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FOREWORD

UNDER THE AUTHORITY of the McSweeney-McNary Forest Research Act of 22 May, 1928 and subsequent amendments, the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, conducts periodic forest surveys of all states to provide up-to-date information about the forest resources of the Nation.

The first forest survey of Vermont was made in 1948 by the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, with the cooperation of many individuals, forest industries, and state agencies. A second forest survey was completed in 1966.

This third survey was conducted in 1972, again with the cooperation of many individuals and agencies. Special mention is due James Wilkinson, Robert A. Farrington, and Benjamin Hoffman of the Vermont Department of Forests and Parks and their staffs for their continuous assistance and support.

The third inventory of Vermont was directed by Carl E. Mayer, Resources Evaluation unit leader. He was assisted by Joseph E. Barnard, who was responsible for the design of the inventory and sample selection as well as for supervision of data compilation. John R. Peters supervised the photo-interpretation and the data collection by field crews. David R. Dickson applied the generalized data-processing system, FINSYS, to the specific data needs of the Vermont inventory and produced summary tables for the State and by counties and units. Teresa M. Bowers assisted in the inventory design by performing all the calculations necessary for sample-size determination and plot selection. She was responsible for the coordination of key-punching and other data-preparation tasks and the final preparation and statistical checking of tables for the report. James T. Bones, with the assistance of state personnel, collected and compiled the data on timber-products output and industrial utilization of timber. He was assisted in the compilation phase by David R. Dickson and Teresa M. Bowers. Carmela M. Hyland was responsible for administrative and secretarial services.

Field work was completed in December 1972. Final computer output was available in September 1973. Users of this report who have a need for more detailed information or analysis than is presented here should contact the Resources Evaluation unit, Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, 6816 Market Street, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, 19082. *Users of this report are strongly advised to read carefully the definitions of forest-survey terms and the section on the reliability of the estimates in the appendix of this report.*

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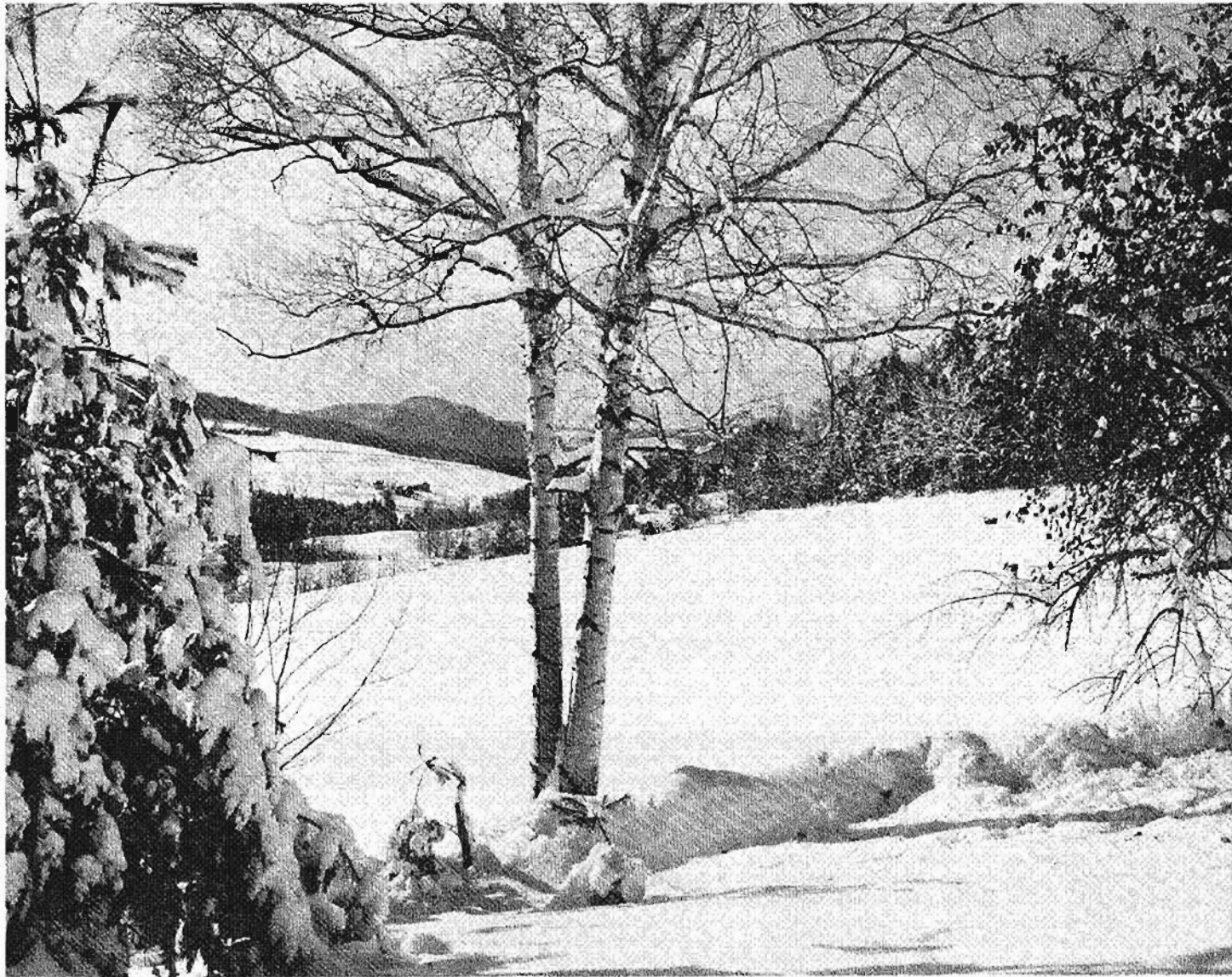
COVER PHOTO: A summer view near Craftsbury Common, Vermont.

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A winter scene near Barnet, Vermont.

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Abstract

A statistical and analytical report of the third forest survey of Vermont by the USDA Forest Service. Statistical findings are based on the remeasurement of 1/5-acre plots and 10-point cluster plots. This report discusses and analyzes trends in forest-land area, timber volume, annual growth, and timber removals. Timber-products output by forest industries, based upon a canvass of industries in 1973, and the importance of timber and forests to the State's economy and environment are also discussed. The report also includes a discussion of the outlook for timber supplies during the next 30 years and forest-management opportunities in the State. Also included are 53 tables of statistical data.

Highlights

- ★ Commercial forest land area continues to increase. It is now 4,429,900 acres. (See appendix for metric equivalents of units used in this report.)
- ★ Ninety percent of Vermont's commercial forest land is privately owned.
- ★ An estimated 77,300 owners hold the privately owned commercial forest land in Vermont. The average ownership is 51.6 acres.
- ★ Although the area of commercial forest land increased only 3 percent, the volume of growing stock increased 7.5 percent. Sawtimber volume rose 14.5 percent.
- ★ Sugar maple remains the most abundant species—24 percent of the State's timber volume.
- ★ Sawtimber quality continues to decline: grade-1 sawlogs account for only 1 percent of the pine sawtimber and only 9 percent of the hardwood sawtimber.
- ★ Net annual growth of growing stock in Vermont is extremely low—only 2.3 percent of the inventory.
- ★ Pulpwood production continues to increase steadily, while sawlog production holds constant.
- ★ The timber supply is expected to increase by 1.3 billion cubic feet during the next 30 years.
- ★ Increasing timber demand provides a major opportunity to improve the condition of the forest resource.

Introduction

THIS REPORT presents a discussion and analysis of the results of the third forest survey of Vermont, completed in 1973. The first forest survey of Vermont was completed in 1948 and the second in 1966 (*Kingsley and Barnard 1968*). Through the years many definitions, procedures, and methods have changed as a result of improved forest-inventory and data-processing techniques. This means that, to analyze actual trends between forest surveys, the estimates from the previous survey must be put on a comparable basis with the current survey. The 1948 and 1966 estimates are valid for the procedures and definitions used at those occasions. The changes in commercial forest area and growing-stock and sawtimber volume, after adjustment of the 1966 data to current standards, are:

	1966	1973	Change
Commercial forest land (thousand acres):	4,295	4,430	+135
Growing stock volume (million cubic feet):			
Softwoods	1,604.0	1,718.0	+114.0
Hardwoods	2,794.5	3,012.2	+217.7
Total	4,398.5	4,730.2	+331.7
Sawtimber volume (million board feet):			
Softwoods	3,358.0	3,875.5	+517.5
Hardwoods	5,132.7	5,845.2	+712.5
Total	8,490.7	9,720.7	+1,230.0

Forest Area

Forest land continues to occupy an increasing share of the Vermont landscape. In 1973, 76 percent of the State's land area was in forest. This represents a 4-percent gain since 1966 and a 20-percent gain since the first forest survey of Vermont in 1948. Today none of Vermont's counties except Grand Isle has less than 56 percent of its land area in forest, and only 3 of these counties are less than two-thirds forested. (Grand Isle County has been excluded from this timber inventory because of its small size and relative unimportance as a timber-producing county.)

Commercial forest land totals 4,429,900 acres or 75 percent of the State's land area. In addition, 63,800 acres are classified as

noncommercial forest land. Of this land, 20,300 acres are unproductive. That is, they are not capable of growing 20 cubic feet of wood per acre per year. In Vermont most of this land is on ridgetops or in swamps and bogs. Another 17,500 acres of land is in Christmas-tree plantations. The remaining 26,000 acres are productive reserved forest land. This is land that is withdrawn from timber production through ordinance, statute, or administrative order. This land includes such areas as state parks and other public recreation sites.

All but one of the State's counties have increased in commercial forest area since 1966. The lone holdout, Chittenden County, dropped only 900 acres. Essex County, in the extreme northeastern corner of the State, continues to hold the title of most heavily forested; 93 percent of its area is in commercial forest. Franklin County showed the greatest gain in commercial forest acreage—up 6 percent—24,900 acres—since 1966.

Forest-Land Ownership

Only 10 percent—441,600 acres—of Vermont's commercial forest land is in public ownership. Of this, 228,600 acres is in the Green Mountain National Forest. Other federal agencies hold only 3,800 acres. The State of Vermont holds 168,200 acres, mostly in State Forests. County and municipal governments hold 41,000 acres.

The 3,988,300 acres that are privately owned are held by an estimated 77,300 different owners. Of these, 73,900 are individuals, 700 are corporations, and 2,700 are clubs, youth organizations, churches, and similar associations. The average size of commercial forest-land ownerships in Vermont is 51.6 acres. The 33,500 owners who own fewer than 10 acres hold an average of only 1.7 acres, primarily as home sites. This means that those 43,800 owners who hold more than 10 acres hold almost 90 acres on average.

Of the 73,900 individuals who own forest land in Vermont, farmers account for only 10 percent; they own 589,000 acres—20 percent of the acreage owned by individuals. Skilled laborers account for more owners than any other group—21,000—nearly 29 per-

cent of all individual owners. However, they do not hold a large share of the acreage held by individuals. The largest share of acreage owned by individuals is owned by professional people. Though they account for less than 12 percent of the individual owners, they hold 22 percent of the commercial forest land held by individuals.

Of the 700 corporations that own commercial forest land in Vermont, 500 are engaged in real estate development. These corporations own more than 115,000 acres. Forest industries own more than 666,000 acres, yet they account for only about 100 owners. The remaining corporate owners include nonforest industries, nonindustrial businesses, and corporate farms. Together, these owners account for only slightly more than 77,000 acres of commercial forest land.

These estimates of privately owned commercial forest land are based on a canvass of forest-land owners in the State. This canvass was conducted concurrently with the resurvey of Vermont. The results of this study will be published separately.

One of the primary objectives of conducting this canvass was to estimate the volume

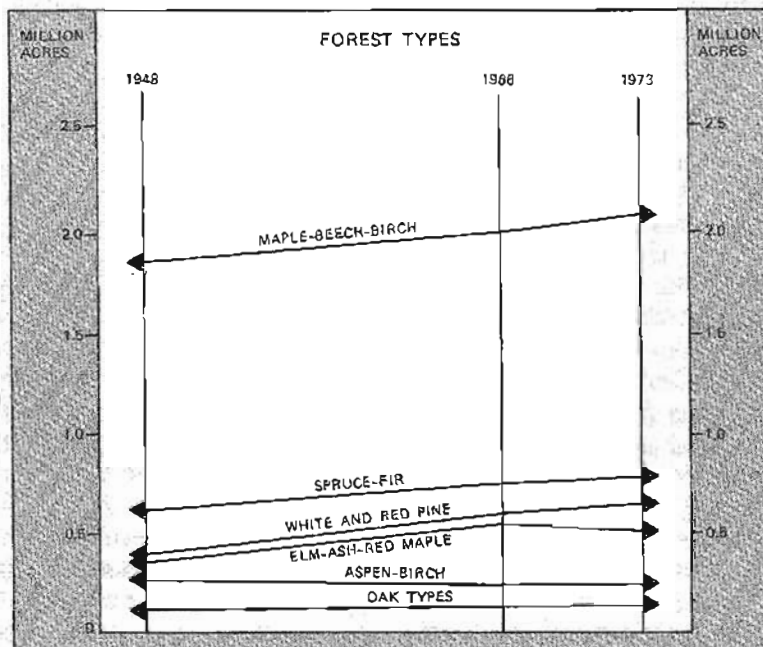
of timber on privately owned commercial forest land that is now or may in the future be available for timber harvesting. Thirty percent of the present owners of commercial forest land in Vermont have at one time or another harvested timber from their lands. These owners account for 66 percent of the privately owned commercial forest land in Vermont. It is interesting to note, in view of this, that only an estimated 7 percent of the owners own their forest land primarily for timber production. These owners, however, own 19 percent of the privately owned commercial forest land in the State.

Forest Types

Although the area of commercial forest land in Vermont increased nearly 135,000 acres during the 7-year period, the proportion of commercial forest land in the various forest types has changed very little (fig. 1). The only proportionate increases were in spruce/fir (up to 18 percent) and the oak/pine type (up to 2 percent)—each a 1-percent gain over 1966.

The only decrease was in the elm/ash/red

Figure 1.—The area of forest types has changed little.





A maple/beech/birch stand with red maple as an important component.

maple type. This type lost nearly 50 thousand acres, dropping from 13 percent of the area in 1966 to 11 percent in 1973. The most logical explanation for the decrease in the area of elm/ash/red maple seems to be linked to changes in species composition as this type matures into sawtimber-size stands.

A characteristic of red maple, the major species in this type, is that, though it has a rapid rate of growth in the poletimber and smaller sizes, it does not sustain this rate of growth as the trees mature. When red maple is associated with the northern hardwood species, the same stand that was typed as elm/ash/red maple when it was poletimber size is often typed as maple/beech/birch as a sawtimber-size stand because the red maple has failed to keep pace with the sugar maple and beech. This conclusion is reinforced by the fact that the maple/beech/birch type, the most prevalent hardwood type in Vermont, increased some 78,000 acres. Undoubtedly much of this increase can be ascribed to this naturally occurring type change in maturing stands.

Stand-Size Classes

In 1966 the forest survey found 41 percent of the stands classified as sawtimber, 35 percent as poletimber, and 24 percent as seedling-sapling stands and nonstocked areas. The 1973 forest survey, however, found that the distribution of stand-size classes has changed. While the area in sawtimber stands rose only from 41 percent in 1966 to 46 percent in 1973, the area in poletimber stands plummeted from 35 percent to 22 percent. The area in seedling-and-sapling stands rose from 24 to 32 percent of the State's commercial forest-land area (fig. 2).

The cause of this apparent turnaround in the trend is linked to timber demand during the period. From 1965 through 1972 the sawlog harvest in Vermont remained essentially constant, and demand for veneer logs declined. However, during this same period the demand for round pulpwood rose 20 percent (*Bones and others 1974*). This continuing low demand for sawlogs has meant that many white pine and maple/beech/birch

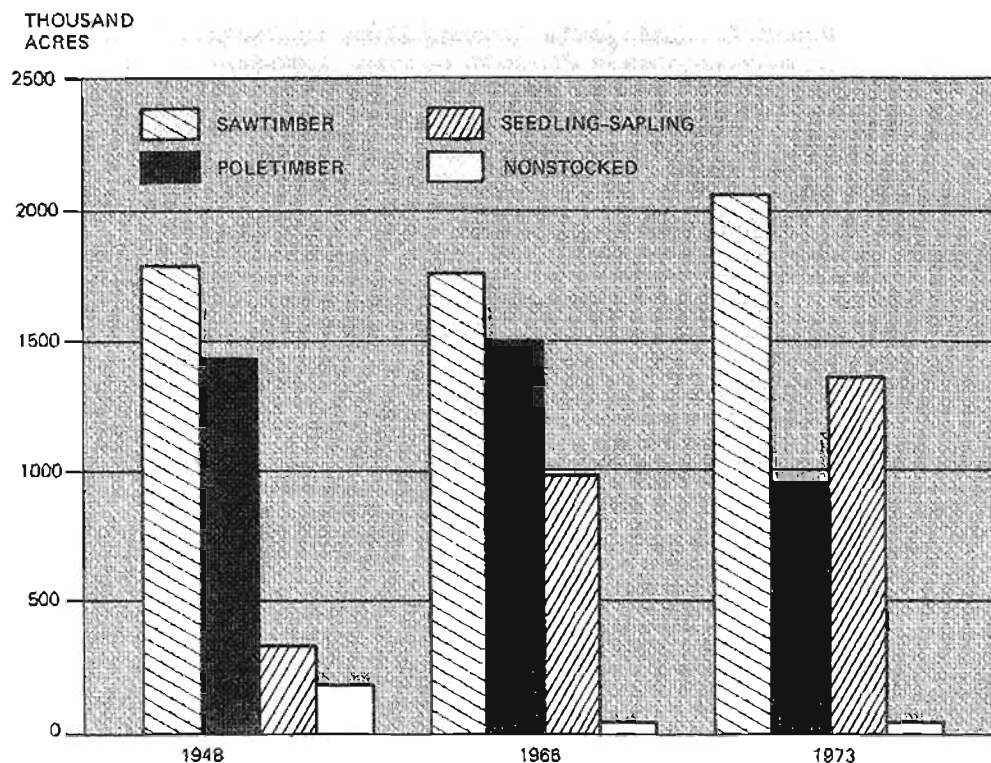


Figure 2.—Changes in stand-size class distribution in three inventories in Vermont.

stands, the major sawtimber-producing types, have been left to grow.

On the other hand, the higher level of demand for pulpwood has apparently meant that stands of spruce/fir and elm/ash/red maple were harvested. These two types produce the bulk of the pulpwood harvest in Vermont. Because individual tree size is not of major concern in pulpwood production, and because of the condition and location of many of the stands in these timber types, it is often most economical as well as silviculturally sound practice to harvest the entire stand either by clearcutting or by a shelterwood system.

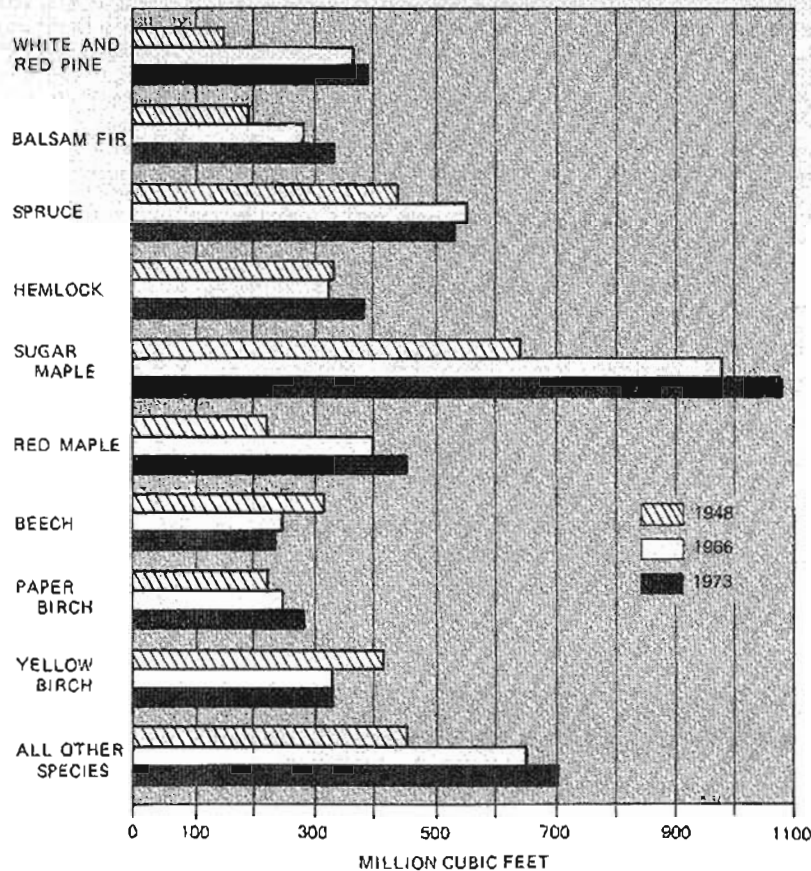
These conclusions are further strengthened by the fact that, in 1973, 67 percent of the white pine type and 55 percent of the maple/beech/birch type was in sawtimber-size stands. On the other hand, 47 percent of the spruce-fir and 39 percent of the elm/ash/red maple was in seedling-sapling stands.

