

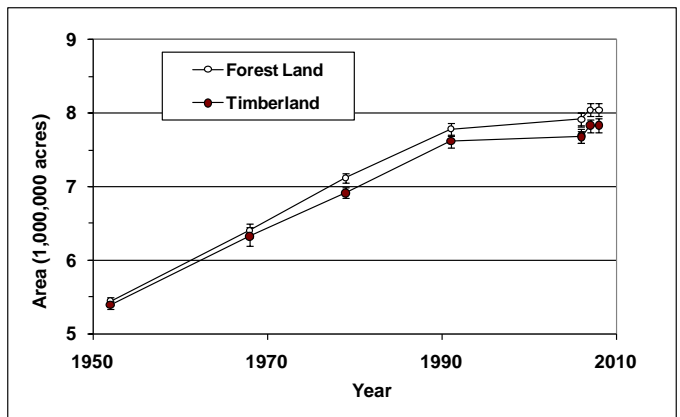
# Ohio's Forest Resources, 2008

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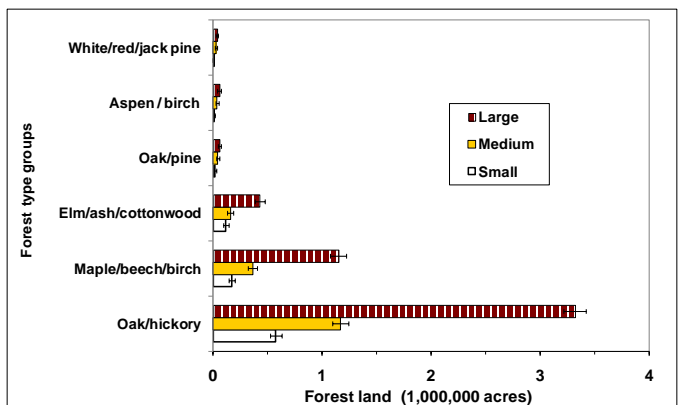
This publication provides an overview of forest resource attributes for Ohio based on an annual inventory conducted by the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program at the Northern Research Station of the U.S. Forest Service. These estimates, along with web-posted core tables, will be updated annually. For more information please refer to page 4 of this report.

**Table 1. – Annual estimates, uncertainty, and change**

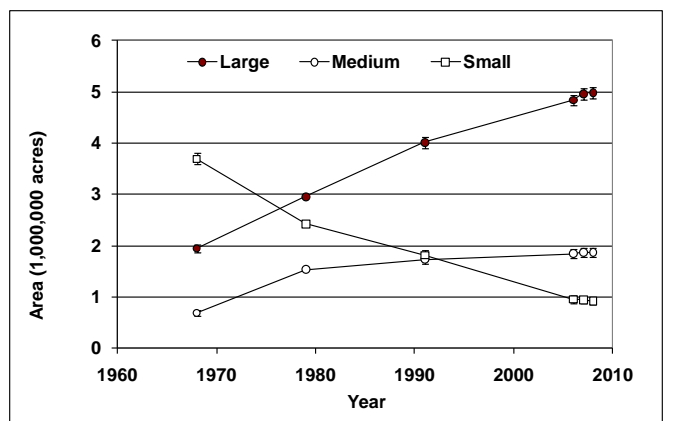
	Estimate 2008	Sampling error (%)	Change since 2006 (%)
<b>Forest Land Estimates</b>			
Area (1,000 acres)	8,044	1.1	1.6
Number of live trees 1-inch diameter or larger (million trees)	4,148	2.2	2.2
Dry biomass of live trees 1-inch diameter or larger (1,000 tons)	463,810	1.7	4.0
Net volume in live trees (1,000,000 ft <sup>3</sup> )	15,992	1.8	4.1
Annual net growth of live trees (1,000 ft <sup>3</sup> /year)	483,554	5.5	--*
Annual mortality of live trees (1,000 ft <sup>3</sup> /year)	191,341	8.1	--*
Annual harvest removals of live trees (1,000 ft <sup>3</sup> /year)	224,458	15.8	--*
Annual other removals of live trees (1,000 ft <sup>3</sup> /year)	9,899	21.8	--*
<b>Timberland Estimates</b>			
Area (1,000 acres)	7,834	1.2	1.9
Number of live trees 1-inch diameter or larger (million trees)	4,067	2.2	2.4
Dry biomass of live trees 1-inch diameter or larger (1,000 tons)	452,364	1.8	4.1
Net volume in live trees (1,000,000 ft <sup>3</sup> )	15,588	1.9	4.4
Net volume of growing-stock trees (1,000,000 ft <sup>3</sup> )	14,104	2.0	3.1
Annual net growth of growing-stock trees (1,000 ft <sup>3</sup> /year)	409,931	5.4	--*
Annual mortality of growing-stock trees (1,000 ft <sup>3</sup> /year)	125,132	9.0	--*
Annual harvest removals of growing-stock trees (1,000 ft <sup>3</sup> /year)	177,423	15.4	--*
Annual other removals of growing-stock trees (1,000 ft <sup>3</sup> /year)	11,712	60.9	--*



