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offers a concise description of the Finnish forestry and forest industries in an international context from the viewpoint of forest statistics. For a more detailed description the reader is referred to the Finnish Statistical Yearbook of Forestry with approximately 200 tables and 60 figures in English.

Ideal growing conditions for conifers, easily workable and valuable tree species, good logging conditions and infrastructure, combined with accessibility to major European markets, have made forests a major source of well-being in Finland. Finns look upon forests not only in the material sense, but also as a valuable ecological and cultural resource.

Finland has committed itself to sustainable forestry in a broad sense, including biodiversity, social and cultural values of the forests. The reformed forest and nature-conservation legislation, as well as Finland's National Forest Programme 2010, provide a framework for achieving these ends.

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NTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

Major producers and traders

Finland, with its 23.0 million forest hectares (0.6% of the world total), is an important supplier of forest products to global markets. Finland's boreal coniferous forests, with their good mixture of broadleaves, enable annual fellings of over 60 million m³ on a sustained basis, and this allowable cut is increasing. The infrastructure for roundwood procurement is good. Finnish forest industries are highly export-oriented. In most branches of these industries, 70% to 90% of the production goes abroad. Finland is a major exporter of sawn softwood and paper, particularly graphic papers.

Global roundwood production in 2001 (million m³ under bark):

The total value of the global export trade of forest products amounted to USD 132 billion (f.o.b) in 2001, of which Finland's share was 7.6%. In the following tables, the Russian Federation is included in Europe.

World production of softwood, 2001

World Europe	1 169 385	mill. m³ u.b.
USA	284	
Canada	146	
China	138	
Russia	108	
Sweden	57	
Brazil	53	
Finland	44	

World imports of roundwood and wood chips, 2001

World Europe	162.2 70.1	mill. m³ u.b.
Japan	39.6	
China	20.3	
Finland	13.3	
Sweden	10.9	
Canada	8.9	
Korea Rep.	8.8	
Austria	8.6	

World production of sawn softwood, 2001

World Europe	271.4 109.5	mill. m³
USA Canada Russia Sweden Japan Germany Finland Austria Brazil China	59.4 46.7 17.5 15.6 15.0 14.9 12.7 10.0 7.8 4.7	

World exports of sawn softwood, 2001

World Europe	89.9 47.7	mill. m³
Canada Sweden Finland Russia Austria Germany Latvia Czech Rep. New Zealand USA	35.1 10.8 8.1 7.1 6.1 3.0 2.4 1.6 1.5	

World production of paper and paperboard, 2001

World Europe	320.3 98.4	mill. metric tons
USA China Japan Canada Germany Finland Sweden France Korea Rep. Italy	81.5 37.9 30.7 19.8 17.9 12.5 10.5 9.6 9.3 8.9	

World exports of paper and paperboard, 2001

World Europe	94.6 56.7	mill. metric tons
Canada	14.5	
Finland	10.9	
Germany	8.8	
Sweden	8.7	
USA	8.4	
France	4.6	
China	3.6	
Austria	3.3	
Netherlands	3.1	
Korea Rep.	2.3	

Source: FAOSTAT Forestry Data 2003

Value of global exports of forest-industries' products, 2001

	USD billion	USD per capita
World Europe	132.2 66.2	22 91
Canada USA Germany Finland Sweden France Indonesia	24.3 14.1 10.5 10.1 9.1 5.4 5.0	790 50 128 1 941 1 027 92 24

Source: FAO Yearbook. Forest Products 2001

Eurasian boreal forest zone

The Eurasian boreal forest zone extends from the Atlantic coast of Norway to the Russian Pacific coast, a distance of about 9 000 km. In the Nordic countries, the width of the zone is about 1 000 km (60–70° N); in the east it gradually extends southwards, reaching 50° N in eastern Siberia.

This huge coniferous forest zone of about 900 million hectares in area is one of the most important providers of roundwood in the world. In the European part and West Siberia, Scots pine and Norway spruce dominate. In East Siberia, Siberian larch, and in the Russian Far East, Dahurian larch are the most important species. In the mountainous Far East, the forests are mostly inaccessible.

About 80% of the forests of Norway and Sweden, and almost all forests of Finland and of the Russian Federation belong to the boreal coniferous forest zone proper. Due to the restricted availability of comparable regional forestry information solely on boreal forests, the figures in the next table are given nationally.