Timber Volume

Although the area of commercial forest land has increased only 3 percent since 1966, the volume of growing stock gained more than 7.5 percent in the same period. In 1973, the volume of growing stock in Vermont stood at 4.7 billion cubic feet, up from 4.4 billion in 1966. Since 1948 the volume of growing stock in the State has risen more than 40 percent. Softwood and hardwood growing stock posted nearly identical gains. Softwood growing stock was up 7.1 percent since 1966 and hardwood up 7.8 percent. However, over the longer period, since 1948, the softwood growing-stock inventory gained more than the hardwood. Softwoods were up over 44 percent while hardwoods gained 38 percent (fig. 3).

The most impressive increase in timber volume was in sawtimber. The volume of sawtimber in Vermont rose from 8.5 billion board feet in 1966 to 9.7 billion in 1973—a

Figure 3.—Changes in growing-stock volume in three inventories in Vermont, by major species.



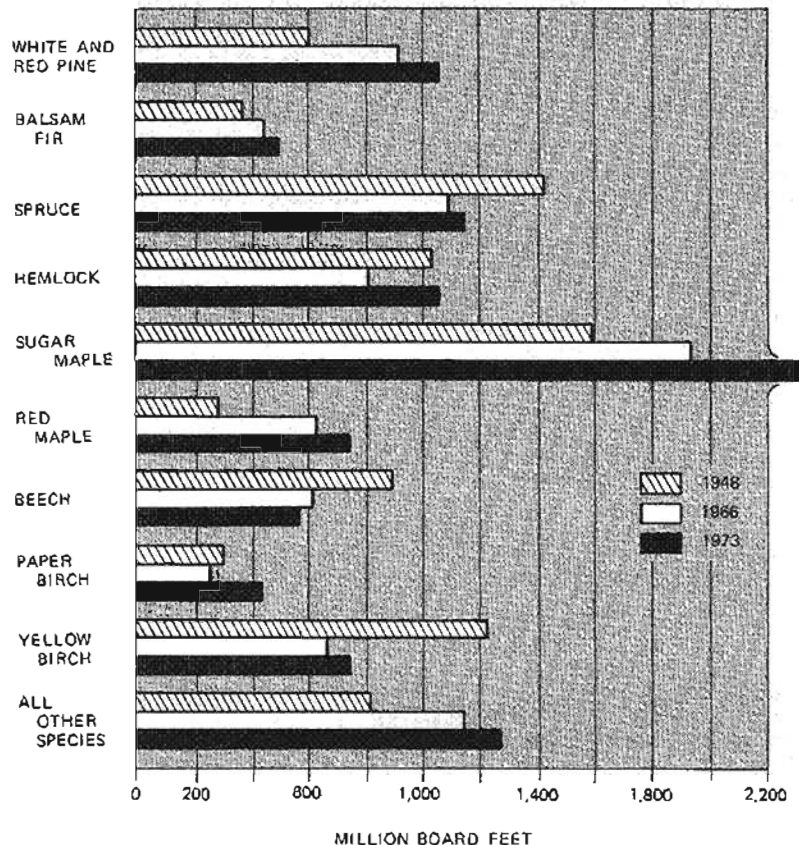
jump of 14.5 percent. Sawtimber gained only 1 percent during the 1948-66 period.

Sugar maple remains the most abundant species in the State, with 1.1 billion cubic feet or 23 percent of the State's total timber volume. Northern red oak showed the greatest increase in volume, rising from 86.2 million cubic feet in 1966 to 113.1 million cubic feet in 1973, a gain of 31 percent in the relatively short period of 7 years. (A similar increase was also observed in New Hampshire.) Low demand for this species seems to be the major factor influencing this increase. Sawtimber-size northern red oak registered a 32-percent increase since 1966. Sawtimber-size sugar maple remains by far the most abundant species in terms of sawtimber volume. In 1973 the volume of sugar maple sawtimber stood at 2.3 billion board feet, up from 1.9 in 1966. No other hardwood species exceeds 1 billion board feet in total volume (fig. 4).

Although it was the only softwood species to show a decline in volume, spruce is still the most abundant softwood. The volume of spruce rose from 440.0 million cubic in 1948 to 549.1 million in 1966. It then declined to 532.3 million in 1973, a drop of 3 percent for the 1966-73 period. After a decline from 1,421.9 million board feet in 1948 to 1,093.6 million in 1966, the spruce sawtimber volume has increased slightly since 1966 and stood at 1,142.0 million board feet in 1973. Of all the softwood species in Vermont, spruce is the most in demand, mostly for pulpwood. These changes reflect this consistent demand.

Several other species showed significant increases in volume from 1966 to 1973. Hemlock showed a gain of 16 percent in growing-stock volume and a 31-percent increase in sawtimber volume. Although white pine showed less than a 5-percent gain in growing-stock volume, the volume of white pine

Figure 4.—Changes in sawtimber volume in three inventories in Vermont, by major species.



sawtimber gained 17 percent. Both of these increases are a reflection of the increased area of sawtimber-size stands in the State and the consistent low level of demand for sawtimber. Paper birch sawtimber rose 31 percent from 1966 to 1973. This also is a reflection of the continuing low demand for sawtimber. Although yellow birch sawtimber registered only an 11-percent gain for the period, this is significant because it reverses the earlier trend.

From 1948 to 1966 the yellow birch sawtimber inventory fell from 1,225.4 million board feet to 664.9 million. But by 1973 it was up to 736.5 million board feet. Yellow birch growing stock remained unchanged from the 1966 level.

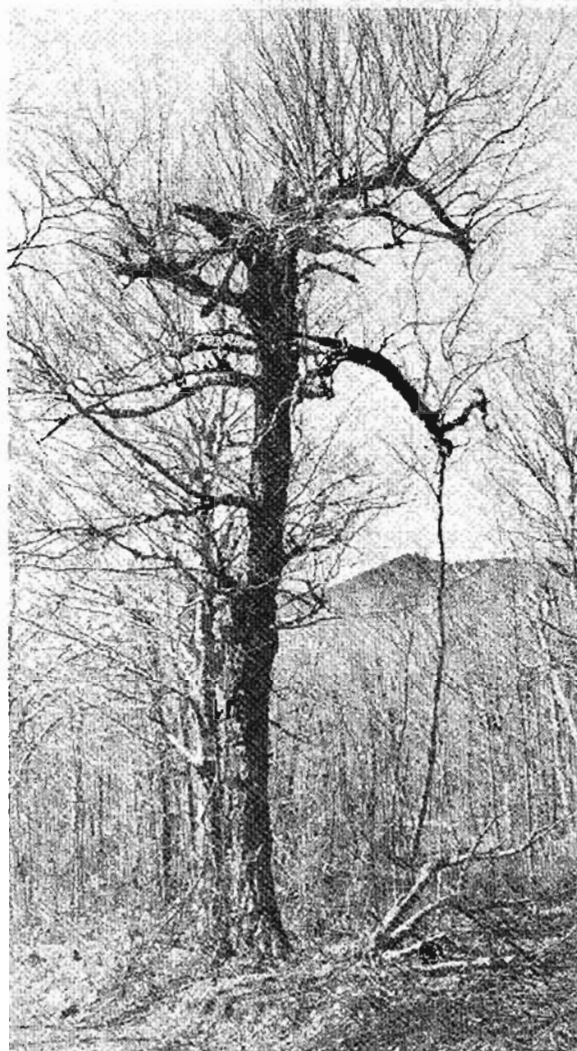
This fact indicates that little yellow birch regeneration has been occurring in the recent past and that this apparent upsurge in yellow birch sawtimber volume is not likely

to be sustained. Yellow birch requires open mineral soils for successful germination of seed and seedling development. Without fire or logging practices that develop such seedbeds, yellow birch may become a relatively minor species in the future.

Sawlog Quality

Despite the fact that the volume of sawtimber in Vermont increased 15 percent since 1966, sawtimber quality continued to decline. In 1966 grade-1 white and red pine sawlogs accounted for 3 percent of the total white and red pine sawlog inventory. By 1973 this percentage had dropped to only 1 percent, despite a 17-percent increase in the total inventory of white and red pine sawlogs. The hardwood story was similar. In 1966, 12 percent of the hardwood sawlog inventory was in grade-1 logs, but by 1973 only 9 percent was grade-1. The hardwood

Rough and rotten trees occupy valuable growing space.



sawlog inventory rose 14 percent during the period.

This decline in sawlog quality was not limited to a few species. In fact, every major species showed a decline in the percentage of the inventory in grade-1 and -2 sawlogs (fig. 5). What caused this decline? There seem to be two major causes: continued high-grading of sawtimber stands and an increased inventory of small-diameter sawtimber trees. When stands are high-graded, only the best stems are harvested, and the poorer stems are left to grow. The net effect is stands that contain poorer and poorer

trees. The increase in the inventory of small sawtimber trees, though sometimes another consequence of high-grading, is primarily the result of the increase in the area in sawtimber stands. A grade-1 sawlog must have a minimum diameter inside bark at the small end of 13 inches. It is highly unlikely that a 14-inch dbh tree could contain such a log. Sixty-three percent of Vermont's sawtimber inventory is in trees smaller than 15 inches dbh.

The recent development of tree-length integrated logging systems in the State may help to slow the practice of high-grading. Commonly, in tree-length systems, entire trees are skidded to a landing where the quality material is bucked out and the remainder is utilized for pulpwood or other products for which log quality is not a major consideration.

Growth and Removals

Growth and removals of timber from the inventory can be discussed in several different ways. When it is necessary to understand how the inventory has changed, we discuss the average annual growth and removals. This is the estimated volume of growth or removals for a hypothetical average year during the period between inventories.

In other cases it is necessary to ask: are the growth or removals for the inventory year representative of the average or of the trend during the period between inventories? In this case we compared the average annual growth or removals with the trend (table 20) or actual removals (table 27) for the inventory year. The volume of growth or removals that would be consistent with the average over the period is called trend-level growth or removal. By comparing this estimate, say for removals, with the reported actual volume removed, one can determine whether or not the inventory year was typical of the trend or if it was higher or lower than the trend. This comparison can be very important when predicting or projecting future removals.

The volume of growing stock in Vermont increased 332 million cubic feet, and sawtimber increased 1.2 billion board feet, from 1966 to 1973. In 1965, 42.2 million cubic feet of growing stock were removed; and in 1972, 48.0 million were removed. Annual net growth of growing stock was 2.3 percent of the inventory in both years—88.6 million cubic feet in 1965 and 106.6 million in 1972.

In 1965 sawtimber removals stood at 130 million board feet, and in 1972 they stood at 165 million. However, neither 1965 nor 1972 was a representative year when compared to the trend of sawtimber removals, as evidenced by the estimates as adjusted to the then-existing trends. Removals in 1965 were well below the mid-60s trend while those for 1972 were well above the trend of previous years. Thus, when we adjust these removals to the trend level we see that sawtimber removals have not been increasing,

but rather have been on the decline from 248 million board feet in 1965 to 118 in 1972. However, the sawtimber growth rate remained steady at 2.7 percent of the inventory in both years.

During the 1965-72 period, annual net growth of growing stock in Vermont averaged 99.2 million cubic feet. Although this is an increase of 16 million cubic feet per year over the 1947-65 period, growth as a percentage of the inventory remained unchanged at 2.2 percent during the 1965-72 period versus 2.1 percent for the 1947-65 period. Sawtimber growth averaged 301 million board feet per year during the 1965-72 period. This too was essentially unchanged at 3.1 percent of the sawtimber inventory.

Average annual net growth of growing stock in Vermont is extremely low—only 24 cubic feet per acre per year. This fact is vividly illustrated by comparing the com-

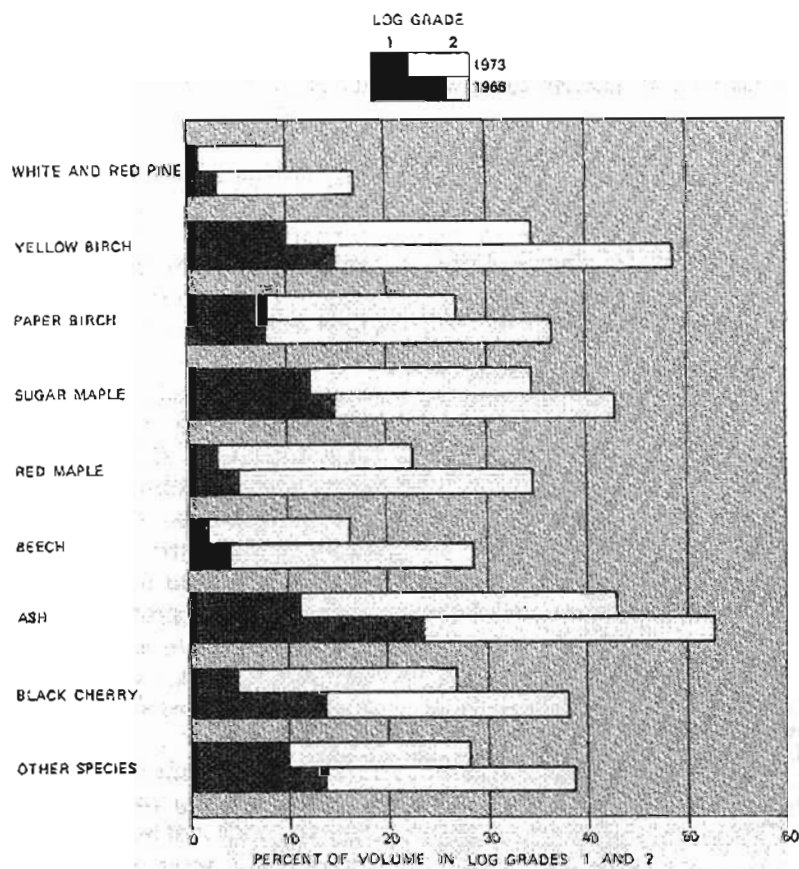


Figure 5.—The decline in sawlog quality is not limited to a few species.

ponents of growth in Vermont with the components in the five other New England states. In these states the average acre of commercial forest land produces an average of 51 cubic feet of wood per year and loses 7 feet to cull increment (the volume in trees of too poor quality to be considered growing stock) and 6 feet to mortality, for an average annual net growth of 38 cubic feet per acre per year. In Vermont, however, the story is much different. The average acre of commercial land in Vermont produces only 41 cubic feet per acre per year, but loses nearly 7 cubic feet to mortality and 10 cubic feet to cull increment for an average annual net growth of only 24 cubic feet.

Why should annual net growth in Vermont be so much lower than that in the rest of New England? The answer to this question lies in the condition of the State's present timber stands rather than in the productive potential of its forest sites. In fact, over 30 percent of Vermont's commercial forest land is considered as capable of producing more than 85 cubic feet of wood per acre per year. In the other 5 states, 38 percent of the area is as productive. One acre in 4 in Vermont is poorly stocked with growing-stock trees. Yet, only 4 percent of all stands are poorly stocked with all trees. This means that valuable growing space is being occupied by inferior trees. Almost 30 percent of all of the live trees in the State over 5 inches dbh are considered rough and/or rotten. By comparison, in the other 5 New England states only 15 percent are rough and/or rotten.

The volume of each of the components of average annual net change in growing stock for the period 1965 through 1972 is shown below:

	<i>Million cubic feet</i>	<i>Cubic feet per acre</i>
Accretion (growth on surviving trees)	94.9	21.4
Ingrowth (volume of growth that became pole-sized)	74.5	16.8
Gross growth	169.4	38.2
Cull-tree increment	-42.3	-9.5
Growing-stock mortality	-27.9	-6.3
Net growth	99.2	22.4
Removals	51.8	-11.7
Net change in the inventory	47.4	10.7

Timber-Products Output

The timber-products-output estimates shown in tables 25 through 28 should not be confused with the estimates of annual timber removals shown in tables 20, 21, and 23. In this section of the report actual production data obtained from the Vermont Department of Forests and Parks and similar data gathered as part of this resurvey are used to analyze the 1972 timber harvest and output of timber products. Data presented in tables 20, 21, and 23 are developed from the re-measurement of permanent sample plots. These tables represent the 1972 growth-and-removal situation as indicated by the trend between 1965 and 1972. For this reason slight differences exist between the two sets of data.

Actual production data for a specific year are most useful for analyzing the distribution of timber removals into various categories. Growth-and-removals data based on the trend over the period between inventories are used to analyze the changes in the inventory. In this analysis it is important that the data being analyzed do not represent a typical year.

In 1972, 48.0 million cubic feet of growing stock was removed from Vermont's commercial forest land. Of this volume 32.9 million cubic feet was utilized for timber products. An additional 15.1 million cubic feet was removed as logging residues and other removals. The 32.9 million cubic feet of growing stock that was harvested was below the 35.9 million harvested in 1965. Thus, timber-products output continued to decline in Vermont. The 1972 output of timber products totaled 43.3 million cubic feet. This included both growing-stock material (32.9) and nongrowing-stock material (10.4) such as tops, limbs, and sound material from rough, rotten, or dead trees as well as plant byproducts.

In 1972, Vermont harvested less than half its annual net growth for that year. This was true for both softwoods and hardwoods. However, there were two notable exceptions—spruce and beech. In both of these species,

timber removals exceeded growth. For spruce the harvest was only slightly greater than growth; but for beech, removals were more than twice growth.

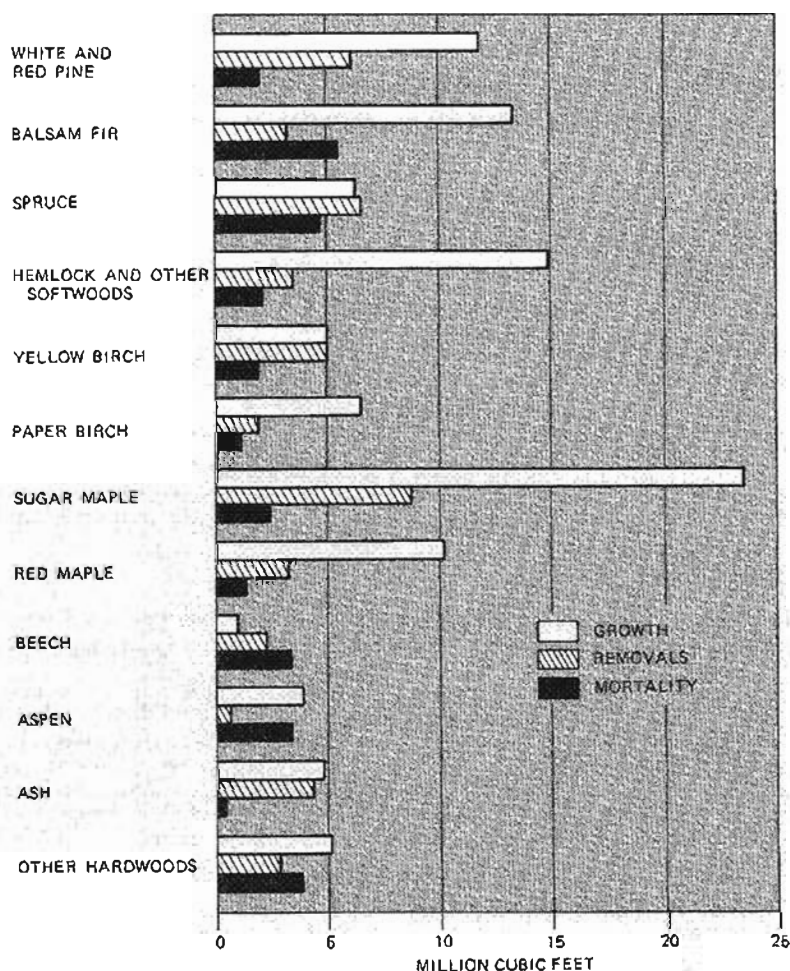
Most significant in both cases, a reduction in timber mortality could easily have covered the deficit. For spruce a reduction in mortality of only 2 percent would have been nearly sufficient. For beech a reduction of 40 percent would have provided the wood necessary to make removals equal growth. In fact, mortality of beech growing stock was 1.4 times greater than removals and about 3 times growth (fig. 6). It should be noted that the unusually high beech mortality is the result of the beech scale-nectria complex. Nonetheless, a concerted effort

should be made to utilize this diseased material rather than to lose it to mortality and subsequent decay. For many major species the annual mortality is high in relation to growth and removals. Such high mortality also reflects the high proportion of rough and rotten trees in Vermont stands.

Sawlog Production

Sawlog production in 1972 totaled 125 million board feet, up 10 million feet from 1965 (fig. 7). Although production rose slightly, the trend to fewer but larger sawmills continued as the number of mills dropped from 191 in 1965 to 170 in 1972. Hardwoods accounted for 56 percent of the 1972 sawlog production. Of the 69.9 million board feet of

Figure 6.—Growth, removals, and mortality of growing stock, by major species, 1972.



