

PRODUCTION AND TRADE FLOWS OF MICHIGAN FOREST PRODUCTS

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Abstract: Michigan hardwoods are an important contributor to the Michigan State economy yet the flow of wood and wood products is poorly documented. This project is an on-going survey of primary and secondary wood processing firms in Michigan. The objective is to determine wood flow from stump to point of final processing (if in Michigan) or to the point where it leaves the state with the intent of evaluating the potential for increasing value-added production in the state. Preliminary data indicate that the flow of raw materials and products is very dynamic. As timber prices have risen in the past few years, firms have tried to capture a larger profit margin by eliminating the use of brokers. The final report will be complete by the end of 1994 and the results will be available for the March conference.

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