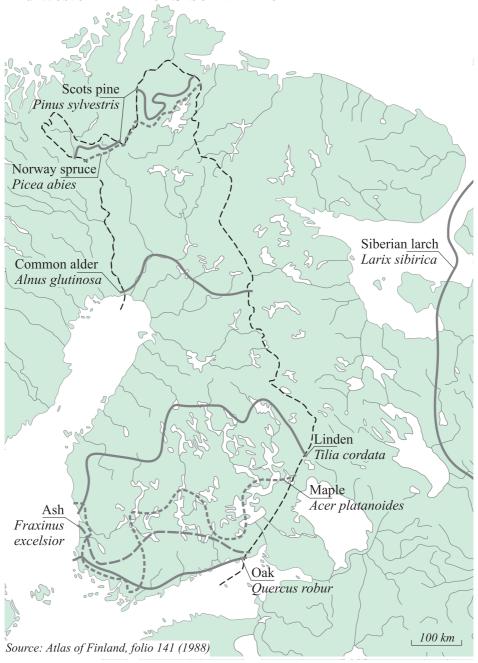
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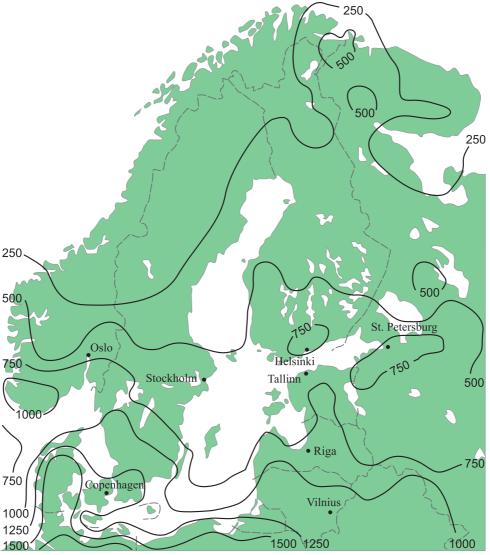
Forest

	total	total wood supp				
Forest land, mill. ha						
	•	% of land	d area			
Norway	8.7	28	6.6			
Sweden	27.3	67	21.2			
Finland	21.9	72	20.7			
Russia	816.5	50	525.2			
Total	874.4	49	573.7			
Growing s	tock on forest	land, mi	ll. m³ over bark			
		if., %		nif., %		
Norway	771	77	671	80		
Sweden	2 928	84	2 567	85		
Finland	1 940	82	1 867	82		
Russia	85 487	80	60 922	73		
Total	91 126	80	66 027	74		
Net annua			and, mill. m ³ o.b./			
		if., %		nif., %		
Norway	24.4	77	22.0	80		
Sweden	94.1	83	85.4	84		
Finland	73.7	78	72.5	78		
Russia	969.0	71	742.0	63		
Total	1 161.2	73	921.9	67		
Removals in mid-1990s, mill. m ³ o.b./yr						
		if., %		nif., %		
Norway	10.9	89	10.9	89		
Sweden	61.6	87	61.3	87		
Finland	49.5	82	49.5	82		
Russia	116.2	70	96.4	71		
Total	238.2	78	218.1	79		

Northern limits of selected tree species in Finland and western limit of Siberian larch



Combined deposition of sulphur and nitrogen in the Nordic and the Baltic countries in 1999, in eq/ha/yr



Sources: Finnish Meteorological Institute, EMEP / MSC-West

The depositions are combined as equivalent in relation to their potentially acidifying effect. For example, 500 eq/ha/yr is equivalent to 8 kg (S)/ha/yr.

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The European Union, of which Finland became a member in 1995, is the most important customer region for Finnish forest-industries' products; its share is about 65% of both sawn goods and of paper and paperboard exports. Customer-orientation has also led to large Finnish investments inforest-product manufacturing in the region. The capacity of the Finnish-owned paper and paperboard industries in the EU countries other than Finland is about 12 million tonnes, not taking into account M-real's and Stora Enso's paper mills in Sweden.

The forest resources of the European Union roughly doubled in 1995 when forest-rich Finland, Sweden and Austria joined the EU. The EU's eastward enlargement in May, 2004, will bring additional 30 million hectares of

commercial forests into the Union.

Forests available for wood supply in the European Union

Country	Forest area mill. ha	Growing stock mill. m ³	of which conif., %	Increment in m mill. m³/yr	Removals id-90s mill. m³/yr
Austria Belgium Denmark Finland France Germany Greece Ireland Italy Luxembourg Netherlands Portugal Spain Sweden United Kingdom	3.4 0.6 0.4 20.7 14.5 10.1 3.1 0.6 6.0 0.1 0.3 1.9 10.5 21.2 2.1	1 037 140 54 1 867 2 836 2 820 140 43 877 20 52 188 487 2 567 293	82 46 58 82 36 69 56 92 33 18 56 75 59 85 64	27.3 5.1 3.2 72.5 92.3 89.0 3.5 3.5 18.7 0.7 2.2 12.9 28.6 85.4 14.6	16.9 4.4 2.2 49.5 47.6 38.9 2.4 2.3 8.4 0.4 1.2 11.0 13.5 61.3 8.2
Total	95.5	13 420	65	459.5	268.2