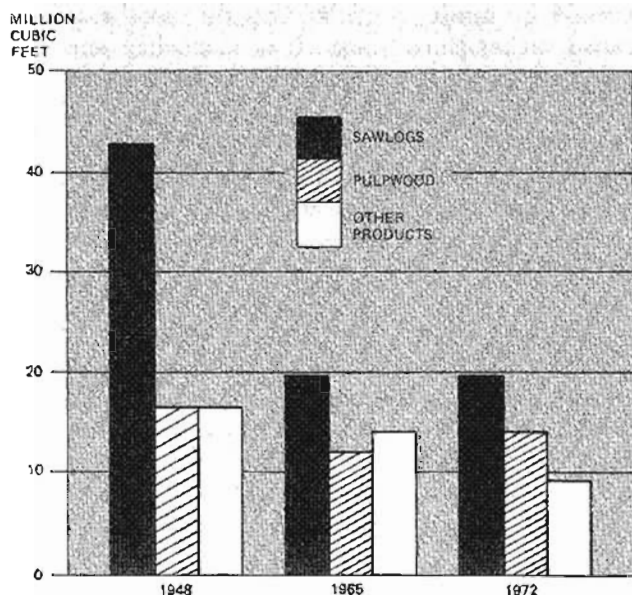


Figure 7.—Production of major timber products in Vermont in 1948, 1965, and 1972.

hardwood sawlogs produced, sugar or hard maple accounted for 33.4 million board feet—48 percent of the hardwood production. Second-place honors went to yellow birch with 11.6 million feet—17 percent of the hardwood output. Of the 55.2 million board feet of softwood sawlogs harvested, white pine accounted for 29.0 million—nearly 53 percent.

Pulpwood Production

Although Vermont has only one small woodpulp mill, pulpwood production continued to increase steadily. In 1972, pulpwood production from all sources totaled 166,604 cords. Of this total, 31,085 cords were produced from plant byproducts, principally chipped sawmill slabs and edgings. The remaining 135,519 cords were produced from roundwood, trees harvested to produce pulpwood, or portions of trees harvested for other products.

Most of the round pulpwood harvested in Vermont is hardwood—about 58 percent. Most of this consists of maple, beech, and birch. Of the 42 percent of round pulpwood production that is softwood, most is spruce and fir—about 82 percent.

Pulpwood production in Vermont rose

from only 38,500 cords in 1928 to 197,172 cords in 1948 and then fell to 173,800 cords in 1963. It then began a nearly steady decline to 142,100 cords in 1969. By 1972 production had risen to 166,600 cords, and by 1974, the most recent year for which pulpwood production data are available, production stood at 258,500 cords.

Other Products

Other products in Vermont include veneer logs, poles and posts, turnery bolts, wooden bowls, clapboards, and pre-cut log cabins as well as fuelwood. In 1972, these uses of wood accounted for 9,431,000 cubic feet of the State's output of timber products. This total is down from the 14,156,000 cubic feet produced in 1965 because of the substantial decline in both veneer-log and fuelwood production.

Fuelwood production in 1972 was down substantially from the 1965 output—6,787,000 cubic feet in 1965 compared to 4,335,000 in 1972. The consumption of fuelwood as a home-heating fuel has been declining rapidly since World War II. However, the recent shortages of petrochemical fuels, particularly hard felt in the Northeastern States, may stimulate the use of wood as fuel again.

Production of veneer logs dropped from 15 million board feet in 1965 to only 7 million in 1972. This halving of production accompanied a similar 50-percent drop in the number of veneer plants operating in Vermont from 8 in 1968 to 4 in 1972. Two of the State's plants produce commercial or face veneers for furniture and doors. One of the remaining plants produces container veneers while the other produces specialty veneers. Specialty veneers are used in the manufacture of such products as tongue depressors, popsicle sticks, and toothpicks. Three species—white birch, yellow birch, and beech—traditionally account for the lion's share of Vermont's veneer-log production. In 1972, while more than 10 species of veneer logs were produced, these three species accounted for 71 percent of the production.

Two Vermont forest industries, novelty fencing and pre-cut log cabins, have enjoyed

growing markets for their products in recent years. The production of fence posts totaled 429,000 cubic feet, most of which was for novelty fencing. The production of pre-cut cabins consumed about 5 million board feet of white pine, red pine, and spruce in 1972.

Despite the fact that timber-products production has been declining in Vermont in recent years, wood-based industries remain an important segment of the State's economy. According to the 1972 Census of Manufactures, there were 850 manufacturing establishments in the State, of which nearly one-third were wood-using industries. They include not only the primary industries like sawmills and pulpmills, but also the secondary wood-using industries such as furniture manufacturers, millwork manufacturers, and makers of various paper products.

The wood-using industries of Vermont employed 6,800 people and paid a total payroll of \$48.2 million. Wood-using establish-

ments in Vermont tend to be smaller than the average of all manufacturing establishments in the State. Thus, while wood-using establishments account for about one-third of all manufacturing they account for only 18 percent of all manufacturing employment. The wood-using industries of Vermont in 1972 had a total value of shipments of \$233 million.

Nontimber Benefits of Forests

Many products and benefits of forests never enter the market place, yet they add immeasurably to the quality of life.

Water

The forest lands of Vermont encompass a significant portion of some of the Northeast's most important waterways—the Connecticut and Hudson river systems and the Lake Champlain system. Were the mountains of Vermont not heavily forested, these waterways would be subject to periodic flooding and the waters would not be as attractive because of sedimentation.

In an average year Vermont receives about 40 inches of precipitation, about half in the form of snow. Because the forest acts like a giant sponge to absorb this moisture and prevent excessive runoff, the differences between peak and low flows in the State's waterways is much less than it would otherwise be.

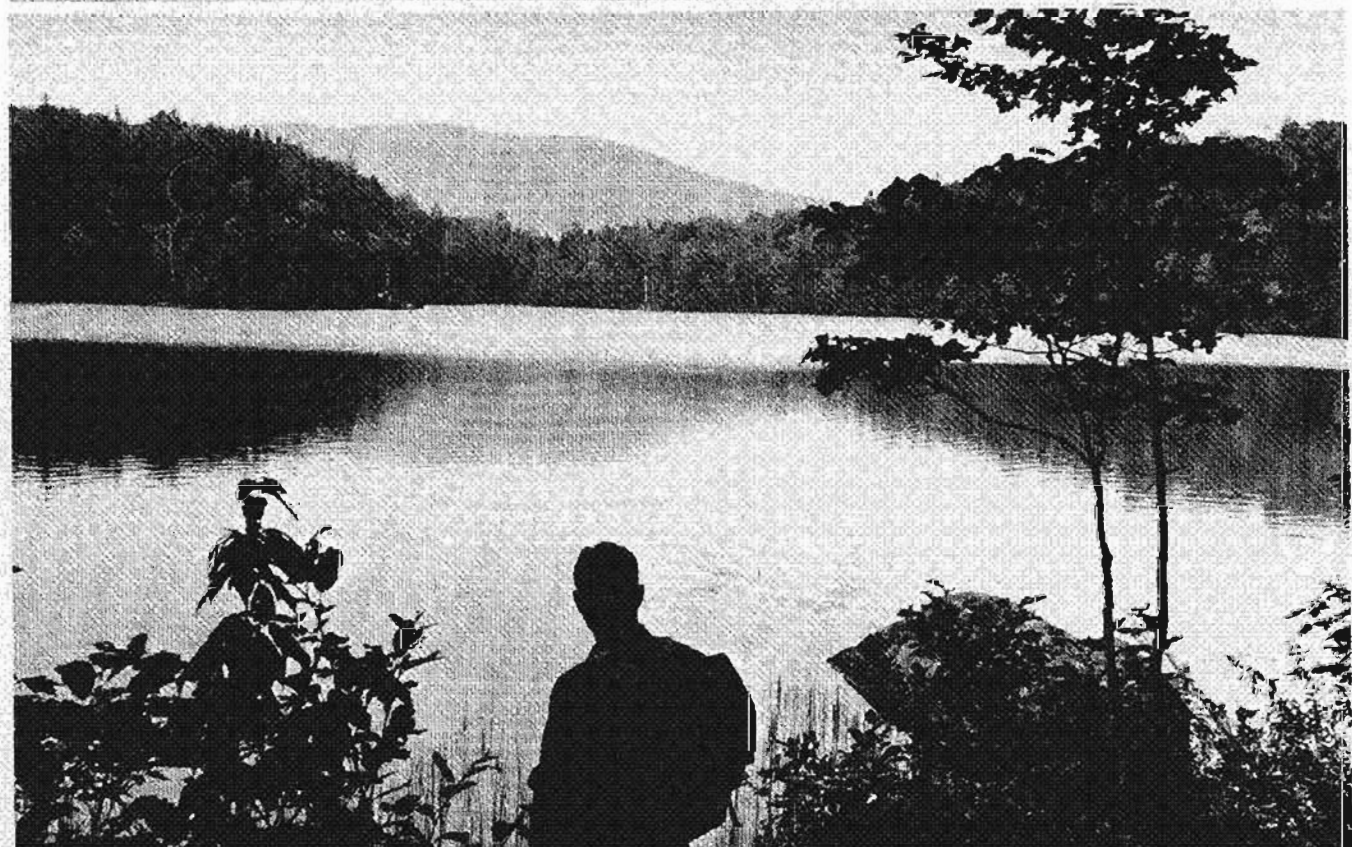
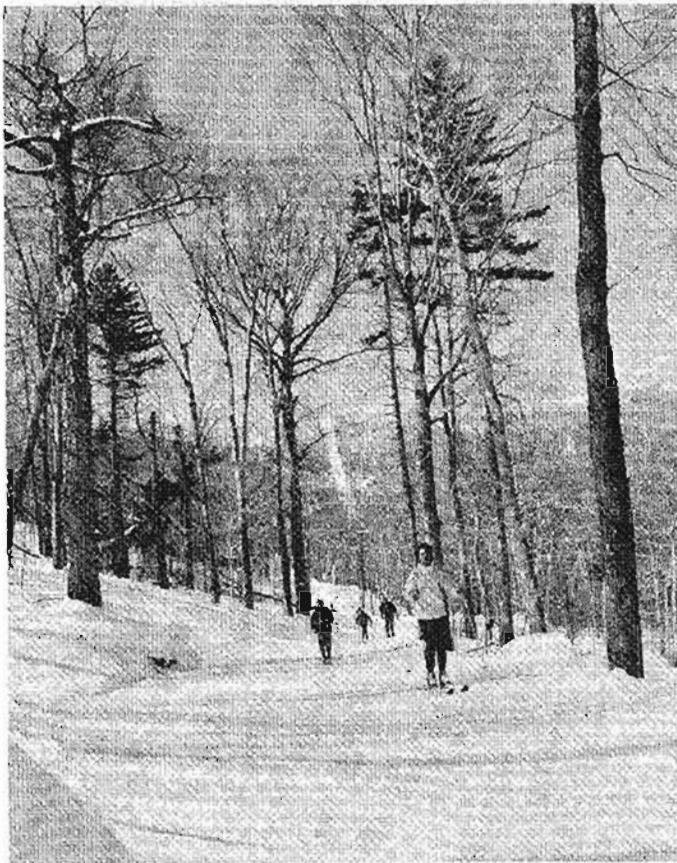
In forested areas stream sedimentation is substantially lower than in regions where other land uses predominate. This is also a result of the absorptive and filtering effect of forest soils. Thus, it is in no small way that forests of Vermont help maintain the State's reputation for clean pleasant streams, lakes, and ponds.

In addition to helping to provide clear streams with a minimum of flooding, forests also help protect public water supplies. Throughout the State there are 177 areas encompassing 42,776 acres of forest land that are managed primarily for watershed protection.



Moss Glen Falls—an example of how water adds to Vermont's natural beauty.

Recreation is a major industry in Vermont. Cross country skiing—renewed interest in an old sport. Snowmobiling—a new interest and continues to gain in popularity. Hiking—always popular with some.



Recreation

Whether it be skiing, camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, or just plain sightseeing, recreation in Vermont is a major industry. Each year millions enjoy Vermont's vibrant autumn foliage, ski the State's many slopes, or camp among its mountains and streams.

During the 1974-75 ski season an estimated 2.8 million skier-days were enjoyed at the State's 70 developed ski areas. The average skier spent approximately \$30 per day for lift tickets, lodging, and food. This means that skiers brought nearly \$85 million into the Vermont economy.

Snowmobiling is a rapidly growing winter pastime. During the 1974-75 snow season, 34,715 snowmobiles were registered in Vermont. A total of \$208,000 in registration fees was collected. From these fees a total \$84,000 was spent for the development and maintenance of public snowmobile trails. The remaining \$124,000 is used for safety and law enforcement of snowmobilers. As of 1974-75 there were approximately 200 miles of public snowmobile trails on State land. The misuse of snowmobiles has been the source of much controversy and concern for a number of years. In addition to serious accidents involving bodily injury and even death, snowmobiles have at times caused considerable damage by knocking over fences or breaking young trees. To combat this, Vermont, like most other snow states, has turned to registration and regulation of snowmobiles.

In Vermont there are nearly 150 developed campgrounds, having a total of more than 7,500 camping sites. In most recent years about one-half million camper-days were spent at the 43 public campgrounds in Vermont. A camper-day is any day or part of a day spent by an individual camping. If we assume that the rate of occupancy at the more than 100 privately owned campgrounds is slightly better than half the rate at public facilities, we can estimate that nearly 1.5 million camper-days are spent in Vermont annually.

Although it is impossible to estimate how many people participate, hiking and backpacking are enjoyed by thousands in Ver-

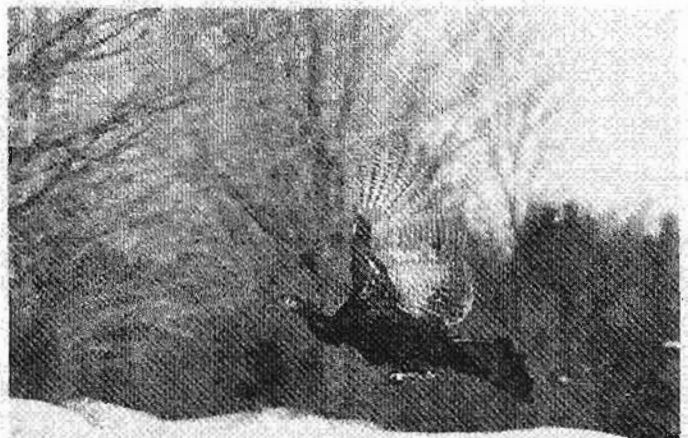
mont each year. An estimated 70,000 people hiked at Camel's Hump State Forest.

The forest lands of Vermont host a variety of fish and wildlife species. In addition to providing enjoyment to sightseers, bird-watchers, and other users of the forest, many species provide recreation in the form of hunting and fishing.

During the 1974-75 license year, nearly 134,000 hunting licenses, 90,000 fishing licenses, and more than 55,000 combination hunting and fishing licenses were sold in Vermont. The fact that about 40 percent of the hunting licenses were sold to nonresidents attests to the fact that Vermont is one of the more desirable hunting and fishing states.

During the 1974-75 hunting season, Vermont hunters killed 12,834 deer, 1,580 of these with bow and arrow. This means that one deer was harvested for every 345 acres of commercial forest land. It is interesting to note that at the turn of the century there were believed to be fewer than 500 deer in the entire State. It is generally agreed that the increase in forest area in Vermont has provided an expanded habitat for deer, fostering an explosion of the deer population, despite ever-increasing hunting pressure.

The wild turkey has been reintroduced recently in Vermont.



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Also during the 1974-75 season, 227 black bears were taken. And 95 wild turkeys were taken in the spring of 1975 during the State's first spring gobbler season. Turkeys have recently been re-introduced in Vermont with considerable success. In addition to these big-game animals, all denizens of the forest, thousands of ruffed grouse, rabbits, and other small game species were also taken.

Because there is no formal market structure, it is often difficult to determine what effect hunters, fisherman, and other recreationists have on a state's economy. However, two studies have been conducted to estimate the economic impact of hunters and fishermen on Vermont's economy in 1970 (*Gilbert and Khayami 1973; Gilbert 1975*). These studies show that the State of Vermont received \$2,006,479 from hunting and fishing license sales; \$1,443,680 of this from nonresidents. Nearly all of these receipts were earmarked for fish and wildlife management programs. However, this is only a small contribution when compared to all expenditures, exclusive of license fees, of hunters and fisherman—a grand total of \$65,148,364.

Hunters spent an average of \$14 for each of the 2,865,474 hunter-days in the field. These expenditures include ammunition, food, lodging, clothing, and similar variable expenses plus such fixed expenditures as weapons, recreation vehicles, cabins, land, and so forth. Fishermen spent \$11.67 for each of the 2,145,029 recreation-days that they pursued their sport. Thus, on average, Vermont hunters and fishermen put \$13 into the economy of the State for each day they were afield.

When we apply the 2.5 multiplier used by the Vermont Budget Management Department to the \$65 million expenditures and the \$2 million in license fees, we find that hunting and fishing have a \$167,500,000 effect on the Vermont economy. When one considers that this is an estimate of the economic effect of only hunting and fishing and says nothing of skiing, camping, tourism, and the other forms of outdoor recreation, is it any wonder that one of Vermont's biggest industries is recreation?

Timber-Supply Outlook

All long-range projections are subject to many uncertainties. Long-range projections of timber supply, particularly in the present day, are no exception to this rule. The problem of projecting the supply of timber in Vermont over the next 30 years is complicated by the present economic problems, especially those associated with energy supplies and the current concern for environmental quality. Also, there is the desire of many to spend their leisure hours in a forested setting. In addition, we find that the rate of annual growth of growing stock in Vermont is extremely low, the rate of timber removals even lower than growth, and the forest-based industries in a state of transition.

From 1948 to 1973 the area of commercial forest land in Vermont increased a little more than 700 thousand acres. This increase is expected to continue until about 1980, when the peak of about 4.5 million acres is reached. After 1980 a gradual decline is expected to set in, and by 2003 commercial forest land is expected to total about 4.4 million acres. This slow decline will be the result of further withdrawals for recreational purposes and also as a result of increasing urbanization. It should be noted that many other states in the Northeast have begun to slowly lose commercial forest land after several decades of substantial increases.

Despite the anticipated long-range decrease in commercial forest area, the growing-stock inventory is expected to increase 2.5 billion cubic feet to total 6.0 billion by 2003. Although timber removals from growing stock are expected to increase from 47.8 million cubic feet in 1972 to 127.0 million in 2003, growth of growing stock will also be increasing from 106.6 million cubic feet in 1972 to 154.6 in 2003 (fig. 8). Though this increase may seem substantial in terms of volume, it represents an increase in the rate of growth as a percentage of the inventory of only 0.3 percent. Growing-stock volume per acre is expected to increase from

the present 1,068 cubic feet to nearly 1,400 in 2003. Most of this increase will be due to the replacement of nongrowing stock material with growing stock.

Timber-Management Opportunities

The report of the previous forest survey stressed the need for a major timber-stand-improvement effort throughout the State (*Kingsley and Barnard 1968*). This third forest survey of Vermont has found that little progress has been made toward that improvement. Net annual growth is still woefully low at 24 cubic feet per acre per year. Yet 66 percent of the State's commercial forest land is capable of producing 50 cubic feet or more per acre per year.

The major problem remains the inordinate volume of rough and rotten trees. In

fact, of the nearly 3 billion trees over 1 inch in diameter that are estimated to be growing on the State's commercial forest land, 49 percent are rough or rotten. Most of Vermont's stands are clogged with poor-quality trees. While only 25 percent of the commercial forest land in the State is fully stocked or overstocked with growing-stock trees, 82 percent is fully stocked or overstocked with both growing-stock and nongrowing-stock trees.

The major timber-management objective in Vermont is to reduce the volume of nongrowing stock and to increase the volume of growing stock in the State's forest stands. Only in this way can Vermont realize more of its potential to produce timber. Ironically, it is the increasing demand for timber and the changes that are taking place in the forest-based industries that may provide the best opportunity to accomplish this objective.

Much needed timber-stand-improvement work in Vermont has not been undertaken because it simply was not economically feasible. When cull-tree removal is a direct cost to the landowner, he is likely to forego the expense. When marking timber stands for harvesting, foresters often include as a condition of the sale the removal of poor quality or cull material. However, if the removal of this material represents too great an expense to the logging contractor, or if he is able to find other sales that do not include such conditions, he quite naturally is not interested in such sales. Similarly, while sound forest practice would indicate the need to remove more poor-quality material, the landowner may be reluctant to do so for fear that he will not realize a satisfactory return from the sale of his timber. Thus the theory and practice of forestry collides with the realities of economics.