**Figure 1. – Area of timberland and forest land by year.**



**Figure 2. – Area of forest land area by top six forest types and stand size class, 2004-2008.**



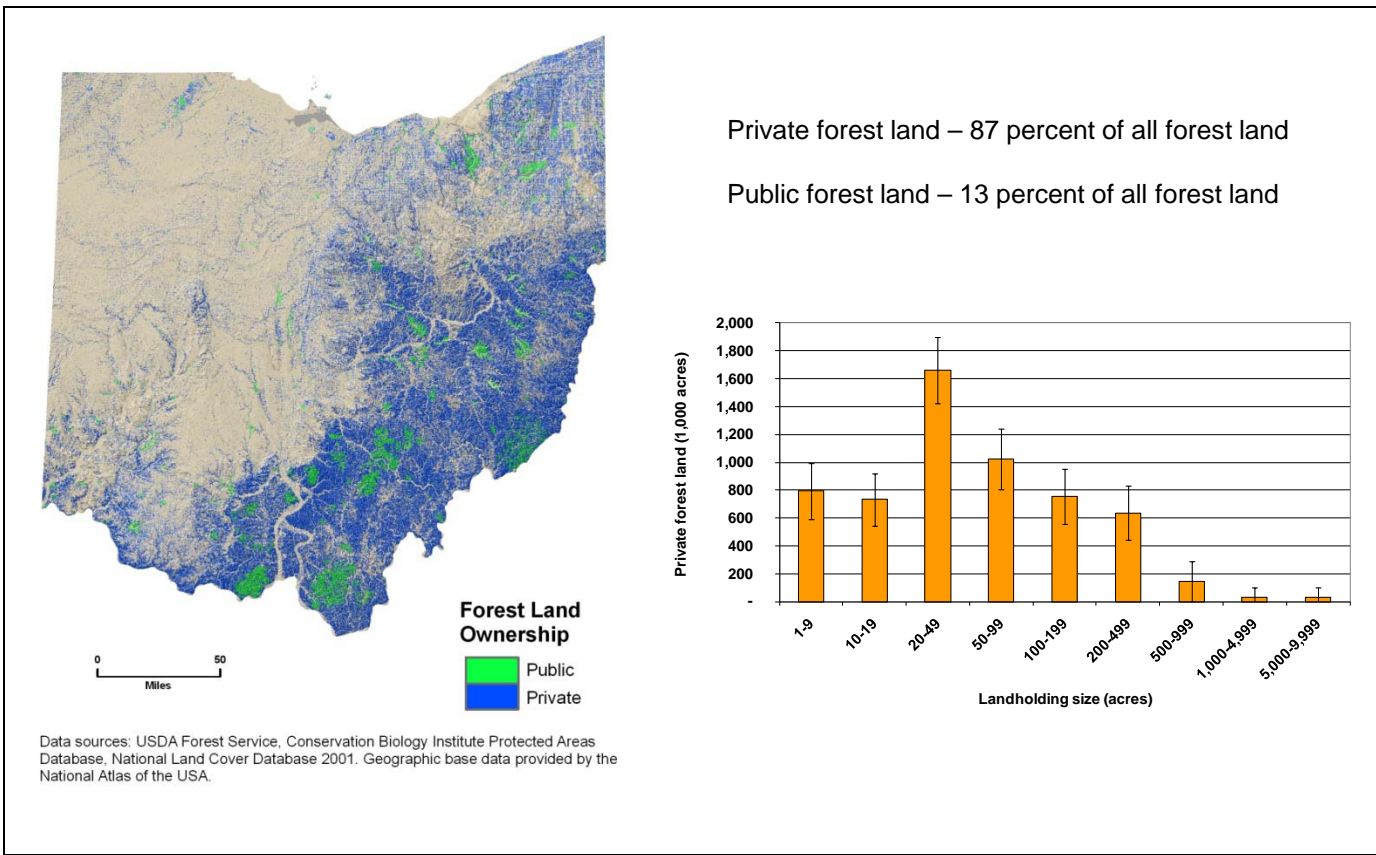
**Figure 3. – Area of timberland by stand size class and year.**

\*Due to high sampling errors for these attributes, estimates of change are not reliable at this time.  
Note: When available, sampling errors/bars provided in figures and tables represent 68 percent confidence intervals.