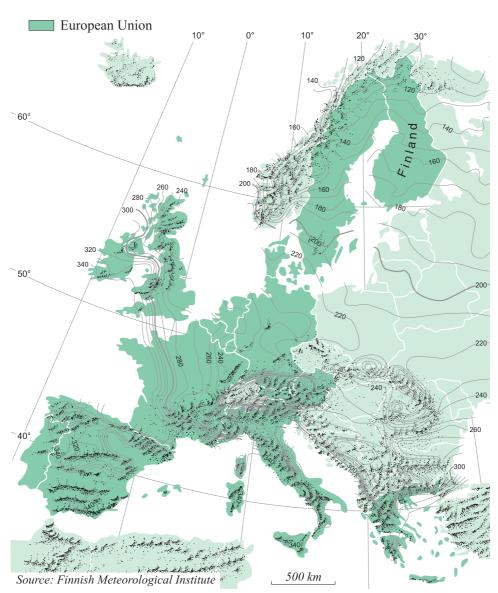
Source: The UN-ECE/FAO Forest Resource Assessment 2000

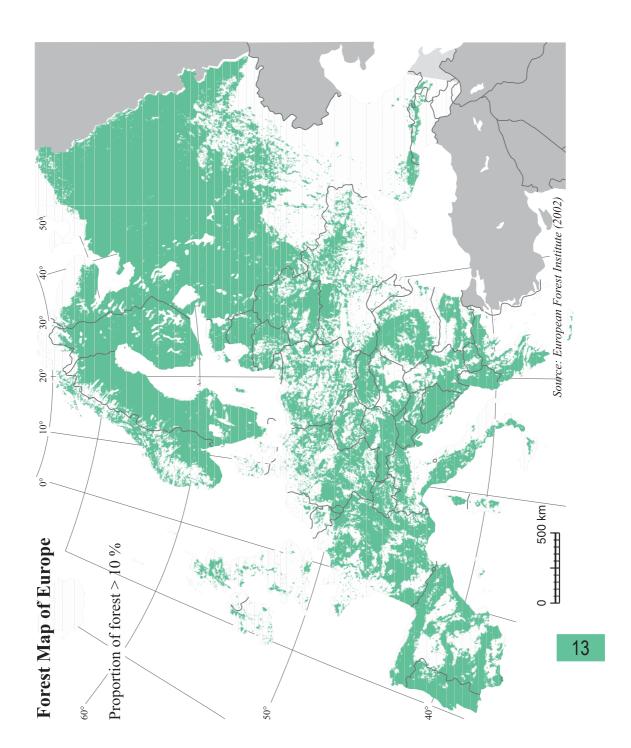
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Duration of the growing season in Europe

Average periods in days (1961-90) during which daily mean temperatures are above $+5~^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$





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Stora Enso is a Finnish-Swedish company.

Source: Annual Reports of M-real, Stora Enso and UPM-Kymmene (2003)

Finnish exports of forest-industry products to the European Union, 2002

	Sawn goods 1 000 n	Plywood and veneer	Particle board	Fibre board 1 000 m	Wood Pulp a.t.	Paper and paperboard
Austria	68	30	_	_	20	116
Belgium-Luxemb		21	_	2	117	615
Denmark	458	64	7	5	0	240
France	820	102	0	1	151	684
Germany	745	212	0	9	796	2 201
Greece	150	6	-	1	12	149
Ireland	148	12	1	2	0	38
Italy	251	76	-	1	106	433
Netherlands	558	164	0	8	73	483
Portugal	8	11	-	-	42	80
Spain	285	53	-	-	26	873
Sweden	42	107	14	6	208	289
United Kingdom	1 428	123	152	30	173	1 638
EU, total	5 098	982	174	64	1 723	7 841
% of total exports	62	82	79	88	77	66

Source: National Board of Customs

FINNISH FORESTRY AND FOREST **INDUSTRIES**

National economy, forestry and the forest industries

In order to achieve economic growth in post-war Finland, investments in pulp and paper industries doubled the production between 1955 and 1965. This trend has continued, and not only in the forest industries, but also in the metal industries and more recently in the high-tech electronic industry.

In 1970, roundwood and forest-industries' products represented 56% of the value of the total exports of goods; their share was 26% in 2002. The same diversification of production is, of course, to be seen in the structure of the gross domestic product. In 1970, the share of forestry of the GDP was 6.3%, and that of basic forest industries, 6.7%. The corresponding figures for the year 2002 were 2.1% and 4.8%. In employment, forestry accounted for 4.1% and forest industries for 5.2% in 1970. In 2002, the corresponding figures were 0.9% and 3.0% respectively.

Flourishing engineering and service industries have developed around Finnish forestry and forest industries. Strong mutual connections have contributed to the success of the whole. Finnish companies are in a strong position globally, e.g. in the manufacturing of timber harvesters, paper machines and in providing consultant services.

Forestry and forest industries in the Finnish national economy, 2002

Gross domestic product

at market prices EUR 139.7 billion EUR 121.4 billion at basic prices 2.1 % of which forestry forest industries 4.8 %

2.37 million persons Total employment of which 0.9 % forestry

3.0 % forest industries

EUR 47.2 billion Total exports of goods

of which forestry 0.2 % 25.9 % forest industries

Source: Statistics **Finland**

Finland is among the major suppliers of forest-related products to the world markets, particularly in printing and writing paper, and is one of the biggest importers of roundwood. In 2002, the total value of forest-industries' products exports amounted to EUR 12 billion. Germany and the United Kingdom are the foremost importers of Finnish forest-industries' products, together accounting for 32% of the total.