All this may be changing for the better. Woodpulp technology has been developed to utilize more hardwoods and to even utilize chips with bark to some extent. This opens opportunities to utilize poorer-quality hardwoods. Another possible use for poor-quality material is as fuel. The recent energy shortages may prove to be the sire of this development. It may be feasible to turn tur-

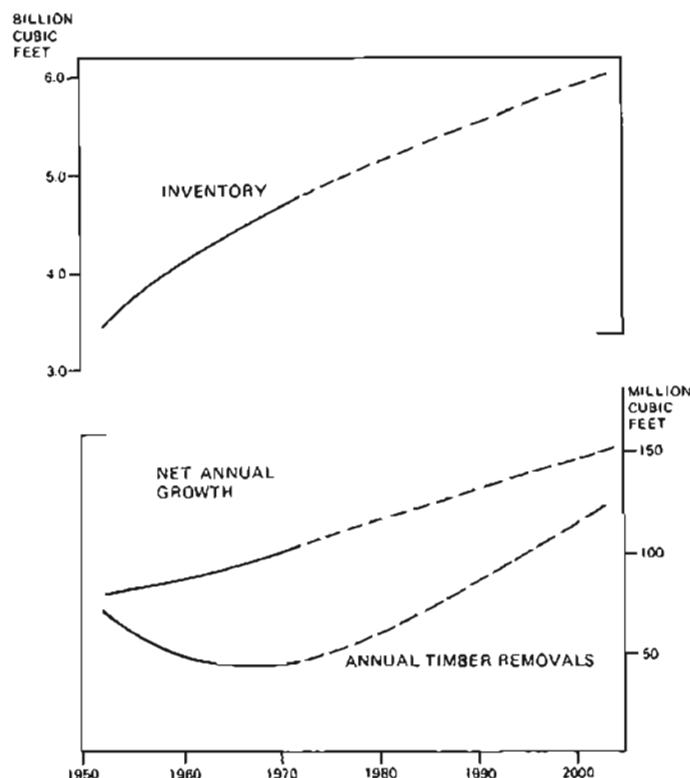


Figure 8.—Projected growing-stock inventory, growth, and removals in Vermont to the year 2003.

bines to generate electricity with steam produced by burning wood chips. It may also be practical on a large scale to power engines with methanol made from wood. The development of particleboards and reconstituted wood products that can utilize a variety of species may provide added opportunities for the utilization of previously seldom used material.

In the woods, things are also changing. In the past, logging operations were usually undertaken for only one product at a time. In the case of timber harvesting for sawlogs, for instance, this meant that substantial numbers of trees that either did not or never would contain sawlogs were left to grow. Today, however, thanks to modern skidders and loaders, logging contractors often harvest several products at the same time. In this way each tree harvested can be put to its best use.

Another innovation that holds promise is whole-tree chipping. Frequently poorer-quality trees were not harvested because their crookedness or liminess made them difficult to handle and transport. With whole-tree chipping, the entire tree is reduced to chips and blown into a van. Costs and problems associated with handling and transportation are substantially reduced.

Whole-tree chipping, as well as multi-product harvesting, may often provide forestland owners with the opportunity to harvest previously unmerchantable volume. In this way they may be able to improve the condition of their stands at a profit or at a minimum cost. Previously, needed timber-stand-improvement work went undone because it represented a direct cost to the landowner and he might not reap the benefits of such improvements during his tenure.

In some cases the forest manager may conclude that, in order to realize more of a site's timber-growing potential in the future, the present stand should be liquidated and a new stand started. In these cases it may be necessary to clearcut the stand. When properly applied, silvicultural clearcutting requires that all stems of whatever species over 2 inches in diameter must be removed so that these stems do not dominate the site and inhibit the develop-

ment of the new stand (*Frank and Bjorkbom 1973*). Total-tree chipping can be of great help in accomplishing this silvicultural objective too. A frequent criticism of clearcutting is the accumulation of logging slash and debris left on the site. With total-tree chipping, more of the slash goes into product. Also, small trees are not as great a handling problem.

This discussion has centered on forest-management opportunities in which timber production is the objective. However, the production of timber is only one of several forest-management objectives. In a State like Vermont, other objectives such as the maintenance of scenic areas, wildlife-habitat management, and watershed protection are often as important or even more important than the output of timber products. Nonetheless, timber will be produced even when the primary objective is something other than timber. The maintenance of a mixture of species and sizes, and the mixture of open areas in the landscape, not only enhance the esthetic quality of an area, but also provide the varied habitat essential to most wildlife species. The maintenance of healthy vigorous stands in watersheds improves soil stability and porosity, which provide more stable steam-flow and minimize siltation.

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Appendix

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Land Area Classes

Land area.—(a) Bureau of the Census. The area of dry land that is temporarily or partly covered by water, such as marshes, swamps, and river flood plains; streams, sloughs, estuaries, and canals that are less than $\frac{1}{2}$ statute mile in width; and lakes, reservoirs, and ponds that are less than 40 acres in area. (b) Forest Survey. The same as the Bureau of the Census, except that the minimum width of streams etc. is 120 feet, and the minimum size of lakes etc. is 1 acre.

Forest land.—Land that is at least 16.7 percent stocked (contains at least 7.5 square feet of basal area) by forest trees of any size, or that formerly had such tree cover and is not currently developed for nonforest use. (Forest trees are woody plants that have a well-developed stem and usually are more than 12 feet in height at maturity.) The minimum area for classification of forest land is 1 acre.

Commercial forest land.—Forest land that is producing or capable of producing crops of industrial wood (more than 20 cubic feet per acre per year) and is not withdrawn from timber utilization. (Industrial wood: all roundwood products, except fuelwood.)

Noncommercial forest land.—Forest land that is incapable of yielding timber crops because of adverse site conditions (unproductive forest land), and productive forest land that is withdrawn from commercial timber use (productive-reserved forest land).

Productive-reserved forest land.—Forest land that is sufficiently productive to qualify as commercial forest land, but is withdrawn from timber utilization through statute, administrative designation, or exclusive use for Christmas-tree production.

Unproductive forest land.—Forest land that is incapable of producing 20 cubic feet per acre per year of industrial wood under natural conditions, because of adverse site conditions.

Nonforest land.—Land that has never supported forests, and land formerly forested but now in nonforest use such as for crops, improved pasture, residential areas, and the like.

Ownership Classes

National Forest.—Federal lands that have been legally designated as National Forests or purchase units and other lands that are under the administration of the Forest Service.

Federal.—Lands (other than National Forests) that are administered by federal agencies.

State.—Lands that are owned by the State of Vermont or leased to the State for 50 years or more.

County and municipal.—Lands that are owned by counties and local public agencies or municipalities or leased to them for 50 years or more.

Forest industry.—Lands that are owned by companies or individuals operating wood-using plants.

Farmer-owned.—Lands that are owned by farm operators, whether part of the farmstead or not. Excludes land leased by farm operators from nonfarm owners.

Miscellaneous private.—Privately owned lands other than forest-industry and farmer-owned lands.

Stand-size Classes

Stand.—A growth of trees (see definitions under "Tree Classes") on a minimum of 1 acre of forest land that is at least 16.7 percent stocked by forest trees of any size.

Sawtimber stands.—Stands that are at least 16.7 percent stocked with growing-stock trees, with half or more of total stocking in sawtimber or poletimber trees, and with sawtimber stocking at least equal to poletimber stocking.

Poletimber stands.—Stands that are at least 16.7 percent stocked with growing-stock trees of which half or more of this stocking is in poletimber and/or sawtimber trees and with poletimber stocking exceeding that of sawtimber.

Sapling-seedling stands.—Stands that are at least 16.7 percent stocked with growing-stock trees of which more than half of the stocking is saplings and/or seedlings.

Nonstocked stands.—Commercial forest land that is less than 16.7 percent stocked with growing-stock trees.

Stocking Classes

Stocking.—The degree of occupancy of land by trees, measured in terms of basal area of trees in a stand compared to the basal area of trees required to utilize fully the growth potential of the land. The actual stocking at a point was evaluated against a standard of 75 square feet of basal area per acre (see definition of basal area under "Tree Measurement and Volume"). The stocking percentage for a sample plot is derived from the stocking for each of 10 points. Three categories of stocking are used:

All live trees.—These are used in the classification of forest land and forest types.

Growing-stock trees.—These are used in the classification of stand-size classes.

Desirable trees.—These are used in the classification of area-condition classes.

The degree of plot stocking is viewed as a range of values rather than single points. A fully stocked stand lies within the range of 100 to 130 percent of the basal-area standard. An overstocked stand contains more than 130 percent. The range for medium stocking is 60 to 100 percent and for poor stocking is 16.7 to 60 percent of the basal-area standard. Forest land with less than 16.7 percent of the basal-area standard is classed as nonstocked.

Tree Classes

Forest trees.—Woody plants that have well-developed stems and usually are more than 12 feet in height at maturity.

Commercial species.—Tree species that are presently or prospectively suitable for industrial wood products. Excludes species of typically small size, poor form, or inferior quality, such as hawthorn and sumac.

Growing-stock trees.—Live trees of commercial species that are classified as sawtimber, poletimber, saplings, and seedlings; that is, all live trees of commercial species except rough and rotten trees. (See definitions under "Class of Timber.")

Acceptable trees.—Growing-stock trees of commercial species that meet specified standards of size and quality, but do not qualify as desirable trees.

Desirable trees.—Growing-stock trees of commercial species that (a) have no serious quality defects that limit present or prospective use for timber products, (b) are of relatively high vigor, and (c) contain no pathogens that may result in death or serious deterioration before rotation age.

Rotten trees.—Live trees of commercial species that do not contain at least one 12-foot sawlog or two noncontiguous sawlogs, each 8 feet or longer, now or prospectively, and do not meet regional specifications for freedom from defect primarily because of rot; that is, when more than 50 percent of the cull volume in a tree is rotten.

Rough trees.—(a) The same as above, except that rough trees do not meet regional specifications for freedom from defect primarily because of roughness or poor form, and (b) all live trees that are of noncommercial species.

Site-quality Classes

Site class.—A classification of forest land in terms of inherent capacity to grow crops of industrial wood. Classifications are based upon the mean annual growth of growing stock attainable in fully stocked natural stands at culmination of mean annual growth.

Forest Types

Forest type is a classification of forest land based upon the species forming a plurality of live tree stocking. The many local forest types in Vermont were combined into the following major forest types:

White and red pine.—Forests in which eastern white pine, red pine, or hemlock, singly or in combination, make up a plurality of the stocking. (Common associates include aspen, birch, and maple.)

Spruce/fir.—Forests in which spruce or balsam fir, singly or in combination, make up a plurality of the stocking. Cedar swamps are also in this type. (Common associates include white-cedar, tamarack, maple, birch, and hemlock.)

Oak/pine.—Forests in which hardwoods (usually red or black oaks) comprise a plurality of the stocking but in which pines comprise 25 to 30 percent of the stocking.

Oak/hickory.—Forests in which oaks, singly or in combination, make up a plurality of the stocking, except where pines make up 25 to 30 percent, in which case the stand would be classified oak/pine. Hickory is seldom present in Vermont. (Common associates include elm and the maples.)

Elm/ash/red maple.—Forests in which elm, ash, or red maple, singly or in combination, comprise a plurality of the stocking. (Common associates include beech, white pine, basswood, and sugar maple.)

Maple/beech/birch.—Forests in which maple, beech, or yellow birch, singly or in combination, comprise a plurality of the stocking. (Common associates include hemlock, elm, basswood, white pine, white birch, and red maple.)

Aspen/birch.—Forests in which aspen, balsam poplar, paper birch, or gray birch, singly or in combination, comprise a plurality of the stocking. (Common associates include maple and balsam fir.)

Class of Timber

Softwoods.—Coniferous trees that are usually evergreen, having needles or scalelike leaves.

Hardwoods.—Dicotyledonous trees that are usually broad-leaved and deciduous.

Sawtimber trees.—Live trees of commercial species that (a) are of the following minimum diameters at breast height—softwoods 9.0 inches and hardwoods 11.0 inches, and (b) contain at least one 12-foot merchantable sawlog or two noncontiguous 8-foot merchantable sawlogs and meet regional specifications for freedom from defect.

Poletimber trees.—Live trees of commercial species that meet regional specifications of soundness and form and are at least 5.0 inches dbh but are smaller than sawtimber size.

Saplings.—Live trees of commercial species that are 1.0 to 5.0 inches in diameter at breast height and of good form and vigor.

Seedlings.—Live trees of commercial species that are less than 1.0 inch in diameter at breast height and are expected to survive.

Rough and rotten trees.—See definitions under "Tree Classes".

Timber Measurement and Volume

Basal area.—The area of the cross section at breast height of a single tree, or of all the trees in a stand, usually expressed as square feet per acre.

Board foot.—A unit of lumber measurement 1 foot long, 1 foot wide, and 1 inch thick, or its equivalent. By forest-survey convention, softwoods less than 9.0 inches dbh and hardwoods less

than 11.0 inches dbh do not contain board-foot volume.

Diameter at breast height (dbh).—The diameter outside bark of a standing tree measured at 4½ feet above the ground.

Growing-stock volume.—Net volume, in cubic feet, of live growing-stock trees that are 5.0 inches dbh and over, from a 1-foot stump to a minimum 4.0-inch top diameter outside bark of the central stem, or to the point where the central stem breaks into limbs. Net volume equals gross volume less deduction for cull.

International ¼-inch rule.—A log rule or formula for estimating the board-foot volume of logs. Stated mathematically, the formula is $[(D^2 \times 0.22) - 0.71 D] \times 0.904762$ for 4-foot sections, where D is the diameter inside bark at the small end of the 4-foot section. The International ¼-inch rule is used as the USDA Forest Service standard log rule in the northeastern United States.

Standard cord.—A unit of measure for stacked bolts of wood, encompassing 128 cubic feet of wood, bark, and air space. Cord estimates can be derived from cubic-foot estimates of growing stock by applying an average factor of 80 cubic feet of wood (inside bark) per rough cord.

Sawtimber volume.—Net volume in board feet, International ¼-inch rule, of merchantable sawlogs in live sawtimber trees. Net volume equals gross volume less deductions for rot, sweep, and other defects that affect use for lumber.

Sawlog.—A log that meets minimum standards of diameter, length, and defect, including logs at least 8 feet long, and with a minimum diameter inside bark of 6 inches for softwoods and 8 inches for hardwoods. (See specifications under "Log Grade Classification".)

Sawlog portion.—That part of the bole of a sawtimber tree between the stump and the sawlog top (merchantable height).

Sawlog top.—The point on the bole of a sawtimber tree above which a sawlog cannot be produced. The minimum sawlog top is 7.0 inches d.o.b. for softwoods and 9.0 inches d.o.b. for hardwoods.

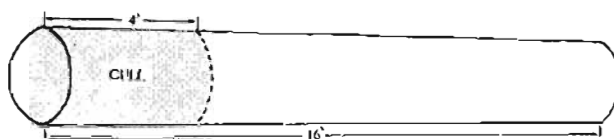
Upper-stem portion.—That part of the main stem or fork of a sawtimber tree above the sawlog top to a diameter of 4.0 inches outside bark or to the point where the main stem or fork breaks into limbs.

Log-Grade Classification

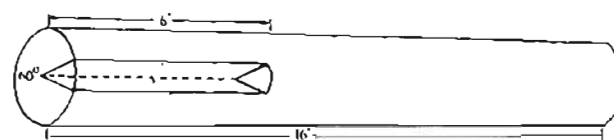
Log grades are a classification of logs based on external characteristics as indicators of quality or value. The log-grade standards and grading systems for softwood and hardwood species used in this forest survey of Vermont are shown in the following specifications.

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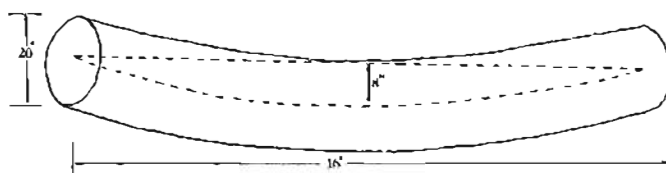
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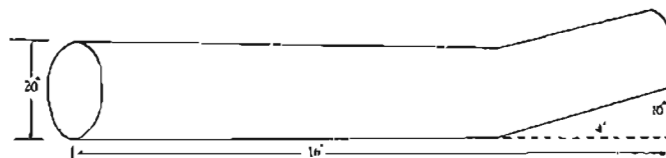
Defect section (rule 1):
Percent deduction = $\frac{4}{16} = 25\%$



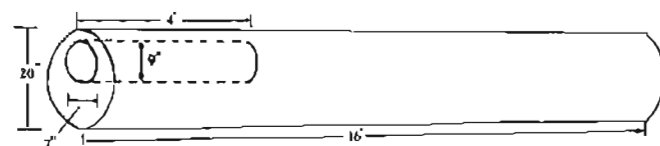
Defect section (rule 2):
Percent deduction = $\left(\frac{6}{16}\right) \left(\frac{80}{360}\right) = 6-1/4\%$



Sweep (rule 3):
Percent deduction = $\frac{8-2}{30} = 30\%$



Crook (rule 4):
Percent deduction = $\left(\frac{10}{20}\right) \left(\frac{4}{16}\right) = 12-1/2\%$



Interior defect (rule 5):
Percent deduction = $\frac{(8)(10)}{(20-1)^2} \times \frac{4}{16} = 5-5/9\%$
In practice each ellipse axis can be divided by (20 - 1) and rounded to nearest tenth if desired.
Thus $\frac{8}{19} = .4$, $\frac{10}{19} = .5$, and $(.4)(.5) \left(\frac{4}{16}\right) = 5\%$

From Grotenhough, L. R., *SHORT CUTS FOR CRUISERS AND SCALERS*, USDA Forest Serv. South. Forest Exp. Sta., Occas. Paper 126, 1952.

EASTERN WHITE PINE SAWLOG GRADE SPECIFICATIONS

GRADING FACTOR	LOG GRADE 1	LOG GRADE 2	LOG GRADE 3	LOG GRADE 4
(1) MINIMUM SCALING DIAMETER (inches)	14 ^a	6	6	6
(2) MINIMUM LOG LENGTH (feet)	10 ^b	8	8	8
(3) MAXIMUM WEEVIL INJURY (number)	None	None	2 injuries ^c	No limit
(4) MINIMUM FACE REQUIREMENTS	Two full length or four 50% length good faces. ^d (In addition, log knots on balance of faces shall not exceed size limitations of grade 2 logs.)	No GOOD FACES REQUIRED. Maximum diameter of log knots on three best faces. SOUND RED KNOTS not to exceed 1/6 scaling diameter and 3 inch maximum. DEAD OR BLACK KNOTS including overgrown knots not to exceed 1/12 scaling diameter and 1 1/2 inch maximum.	SOUND RED KNOTS not to exceed 1/3 scaling diameter and 3 inch maximum. DEAD OR BLACK KNOTS including overgrown knots not to exceed 1/6 scaling diameter and 2 1/2 inch maximum.	Includes all logs not qualifying for No. 3 or better and judged to have at least one-third of their gross volume in sound wood suitable for manufacture into standard lumber.
(5) MAXIMUM SWEEP OR CROOK ALLOWANCE (percent)	20	30	40	66 2/3
(6) MAXIMUM TOTAL SCALING DEDUCTION (percent)	50	50	50	66 2/3
After the tentative log grade is established from face examination, the log will be reduced in grade whenever the following defects are evident: (7) CONKS, PUNK KNOTS, AND PINE BORER DAMAGE ON BARK SURFACE^e Degrade one grade if present on one face. Degrade two grades if present on two faces. Degrade three grades if present on three or more faces. (8) LOG END DEFECTS: RED ROT, RING SHAKE, HEAVY STAIN AND PINE BORER DAMAGE OUTSIDE HEART CENTER OF LOG^f Consider log as having a total of 8 quarters (4 on each end) and degrade as indicated below. Degrade one grade if present in 2 quarters of log ends. Degrade two grades if present in 3 or 4 quarters of log ends. Degrade three grades if present in 5 or more quarters of log ends. ^a12 and 13 inch logs with four full length good faces are acceptable. ^b8 foot logs with four full length good faces are acceptable. ^c8 foot No. 1 logs limited to one weevil injury. ^dMinimum 50% length good face must be at least 6 feet. ^eFactors 5 and 6 are not cumulative (total diameter based on more serious of the two). No log to be degraded below grade 4 if net scale is at least one-third gross log scale.				

From: Ostrander, M. D., and R. L. Briabin, SAWLOG GRADES FOR EASTERN WHITE PINE. USDA For. Serv. Res. Pap. NE-205, 1971.

SPRUCE, FIR, HEMLOCK, TAMARACK, AND CEDAR LOG GRADE (Minimum merchantability specifications)

Log grade	Minimum size		Defect allowance		Other requirements
	Diameter ¹	Length ²	Sweep or crook	Total deduction	
1	Inches 10-12	Feet 8-16 in 2-foot multiples	Percent 25	Percent 50	Sound knots not over 2 inches in diameter permitted. Shake permitted up to 20 percent of gross scale if not combined with other serious defects.
	18+	8-16 in 2-foot multiples	25	50	Sound knots not over 3 inches in diameter permitted. Shake permitted up to 20 percent of gross scale if not combined with other serious defects.

