

WISE, RESPONSIBLE USE OF OUR FORESTS IS ASSOCIATED HARDWOODS' FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

WE BUY FROM AREAS WHERE THE RESOURCE IS PROVEN SUSTAINABLE, BUT PROPER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GOES MUCH DEEPER THAN THAT.

Lumber companies are often portrayed as being at odds with the environment, but at Associated Hardwoods, our business and our livelihood directly depend upon healthy, sustainable, thriving forests. That's why we dedicate a large portion of our resources to promoting, and protecting the growth of our forests

and safeguarding our environment for future generations. Associated Hardwoods has taken significant actions in all sectors of our business operations to preserve our forests and our environment.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCESSES

- This starts with our highly-efficient, computer-controlled kilns that monitor the drying process every second 24/7, and continues to our highly-mechanized dimension mill.
- Reclaiming our wood-waste fiber through a specialized grinding technology which converts it into various forms of consumer products. 10 years ago these by-products were dumped in a landfill. Today, our landfill usage is down 74%.
- Invested millions of dollars in state-of-the-art lumber processing equipment that maximizes yield (reducing waste) - compared to traditional lumber processing equipment.
- Reclaiming not only makes environmental sense, but lowers the cost of our production by enhancing the value of what we produce.
- Implemented a Customer Recycling Program which allows our customers to reduce their landfill waste.
- Purchased a new negative-draft boiler which increased efficiency while reducing our carbon footprint.

TRANSPORTATION

- Set maximum speeds on all trucks for maximum fuel efficiency.
- Replacing our transportation fleet with lighter, more fuel-efficient, all-aluminum flatbeds to maximize efficiency on every load.
- Our new fleet features a fuel-efficient injection system that reduce 90+% of nitrogen-oxide emissions.



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FROM APPALACHIAN HARDWOOD MANUFACTURERS, INC.

members who produce and distribute hardwood lumber from the **AHMI territory** which is a **SUSTAINABLE HARDWOOD FOREST** as defined by AHMI and based on research data from the **U.S. FOREST SERVICE INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS** that proves **net annual hardwood growth rates have exceeded annual hardwood harvest levels in the AHMI region for the past 50 years.**

The Appalachian Hardwood Timber resource includes more than 65.4 million acres in the eastern United States and provides the world with a bounty of the finest hardwood species.

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. has verified data from the U.S. Forest Service that timber harvesting from the Appalachian Hardwood Territory as defined by AHMI is able to meet present needs without compromising those of future generations sustainably.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Inventory and Analysis research finds that timber harvested in the Appalachian Hardwood Forest Boundary is able to continue into the future sustainably.

THE APPALACHIAN HARDWOOD FOREST IS

- Growing an average of 2.29 trees for every tree that is harvested.
- Growing in 12 states in the eastern U.S. with more than 65 million acres.
- Growing Red Oak, White Oak, Hard Maple, Soft Maple, Cherry, Poplar, Walnut, Ash, Beech, Birch, Hickory and Basswood.
- Growing "Green" Lumber Resources for your products and customers.

Appalachian Hardwood Territory