Forest industries: production and exports

Production of Finnish forest industries, 2000–2002

Product	Unit 1 000	2000	2001	2002
Sawn goods Plywood Particle board Fibreboard	m ³ " m.t.	13 400 1 170 462 100	12 770 1 145 430 109	13 380 1 240 410 101
Mechanical pulp Chemical pulp Pulp, total	11 11	4 810 7 101 11 910	4 621 6 548 11 169	4 587 7 143 11 730
Newsprint Magazine paper Fine paper Kraft paper Other paper	11 11 11	1 394 5 348 3 005 528 483	1 296 5 062 2 530 494 520	1 007 5 335 2 608 543 544
Paper, total	"	10758	9 902	10 038
Paperboard	"	2 751	2 601	2 738
Paper and paperboard	"	13 509	12503	12776

Source: Finnish Forest Industries Federation

Finnish forest industry exports, 2000–2002

Product	Unit 1 000	2000	2001	2002
Sawn goods Plywood Particle board Fibreboard	m ³ " m.t.	8 431 1 006 204 69	8 135 1 009 218 72	8 187 1 117 219 72
Mechanical pulp Chemical pulp	"	96 1 583	92 1 606	156 1 959
Newsprint Magazine paper Fine paper Kraft paper Other paper	" " " " "	1 144 5 095 2 805 376 287	1 041 4 711 2 316 460 366	749 5 070 2 571 402 324
Paper, total	"	9 709	8 894	9 116
Paperboard	"	2 324	2 209	2 310
Converted paper products	"	394	417	420
Total paper and paperboard	d "	12 427	11 520	11 846

Source: National Board of Customs

Value of Finnish forest industry exports, 2002

Country	Sawn goods	Wood-based panels, other wood products	Pulp	Paper, paper- board, converted products	EUR mill. Total
Austria	13	32	9	82	136
Belgium-Luxemb.		16	53	416	504
Denmark	76	63	0	183	322
France	141 129	73 103	65 331	511 1 561	790 2 2 1 4
Germany Greece	23	193 10	5 5	85	123
Ireland	23 27	13	0	29	69
Italy	53	45	44	297	439
Netherlands	91	76	30	343	540
Portugal	2	6	17	53	78
Spain	45	44	10	552	651
Sweden	10	118	79	236	443
United Kingdom EUtotal	273 901	166 855	80 721	1 203 5 552	1722 8029
Other Europe	51	236	82	1046	1415
Europe total	953	1 091	802	6 599	9445
Asia	304	143	68	710	1225
Africa	163	1	8	101	273
North America	20	57	48	763	888
Latin America	0	0	1	180	181
Oceania	2	6	0	147	155
Unspecified	-	-	-	82	82
Grand total	1441	1299	927	8 581	12 248

Source: National Board of Customs

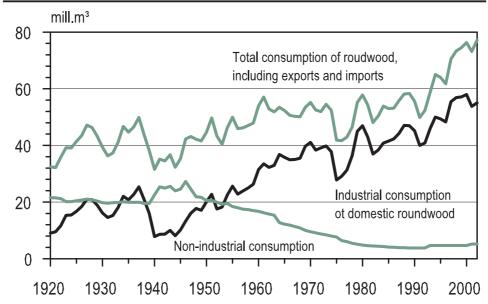
Wood consumption

Despite a multiple increase in wood pulp production, total wood consumption in Finland remained at approximately the same level during the 30-year period from 1960. The years 1994 to 1996 were the first ones in which annual wood consumption exceeded 60 million m³, and since 1997 the consumption has exceeded 70 million m³.

Many structural changes, such as reductions in fuelwood consumption and roundwood exports, as well as the increased use of industrial wood residues, contributed to rather modest increases in total wood consumption until the year 1993. Industrial wood consumption has shown a continuous strong upward trend.

In 2002, total roundwood consumption reached 77.2 million m³, including imports and exports. Industrial wood consumption was 71.3 mill. m³. Imported roundwood (16.3 mill. m³) accounted for 23% of industrial wood consumption.

Roundwood consumption in Finland, 1920–2002



Non-industrial consumption does not include exports of roundwood. Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

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Roundwood consumption during 5-year periods, 1990–2002

Consumption category 1	990–94	1995–99	mill. m ³ /yr 2000–02	
Exports	1.0	1.0	0.8	
Industrial roundwood sawmills and panel indust pulp industries Fuelwood and other	44.4 r. 20.0 24.4 4.1	53.4 27.1 26.3 4.6	55.6 28.9 26.7 5.0	In addition, pulp industries use wood residues which originate
Domestic roundwood, total	49.5	59.0	61.4	mainly from the sawmilling industry.
Imported wood (industries)	6.8	9.8	14.2	See p. 23. Source: Finnish
Total consumption	56.3	68.8	75.6	Forest Research Institute

