

# Forest Industry Nova Scotia

Fact sheets

NS Budget, Economics and Employment  
With comparison to Tourism

# Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources

2015-16

## Mandate

In part:

**Mandate:** The Department of Natural Resources has broad responsibilities relative to the development, management, conservation and protection of forests, minerals, parks, and wildlife resources and the administration of the province's Crown land.

**Mission:** To work with Nova Scotians to build a better future through sustainable natural resource management.

**Visions:** #3 All Nova Scotians benefit from the natural health and wealth of the province

**Strategic Outcomes:** one states - Sustainable resource development ( Nova Scotia's natural resources are managed in a way that balances economic, environmental, and social demands for current and future generations of Nova Scotians)

**Economy:** Government recognizes that creating good, sustainable jobs for Nova Scotians is the role of the private sector and social enterprises. The role of government is to create a climate that fosters private sector and social enterprise economic growth.

## Nova Scotia 2015-16 Budget, DNR budget, labour force.

### Budget:

Total Revenue	\$9,920,008,000
Expenses	\$10,024,247,000
Deficit	\$97,575,000

### Revenue sources (in part):

Personal income tax	\$2,524,962,000
Corporate income tax	\$493,193,000
HST	\$1,761,253,000

### Nova Scotia Labour force 2012

Population size 942,926

Total labour force 493,200

Unemployment 42,600 8.6%

Employment:

Goods producing sector – 81,200 (forestry 5,600)

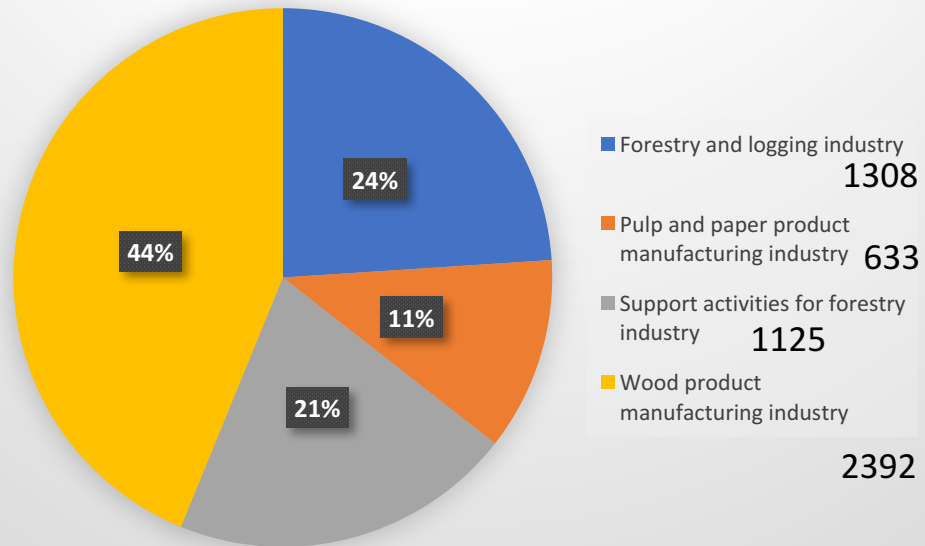
Service producing sector – 365,000

### DNR Budget

Total cost -	\$82,983,000
Natural Resource revenue -	\$14,690,000
Of this amount	
- timber and	
fuelwood licenses -	\$8,862,000
Corporate Services expenses -	\$1,157,000
Renewable resources -	\$18,689,000
Regional Services -	\$48,613,000

## Forest Industry Labour force 2012

Total = 5600



### Nova Scotia forest resources:

**Land area:** 5.53 million hectares

**Forested area** 4.3 million hectares

The operable forest area is much smaller.