¹ At small end of log.

² Without trim.

**Forest Service standard grades for hardwood factory
lumber logs.^a**

Grading Factors		Log grades							
		F1			F2				F3
Position in tree		Butts only	Butts & uppers		Butts & uppers				Butts & uppers
Scaling diameter, inches		13-15 ^b	16-19	20+	11+ ^c	12+			8+
Length without trim, feet		10+			10+	8-9	10-11	12+	8+
Required clear cuttings ^d of each of 3 best faces ^e	Min. length, feet	7	5	3	3	3	3	3	2
	Max. number	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	No limit
	Min. proportion of log length required in clear cutting	5/6	5/6	5/6	2/3	3/4	2/3	2/3	1/2
Maximum sweep & crook allowance	For logs with less than 1/4 of end in sound defects	15%			30%				50%
	For logs with more than 1/4 of end in sound defects	10%			20%				35%
Maximum scaling deduction		40% ^f			50% ^g				50%

End defects, although not visible in standing trees, are important in grading cut logs. Instructions for dealing with this factor are contained in Forest Prod. Lab. Rpt. D 1737.

^a From USDA Forest Service Research Paper FPL-63 (13).

^b Ash and basswood butts can be 12 inches if they otherwise meet requirements for small #1's.

^c Ten-inch logs of all species can be #2 if they otherwise meet requirements for small #1's.

^d A clear cutting is a portion of a face, extending the width of the face, that is free of defects.

^e A face is 1/4 of the surface of the log as divided lengthwise.

^f Otherwise #1 logs with 41-60% deductions can be #2.

^g Otherwise #2 logs with 51-60% deductions can be #3.

Forest Service standard specifications for hardwood construction logs.^a

Position in tree		Butt & upper
Min. diameter, small end		8 inches +
Min. length, without trim		8 feet
Clear cuttings		No requirements.
Sweep allowance, absolute		$\frac{1}{4}$ diameter small end for each 8 feet of length.
Sound surface defects	Single knots	Any number, if no one knot has an average diameter above the callus in excess of $\frac{1}{2}$ of log diameter at point of occurrence.
	Whorled knots	Any number if sum of knot diameters above the callus does not exceed $\frac{1}{3}$ of log diameter at point of occurrence.
	Holes	Any number provided none has a diameter over $\frac{1}{4}$ of log diameter at point of occurrence, and none extends over 3 inches into included timber. ^b
Unsound surface defects		Same requirements as for sound defects if they extend into included timber. ^b No limit if they do not.
End defects	Sound	No requirements.
	Unsound	None allowed; log must be sound internally, but will admit 1 shake not to exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ the scaling diameter and a longitudinal split not extending over 5 inches into the contained timber.

^a These specifications are minimum for the class. If, from a group of logs, factory logs are selected first, thus leaving only non-factory logs from which to select construction logs, then the quality range of the construction logs so selected is limited, and the class may be considered a grade. If selection for construction logs is given first priority, then it may be necessary to subdivide the class into grades.

^b Included timber is always square, and dimension is judged from small end.

From: Rast, E. D., D. L. Sonderman, and G. L. Gammon, A GUIDE TO HARDWOOD LOG GRADING (REVISED). USDA For. Serv. Gen. Tech. Rep. NE-1, 1973.

Annual Net Growth and Timber Removals

Average annual net growth of growing stock.—The change (resulting from natural causes) in volume of sound wood in sawtimber and pole-timber trees during the period between surveys, divided by the length of the period. (Components of annual net growth of growing stock include the increment in net volume of trees present at the beginning of the period and surviving to its end, plus net volume of trees reaching poletimber size during the period, minus the net volume of trees that died during the period, minus the net volume of trees that became rough or rotten trees during the period—cull increment.)

Average annual ingrowth of growing stock.—The net cubic-foot volume of trees now classed as growing stock that were less than 5.0 inches dbh on the initial survey, divided by the length of the period between surveys.

Average annual mortality of growing stock.—The net cubic-foot volume removed from the growing stock because of death from natural causes during the period between surveys, divided by the length of the period between surveys.

Average annual growing-stock removals.—The net cubic-foot volume of growing-stock trees harvested or killed in logging, cultural operations such as timber-stand improvement, land-clear-

ing, or changes in land use during the period between surveys, converted to an annual basis.

Average annual net growth of sawtimber.—The change (resulting from natural causes) in net board-foot volume of sawtimber during the period between surveys, divided by the length of the period. (Components of annual net growth of sawtimber include the increment in net volume of sawtimber trees present at the beginning of the period and surviving to its end, plus the net volume of trees reaching sawtimber size during the period, minus the net volume of sawtimber trees that died during the period, minus the net volume of sawtimber trees that became rough or rotten trees during the period between surveys—cull increment.)

Average annual ingrowth of sawtimber.—The net board-foot volume of trees now classed as sawtimber that were not tallied as such on the initial survey, divided by the length of the period between surveys.

Average annual mortality of sawtimber.—The net board-foot volume removed from live sawtimber by death from natural causes during the period between surveys, divided by the length of the period between surveys.

Average annual sawtimber removals.—The net board-foot volume of sawtimber trees harvested or killed in logging, cultural operations such as timber-stand improvement, land-clearing, or changes in land use during the period between surveys, converted to an annual basis.

Cull increment.—The net volume of growing-stock trees on the initial inventory that became rough or rotten trees in the second inventory.

Logging residues.—The unused growing-stock volume of trees cut for products and the total growing-stock of trees destroyed in the course of logging but not removed for products.

Other removals.—The growing-stock volume of trees that were removed from the inventory and not used for products in cultural operations (weeding, thinning, etc.), land-clearing, and reclassification of some commercial forest land as noncommercial forest land.

Plant byproducts.—Wood products, such as slabs, edgings, and veneer cores, that are obtained incidental to the production of timber products and are utilized in the manufacture of other timber products. (Bark is not included.)

Plant residues.—Wood material produced incidental to the production of timber products but not utilized.

Roundwood products.—Logs, bolts, or other round sections cut from growing stock or non-growing stock for industrial or nonindustrial uses.

Timber products.—Roundwood products and plant byproducts from all sources.

Timber removals.—The growing-stock volume of trees removed from the inventory for roundwood products, plus logging residues and other removals.

Annual net growth trend-level.—The estimated growth of growing stock or sawtimber for a specific year that is consistent with the average annual growth during the period be-

tween surveys and with the current inventory (1972 for Vermont).

Forest-Survey Methods

The Northeastern Forest Experiment Station Resources Evaluation unit used a modification of the Sampling with Partial Replacement inventory design for this re-inventory of Vermont's timber resources. This inventory was based primarily on the remeasurement of plots measured in the 1966 inventory, some of which were installed in 1948. These plots, a total of 959, are a subsample of the 11,250 photo plots interpreted as part of the 1948 survey or of the 10,250 interpreted as part of the 1966 survey. This included 260 circular 1/5-acre ground plots that were originally installed in the initial forest survey of 1948. There were 70 such plots on the Green Mountain National Forest that were remeasured by National Forest personnel. The remaining 190 plots, distributed throughout the State, were measured by Resource Evaluation personnel.

A total of 699 ten-point prism plots also were measured. The plots, which were installed in 1966 as a subsample of the 10,250 photo plots, consist of a cluster of 10 prism points systematically distributed over 1 acre. At each point trees were selected for measurement by using a prism with a basal-area factor of 37.5. Area-attribute data were also tallied at each of the 10 points.

All the plots were reconciled by the field crew at the plot. By accounting for each tree at both inventory occasions (reconciling) it is possible to develop estimates of ingrowth, accretion, cull increment, mortality, and timber removals. These estimates are needed to adequately assess changes in the inventory.

Geographic Sampling Units

In the third survey of Vermont's timber resources, the State was divided into five geographic sampling units. These are identical to the sampling units used in the second forest survey. These units are:

The Northern Unit, including the counties of:

Caledonia
Essex
Franklin
Grand Isle
Lamoille
Orange
Orleans
Washington

The Southern Unit, including the counties of:

Addison
Bennington
Chittenden
Rutland
Windham
Windsor

State Forest Lands in the Northern Unit
State Forest Lands in the Southern Unit
The Green Mountain National Forest

Each geographic sampling unit was treated as a separate and independent inventory. Thus the final estimates presented here for the State of Vermont are the summation of these five separate inventories.

Other Lands

All forest land other than that in National or State Forests was re-inventoried by Resources Evaluation personnel. The field personnel re-measured all the plots, 1/5-acre and 10-point, that had been measured in 1965. They precisely relocated the plot centers, tallied all sample trees, and reconciled their tally with that for 1965.

Estimates of current volume and area were developed by using the re-measured 10-point plots. Current means for each 1965 photo strata were calculated and expanded by the 1965 photo estimates of area.

Estimates of change, growth, mortality, removals, etc., were developed from all the re-measured plots. Independent estimates of these attributes were first developed for the 1/5-acre sample and the 10-point sample. These were then weighted by the reciprocal of their variance and combined to provide estimates of totals. These totals were prorated into various breakdowns, using the tree data from the re-measured 1/5-acre plots.

State Forest Lands

Vermont Department of Forests and Parks foresters gathered the sample data for forest lands. These crews were trained by Resources Evaluation personnel and used the same procedures as Resources Evaluation personnel.

Most of the re-measured field plots on State Forest lands were 10-point prism plots. However, additions to the area of the State Forest system necessitated the selection of more samples from the 1965 photo base. These 10-point prism plots were located and tallied in the field by standard procedures. The data from the new and re-measured 10-point prism plots were combined by photo class to develop estimates of current area and volume statistics for the State Forest lands.

National Forest

National Forest inventory crews re-measured 70 1/5-acre plots as part of the regular management-plan inventory procedure. In addition to these re-measured plots, this inventory consisted of detailed compartment examination on about 15 percent of the forest area. Data on growth, mortality, and removals were obtained from the re-measured sample. The re-measured plots were also a source of current volume statistics. All area data for the forest were obtained from the detailed compartment examinations.

County Data

Many users of Resources Evaluation data have shown a need for county information. To provide such information, within the framework of the survey design, tables for counties have been developed, based on a survey-unit partitioning technique.

First, the geographic stratum means and variances for the various photo-plot strata were applied to the photo-plot data for each county within the stratum. This yielded an estimate of total volume or total commercial forest-land area for each county. Next, the data from all the new ground plots in each geographic stratum were used to partition the county totals into their various components. For example, if a table of cubic-foot volume by softwoods and hardwoods is to be made for a county, the estimate of total cubic-foot volume for that county is partitioned into softwood and hardwood totals according to the proportion of softwoods and hardwoods for all new Resources Evaluation ground plots within the geographic stratum.

Comparisons Between Inventories

After inventories have been completed for several points in time, it is desirable to evaluate the trends between the several inventories and to make comparisons. A comparison of the 1948, 1965, and the 1973 Resources Evaluation estimates of volume, growth, removals, and mortality was made for Vermont. A computer program, TRAS (Timber Resource Analysis System) was used.

Because of changes in procedures and in definitions, it was necessary to adjust the 1948 and 1965 inventory-volume estimates to what they would have been had the 1973 procedures and definitions been used in the 1948 and 1965 inventories. This process involves several calculations and adjustments of the 1948 and 1965 inventories in order to make them comparable with the 1973 inventory. An important step in this process is to recalculate the 1948 and 1965 inventory volume, using the average net volume per tree developed by the third inventory (1973). To do this, the average net volume per tree (for softwoods and hardwoods) developed from the third survey for each 2-inch diameter class was multiplied by the number of trees in each 2-inch diameter class from the 1948 and 1965 inventories. These calculations resulted in inventory estimates for 1948 and 1965 adjusted to 1973 standards and procedures. These adjusted estimates, not the estimates published in the reports of the earlier surveys, are the basis for comparisons between surveys shown in this report.

Data Processing

Field-tally data consisting of plot and individual-tree information were processed and compiled into various tables using FINSYS—Forest Inventory System—on modern, large-capacity, high-speed computers.

FINSYS is a data-processing system consisting primarily of a series of computer programs that

was developed by the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station to process and compile a large volume of forest-inventory data. The system consists of an editing subsystem that edits field data for errors; a table-compiling subsystem that compiles tables from edited field data; and finally, an output subsystem that expands the plot data to geographic-unit or statewide estimates and prints the final tables.

(FINSYS was described in a series of research papers by R. W. Wilson and R. C. Peters in 1967: *The Northeastern Forest Inventory Data Processing System*, USDA Forest Service Research Papers NE-61 and NE-70 to 80.)

Before modern computers came into use, the compiling of forest inventory data was a major bottleneck in forest-inventory work. Using FINSYS, it is possible, as in the case of the resurvey of Vermont, to have preliminary estimates available within 6 months after the last plot is taken. To process and compile data for a state the size of Vermont, from key-punching to the output of tables, requires about 2½ months of elapsed time and about 2½ hours of computer time.

FINSYS has several features that make it unique. One of these is the ability not only to calculate inventory estimates but also to calculate the variance and sampling error for each estimate. This feature provides the user with a measure of the reliability of each statistic and the ability to determine the reliability of a new estimate based upon any data combination he may make.

Another feature of FINSYS is its flexibility. The system is not restricted to the Northeastern forest survey but can be used for any large-scale forest inventory. Also, the system does not produce a standard set of tables. The individual user specifies the tables to be developed according to his particular need. Thus, at any stage in the data-processing phase or even at a later date, a specific table can be developed with minimum effort.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

The forest-area and timber-volume data presented in this report were based upon a carefully designed sample of forest conditions throughout Vermont. However, since neither every acre nor every tree in the State was measured, the data

presented in this report are estimates. A measure of the reliability of these estimates is given by a sampling error. An associated sampling error was calculated for each estimate in this report. Many of these appear in the data tables.

Briefly, this is how the sampling error indicates the reliability of an estimate. The estimate of the total growing-stock volume in Vermont—4,730 million cubic feet—has an associated sampling error of 2 percent (95 million cubic feet). This means that the best estimate of the total growing-stock volume in Vermont in 1973 is 4,730 million cubic feet. If there are no errors in procedure, the odds are 2 to 1 that, if we repeated the survey in the same way, the resulting estimate of growing-stock volume would be between 4,635 million and 4,825 million cubic feet (4,730 $\pm$ 95). Similarly, the odds are 19 to 1 that it would be within $\pm$ 190 million cubic feet and 300 to 1 that it would be within $\pm$ 285 million cubic feet.

The computed sampling error is not a complete measure of reliability. There are other sources of error that this term does not include. There could be imperfections in volume tables and equations, and errors in field measurement. Procedural errors were kept to a minimum by careful training of all personnel, frequent inspection of field work, and application of the most reliable survey methods.

Computed sampling errors for the totals shown in the statistical tables for Vermont:

	Sampling error (percent)
Commercial forest area: 4,429.9 thousand acres	2.0
Growing-stock volume: 4,730.2 million cubic feet	2.3
Sawtimber volume: 9,720.7 million board feet	3.2
Annual net growth: 106.6 million cubic feet	8.8
Annual removals: 47.8 million cubic feet	29.4

COMMERCIAL TREE SPECIES OF VERMONT

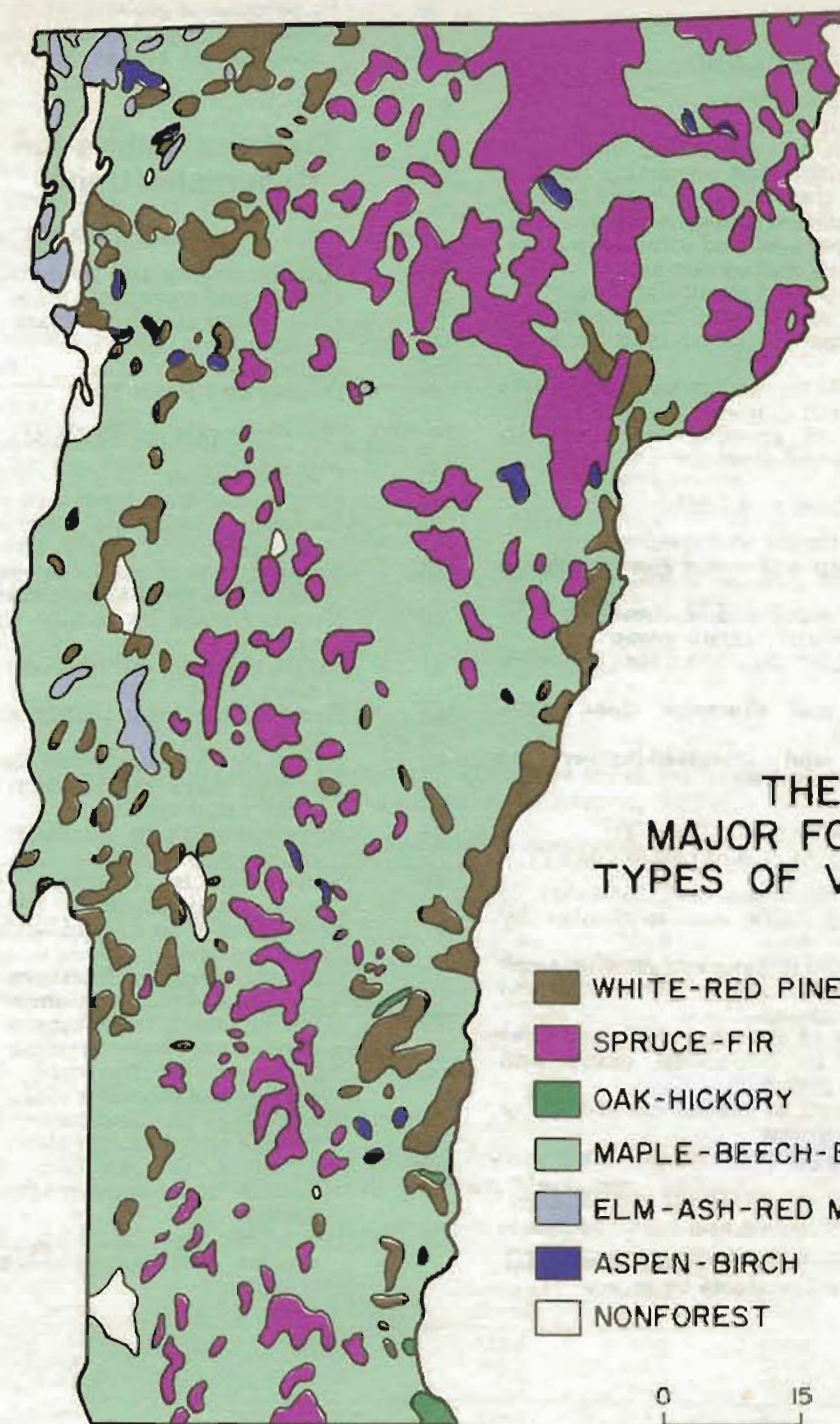
Occurrence ¹	Common Name	Scientific Name ²
Softwoods		
vc	Balsam fir	<i>Abies balsamea</i>
vr	Eastern redcedar (savin) ³	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
r	Tamarack (larch, hackmatack)	<i>Larix laricina</i>
r	Norway spruce	<i>Picea abies</i>
c	White spruce	<i>P. glauca</i>
c	Black spruce	<i>P. mariana</i>
vc	Red spruce	<i>P. rubens</i>
r	Red pine	<i>Pinus resinosa</i>
c	Pitch pine	<i>P. rigida</i>
c	Eastern white pine	<i>P. strobus</i>
vr	Scotch pine ⁴	<i>P. sylvestris</i>
r	Douglas-fir ⁴	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>
c	Northern white-cedar	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>
vc	Eastern hemlock	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>
Hardwoods		
vc	Red maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>
c	Silver maple	<i>A. saccharinum</i>
vc	Sugar maple	<i>A. saccharum</i>
vc	Yellow birch	<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>
c	Sweet birch (black)	<i>B. lenta</i>
r	River birch (red)	<i>B. nigra</i>
c	Paper birch (white)	<i>B. papyrifera</i>
r	American hornbeam (blue beech)	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>
r	Hickory	<i>Carya spp.</i>
vc	American beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>
c	White ash	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>
r	Black ash (brown)	<i>F. nigra</i>
r	Green ash (red)	<i>F. pennsylvanica</i>
r	Butternut	<i>Juglans cinerea</i>
vr	Black walnut	<i>J. nigra</i>
vr	Black tupelo (blackgum)	<i>Nyssa silvatica</i>
c	Eastern hophornbeam (ironwood)	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>
vr	American sycamore (buttonwood)	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>
r	Balsam poplar (balm-of-Gilead)	<i>Populus balsamifera</i>
r	Eastern cottonwood	<i>P. deltoides</i>
c	Bigtooth aspen (popple)	<i>P. grandidentata</i>
c	Quaking aspen (popple)	<i>P. tremuloides</i>
r	Pin cherry	<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>
c	Black cherry	<i>P. serotina</i>
r	White oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>
r	Chestnut oak	<i>Q. prinus</i>
c	Northern red oak	<i>Q. rubra</i>
r	Black oak	<i>Q. velutina</i>
r	Black willow	<i>Salix nigra</i>
r	American basswood	<i>Tilia americana</i>
c	American elm (white)	<i>Ulmus americana</i>
vr	Slippery elm	<i>U. rubra</i>
vr	Rock elm	<i>U. thomasii</i>

¹ Occurrence is based on the frequency at which the species was encountered on Resources Evaluation field plots: vr—very rare, r—rare, c—common, and vc—very common.