Roundwood consumption and roundwood exports, 2000–2002

	Consumption category	2000	2001	mill. m ³ 2002
	Total consumption in Finland Pine Spruce Hardwood Unspecified	75.4 25.9 30.7 17.8 1.0	72.5 25.4 29.3 16.4 1.3	76.5 27.5 29.2 18.3 1.5
Pine: Pinus sylvestris Spruce: Picea abies Hardwood: mainly Betula sp. 'Unspecified' consists of imported wood chips and	Domestic roundwood Pine Spruce Hardwood	62.6 23.9 28.5 10.2	58.9 23.0 26.4 9.6	60.2 24.7 25.5 10.0
	Imported wood Pine Spruce Hardwood Unspecified	12.8 2.1 2.2 7.6 1.0	13.5 2.4 2.9 6.9 1.3	16.3 2.8 3.7 8.3 1.5
residues. Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute	Exports, incl. poles Pine Spruce Hardwood	0.9 0.7 0.1 0.1	0.7 0.5 0.1 0.1	0.7 0.6 0.1 0.1

Wood consumption in sawmilling, plywood and pulp industries, 2000–2002

Year		tic roundwood Hardwood	Imported wood	Sawmill chips	mill. m ³ Total	
		Sawmil	lina			
2000	27.1	0.2	2.1	-	29.4	
2001	24.8	0.2	2.9	-	27.9	
2002	25.1	0.2	3.5	-	28.8	
	Р	lywood and vei	neer indus	trv		
2000	1.7	1.1	0.6		3.4	
2001	1.6	1.0	0.8	_	3.4	
2002	1.8	0.9	0.9	-	3.6	
		Mechanical pu	ıln industry			
2000	8.9	0.7	0.9	2.8	13.3	
2000	8.4	0.9	1.1	2.6	13.0	
2002	8.3	0.8	1.5	2.6	13.2	
	0.0	0.0				
		Chemical pul	p industry			
2000	12.8	5.1	9.2	9.1	36.2	Carrena Finantala
2001	12.0	4.6	8.7	7.9	33.2	Source: Finnish
2002	12.5	5.2	10.3	8.3	36.3	Forest Research Institute
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Labour force

Efficient multi-function timber harvesters (nowadays numbering about 1500) prevail in logging operations. Mechanization in logging has led to a continuous fall in the number of forest workers. Today, a professional workforce of only about 6 000 men are employed in logging proper. In addition, the labour input of mainly forest owners is equivalent to approximately 3 000 man-years.

Forestry employed 21 000 people in 2002, compared with 63 000 in 1980. The same trend applies to the basic forest industries. They employed 120 000 people in 1980, but only 71 000 in 2002. However, the paper production has more than doubled during the same period. Consequently, forestry and forest industries, even during a boom, have no direct ameliorating effect on Finland's chronic unemployment problem (9.6 % in June 2003).

Employment in forestry and forest industries, 2000–2002

	2000	1 2001	000 persons 2002
Forest industries Forest sector, total	24 72 96	23 71 94	21 71 92
Employment, total Unemployed, total Unemployment rate, %	2 335 253 9.8	2 367 238 9.1	2 372 237 9.1

Source: Statistics Finland

Employment in forest industries, 2000–2002

		1 000	persons	
Branch of industry	2000	2001	2002	
Sawmilling Plywood and veneer industry Other board industries Other wood-products industry	1	12 6 1 15	11 6 1 14	¹ Including carpentry products and pre-fabricated
Pulp industry	14	14	15	wooden houses.
Paper industry	14	14	15	Sources: Statistics
Paperboard industry	4	4	4	Finland,
Paper products industry	6	5	5	Finnish Forest Research Institute
Forest industries, total	72	71	71	

Commercial roundwood removals in 2002 amounted to 54.2 million m³, of which 85% came from non-industrial, private forests. Fellings have been at a very high level since 1997.

Logging in non-industrial, private forests is mainly carried out by the forest industries or by their wood-procurement organisations. In 2002, forest owners themselves carried out or organized the logging of 10.3 million m³, or 22% of the commercial roundwood removed from their forests.

In real terms, roundwood prices have been slightly decreasing in recent years.

Roundwood markets

Roundwood procurement and consumption in Finland, 2002

Sources	mill. m ³	
Commercial roundwood from private-owned forests from industry-owned forests from state-owned forests Non-commercial wood (priv. for.)	46.3 3.1 4.8 6.1	
Domestic roundwood, total	60.3	
Imported wood	16.2	
Roundwood procurement, total	76.5	
Consumption		
Sawmilling Wood-based panels Other wood-based products Mechanical pulp industry Chemical pulp industry	28.8 3.7 0.3 10.5 28.0	
Industry, total	71.3	
Fuelwood in dwellings	5.2	
Exports of roundwood	0.7	
Roundwood consumption, total	77.2	

Imported wood is mostly birch pulpwood from Russia. In addition, sawmills furnished pulp industry with 10.9 mill. m³ of wood chips and residues.