**Annual area clear-cut – approx. 50,000 ha**

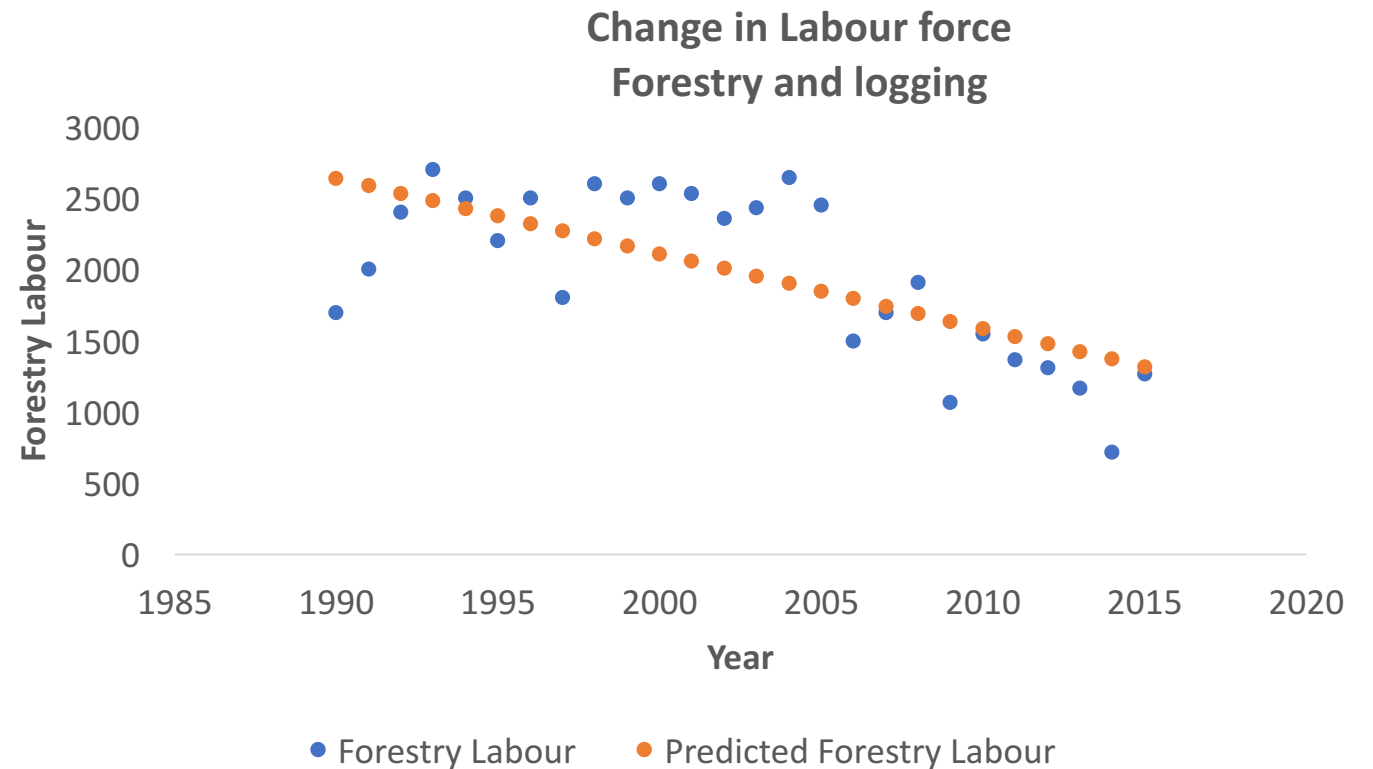
**Rotation is approx. 55 years.**

### Wages:

Forestry and logging = \$28,365,000 (\$21,686/person/year)

Woods products manufacturing = \$67,379,000

(\$28,168/person/year)



# Economics

## The forestry industry

Saw mills – 93

Pulp and paper mills – 2

Energy generating facilities – 2

Northern Fiber, Sheet Harbour (wood chipping and shipping terminal)

### Forest Economics based on Gardner Pinfold (2015):

Direct output - \$1,200,000,000

Direct GDP - \$410,000,000

Direct income - \$275,000,000

Direct jobs – 6,100

Indirect spinoff output - \$923,000,000

Indirect GDP - \$390,000,000

Spinoff income - \$226,000,000

Spinoff jobs – 5,400

## Government revenue from taxes (forestry):

Taxes on goods and services:

Provincial - \$16,000,000

Federal - \$33,000,000

Income taxes:

Provincial - \$17,000,000

Federal - \$13,000,000

## Nova Scotia Tourism

Revenue (2012) - \$2,330,000,000

Tourism employment:

Full-time 23,000

Part-time 15,000

Total 38,000

# Major forestry industrial sites:

Copies from: <http://nsforestnotes.ca/stats/>

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- Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Ltd. in Pictou
- Port Hawkesbury Paper in Port Hawkesbury
- Louisiana Pacific Corp. in Chester
- J.D. Irving Ltd. in Truro (see [2013 Economic Impact](#))
- Marwood Ltd. in Bedford & Brookfield
- Ledwidge Lumber in Enfield
- Elmsdale Lumber Co. in Elmsdale
- Harry Freeman and Son in Greenfield
- Scotsburn Lumber in Scotsburn
- Taylor Lumber in Middle Musquodoboit
- Great Northern Timber in Sheet Harbour
- Hefler Quality Lumber in Middle Sackville
- Turner & Turner Lumber in West Northfield
- JA Turner & Sons in West Northfield
- Williams Brother Ltd. in Barney's Rivers
- Scotia Pallets Ltd. in Goshen
- Groupe Savoie in Westville
- BA Fraser Lumber in Margaree Valley
- Brooklyn Power in Brooklyn

## Conclusion:

Forests cover a huge part of Nova Scotia

Majority is managed by clear cutting (30,000 to 40,000 hectares per year)

Low value of forest products (pulp, logs, wood chips and lumber)

Decreasing number of workers in the forest industry.

DNR – large budget to support forest industry

DNR - Mandate -All Nova Scotians benefit from the natural health and wealth of the province

But, only a few people benefit (owners or CEO's of industrial operations)

Promoting low value fiber for NS forests is short sighted and leaves no room for a changing market in the future. Diversity in the forests means we can adapt to changing markets.

Tourism makes more money than forestry but the landscape that tourists enjoy seeing is becoming clear-cut and is often visible along highways.

If the natural health and wealth of the province is for the benefit to **all** Nova Scotians then the Government and specifically the Minister of DNR should actively be promoting value added industries such that increasingly more people would be employed.

Promoting value added industries would also mean that, at least, Crown land should be managed for old age forests which could produce valuable trees for selective harvesting for the value added industry.

**In short, currently, DNR, largely funded by the tax payer, is helping a few people becoming very rich! This must stop!**