² Names according to Little, Elbert L., Jr., Checklist of native and naturalized trees of the United States (including Alaska). U.S. Dep. Agric. Handb. 41, 472 p., illus.

³ Names in parentheses are other frequently used common names.

⁴ Species introduced in Vermont.



THE MAJOR FOREST TYPES OF VERMONT

- WHITE-RED PINE
- SPRUCE-FIR
- OAK-HICKORY
- MAPLE-BEECH-BIRCH
- ELM-ASH-RED MAPLE
- ASPEN-BIRCH
- NONFOREST

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**Table 1.—Area by land classes,
Vermont, 1973**

Land class	Area	
	Thousand acres	Percent
Forest land:		
Commercial	4,429.9	75
Productive-reserved	26.0	1
Christmas-tree plantation	17.5	(a)
Unproductive	20.3	(a)
Total forest land	4,493.7	76
Nonforest:		
Cropland ^b	792.1	13
Pasture ^b	217.6	4
Other ^c	432.0	7
Total nonforest land	1,441.7	24
Total area ^d	5,935.4	100

^a Less than 0.5 percent.

^bSource: 1969 and 1964 Census of Agriculture. Total cropland includes cropland used for pasture. Pasture total based upon ratios developed from the 1964 census report. Data extrapolated to 1973.

^cIncludes swampland industrial and urban areas, other nonforest land, and 37,725 acres classed as water by Resources Evaluation standards but defined by the Bureau of the Census as land.

^dSource: United States Bureau of the Census, Areas of Vermont: 1960 (January 1967).

**Table 2.—Area of commercial forest land,
by ownership classes, Vermont, 1973**

Ownership class	Area ^a	
	Thousand acres	Percent
National Forest	228.6	5
Other federal	3.8	(b)
State	168.2	4
County and municipal	41.0	1
Total public	441.6	10
Forest industry	666.3	15
Farmer owned:		
Corporate	19.3	1
Individual	589.0	13
Other ^c	38.6	1
Total farmer owned	646.9	15
Miscellaneous private:		
Corporate	173.9	4
Individual	2,346.6	53
Other ^c	154.6	3
Total misc. private	2,675.1	60
All ownerships	4,429.9	100

^a Estimates of area in each private ownership class are based upon the forest-land ownership study by the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station.

^b Less than 0.5 percent.

^c Includes acreage owned by business partnerships and organizations such as churches, Boy Scouts of America, and associations.

**Table 3.—Area of commercial forest land, by stand-size and
ownership classes, Vermont, 1973**

[In thousands of acres]

Stand-size class	All ownerships	National Forest	Other public	Forest industry	Farmer and other
Sawtimber stands	2,061.1	127.0	124.6	443.8	1,365.7
Poletimber stands	954.5	63.9	41.1	111.7	737.8
Sapling-seedling stands	1,376.5	37.7	47.3	110.8	1,180.7
Nonstocked areas	37.8	—	—	—	37.8
All classes	4,429.9	228.6	213.0	666.3	3,322.0

**Table 4.—Area of commercial forest land, by stand-volume and
ownership classes, Vermont, 1973**

[In thousands of acres]

Stand-volume per acre (board feet) ^a	All ownerships	National Forest	Other public	Forest industry	Farmer and other
Less than 1,500	1,552.3	119.6	43.9	110.6	1,278.2
1,500 to 5,000	2,094.8	101.3	126.1	442.0	1,425.4
More than 5,000	782.8	7.7	43.0	113.7	618.4
All classes	4,429.9	228.6	213.0	666.3	3,322.0

^a International 1/4-inch rule.

Table 5.—Area of commercial forest land, by stocking classes based on selected stand components, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of acres]

Stocking class ^a (percent)	Stocking classified in terms of—				
	All trees	Growing-stock trees			Rough and rotten trees
		Total	Desirable	Acceptable	
160	13.2	—	—	—	—
150 to 160	178.9	8.9	—	7.8	—
140 to 150	598.8	21.8	—	13.5	—
130 to 140	705.1	105.6	—	38.1	—
Overstocked	1,496.0	136.3	—	59.4	—
120 to 130	852.0	169.3	—	132.9	8.1
110 to 120	829.0	293.6	—	242.4	9.7
100 to 110	446.5	529.7	—	470.6	2.2
Fully stocked	2,127.5	992.6	—	845.9	20.0
90 to 100	198.3	470.8	—	500.2	29.8
80 to 90	214.9	528.4	—	498.3	56.3
70 to 80	114.7	584.2	—	657.8	219.5
60 to 70	90.4	632.5	—	623.3	281.0
Medium stocked	618.3	2,215.9	—	2,279.6	586.6
50 to 60	63.7	432.1	8.1	471.8	591.2
40 to 50	72.0	365.8	9.6	409.0	559.0
30 to 40	42.3	108.6	41.4	178.4	885.5
20 to 30	10.1	119.1	152.1	118.1	883.1
10 to 20	—	41.2	482.3	49.4	543.0
Less than 10	—	18.3	3,736.4	18.3	361.5
Poorly stocked	188.1	1,085.1	4,429.9	1,245.0	3,823.3
All classes	4,429.9	4,429.9	4,429.9	4,429.9	4,429.9

^a Fully stocked stands are considered to be 75 to 100 square feet of basal area.

Table 6.—Area of commercial forest land, by area-condition and ownership classes, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of acres]

Area-condition class ^a	All ownerships	National Forest	Other public	Forest industry	Farmer and other
Class 10-40	—	—	—	—	—
Class 50	859.6	29.1	34.4	150.2	645.9
Class 60	2,274.8	124.5	98.8	289.4	1,762.1
Class 70	1,295.5	75.0	79.8	226.7	914.0
All classes	4,429.9	228.6	213.0	666.3	3,322.0

^a Class 10-40.—Areas medium to fully stocked with desirable trees.

Class 50.—Areas poorly stocked with desirable trees, but fully stocked with growing-stock trees.

Class 60.—Areas poorly stocked with desirable trees, but with medium to full stocking of growing-stock trees.

Class 70.—Areas poorly stocked with desirable trees, and poorly stocked with growing-stock trees.

Table 7.—Area of commercial forest land, by potential site productivity and ownership classes, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of acres]

Growth-per-acre class (cubic feet)	All ownerships	National Forest	Other public	Forest industry	Farmer and other
120 to 165	474.5	10.1	18.4	53.7	392.3
85 to 120	862.2	26.7	21.1	158.5	655.9
50 to 85	1,603.3	96.0	91.2	191.1	1,225.0
Less than 50	1,489.9	95.8	82.3	263.0	1,048.8
All classes	4,429.9	228.6	213.0	666.3	3,322.0

Table 8.—Area of commercial forest land, by forest types and ownership classes, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of acres]

Forest type	All ownerships	National Forest	Other public	Forest industry	Farmer and other
White and red pine	650.1	2.4	18.8	25.8	603.1
Spruce/fir	784.4	18.7	25.7	97.6	642.4
Oak/pine	85.3	—	1.7	—	83.6
Oak/hickory	70.9	4.9	1.5	—	64.5
Elm/ash/red maple	504.9	5.2	14.1	9.0	476.6
Maple/beech/birch	2,082.4	188.0	141.9	515.9	1,236.6
Aspen/birch	251.9	9.4	9.3	18.0	215.2
All types	4,429.9	228.6	213.0	666.3	3,322.0

Table 9.—Area of commercial forest land, by forest types and stand-size classes, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of acres]

Forest type	All stands	Saw- timber stands	Pole- timber stands	Sapling- seedling stands	Nonstocked areas
White and red pine	650.1	437.7	45.2	156.9	10.3
Spruce/fir	784.4	178.3	224.1	372.7	9.3
Oak/pine	85.3	30.9	19.4	35.0	—
Oak/hickory	70.9	42.7	28.2	—	—
Elm/ash/red maple	504.9	180.5	118.2	196.0	10.2
Maple/beech/birch	2,082.4	1,143.7	436.2	502.5	—
Aspen/birch	251.9	47.2	83.2	113.4	8.1
All types	4,429.9	2,061.0	954.5	1,376.5	37.9

Table 10.—Area of commercial forest land by local forest types and major forest types, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of acres]

Local forest type and major forest type	Forest type
Red pine	20.6
White pine	355.5
White pine/hemlock	63.5
Hemlock	210.5
TOTAL WHITE AND RED PINE	650.1
Balsam fir	299.9
Black spruce	9.2
Red spruce/balsam fir	331.2
Northern white-cedar	105.6
White spruce	38.5
TOTAL SPRUCE/FIR	784.4
White pine/red oak/white oak	85.3
TOTAL OAK/PINE	85.3
White oak/red oak/hickory	17.0
Northern red oak	53.9
TOTAL OAK/HICKORY	70.9
Black ash/elm/red maple	477.4
Willow	27.5
TOTAL ELM/ASH/MAPLE	504.9
Sugar maple/beech/yellow birch	2,037.2
Black cherry	45.2
TOTAL MAPLE/BEECH/BIRCH	2,082.4
Aspen	101.1
Paper birch	150.8
TOTAL ASPEN/BIRCH	251.9
Total all types	4,429.9

Table 11.—Area of forest land, by forest types, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of acres]

Forest type	All areas	Commercial forest land	Productive-reserved areas	Unproductive areas
White and red pine	652.2	650.1	2.1	—
Spruce/fir	822.0	784.4	20.5	17.1
Oak/pine	85.7	85.3	.4	—
Oak/hickory	71.3	70.9	.4	—
Elm/ash/red maple	508.7	504.9	2.1	1.7
Maple/beech/birch	2,100.3	2,082.4	16.4	1.5
Aspen/birch	253.5	251.9	1.6	—
All types	4,493.7	4,429.9	43.5	20.3

Table 12.—Number of trees on commercial forest land by species groups, tree classes, and diameter classes, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of trees]

Dbh class (inches)	Softwoods			Hardwoods		
	Growing-stock trees	Rough and rotten trees	Total	Growing-stock trees	Rough and rotten trees	Total
1.0 to 2.9	193,597	205,679	399,276	328,918	641,108	970,026
3.0 to 4.9	160,659	78,096	238,755	220,529	245,084	465,613
Total saplings	354,256	283,775	638,031	549,447	886,192	1,435,639
5.0 to 6.9	97,684	25,004	122,688	124,134	79,903	204,037
7.0 to 8.9	59,537	11,316	70,853	91,184	39,670	130,854
9.0 to 10.9	—	—	—	55,754	19,984	75,738
Total poletimber	157,221	36,320	193,541	271,072	139,557	410,629
9.0 to 10.9	31,987	6,556	38,543	—	—	—
11.0 to 12.9	15,850	2,988	18,838	31,210	12,773	43,983
13.0 to 14.9	7,770	1,438	9,208	16,855	7,939	24,794
Total small sawtimber	55,607	10,982	66,589	48,065	20,712	68,777
15.0 to 16.9	3,406	1,044	4,450	8,104	4,633	12,737
17.0 to 18.9	1,491	597	2,088	4,048	2,923	6,971
19.0 to 20.9	702	246	948	1,758	1,902	3,660
21.0 to 28.9	615	348	963	1,845	3,141	4,986
29.0 and larger	34	43	77	172	638	810
Total large sawtimber	6,248	2,278	8,526	15,927	13,237	29,164
All classes	573,332	333,355	906,687	884,511	1,059,698	1,944,209

Table 13.—Number of growing-stock trees on commercial forest land, by species and diameter classes, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of trees]

Species	All classes	Diameter class (inches at breast height)									
		5.0-6.9	7.0-8.9	9.0-10.9	11.0-12.9	13.0-14.0	15.0-16.9	17.0-18.9	19.0-20.9	21.0-28.9	29.0+
White and red pine	34,228	11,605	9,251	5,516	3,040	2,091	1,284	757	246	404	34
Balsam fir	56,580	31,359	15,985	6,314	2,027	645	199	51	—	—	—
Spruce	67,435	29,240	19,087	10,470	4,986	2,320	929	201	125	77	—
Hemlock	41,389	13,651	10,841	7,537	4,966	2,553	930	447	331	133	—
Other softwoods ^a	19,444	11,829	4,373	2,150	831	161	64	35	—	1	—
Total softwoods	219,076	97,684	59,537	31,987	15,850	7,770	3,406	1,491	702	615	34
Select red oaks ^b	9,208	2,016	2,370	1,514	1,190	1,049	480	365	134	72	18
Yellow birch	37,817	13,727	8,758	6,427	3,706	2,373	1,516	654	355	266	35
Paper birch	43,081	18,663	12,852	6,744	2,845	1,204	477	177	36	83	—
Sugar maple	102,996	34,851	27,849	18,294	10,605	5,410	2,754	1,574	689	885	85
Red maple	54,121	21,027	14,989	8,949	5,078	2,289	1,016	382	195	184	12
Beech	23,400	7,029	7,213	3,167	2,131	2,123	900	488	222	127	—
Ash	21,076	8,788	5,600	3,206	2,070	847	347	133	18	60	7
Aspen	18,429	8,210	5,639	2,788	946	591	169	54	16	16	—
Black cherry	6,245	2,315	1,498	1,466	531	190	144	57	33	11	—
Other hardwoods	18,691	7,508	4,416	3,199	2,108	779	301	164	60	141	15
Total hardwoods	335,064	124,134	91,184	55,754	31,210	16,855	8,104	4,048	1,758	1,845	172
All species	554,140	221,818	150,721	87,741	47,060	24,625	11,510	5,539	2,460	2,460	206

^a Includes 18,284,000 northern white-cedar trees.

^b Includes 570,600 white oak trees.

Table 14.—Net volume of timber on commercial forest land, by class of timber, softwoods and hardwoods, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of cubic feet]

Class of timber	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods
Sawtimber trees:			
Sawlog portion	1,981.7	852.2	1,129.5
Upper-stem portion	404.3	121.1	283.2
All sawtimber trees	2,386.0	973.3	1,412.7
Poletimber trees	2,344.2	744.7	1,599.5
All growing-stock trees	4,730.2	1,718.0	3,012.2
Rough trees	834.7	284.9	549.8
Rotten trees	340.0	27.6	312.4
Total, all timber	5,904.9	2,030.5	3,874.4

Table 15.—Net volume of growing stock and sawtimber on commercial forest land, by ownership classes, stand-size classes, softwoods and hardwoods, Vermont, 1973

Ownership or stand-size class	Growing stock (Million cubic feet)			Sawtimber (Million board feet) ^a		
	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods
BY OWNERSHIP CLASSES						
National Forest	201.9	40.1	161.8	431.6	65.2	366.4
Other public	235.9	86.2	149.7	524.1	207.7	316.4
Forest industry	707.1	199.6	507.5	1,554.3	450.2	1,104.1
Farmer and other	3,585.3	1,392.1	2,193.2	7,210.7	3,152.4	4,058.3
All ownerships	4,730.2	1,718.0	3,012.2	9,720.7	3,875.5	5,845.2
BY STAND-SIZE CLASSES						
Sawtimber stands	2,813.4	1,015.5	1,797.9	7,151.7	2,788.6	4,363.1
Poletimber stands	1,248.0	424.9	823.1	1,537.3	611.0	926.3
Sapling-seedling stands	664.2	273.0	391.2	1,015.9	460.1	555.8
Nonstocked areas	4.6	4.6	—	15.8	15.8	—
All classes	4,730.2	1,718.0	3,012.2	9,720.7	3,875.5	5,845.2

^a International 1/4-inch rule.

Table 16.—Net volume of growing stock and sawtimber on commercial forest land, by forest type, softwoods and hardwoods, Vermont, 1973

Forest type	Growing stock (Million cubic feet)			Sawtimber (Million board feet) ^a		
	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods
White and red pine	773.1	591.1	182.0	1,863.2	1,561.9	301.3
Spruce/fir	832.4	674.5	157.9	1,436.8	1,234.4	202.4
Oak/pine	81.2	14.1	67.1	156.7	35.3	121.4
Oak/hickory	80.0	10.5	69.5	174.2	16.1	158.1
Elm/ash/red maple	503.8	112.2	391.6	952.7	268.4	684.3
Maple/beech/birch	2,213.5	262.7	1,950.8	4,856.5	667.8	4,188.7
Aspen/birch	246.2	52.9	193.3	280.6	91.6	189.0
All types	4,730.2	1,718.0	3,012.2	9,720.7	3,875.5	5,845.2

^a International 1/4-inch rule.

**Table 17.—Net volume of growing stock on commercial forest land,
by species and diameter classes, Vermont, 1973**

[In millions of cubic feet]

Species	All classes	Diameter class (inches at breast height)									
		5.0- 6.9	7.0- 8.9	9.0- 10.9	11.0- 12.9	13.0- 14.9	15.0- 16.9	17.0- 18.9	19.0- 20.9	21.0- 28.9	29.0+
White and red pine	387.1	58.4	67.2	59.8	47.1	45.8	37.8	28.7	11.7	27.1	3.5
Balsam fir	337.7	108.4	102.3	71.3	33.2	15.0	5.8	1.7	—	—	—
Spruce	532.3	117.7	127.4	111.1	78.8	52.1	27.3	7.6	5.7	4.6	—
Hemlock	378.6	49.8	64.8	72.3	71.8	54.0	26.6	16.4	15.1	7.8	—
Other softwoods ^a	82.3	29.2	19.5	16.7	10.8	3.3	1.5	1.3	—	—	—
Total softwoods	1,718.0	363.5	381.2	331.2	241.7	170.2	99.0	55.7	32.5	39.5	3.5
Select red oaks ^b	113.1	7.9	14.6	14.9	18.1	21.8	12.3	12.1	5.6	4.4	1.4
Yellow birch	331.7	48.2	50.7	57.5	49.0	41.8	36.1	19.2	12.8	13.4	3.0
Paper birch	282.1	65.7	73.5	60.5	38.4	22.1	11.5	5.4	1.5	3.5	—
Sugar maple	1,083.2	137.4	189.6	201.4	177.2	127.1	84.7	62.5	33.8	59.3	10.2
Red maple	450.3	74.8	96.1	94.4	77.6	48.6	27.4	12.9	7.9	9.4	1.2
Beech	236.3	24.3	44.1	32.3	32.8	45.0	24.3	17.0	9.4	7.1	—
Ash	181.3	33.2	37.3	35.3	35.4	19.9	10.3	5.0	.9	3.4	.6
Aspen	135.2	28.8	37.1	31.4	15.8	13.7	4.8	2.1	.8	.7	—
Black cherry	46.5	7.1	7.7	13.3	7.3	3.5	3.8	2.0	1.3	.5	—
Other hardwoods	152.5	25.0	25.8	29.6	30.5	15.9	8.0	6.0	2.7	7.3	1.7
Total hardwoods	3,012.2	452.4	576.5	570.6	482.1	359.4	223.2	144.2	76.7	109.0	18.1
All species	4,730.2	815.9	957.7	901.8	723.8	529.6	322.2	199.9	109.2	148.5	21.6

^a Includes 72,200,000 cubic feet of northern white-cedar.

^b Includes 4,500,000 cubic feet of white oak.

**Table 18.—Net volume of sawtimber on commercial forest land,
by species and diameter classes, Vermont, 1973**

[In millions of board feet]^a

Species	All classes	Diameter class (inches at breast height)							
		9.0- 10.9	11.0- 12.9	13.0- 14.9	15.0- 16.9	17.0- 18.9	19.0- 20.9	21.0- 28.9	29.0+
White and red pine	1,070.4	202.8	184.9	190.2	166.6	127.1	53.1	128.8	16.9
Balsam fir	485.3	253.1	132.9	64.7	26.4	8.2	—	—	—
Spruce	1,142.0	389.0	320.3	223.3	124.0	36.5	27.4	21.5	—
Hemlock	1,050.6	246.1	285.5	224.3	117.0	72.3	70.2	35.2	—
Other softwoods ^b	127.2	58.6	42.1	14.2	6.4	5.6	—	.3	—
Total softwoods	3,875.5	1,149.6	965.7	718.7	440.4	249.7	150.7	185.8	16.9
Select red oaks ^c	315.0	—	66.0	88.9	53.0	54.9	24.9	21.0	6.3
Yellow birch	736.5	—	180.8	170.2	159.3	87.6	58.7	64.8	15.1
Paper birch	333.2	—	142.2	91.9	50.7	24.7	6.7	17.0	—
Sugar maple	2,325.4	—	660.0	518.6	366.3	284.3	154.6	289.9	51.7
Red maple	744.5	—	287.6	194.5	117.2	57.4	36.2	45.6	6.0
Beech	561.4	—	121.3	182.7	104.9	76.2	43.1	33.2	—
Ash	305.6	—	131.2	83.1	44.5	23.2	4.0	16.6	3.0
Aspen	153.7	—	58.5	57.4	21.0	9.3	4.0	3.5	—
Black cherry	74.2	—	26.9	14.0	16.9	8.6	5.5	2.3	—
Other hardwoods	295.7	—	113.1	65.0	34.5	27.6	12.3	34.7	8.5
Total hardwoods	5,845.2	—	1,787.6	1,466.3	968.3	653.8	350.0	528.6	90.6
All species	9,720.7	1,149.6	2,753.3	2,183.0	1,408.7	903.5	500.7	714.4	107.5

^a International 1/4-inch rule.