**Table 2. – Top 10 tree species by statewide volume estimates, 2004-2008**

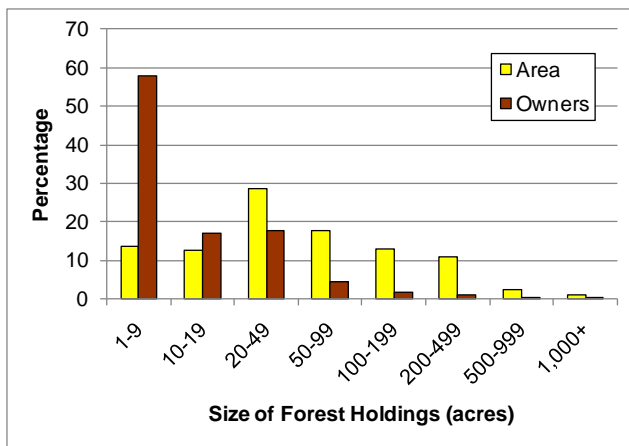
Rank	Species	Volume of live trees on forest land (1,000,000 ft <sup>3</sup> )	Sampling Error (%)	Change since 2006 (%)	Volume of sawtimber trees on timberland (1,000,000 bdf)	Sampling error (%)	Change since 2006 (%)
1	Red maple	1,617.7	5.3	6.7	3,961	7.5	9.0
2	Yellow-poplar	1,550.8	7.0	5.6	6,053	8.6	6.5
3	Sugar maple	1,332.4	5.6	4.8	3,634	7.5	4.8
4	Black cherry	1,117.8	5.8	3.4	2,821	8.7	1.1
5	White ash	1,037.0	6.3	6.9	3,418	8.4	10.1
6	White oak	954.2	6.8	-0.5	3,830	8.0	0.9
7	Northern red oak	832.4	8.1	8.3	3,558	9.7	9.2
8	American beech	520.7	9.9	-2.7	1,887	12.8	-3.4
9	Black oak	499.4	9.6	5.6	2,014	11.6	6.2
10	Shagbark hickory	486.1	8.1	6.1	1,416	10.6	6.7
	Softwood species	559.2	11.8	-7.7	1,573	14.6	-12.4
	Other hardwood species	5,483.8	2.9	4.3	16,459	4.2	7.5
	<b>All species</b>	<b>15,991.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>50,624</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>



**Figure 4. – Area of forest land by major owner group (2008) and size of private family forest landholding (2006).**

## Ohio's Family Forest Owners

Most of Ohio's forests are privately owned (Fig. 4) and of this private forest land, most is owned by families and individuals. There are an estimated 336,000 family forest owners in Ohio who own a total of 5.8 million acres of forest land or 72 percent of the State's total forested area. Along with an inventory of the biophysical characteristics of the forest, the U.S. Forest Service conducts the National Woodland Owner Survey (NWOS) to characterize the people who own these resources. The NWOS collects data on forest holding characteristics, ownership histories, ownership objectives, forest uses, forest management practices, preferred methods for receiving information, concerns, future intentions, and demographics. Below are some of the key findings for Ohio. For additional information about Ohio's family forest owners, see Butler (2008) or visit [www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos](http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos).



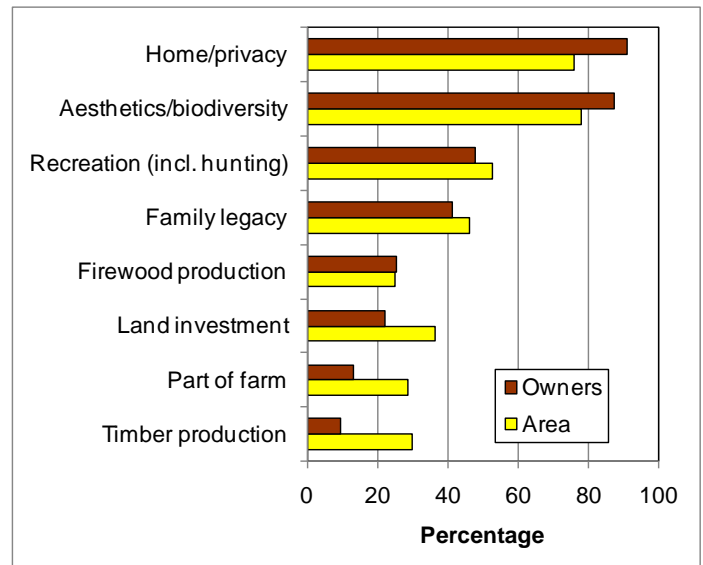
**Figure 5. – Area and number of family forests in Ohio by size of forest landholdings (2006).**

### Demographics

- **Age**
  - 14% are <45 years old
  - 55% are between 45 and 64
  - 31% are 65 or older
- **Education**
  - 13% have a college degree
- **Annual Household Income**
  - 45% under \$50,000
  - 44 % \$50,000 to \$99,999
  - 10% \$100,000 or more

### Ownership

- **New Owners**
  - 32% have purchased their forestland within last 10 years
- **Absentee Owners**
  - 15% do not live on or near (within 1 mile) their land
- **Farmers**
  - 34% have a farm associated with their forestland



**Figure 6. – Area and number of family forests in Ohio by reason for owning forest land (2006). Numbers include landowners who ranked each objective as very important (1) or important (2) on a seven-point Likert scale.**



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