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

Roundwood removals by ownership category, 2000–2002

Ownership category	2000	2001	mill. m ³ 2002
Private forests ¹ commercial non-commercial	53.6 48.0 5.6	51.2 45.1 6.1	52.4 46.3 6.1
Forests industries	3.3	3.5	3.1
Forest and Park Service 2	4.6	4.6	4.8
Commercial, total	55.9	53.2	54.2
Grand total	61.5	59.4	60.3

¹ including communes, parishes and some other public owners. ² a state-owned enterprise managing most of the state-owned forests. Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

Roundwood removals by assortment, 2000–2002

Roundwood assortment	2000	2001	mill. m ³ 2002
Logs pine logs spruce logs hardwood logs	28.3 10.9 16.0 1.3	25.4 10.1 14.0 1.3	25.9 10.4 14.3 1.2
Pulpwood pine pulpwood spruce pulpwood hardwood pulpwood	27.6 12.4 9.9 5.3	27.8 12.3 9.9 5.6	28.2 12.5 9.9 5.8
Commercial removals, total	55.9	53.2	54.2
Non-commercial removals	5.6	6.1	6.1
Grand total	61.5	59.4	60.3

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

Stumpage prices are unit prices paid for different kinds of standing (uncut) timber.

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

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Currently, about 110–130 000 hectares of forest land are planted or seeded annually for forestry after clear fellings, and favouring almost exclusively native tree species. Seed-tree or shelterwood fellings aimed for natural regeneration account for 40–50 000 hectares annually.

About 220 000 hectares of seedling stands are treated annually with silvicultural measures. About half of Finland's mires (wetlands) have been drained for forestry, but nowadays this draining activity has ceased, and ditch cleaning has taken the place of it. Forest fertilization is applied to a minor extent.

The total costs of silvicultural and forest improvement work were EUR 237 million in 2001. Of the EUR 188 million spent in non-industrial, private forestry, forest owners' own financing or work accounted for 69 %, and the rest was financed through state grants.

Silvicultural and forest improvement work

Felling activities, 2000–2001

Type of felling	2000	1 000 ha 2001
Thinnings	328	309
Clearfellings	156	118
Seed-tree and shelterwood fellings	51	35
Removal of seed-tree and shelterwood	68	51
Otherfellings	8	11
Total	610	524
% of forest area	2.7	2.3

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

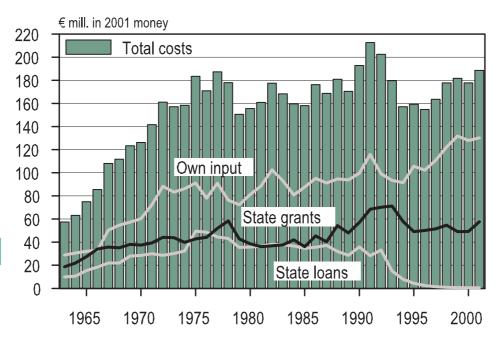
Silvicultural and forest improvement work, 2000–2001

Type of work		2000	2001
Clearing of regeneration area	1000 ha	70	67
Soil preparation	"	120	132
Artificial regeneration	"	117	126
Seedling stand improvement	"	223	239
Forest fertilization .	"	21	19
Drainage of mires	"	1	-
Maintenance of drainage	"	74	83
Construction of forest roads	km	1 385	1 604
Improvement of forest roads	11	1 410	1 341
Total costs	EUR mill.	217	237

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

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Financing of silvicultural and forest-improvement works in non-industrial, private forests 1963–2001



Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

Information on Finland's forest resources is based on surveys carried out by the Finnish Forest Research Institute. Systematic ground sampling has been used. Satellite imagery and digital map data are employed when results are needed for small areas. The inventory years to date have been as follows:

I 1921–24 IV 1960–63 VII 1977–84 II 1936–38 V 1964–70 VIII 1986–94 III 1951–53 VI 1971–76 IX 1996–

Despite the 13% reduction in forest area in 1944 due to the losses of land in the war, Finland's wood resources are currently more plentiful than in the pre-war years. According to the 1st national forest inventory, the total growing stock volume was 1 588 million m³. The newest estimate, based mostly on the 9th inventory, is 2 024 million m³. In recent years, the annual volume increment has exceeded the drain by about 10 million m³.

During the past 70 years, the structure of Finnish forests has changed significantly. They now have a more even age structure. Scots pine's share of the growing stock is 47% and that of Norway spruce 34%, leaving 19% for the broadleaved species, mostly birch. This distribution has been a stable one. However, Scots pine is the dominant species on 65% of the forest land area.

The area of productive forest land (i.e. land capability to yield at least 1 m³/ha/yr) is 20.2 million hectares and that of other wooded land 2.8 million hectares. Thus, the total wood-growing area is 23.0 million hectares. Of this, 1.46 million hectares (6.3%) have been set aside for conservation purposes. These areas, in which all forestry activities are prohibited, lie almost entirely in the northern part of the country. According to the internationally defined forest-land concept, which sets a canopy cover of 10% as the threshold between forest lands and other lands, the forest land area is 21.9 million ha.