^b Includes 95,500,000 board feet of northern white-cedar.

^c Includes 6,700,000 board feet of white oak.

Table 19.—Net volume of sawtimber on commercial forest land, by species and standard-lumber log grades, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of board feet]^a

Species	All classes	Standard-lumber log grades			
		Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4 ^b
Softwoods:					
White pine	995.4	11.8	92.2	503.0	388.4
Red pine	75.0	3.0	4.7	51.0	16.3
Other softwoods ^c	2,805.1	—	—	—	—
Total softwoods	3,875.5	14.8	96.9	554.0	404.7
Hardwoods:					
Select red oaks	315.0	54.3	71.1	140.9	48.7
Yellow birch	736.5	71.9	190.2	402.0	72.4
Paper birch	333.2	26.4	64.3	161.3	81.2
Sugar maple	2,325.4	280.4	533.9	1,100.1	411.0
Red maple	744.5	20.2	138.8	396.4	189.1
Beech	561.4	11.2	81.0	334.3	134.9
Ash	305.6	35.0	99.1	111.3	60.2
Aspen	153.7	2.7	16.1	93.4	41.5
Black cherry	74.2	3.6	16.4	34.7	19.5
Other hardwoods	295.7	22.0	48.9	169.6	55.2
Total hardwoods	5,845.2	527.7	1,259.8	2,944.0	1,113.7
<i>(In percent)</i>					
Hardwood quality	100	9	22	50	19

^a International ¼-inch rule.

^b Grade 4 applies only to the pines. For hardwoods the volumes in this column are for construction logs.

^c Softwood species other than pine are not graded.

Table 20.—Annual net growth, removals, and mortality of growing stock and sawtimber on commercial forest land, by species, Vermont, 1972

Species	Growing stock			Sawtimber		
	Annual net growth	Annual timber removals ^a	Annual mortality	Annual net growth	Annual timber removals ^a	Annual mortality
Thousand cubic feet Thousand board feet^b						
Softwoods:						
White and red pine	11,891	6,138	1,874	40,549	16,964	4,073
Balsam fir	13,298	3,311	5,325	15,663	8,641	14,684
Spruce	6,364	6,478	4,644	25,829	17,098	6,040
Hemlock	13,783	3,418	1,318	44,282	9,122	3,814
Other softwoods	1,164	55	639	2,677	175	1,389
Total softwoods	46,500	19,400	13,800	129,000	52,000	30,000
Hardwoods:						
Red oaks	4,442	547	602	10,125	1,884	997
Yellow birch	4,945	4,929	1,669	17,262	11,624	803
Paper birch	6,545	1,747	990	11,451	3,070	—
Sugar maple	23,307	8,680	2,191	58,315	17,101	4,271
Red maple	10,178	3,270	1,152	19,402	6,986	1,908
Beech	978	2,208	3,060	-1,612	6,207	12,006
Ash	4,788	4,397	291	11,397	13,293	—
Aspen	3,849	495	3,282	4,897	1,001	1,334
Black cherry	589	571	181	709	952	—
Other hardwoods	501	1,556	2,882	1,054	3,882	5,681
Total hardwoods	60,100	28,400	16,300	133,000	66,000	27,000
Total, all species	106,600	47,800	30,100	262,000	118,000	57,000

^a Data for timber removals in this table are based on the trend from 1965 through 1972 and differ from those shown in table 27. Table 27 reports results of a canvass of timber removals for 1972.

^b International ¼-inch rule.

Table 21.—Annual net growth and removals of growing stock and sawtimber on commercial forest land, by ownership classes, softwoods and hardwoods, Vermont, 1972

Ownership	Annual net growth			Annual timber removals ^a		
	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods
GROWING STOCK <i>Thousand cubic feet</i>						
National Forest	2,623	568	2,055	2,064	402	1,662
Other public	7,847	2,509	5,338	5,714	2,181	3,533
Forest industry	21,942	7,368	14,574	21,233	9,454	11,779
Farmer and other	74,188	36,055	38,133	18,789	7,363	11,426
All ownerships	106,600	46,500	60,100	47,800	19,400	28,400
SAWTIMBER <i>Thousand board feet^b</i>						
National Forest	8,520	1,358	7,162	12,900	2,326	10,574
Other public	19,083	7,884	11,199	13,411	6,508	6,903
Forest industry	56,449	17,711	38,738	42,657	16,835	25,822
Farmer and other	177,948	102,047	75,901	49,032	26,331	22,701
All ownerships	262,000	129,000	133,000	118,000	52,000	66,000

^aData for timber removals in this table are based on the trend from 1965 through 1972 and differ from those shown in table 27. Table 27 reports results of a canvass of timber removals for 1972.

^bInternational ¼-inch rule.

Table 22.—Annual mortality of growing stock and sawtimber on commercial forest land, by ownership classes, causes, softwoods and hardwoods, Vermont, 1972

Ownership and cause	Growing stock (thousand cubic feet)			Sawtimber (thousand board feet) ^a		
	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods
BY OWNERSHIP CLASS						
National Forest	801	186	615	606	129	477
Other public	2,910	2,049	861	4,047	916	3,131
Forest industry	4,812	1,047	3,765	11,113	2,972	8,141
Farmer and other	21,577	10,518	11,059	41,234	25,983	15,251
All ownerships	30,100	13,800	16,300	57,000	30,000	27,000
BY CAUSE						
Weather	2,544	1,923	621	1,319	1,319	—
Insects	211	211	—	—	—	—
Disease	25,706	10,221	15,485	54,325	27,325	27,000
Other	1,346	1,152	194	—	—	—
Unknown	293	293	—	1,356	1,356	—
All causes	30,100	13,800	16,300	57,000	30,000	27,000

^aInternational ¼-inch rule.

Table 23.—Components of annual net growth of growing stock and sawtimber on commercial forest land, softwoods and hardwoods, Vermont, 1972

Components	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods
GROWING STOCK <i>Thousand cubic feet</i>			
Growth on initial growing-stock inventory ^a	101,553	41,536	60,017
Ingrowth—saplings that became poletimber	80,672	39,482	41,190
Gross growth	182,225	81,018	101,207
Cull increment	45,525	20,718	24,807
Annual mortality	30,100	13,800	16,300
Annual net growth	106,600	46,500	60,100
SAWTIMBER <i>Thousand board feet ^b</i>			
Growth on initial sawtimber inventory ^a	261,048	131,894	129,154
Ingrowth—poletimber trees that became sawtimber	177,771	84,451	93,320
Gross growth	438,819	216,345	222,474
Cull increment	119,819	57,345	62,474
Annual mortality	57,000	30,000	27,000
Annual net growth	262,000	129,000	133,000

^aIncluding growth on trees that were cut.

^bInternational 1/4-inch rule.

Table 24.—Sampling errors for major forest-area and timber-volume classes in Vermont, 1973

Table No.	Item classification	Sampling error	Table No.	Item classification	Sampling error		
FOREST AREA							
Percent			cubic feet board feet Percent				
1	Forest-land area:		16	Forest type:			
	Commercial	2.0		White and red pine	12	12	
	Unproductive	23.0		Spruce/fir	11	14	
	Total	1.9		Oak/pine	39	45	
2	Ownership:			Oak/hickory	38	48	
	Forest industry	12		Elm/ash/red maple	14	15	
	Farmer owned	12		Maple/beech/birch	5	6	
	Misc. private	4		Aspen/birch	21	27	
	Farmer and misc. private	3	17-18	Diameter classes (inches):			
3	Stand-size class:			5.0- 6.9	4	—	
	Sawtimber stands	4		7.0- 8.9	4	—	
	Poletimber stands	8		9.0-10.9 a	4	7	
	Sapling-seedling stands	8		11.0-12.9	4	4	
	Nonstocked	49		13.0-14.9	5	5	
4	Stand-volume per acre (board feet):			15.0-16.9	5	5	
	Less than 1,500	7		17.0-18.9	7	7	
	1,500 to 5,000	4		19.0-20.9	10	10	
	More than 5,000	9		21.0-28.9	10	10	
7	Area-condition class:			29.0 and larger	19	19	
	Class 50	9		Species:			
	Class 60	4		White and red pine	13	13	
	Class 70	8		Balsam fir	10	15	
8	Growth-per-acre class (cubic feet):			Spruce	9	12	
	120 to 165	12		Hemlock	11	12	
	85 to 120	9		Other softwoods	25	25	
	50 to 85	7		All softwoods	6	6	
	Less than 50	7		Select red oaks	18	22	
9	Forest type:			Yellow birch	8	10	
	White and red pine	13		Paper birch	9	14	
	Spruce/fir	10		Sugar maple	6	8	
	Oak/pine	36		Red maple	8	10	
	Oak/hickory	32		Beech	9	12	
	Elm/ash/red maple	13		Ash	10	14	
	Maple/beech/birch	4		Aspen	17	22	
	Aspen/birch	18		Black cherry	17	24	
TIMBER VOLUME				Other hardwoods	11	14	
		Cubic feet		All hardwoods	3	4	
		Board feet		All species	2.3	3.2	
		Percent	GROWTH-REMOVAL				
14	Class of timber:		21	Growth by:			
	Sawtimber trees	3		Softwoods	23	25	
	Poletimber trees	3		Hardwoods	9	14	
	All growing stock	2		All species	9	13	
	Rough trees	4	21	Removals by:			
	Rotten trees	4		Softwoods	48	48	
	All live trees	2		Hardwoods	27	27	
15	Ownership:			All species	29	29	
	National Forest	3		MORTALITY			
	Other public	13		22	By species group:		
	Forest industry	14			Softwoods	29	*
	Farmer and other	3			Hardwoods	19	33
15	Stand-size class:				All species	17	31
	Sawtimber stands	5		22	By cause:		
	Poletimber stands	9			Weather	48	*
	Sapling-seedling	8			Insects	*	—
	Nonstocked areas	*			Disease	19	33
					Other	39	—
					Unknown	*	*

*Sampling errors of 50 to 99 percent.

aBoard-foot sampling error for this class is for softwoods only.

Table 25.—Output of timber products, by source of material, softwoods and hardwoods, Vermont, 1972

Product and species group	Standard units	Total output		Output from roundwood		Output from plant byproducts	
		Number of units	Thousand cubic feet	Number of units	Thousand cubic feet	Number of units	Thousand cubic feet
Sawlogs:							
Softwood	M bd. ft. ^a	55,224	8,460	55,224	8,460	—	—
Hardwood	M bd. ft. ^a	69,949	11,269	69,949	11,269	—	—
Total	M bd. ft. ^a	125,173	19,729	125,173	19,729	—	—
Veneer logs and bolts:							
Softwood	M bd. ft. ^a	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hardwood	M bd. ft. ^a	6,977	1,124	6,977	1,124	—	—
Total	M bd. ft. ^a	6,977	1,124	6,977	1,124	—	—
Pulpwood:							
Softwood	Std. cords ^b	62,656	5,325	56,900	4,836	5,756	489
Hardwood	Std. cords ^b	103,948	8,836	78,619	6,683	25,329	2,153
Total	Std. cords ^b	166,604	14,161	135,519	11,519	31,085	2,642 ^c
Piling:							
Softwood	M linear ft.	88	54	88	54	—	—
Hardwood	M linear ft.	13	7	13	7	—	—
Total	M linear ft.	101	61	101	61	—	—
Poles:							
Softwood	M pieces	2	6	2	6	—	—
Hardwood	M pieces	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	M pieces	2	6	2	6	—	—
Post (round and split):							
Softwood	M pieces	388	343	388	343	—	—
Hardwood	M pieces	115	86	115	86	—	—
Total	M pieces	503	429	503	429	—	—
Other: ^d							
Softwood	M cu. ft.	797	797	747	747	50	50
Hardwood	M cu. ft.	2,679	2,679	2,456	2,456	223	223
Total	M cu. ft.	3,476	3,476	3,203	3,203	273	273
Total industrial products:							
Softwood	M cu. ft.	—	14,985	—	14,446	—	539
Hardwood	M cu. ft.	—	24,001	—	21,625	—	2,376
Total	M cu. ft.	—	38,986	—	36,071	—	2,915
Fuelwood:							
Softwood	Std. cords	4,762	381	—	—	4,762	381
Hardwood	Std. cords	49,425	3,954	36,070	2,886	13,350	1,068
Total	Std. cords	54,187	4,335	36,070	2,886	18,112	1,449
All products: ^e							
Softwood	M cu. ft.	—	15,366	—	14,446	—	920
Hardwood	M cu. ft.	—	27,955	—	24,511	—	3,444
Total	M cu. ft.	—	43,321	—	38,957	—	4,364

^aInternational 1/4-inch rule.

^bRough wood basis, includes chips converted to equivalent standard cords.

^cPulpwood from plant residues does not agree with table 6 in Resource Bulletin NE-35, Primary Wood-Products Industries of New Hampshire and Vermont, 1972, because of different data sources.

^dIncludes dimension, excelsior, and turnery bolts; and novelty fencing.

^eDoes not include 1,102,884 cubic feet of softwood and 1,969,216 cubic feet of hardwood residues used for agricultural bedding.

**Table 26.—Output of roundwood products, by source,
softwoods and hardwoods, Vermont, 1972**

[In thousands of cubic feet]

Product and species group	All sources	Growing-stock trees ^a			Rough and rotten trees ^a	Salvable dead trees ^a	Other sources ^b
		Total	Sawtimber	Poletimber			
PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS							
Sawlogs:							
Softwood	8,460	7,425	7,334	91	83	66	886
Hardwood	11,269	10,386	10,024	362	143	45	695
Total	19,729	17,811	17,358	453	226	111	1,581
Veneer logs and bolts:							
Softwood							
Hardwood	1,124	1,055	1,019	36	—	—	69
Total	1,124	1,055	1,019	36	—	—	69
Pulpwood:							
Softwood	4,836	4,535	3,355	1,180	—	32	269
Hardwood	6,683	5,069	4,274	795	844	297	473
Total	11,519	9,604	7,629	1,975	844	329	742
MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS							
Pilings:							
Softwood	54	48	48	—	—	—	6
Hardwood	7	6	6	—	—	—	1
Total	61	54	54	—	—	—	7
Poles:							
Softwood	6	5	3	2	—	—	1
Hardwood	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6	5	3	2	—	—	1
Posts: (round and split)							
Softwood	343	316	214	102	14	—	13
Hardwood	86	66	36	30	6	—	14
Total	429	382	250	132	20	—	27
Other:							
Softwood	747	689	466	223	31	—	27
Hardwood	2,456	1,886	1,020	866	182	—	388
Total	3,203	2,575	1,486	1,089	213	—	415
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS							
Softwood	14,446	13,018	11,420	1,598	128	98	1,202
Hardwood	21,625	18,468	16,379	2,089	1,175	342	1,640
Total	36,071	31,486	27,799	3,687	1,303	440	2,842
NONINDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS							
Fuelwood:							
Softwood	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hardwood	2,886	1,388	361	1,027	352	548	598
Total	2,886	1,388	361	1,027	352	548	598
ALL PRODUCTS							
Softwood	14,446	13,018	11,420	1,598	128	98	1,202
Hardwood	24,511	19,856	16,740	3,116	1,527	890	2,238
Total	38,957	32,874	28,160	4,714	1,655	988	3,440

^aOn commercial forest land.

^bIncludes trees less than 5.0 inches in diameter, tree tops and limbs from commercial forest areas, or any material from non-commercial forest land or nonforest land such as fencerows and suburban areas.

Table 27.—Timber removals from growing stock and sawtimber on commercial forest land, by items, softwoods and hardwoods, Vermont, 1972

Item	Growing stock			Sawtimber		
	All species	Soft-woods	Hard-woods	All species	Soft-woods	Hard-woods
	— — <i>Thousand cubic feet</i> — —			— — <i>Thousand board feet</i> ^a — —		
Roundwood products:						
Sawlogs	17,811	7,425	10,386	87,882	35,689	52,193
Veneer logs and bolts	1,055	—	1,055	4,711	—	4,711
Pulpwood	9,604	4,535	5,069	34,372	15,374	18,998
Piling	54	48	6	265	234	31
Poles	5	5	—	12	12	—
Posts	382	316	66	1,023	858	165
Other	2,575	689	1,886	6,538	1,869	4,669
Fuelwood	1,388	—	1,388	1,243	—	1,243
All products	32,874	13,018	19,856	136,046	54,036	82,010
Logging residues	8,189	2,689	5,500	15,608	4,498	11,110
Other removals	6,895	2,943	3,952	13,142	4,866	8,276
Total removals	47,958	18,650	29,308	164,796	63,400	101,396

^aInternational ¼-inch rule.

Table 28.—Volume of unused residues at primary manufacturing plants, by industry and type of residues, and softwoods and hardwoods, Vermont, 1972

[In thousands of cubic feet]

Species groups and type of residues	All industries	Lumber	Veneer and plywood	Other
Softwoods:				
Coarse ^a	323	323	—	—
Fine ^b	83	83	—	—
Total	406	406	—	—
Hardwoods:				
Coarse ^a	221	217	—	4
Fine ^b	144	142	—	2
Total	365	359	—	6
All species:				
Coarse ^a	544	540	—	4
Fine ^b	227	225	—	2
Total	771	765	—	6

^aMaterial such as slabs, edgings, and veneer cores.

^bMaterial such as sawdust and shavings.

Table 29.—Projections of net annual growth, timber removals, and inventory of growing stock and sawtimber on commercial forest land in Vermont, 1973-2003^a

Species group	1973 (inventory year)	1983	1993	2003
GROWING STOCK <i>Million cubic feet</i>				
Softwoods:				
Removals	19.4	25	34	44
Growth	46.5	47	52	56
Inventory	1,718.0	2,081	2,371	2,613
Hardwoods:				
Removals	28.4	43	63	83
Growth	60.1	75	87	98
Inventory	3,012.2	3,108	3,302	3,407
Total:				
Removals	47.8	68	97	127
Growth	106.6	122	139	154
Inventory	4,730.2	5,189	5,673	6,020
SAWTIMBER <i>Million board feet</i>				
Softwoods:				
Removals	52.0	68	93	121
Growth	129.0	134	150	162
Inventory	3,875.5	4,627	5,249	5,758
Hardwoods:				
Removals	66.0	100	146	193
Growth	133.0	166	192	217
Inventory	5,845.2	6,032	6,409	6,613
Total:				
Removals	118.0	168	239	314
Growth	262.0	300	342	379
Inventory	9,720.7	10,659	11,658	12,371

^aBased upon the following assumptions: the area of commercial forest land will begin a slow decrease after 1980; net annual growth as a percent of inventory is expected to increase from 2.3 to 2.6 percent; timber removals will reflect expected timber-product demands and land-use changes.

Table 30.—Area by land classes, geographic units, and counties, Vermont, 1973

Unit and county	Total land area ^a	Nonforest land area	Forest-land area			
			Non-commercial ^b	Commercial	Sampling error ^c	
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^a Source: Areas of Vermont: 1960 (January 1967), Bureau of the Census.

^b Includes nonproductive and productive-reserved forest land.

^c In percent for commercial forest land at the 68-percent probability level.

Table 31.—Area of commercial forest land, by ownership classes, geographic units, and counties, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of acres]

Unit and County	Public-owned ^a			Private-owned		Total
	National Forest ^b	State	County and municipal	Farmer-owned	Other private	
Caledonia	—	29.4	2.4	59.3	200.2	291.3
Essex	—	15.2	.9	18.6	361.4	396.1
Franklin	—	1.3	.5	66.2	168.9	236.9
Lamoille	—	7.8	6.0	25.2	212.2	251.2
Orange	0.9	4.8	2.7	59.2	268.3	336.9
Orleans	—	8.9	1.4	77.2	251.5	339.0
Washington	3.3	29.0	5.0	42.0	282.0	361.3
Northern Unit	4.2	96.4	18.9	347.7	1,744.5	2,211.7
Addison	78.1	6.1	2.6	43.2	155.8	285.8
Bennington	64.3	7.5	2.2	20.7	276.0	370.7
Chittenden	—	8.6	2.0	35.6	149.5	195.7
Rutland	48.9	17.5	10.2	69.9	298.4	444.9
Windham	15.8	3.7	2.1	35.1	371.8	428.5
Windsor	21.1	28.4	3.0	56.2	383.9	492.6
Southern Unit	228.2	71.8	22.1	260.7	1,635.4	2,218.2
Total	232.4	168.2	41.0	608.4	3,379.9	4,429.9

^a From ownership records.

