

Benefits from Managing Your Forestland

- ▲ You will make more money.
- ▲ Your land value will increase as a managed timber stand grows.
- ▲ Trees grow tax-deferred as they increase in volume and value.
- ▲ Good forest management is also good wildlife management.
- ▲ Managed forests will provide a better local forest market, industry, and jobs.

Consequences of NOT Managing Your Forestland

- You will lose money.
- You must pay land taxes whether the acres are idle or productive.
- Unmanaged forestland usually results in understocked and often less desirable timber species.
- An unmanaged forest decreases potential land value.
- You will lose future harvest revenues.

For more information on how to manage your forestland, contact the following agencies:

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Mississippi State University
Extension Service
3064 Longfellow Drive
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Phone: (228) 467-5456

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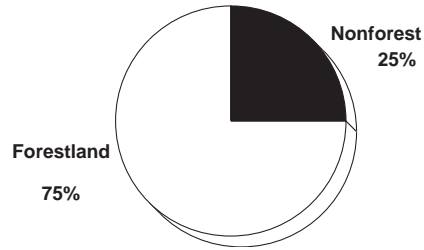
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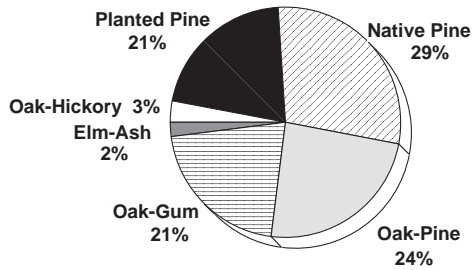


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County's
Number One Crop

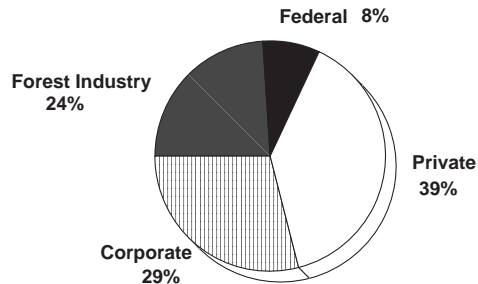
Hancock County Forestry Facts



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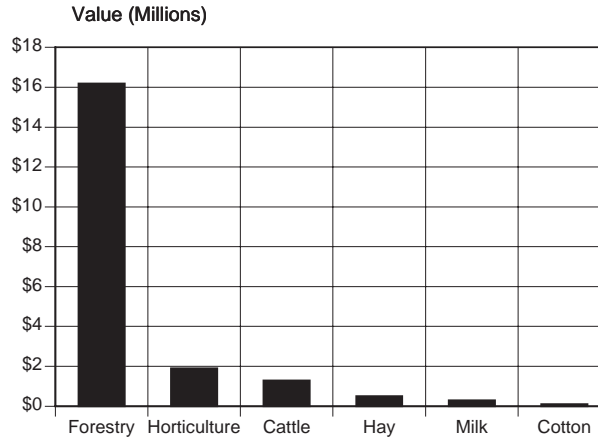
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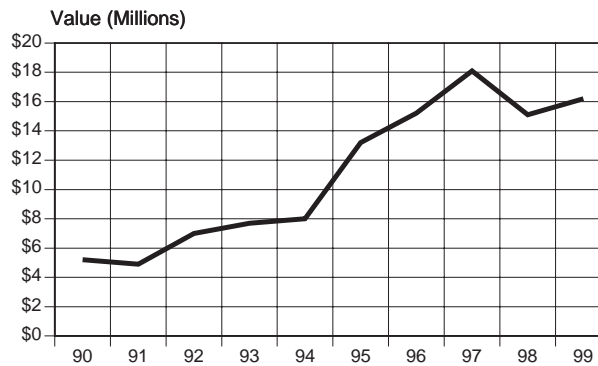
Forest Ownership

Forest Economics

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Value of Agriculture Crops-1999



Value of Timber

Increase Forestry Income for Yourself and for Hancock County!

- Get involved in a County Forestry Association to learn more about forestry.
- Use the advice and services of a professional forester.
- Have a forest-management plan prepared for your land. The plan should tell you what you have, what you need to do, and when you need to do it.
- Reforest all of your idle or cut-over forestlands.
- Manage your forests as you would any other agricultural crop.
- Use good marketing techniques when you sell timber.
- Become familiar with timber tax laws.
- Be an active manager of your forestland.