The following tables are based on the combined 8th and 9th national forest inventories in such a way that always the most recent regional data have been used. Nature conservation areas are always included.

Forest resources

Principal land use categories in Finland, 1992–2001

Total area Inland watercourses	mill. ha 33.8 3.3
Land area	30.5
Forest land Other wooded land Waste land Roads, depots Forestry land, total (of which nature conservation areas	20.2 2.8 3.1 0.2 26.3 2.8)
Agricultural land Built-up areas Transport routes	2.8 1.0 0.4

¹ Treeless mountains and mires

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

A site is recorded as a mire if it is peat-covered or mire plants account for more than three quarters of the field layer flora. In transforming mires the effect of drainage is perceptible in the growing stock. Transformed mires have reached full post-drainage productivity.

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

Mineral soils and mires and their drainage, 1992–2001

Mineral soils Mires Roads, depots Forestry land, total	mill. ha 17.2 8.9 0.2 26.3
Spruce mires Pine mires Treeless mires Total	2.3 4.9 1.7 8.9
Undrained mires Recently drained mires Transforming mires Transformed mires Total	4.1 0.5 2.9 1.4 8.9

Dominant tree species of forest stands, 1992–2001

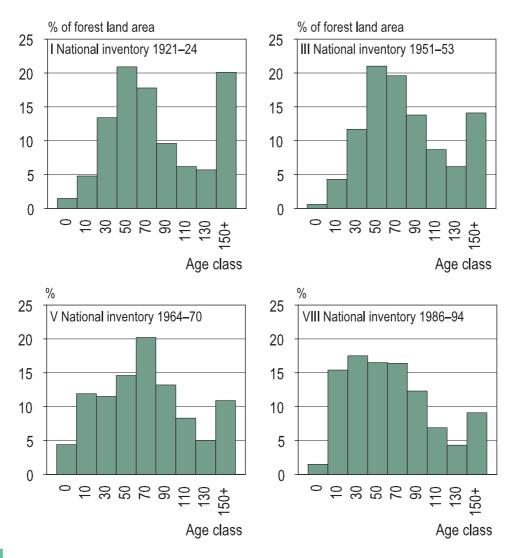
Norway spruce Picea abies 2 Other coniferous Silver birch Betula pendula Downy birch Betula pubescens Aspen Populus tremula Alder Alnus sp. Other broadleaves	1 of forest land area. 0.1 Avoid that of volume, share of the broadleaved species is much 0.0 Source: Finnish	d h
Forest land area (mill. ha) 2	20.2 Forest Researd Institute	h

Timber resources in Finland, 1992–2001

Forest and other wooded land	mill. ha	23.0
Growing stock volume Scots pine Norway spruce Birch Other broadleaves	mill. m ³ " "	2 024 954 688 311 71
Volume increment Scots pine Norway spruce Birch Other broadleaves	mill.m³/yr " " "	81.0 36.0 26.4 14.3 4.3

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

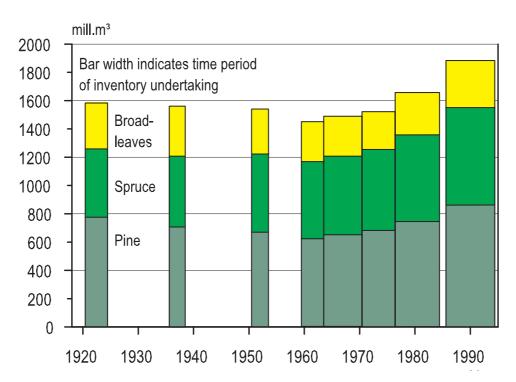
Age structure development of the Finnish forests



Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

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Growing stock volumes according to eight national forest inventories



Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

Forest ownership in Finland, 1992–2001

Ownership I category	Forest land mill. ha	Forestry land mill. ha	%
Non-indust., prival	te 12.3	14.1	53.5
Industrial, private	1.8	2.1	7.8
State	5.0	8.8	33.6
Other public	1.1	1.3	5.1
Total	20.2	26.3	100.0

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

Non-industrial private ownership of forests, 1999

		%	
	Ownership group	On holdings/ owners	On forest land area
	Family ownership Group ownership Heirs ownership	75 11 14	76 12 12
The figures apply forest holdings with 5+ ha of forest land, of which there are about 320 000,	Farmers Other entrepreneurs Wage earners Pensioners Others	22 6 30 37 5	33 6 25 32 4
and their corresponding forest land area is 12.3 million ha.	Age < 40 years Age 40–59 years Age 60+ years	11 45 44	13 47 40
Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute	Reside on holding Reside in the same municipa Reside elsewhere	50 Ility 17 33	60 15 25

Growing stock volume by ownership category, 1992–2001

Ownership category	Scots pine	Norway spruce	Broad- leaves	mill. m ³ Total	%
Non-indust., private	579	521	273	1 373	67.8
Industrial, private	96	50	28	174	8.6
State Other public	224 55	82 35	60 21	366 111	18.1 5.5
Total	954	688	382	2 024	100.0

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

Annual volume increment by ownership category, 1992–2001

Ownership category	Scots pine	Norway spruce mill. m³/yr	Broad- leaves	Total	l %
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Non-indust., private	22.2	20.7	14.2	57.1	70.5
Industrial, private	4.6	2.2	1.5	8.3	10.2
State	7.0	2.3	2.0	11.3	14.0
Other public	2.1	1.3	1.0	4.3	5.3
Total	36.0	26.4	18.6	81.0	100.0

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

Mean growing stock volume and annual increment by ownership category, 1992–2001

The data refer to stands on forest land.
State forests are located mainly in northern Finland where the climate is less favourable.

Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute

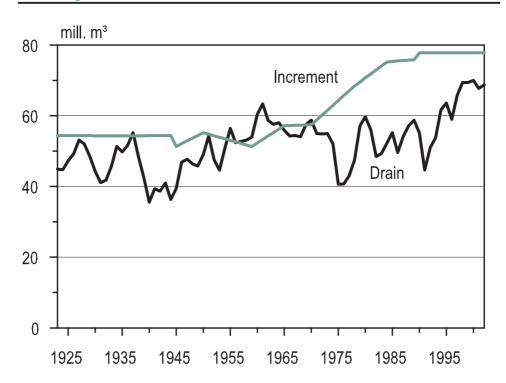
Ownership category	Mean volume m³/ha	Increment m³/ha/yr	Increment %
Non-industrial, private	110	4.6	4.2
Industrial, private	95	4.5	4.7
State	67	2.1	3.1
Other public	101	4.0	4.0
Total	98	3.9	4.0

Increment (I) and drain (D) in 5-year periods

Scots pine
Norway spruce
Broadleaves
Total

		1990–94	1995–99	mill. m ³ /yr 2000–02
Scots pine	I D	34.0 20.0	34.5 25.1	 27.2
Norway spruce	e I D	26.4 22.3	25.5 27.8	28.4
Broadleaves	I D	17.4 11.0	17.8 12.5	13.2
Total	I D	77.8 53.2	77.8 65.4	68.8

Growing stock increment and drain, 1923–2002



Multiple production of forests, 2000–2002

Product		2000	2001	2002	
Commercial roundwood Non-commercial roundwood	mill. m ³ o.b.		53 6	54 6	
Commercial forest berries Commercial forest mushroom	m.t. ¹ 18 m.t. ¹	5 806 982	7 785 672	4 797 219	¹ Quantities offe for sale, in metr
Lichen picked for exporting	m.t.	314	287	319	tons.
Deer venison Hare venison Forest game birds Fur-bearing animals	m.t. 9. m.t. m.t. 1000 indiv.	9 015 662 184 275	9 495 520 184 308	12 120 502 189 224	Sources: Finnis Forest Researc Institute, Finnis Game and
Reindeer meat production	mt	2 100	2000	2400	Fisheries Resea

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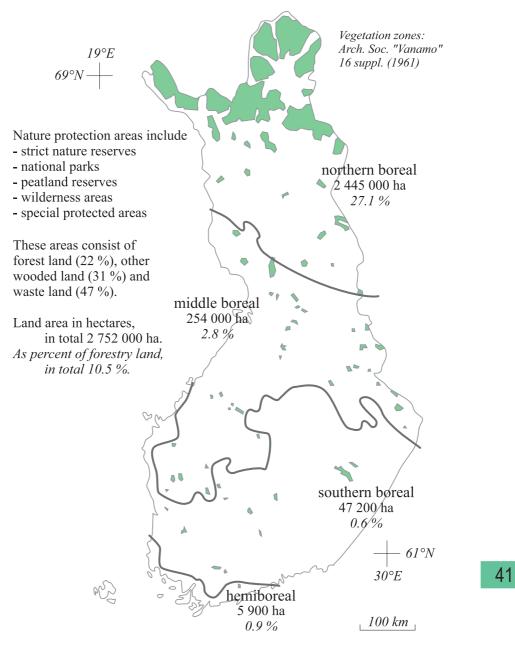
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Forest condition in Finland, 1992–2001

Forest land area, total 20.2 mill. ha

Totally damaged 0.3 Severely damaged 4.1 Moderately damaged 19.1 Total 23.5 Damaging agents Natural competition 1.4 Climatic factors 5.7 Harvesting damage affecting the dominant storey is taken into account. Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute Total 23.5 Damaging agents Natural competition 1.4 Climatic factors 5.7 Harvesting damage 1.1 Moose 1.5 Voles 0.0 Insects 0.3 Fungi 6.2 Unidentified 7.3 Total 23.5		Extent of damage affecting stand quality	% of forest land
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10491 27.4	stands only damage affecting the dominant storey is taken into account. Source: Finnish	Climatic factors Harvesting damage Moose Voles Insects Fungi	5.7 1.1 1.5 0.0 0.3 6.2
		Total	23.5

Nature protection areas by vegetation zone



Source: Finnish Environment Institute (2003)

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Old-growth forest stand in northern Finland



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