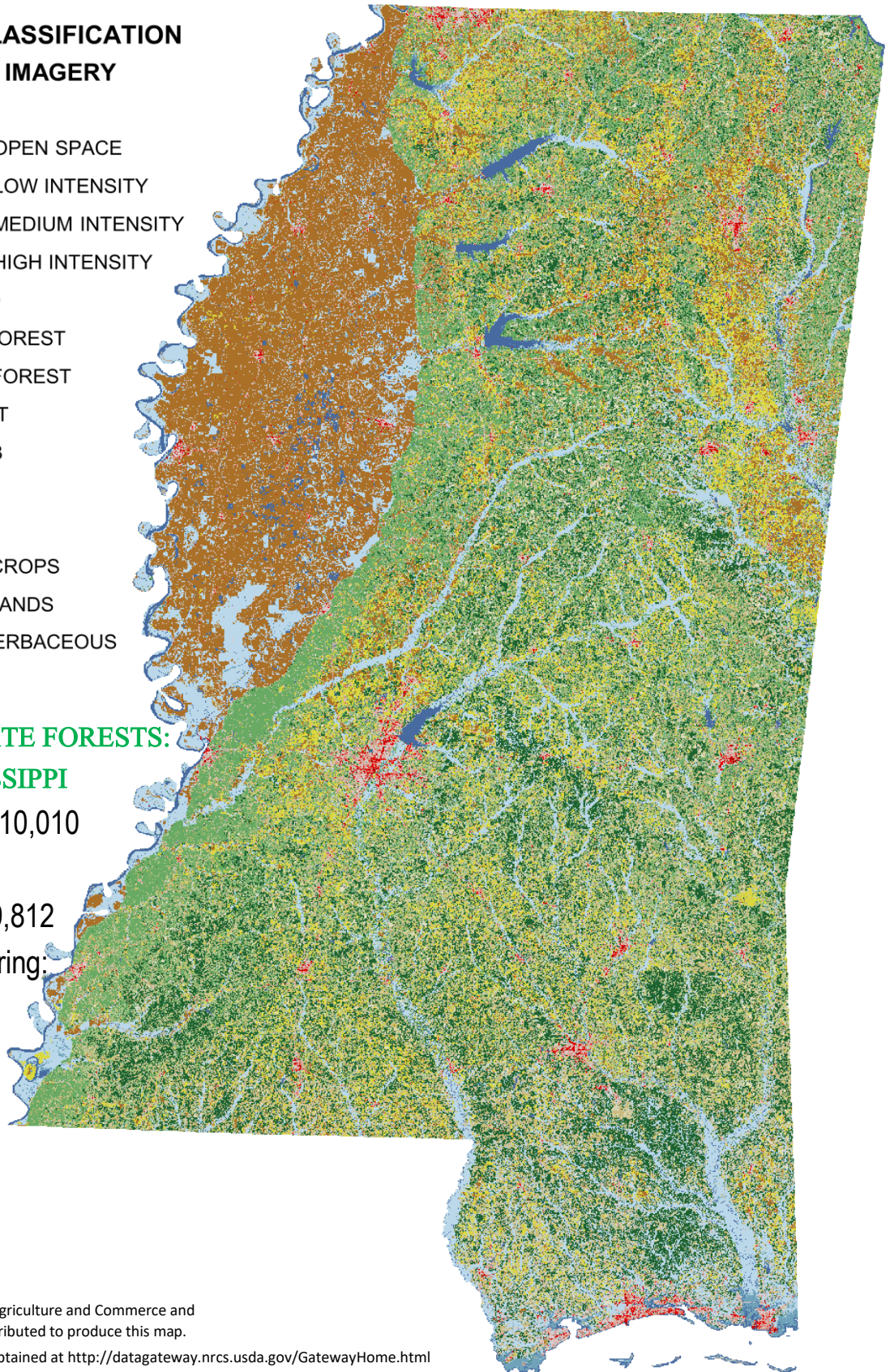
Private Acres: 17,010,010

Jobs: 46,724

Payroll: \$1,777,399,812

Sales & Manufacturing:

