Timber Products Output

The SUM Committee’s View

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History of the TPO Program

Whose Responsibility is it?
Changes in Southern Mill Make-up

1946 to 2016
# Current Wood Products Manufacturing Facilities

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The States Maintain Mill Directories

Welcome to the Primary Forest Products Network

The Primary Forest Products Locator website is provided by the Southern Group of State Foresters to assist buyers with locating primary wood product manufacturing companies. These companies produce "renewable" products by converting recently harvested trees from managed forests to lumber, plywood, pulp, paper, and other wood products using roundwood logs as a raw material.

Forest managers and landowners may also find ForestProductsLocator.org useful in locating potential buyers for standing timber in their area.

The site provides the contact information for primary forest product companies by selecting icons on the Mill Map page or by searching within the Mill List page. Users may search for forest products by wood type, mill type, state, county, or mill name.

Please contact your local state forestry agency for additional information on forest product manufacturing companies in your area.
Who Supervises the State TPO Surveys?

- 64% U&M Program Manager
- 36% FIA Coordinator
Who is Responsible for the Direct Collection of TPO Surveys?

- U&M Staff: 46%
- FIA Foresters: 27%
- Field Foresters & Rangers: 27%
82% of all states responded that they notify mills of upcoming surveys.

- Formal letter from the state forestry agency (54%)
- Email notification w/ digital copy of TPO forms (27%)
- Published article on the TPO Program (18%)
- Other means (36%)
Two states ask additional questions not covered by the TPO form. Questions are asked about:

1. Export markets
2. Involvement in product certification programs.
How is the TPO Data Collected?

More intensive

• Update mill directory – mail forms by letter/email – site visit to complete all forms – phone follow-up when needed – review and verify data - compile and send forms to Knoxville.

Less intensive

• Mail/email forms – follow-up reminder– 2nd mail/email of forms – 2nd follow-up reminder – compile responses and send to Knoxville.

• Mail out forms – compile and send returned forms to Knoxville.
• FIA staff in Knoxville completes survey.
What Materials do you Provide to the Mills?

75% of the states reported that they provide mills with materials as part of the TPO Survey, including:

1. FIA/TPO reports and fact sheets
2. Mill directories
3. State primary mill maps
When do you Plan to Complete a TPO Survey?

- First Quarter of the Survey Year
- Second Quarter of the Survey Year
- Third Quarter of the Survey Year
- Fourth Quarter of the Survey Year
- First Quarter after the Survey Year
Are Completed TPO Forms Reviewed and Validated before Submission?

- Yes: 42%
- No: 58%
Are you in Favor of Going to an Annual TPO Survey?
Which TPO Survey Method do you Prefer?

- Enumeration of all mills: 91 mills/state
- Enumeration of largest mills & sample of smaller mills: 108 mills/state
- Stratified sample of all mills: 277 mills/state
Summary and Conclusions

• The TPO Program is a responsibility of the USFS to implement as part of the FIA Program.
• The states have never received any funding to implement the TPO Program.
• There is a good bit of variation in how the TPO program is being implemented by the states.
• The direction of the TPO Program is undergoing change (national vs regional and sampling vs enumeration).
• The southern states will be submitting a Forest Service competitive grant to fund a consistent, accurate enumeration of all mills to set an accurate baseline prior to upcoming changes.