



2011 Georgia Timber Utilization Update

This update provides the most current data on the production of industrial timber products (Timber Products Output or TPO) from Georgia's primary wood-using mills.

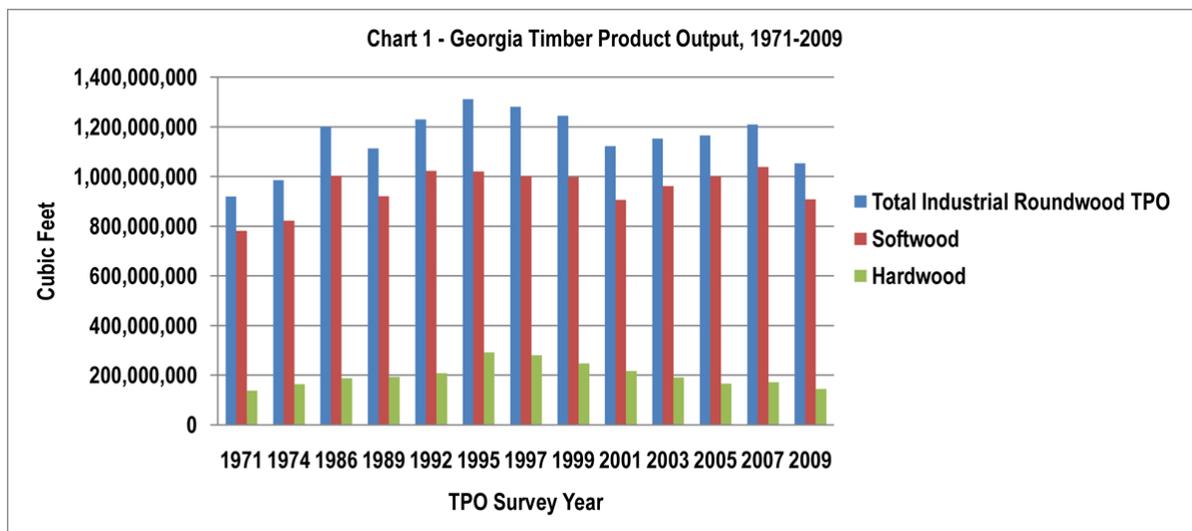
TPO provides estimates of industrial uses of roundwood via surveys of primary wood-using mills. Primary wood-using mills convert roundwood products (saw logs, veneer logs, pulpwood, etc.) into primary wood products such as lumber, veneer or sheathing, poles and posts, and wood pulp.

TPO surveys in Georgia are conducted bi-annually by a coordinated effort of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service Southern Research Station and the Georgia Forestry Commission's Forest Utilization staff.

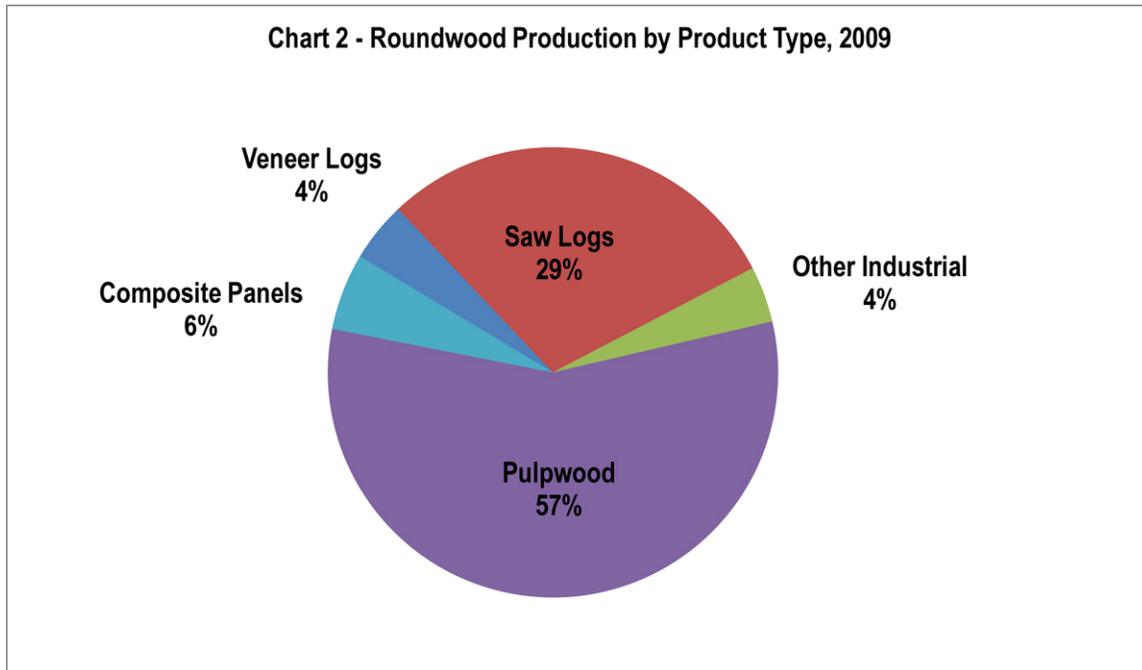
TPO can be analyzed on a county-level or region-wide basis to facilitate strategies for: wood supply plans; mill expansions; new mill locations; and bioenergy project development.

Following are a few highlights about Georgia's TPO from 1971 to 2009, as shown in Chart 1.

- The highest levels of total and hardwood TPO were recorded in 1995, 1.3 billion and 291 million cubic feet, respectively
- The highest level of softwood TPO was recorded in 2007, 1.04 billion cubic feet
- Softwood TPO is the largest component of total TPO averaging 83% for the period
- Between 2007 and 2009:
 - Softwood TPO declined -12.5% (129.74 million cubic feet or 4.53 million green tons)
 - Hardwood TPO declined -16.0% (27.39 million cubic feet or 1.03 million green tons)
 - The combined softwood and hardwood TPO declines equates to a loss of 305 truck loads per day of roundwood deliveries to mills for processing



Pulpwood and saw logs were the principal roundwood products in 2009, as shown in Chart 2. Combined output of these two products totaled 907 million cubic feet and accounted for 86% of the state's total industrial roundwood output.



The following timber utilization publications are available for download from the Georgia Forestry Commission website www.GaTrees.org/ForestMarketing/TPO.cfm.

Georgia's Timber Industry - An Assessment of Timber Product Output and Use: 2009; 2007; 2005; 2003; 2001; 1999

Georgia Harvest and Utilization Study, 2009; 2004

Georgia's 2009 Pulpwood Production

Southern Pulpwood Production, 2009; 2008

Trends in Southern Pulpwood Production, 1953-2006

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