\$8,443,280,942

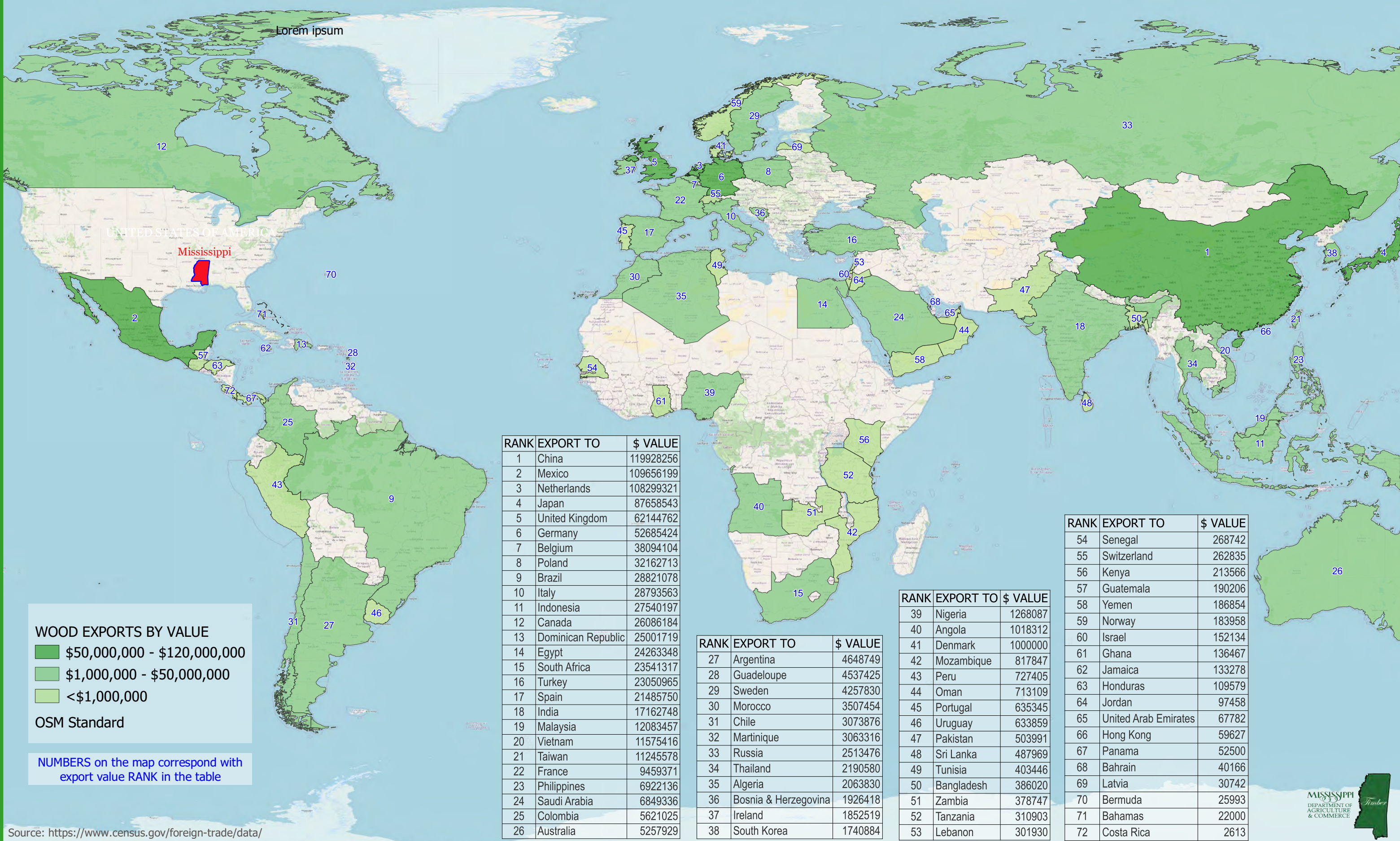


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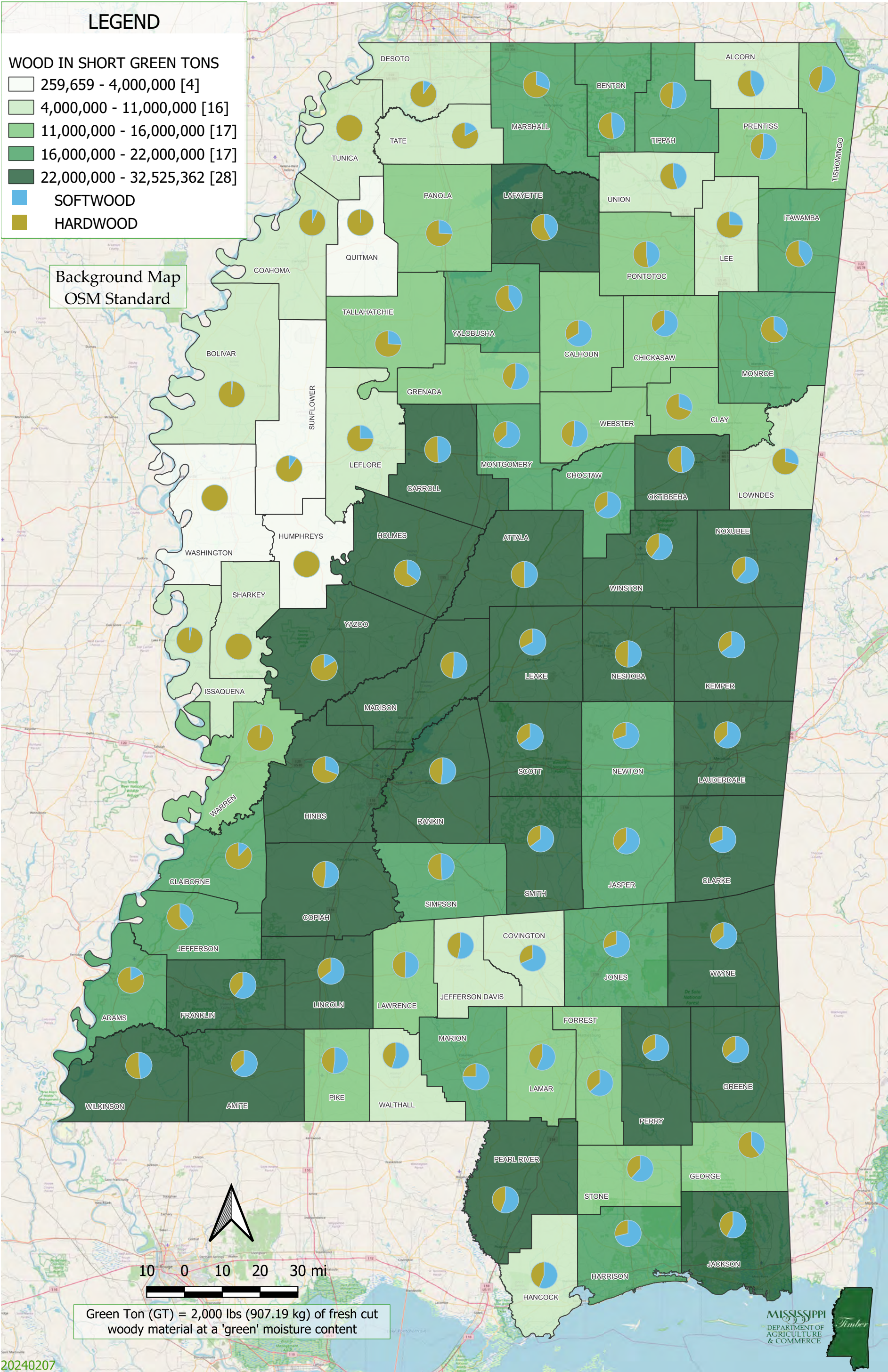
Downloadable version may be obtained at <http://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov/GatewayHome.html>

Acreage data from the US Forest Service's Forest Inventory Analysis, and NAFO.

Mississippi Wood Product Exports Ranked by Value (\$)

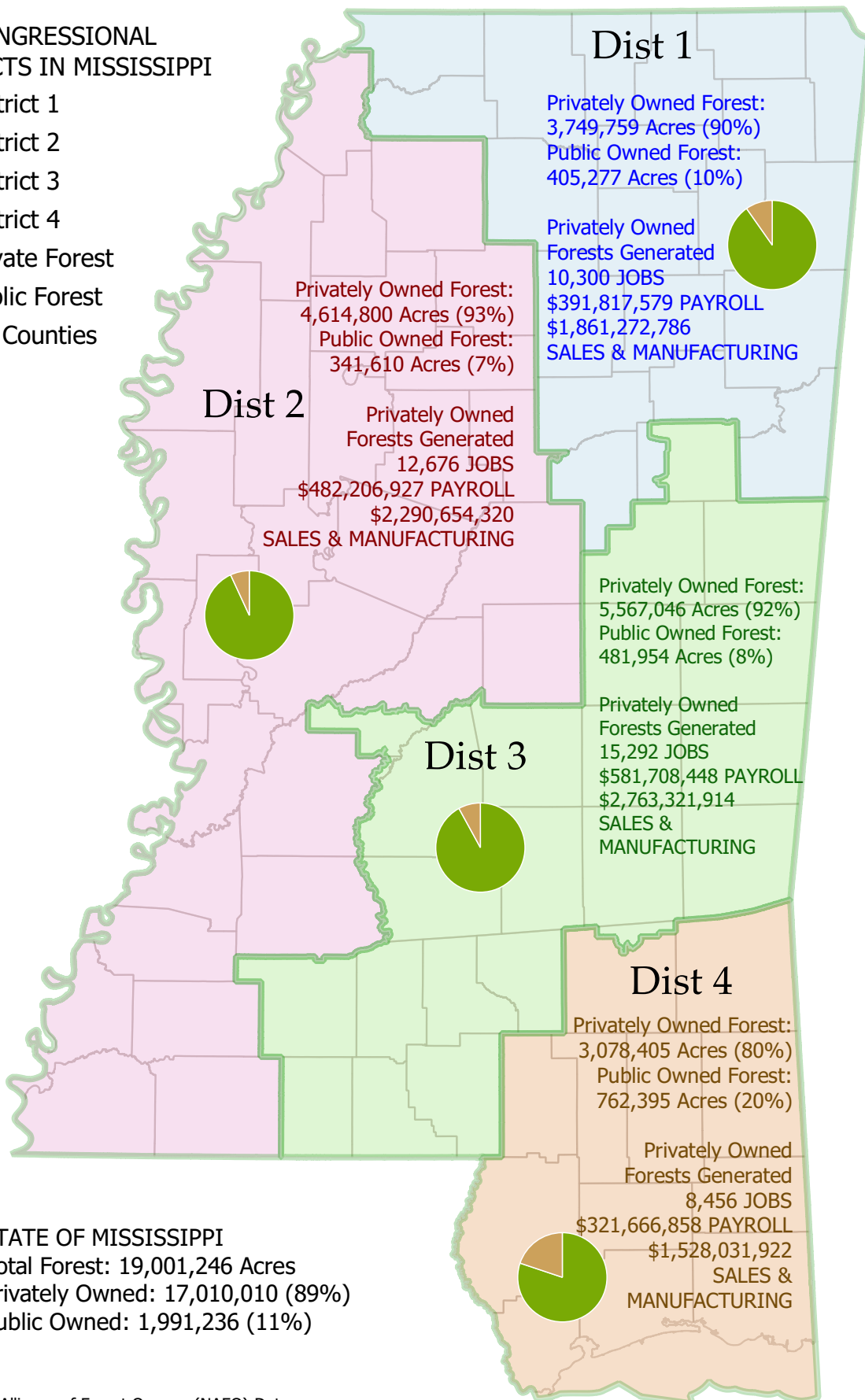
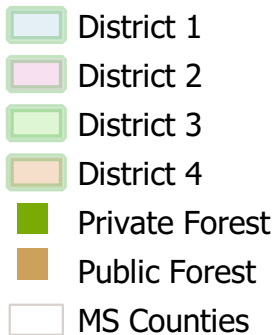


MISSISSIPPI FOREST WOOD WEIGHT BY WOOD TYPE



PRIVATELY OWNED MISSISSIPPI FORESTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON ECONOMY BY U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN MISSISSIPPI



Welcome to Mississippi, the Hospitality State!

It is our pleasure to present you with our Mississippi Timber booklet. The booklet provides an overview of the timber industry including the economic impact it contributes to our state. You will find additional maps and resources on our website devoted to Mississippi Timber <https://timber.mdac.ms.gov/>

Mississippi has nearly 1 billion green tons growing on nearly 20 million acres of Forestland. Per timber acreage, we are the 3rd largest in the Southeastern United States. We are unique in that our forests contain approximately 50/50 hardwood/softwood.

If you are looking to expand your timber business, to buy timber or to learn more about our resources, Mississippi has much to offer. We invite you to visit and allow us to show you around.

The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce wishes to thank you for considering our state for all of your timber needs. We are here to serve you.

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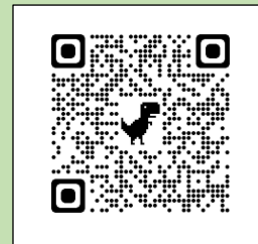
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