^b Includes 3,800 acres of other federal ownerships.

Table 32.—Area of commercial forest land, by stand-size classes, geographic units, and counties, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of acres]

Unit and county	Sawtimber stands	Poletimber stands	Sapling-seedling stands	Nonstocked areas	Total
Caledonia	113.0	53.5	123.5	1.3	291.3
Essex	199.5	82.8	112.9	.9	396.1
Franklin	62.9	35.5	136.8	1.7	236.9
Lamoille	120.9	51.4	78.0	.9	251.2
Orange	138.9	60.7	134.9	1.4	335.9
Orleans	145.2	62.4	129.8	1.6	339.0
Washington	169.3	71.0	119.6	1.4	361.3
Northern Unit	949.7	417.3	835.5	9.2	2,211.7
Addison	137.6	67.9	77.1	3.2	285.8
Bennington	194.2	97.2	75.3	4.0	370.7
Chittenden	84.1	41.5	66.4	3.7	195.7
Rutland	220.7	106.3	111.3	6.6	444.9
Windham	219.6	108.4	95.3	5.2	428.5
Windsor	255.2	115.9	115.6	5.9	492.6
Southern Unit	1,111.4	537.2	541.0	28.6	2,218.2
Total	2,061.1	954.5	1,376.5	37.8	4,429.9

Table 33.—Area of commercial forest land, by stand-volume classes and geographic units, Vermont, 1973

Stand-volume per acre (board feet) ^a	Northern Unit		Southern Unit		State total	
	Thousand acres	Percent	Thousand acres	Percent	Thousand acres	Percent
Less than 1,500	784.4	36	767.9	35	1,552.3	35
1,500 to 5,000	1,000.6	45	1,094.2	49	2,094.8	47
More than 5,000	426.7	19	356.1	16	782.8	18
All classes	2,211.7	100	2,218.2	100	4,429.9	100

^aInternational 1/4-inch rule.

Table 34.—Area of commercial forest land, by potential site productivity and geographic units, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of acres]

Growth-per-acre class (cubic feet)	Northern Unit	Southern Unit	Total
120 to 165	370.1	104.4	474.5
85 to 120	509.4	352.8	862.2
50 to 85	689.2	914.1	1,603.3
Less than 50	643.0	846.9	1,489.9
All classes	2,211.7	2,218.2	4,429.9

Table 35.—Area of commercial forest land, by forest types, geographic units, and counties, Vermont, 1973

[In thousands of acres]

Unit and county	Forest type							Total
	White and red pine	Spruce/fir	Oak/pine	Oak/hickory	Elm/ash/red maple	Maple/beech/birch	Aspen/birch	
Caledonia	36.9	87.6	1.0	—	30.3	120.8	14.7	291.3
Essex	46.5	100.8	2.1	—	28.7	198.7	19.3	396.1
Franklin	33.2	79.5	.5	—	37.9	75.8	10.0	236.9
Lamoille	29.3	66.2	1.3	—	21.1	121.4	11.9	251.2
Orange	43.1	97.1	1.5	—	34.3	145.4	14.5	335.9
Orleans	42.3	99.7	1.5	—	32.7	147.5	15.3	339.0
Washington	41.0	96.1	2.1	—	30.1	175.7	16.3	361.3
Northern Unit	272.3	627.0	10.0	—	215.1	985.3	102.0	2,211.7
Addison	49.9	19.6	7.7	—	30.5	100.5	17.6	285.8
Bennington	52.2	25.9	9.1	7.1	46.5	206.5	23.4	370.7
Chittenden	42.6	13.8	9.8	—	27.5	85.7	16.3	195.7
Rutland	73.6	30.9	16.1	3.6	57.7	231.8	31.2	444.9
Windham	73.0	30.1	14.3	35.4	60.1	186.7	28.9	428.5
Windsor	86.5	37.1	18.3	24.8	67.5	225.9	32.5	492.6
Southern Unit	377.8	157.4	75.3	70.9	289.8	1,097.1	149.9	2,218.2
Total	650.1	784.4	85.3	70.9	504.9	2,082.4	251.9	4,429.9

Table 36.—Net volume of timber on commercial forest land, by class of timber and geographic units, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of cubic feet]

Class of timber	Northern Unit	Southern Unit	Total
Sawtimber trees:			
Sawlog portion	987.9	993.8	1,981.7
Upper-stem portion	195.3	209.0	404.3
All sawtimber trees	1,183.2	1,202.8	2,386.0
Poletimber trees	1,204.8	1,139.4	2,344.2
All growing-stock trees	2,388.0	2,342.2	4,730.2
Rough trees	330.2	504.5	834.7
Rotten trees	164.2	175.8	340.0
Total, all timber	2,882.4	3,022.5	5,904.9

Table 37.—Net volume of growing stock on commercial forest land, by tree classes, geographic units, and counties, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of cubic feet]

Unit and county	Sawtimber trees	Poletimber trees	Total growing stock
Caledonia	150.6	151.7	302.3
Essex	241.1	238.9	480.0
Franklin	89.0	101.8	190.8
Lamoille	146.1	146.5	292.6
Orange	172.8	179.6	352.4
Orleans	181.6	183.5	365.1
Washington	202.0	202.8	404.8
Northern Unit	1,183.2	1,204.8	2,388.0
Addison	143.6	132.9	276.5
Bennington	206.3	193.6	399.9
Chittenden	94.5	94.5	189.0
Rutland	237.1	225.7	462.8
Windham	242.2	231.1	473.3
Windsor	279.1	261.6	540.7
Southern Unit	1,202.8	1,139.4	2,342.2
Total	2,386.0	2,344.2	4,730.2

Table 38.—Net volume of growing stock and sawtimber on commercial forest land, by ownership classes, softwoods and hardwoods, and geographic units, Vermont, 1973

Ownership class	Growing stock (million cubic feet)			Sawtimber (million board feet) ^a		
	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods
NORTHERN UNIT						
National Forest	2.8	0.4	2.4	6.5	0.8	5.7
Other public	132.8	55.4	77.4	299.6	132.9	166.7
Forest industry	547.4	158.1	389.3	1,211.5	350.2	861.3
Farmer and other	1,705.0	884.9	820.1	3,374.8	1,811.8	1,563.0
All ownerships	2,388.0	1,098.8	1,289.2	4,892.4	2,295.7	2,596.7
SOUTHERN UNIT						
National Forest	199.1	39.7	159.4	425.1	64.4	360.7
Other public	103.1	30.8	72.3	224.5	74.8	149.7
Forest industry	159.7	41.5	118.2	342.8	100.0	242.8
Farmer and other	1,880.3	507.2	1,373.1	3,835.9	1,340.6	2,495.3
All ownerships	2,342.2	619.2	1,723.0	4,828.3	1,579.8	3,248.5

^aInternational 1/4-inch rule.

Table 39.—Net volume of growing stock and sawtimber on commercial forest land, by stand-size classes, softwoods and hardwoods, and geographic units, Vermont, 1973

Stand-size class	Growing stock (million cubic feet)			Sawtimber (million board feet) ^a		
	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods	All species	Softwoods	Hardwoods
NORTHERN UNIT						
Sawtimber stands	1,354.7	589.7	765.0	3,484.9	1,600.5	1,884.4
Poletimber stands	609.7	306.1	303.6	768.9	397.9	371.0
Other stands	423.6	203.0	220.6	638.6	297.3	341.3
All stands	2,388.0	1,098.8	1,289.2	4,892.4	2,295.7	2,596.7
SOUTHERN UNIT						
Sawtimber stands	1,458.7	425.8	1,032.9	3,666.8	1,188.1	2,478.7
Poletimber stands	638.3	118.8	519.5	768.4	213.1	555.3
Other stands	245.2	74.6	170.6	393.1	178.6	214.5
All stands	2,342.2	619.2	1,723.0	4,828.3	1,579.8	3,248.5

^aInternational 1/4-inch rule.

Table 40.—Net volume of growing stock on commercial forest land, by stand-size classes, geographic units, and counties, Vermont, 1973

Unit and county	Sawtimber stands	Poletimber stands	Other stands	Total	Sampling error of total
<i>— — — — — Million cubic feet — — — — —</i>					<i>Percent</i>
Caledonia	164.6	76.2	61.6	302.3	9
Essex	285.8	125.7	68.5	480.0	7
Franklin	87.8	47.7	55.3	190.8	13
Lamoille	172.6	78.0	42.0	292.6	10
Orange	197.2	86.8	68.4	352.4	9
Orleans	208.8	90.8	65.5	365.1	9
Washington	237.9	104.5	62.4	404.8	8
Northern Unit	1,354.7	609.7	423.6	2,388.0	3
Addison	170.5	77.1	28.9	276.5	9
Bennington	249.2	114.0	36.7	399.9	7
Chittenden	109.9	50.8	28.3	189.0	13
Rutland	287.0	126.1	49.7	462.8	7
Windham	295.6	130.3	47.4	473.3	7
Windsor	346.5	140.0	54.2	540.7	7
Southern Unit	1,458.7	638.3	245.2	2,342.2	3
Total	2,813.4	1,248.0	668.8	4,730.2	2

Table 41.—Net volume of sawtimber on commercial forest land, by stand-size classes, geographic units, and counties, Vermont, 1973

Unit and county	Sawtimber stands	Poletimber stands	Other stands	Total	Sampling error of total
	<i>— Million board feet ^a —</i>				<i>Percent</i>
Caledonia	431.3	94.3	97.0	622.6	13
Essex	732.9	163.2	101.6	997.7	10
Franklin	225.5	54.1	86.9	366.5	17
Lamoille	441.9	101.3	61.5	604.7	14
Orange	504.3	107.4	102.2	713.9	13
Orleans	539.1	114.5	97.3	750.9	13
Washington	609.9	134.1	92.1	836.1	11
Northern Unit	3,484.9	768.9	638.6	4,892.4	5
Addison	433.5	90.9	47.6	572.0	12
Bennington	629.5	136.6	59.9	826.0	9
Chittenden	274.1	62.1	45.1	381.3	18
Rutland	718.7	152.6	79.9	951.2	10
Windham	741.0	158.1	75.9	975.0	10
Windsor	870.0	168.1	84.7	1,122.8	10
Southern Unit	3,666.8	768.4	393.1	4,828.3	5
Total	7,151.7	1,537.3	1,031.7	9,720.7	3

^aInternational 1/4-inch rule.

Table 42.—Net volume of growing stock on commercial forest land, by forest types, geographic units, and counties, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of cubic feet]

Unit and county	Forest type							Total
	White and red pine	Spruce/ fir	Oak/ pine	Oak/ hickory	Elm/ash/ red maple	Maple/ beech/ birch	Aspen/ birch	
Caledonia	49.7	93.4	2.2	—	23.9	118.3	14.8	302.3
Essex	67.7	132.4	4.5	—	34.4	219.3	21.7	480.0
Franklin	35.3	60.3	1.0	—	19.7	65.3	9.2	190.8
Lamoille	41.0	80.2	2.7	—	21.9	133.1	13.7	292.6
Orange	54.6	101.1	3.2	—	27.8	151.8	13.9	352.4
Orleans	56.0	106.9	3.3	—	28.1	155.2	15.6	365.1
Washington	56.7	108.8	4.4	—	29.5	188.2	17.2	404.8
Northern Unit	361.0	683.1	21.3	—	185.3	1,031.2	106.1	2,388.0
Addison	40.7	19.2	6.0	—	32.5	162.3	15.8	276.5
Bennington	61.1	25.8	8.7	8.0	52.8	220.1	23.4	399.9
Chittenden	39.0	11.5	6.5	—	26.5	91.5	14.0	189.0
Rutland	78.1	29.7	12.0	4.1	62.3	248.6	28.0	462.8
Windham	88.8	27.6	12.3	39.9	67.9	206.0	28.8	473.3
Windsor	104.4	35.5	14.4	28.0	76.5	251.8	30.1	540.7
Southern Unit	412.1	149.3	59.9	80.0	318.5	1,182.3	140.1	2,342.2
Total	773.1	832.4	81.2	80.0	503.8	2,213.5	246.2	4,730.2

Table 43.—Net volume of sawtimber on commercial forest land, by forest types, geographic units, and counties, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of board feet]^a

Unit and county	Forest type							Total
	White and red pine	Spruce/fir	Oak/pine	Oak/hickory	Elm/ash/red maple	Maple/beech/birch	Aspen/birch	
Caldeonia	117.7	170.3	4.5	—	37.0	276.7	16.4	622.6
Essex	169.3	231.9	10.9	—	50.7	507.3	27.6	997.7
Franklin	73.4	95.8	2.5	—	28.6	157.1	9.1	366.5
Lamoille	101.7	139.1	6.5	—	31.7	308.5	17.2	604.7
Orange	126.8	169.3	8.0	—	41.1	352.6	16.1	713.9
Orleans	134.8	187.5	7.8	—	41.5	360.8	18.5	750.9
Washington	135.8	186.9	9.6	—	43.8	438.2	21.8	836.1
Northern Unit	859.5	1,180.8	49.8	—	274.4	2,401.2	126.7	4,892.4
Addison	100.6	27.9	10.5	—	68.4	347.8	16.8	572.0
Bennington	148.2	41.5	17.4	17.5	113.4	461.2	26.8	826.0
Chittenden	95.5	21.7	9.7	—	57.0	184.4	13.0	381.3
Rutland	188.4	48.8	20.7	8.8	132.7	521.2	30.6	951.2
Windham	216.0	51.6	23.4	87.0	145.1	419.2	32.7	975.0
Windsor	255.0	64.5	25.2	60.9	161.7	521.5	34.0	1,122.8
Southern Unit	1,003.7	256.0	106.9	174.2	678.3	2,455.3	153.9	4,828.3
Total	1,863.2	1,436.8	156.7	174.2	952.7	4,856.5	280.6	9,720.7

^aInternational ¼-inch rule.

Table 44.—Net volume of growing stock on commercial forest land in Northern geographic unit, by species and counties, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of cubic feet]

Species	Counties							Northern Unit
	Caledonia	Essex	Franklin	Lamoille	Orange	Orelans	Washington	
White and red pine	22.5	25.5	20.4	16.1	23.4	23.1	23.5	154.5
Balsam fir	40.6	60.1	26.4	35.8	47.4	47.9	50.3	308.5
Spruce	51.8	76.1	32.0	46.6	55.2	59.8	61.9	383.4
Hemlock	22.7	36.3	12.9	21.8	26.0	27.8	29.0	176.5
Other softwoods	11.1	14.7	6.8	8.9	10.9	11.7	11.8	75.9
Total softwoods	148.7	212.7	98.5	129.2	162.9	170.3	176.5	1,098.8
Select red oaks	.5	.5	.4	.3	.5	.4	.5	3.1
Yellow birch	19.9	35.1	10.0	21.6	23.1	24.5	30.1	164.3
Paper birch	14.6	23.1	9.6	14.5	16.3	17.3	19.7	115.1
Sugar maple	61.1	109.3	35.0	66.6	76.3	78.5	93.7	520.5
Red maple	24.5	39.0	16.9	24.1	29.0	29.7	33.0	196.2
Beech	11.6	24.3	6.2	14.7	17.0	17.1	21.1	112.0
Ash	6.8	13.5	4.0	8.2	9.5	9.6	11.6	63.2
Aspen	7.4	11.2	5.4	6.6	9.2	8.9	9.3	58.0
Black cherry	1.5	3.1	.8	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.5	13.8
Other hardwoods	5.7	8.2	4.0	4.9	6.7	6.7	6.8	43.0
Total hardwoods	153.6	267.3	92.3	163.4	189.5	194.8	228.3	1,289.2
All species	302.3	480.0	190.8	292.6	352.4	365.1	404.8	2,388.0

Table 45.—Net volume of growing stock on commercial forest land in Southern geographic unit, by species and counties, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of cubic feet]

Species	Counties						Southern Unit
	Addison	Bennington	Chittenden	Rutland	Windham	Windsor	
White and red pine	22.0	33.4	23.9	43.4	50.3	59.6	232.6
Balsam fir	5.8	5.9	1.8	6.3	3.8	5.6	29.2
Spruce	19.4	26.0	11.1	29.7	28.0	34.7	148.9
Hemlock	20.9	32.9	16.0	38.7	43.6	50.0	202.1
Other softwoods	.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	6.4
Total softwoods	68.7	99.2	53.8	119.3	127.0	151.2	619.2
Select red oaks	11.6	18.1	9.2	22.1	23.3	25.7	110.0
Yellow birch	23.9	31.0	10.4	34.2	30.4	37.5	167.4
Paper birch	19.5	28.3	14.3	33.7	33.6	37.6	167.0
Sugar maple	70.8	100.8	42.5	113.0	110.7	124.9	562.7
Red maple	27.8	43.7	19.9	50.0	53.5	59.2	254.1
Beech	16.6	22.6	9.0	24.4	24.2	27.5	124.3
Ash	13.8	20.2	10.0	23.6	23.9	26.6	118.1
Aspen	8.3	12.3	8.0	15.3	16.2	17.1	77.2
Black cherry	4.2	5.9	2.8	6.3	6.7	6.8	32.7
Other hardwoods	11.3	17.8	9.1	20.9	23.8	26.6	109.5
Total hardwoods	207.8	300.7	135.2	343.5	346.3	389.5	1,723.0
All species	276.5	399.9	189.0	462.8	473.3	540.7	2,342.2

Table 46.—Net volume of sawtimber on commercial forest land in Northern geographic unit, by species and counties, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of board feet]^a

Species	Counties							Northern Unit
	Caledonia	Essex	Franklin	Lamoille	Orange	Orelans	Washington	
White and red pine	55.8	75.1	41.8	45.9	60.5	61.0	64.1	404.2
Balsam fir	59.0	93.9	36.5	55.5	71.2	71.9	77.4	465.4
Spruce	117.8	161.8	65.9	97.7	114.3	128.4	129.0	814.9
Hemlock	65.7	104.1	34.7	62.3	73.0	79.7	82.1	501.6
Other softwoods	16.5	21.5	8.3	13.0	15.1	17.4	17.8	109.6
Total softwoods	314.8	456.4	187.2	274.4	334.1	368.4	370.4	2,295.7
Select red oaks	1.8	1.9	1.3	1.0	1.8	1.7	1.8	11.3
Yellow birch	47.3	84.7	23.9	51.8	56.5	59.5	73.8	397.5
Paper birch	13.6	22.8	7.0	13.9	15.5	16.7	19.2	108.7
Sugar maple	138.5	242.6	82.6	147.9	171.7	176.8	208.8	1,168.9
Red maple	38.1	61.3	23.9	38.6	42.2	45.2	53.0	302.3
Beech	30.2	62.8	16.7	37.9	44.7	44.5	54.4	291.2
Ash	12.9	24.9	7.3	15.1	17.1	17.5	21.3	116.1
Aspen	7.6	12.4	4.7	7.3	9.7	9.5	11.0	62.2
Black cherry	3.0	6.4	1.6	4.0	3.6	4.0	5.0	27.6
Other hardwoods	14.8	21.5	10.3	12.8	17.0	17.1	17.4	110.9
Total hardwoods	307.8	541.3	179.3	330.3	379.8	392.5	465.7	2,596.7
All species	622.6	997.7	366.5	604.7	713.9	760.9	836.1	4,892.4

^aInternational ¼-inch rule.

Table 47.—Net volume of sawtimber on commercial forest land in Southern geographic unit, by species and counties, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of board feet]^a

Species	Counties						Southern Unit
	Addison	Bennington	Chittenden	Rutland	Windham	Windsor	
White and red pine	62.9	98.1	65.9	123.8	145.5	170.0	666.2
Balsam fir	2.6	3.4	2.0	4.0	3.3	4.6	19.9
Spruce	41.5	57.1	23.9	64.7	62.5	77.4	327.1
Hemlock	57.9	89.8	43.0	105.9	116.9	135.5	549.0
Other softwoods	1.8	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.7	8.4	17.6
Total softwoods	166.7	251.2	137.6	301.5	331.9	390.9	1,579.8
Select red oaks	31.2	51.5	22.4	60.3	66.2	72.1	303.7
Yellow birch	49.3	63.1	20.9	70.9	59.6	75.2	339.0
Paper birch	26.1	38.4	18.2	44.7	46.0	51.1	224.5
Sugar maple	150.7	208.6	84.8	233.1	222.9	256.9	1,156.5
Red maple	49.0	76.6	35.7	86.7	93.3	100.9	442.2
Beech	37.0	49.5	19.3	52.6	51.8	60.0	270.2
Ash	25.4	34.5	13.4	38.7	36.0	41.5	189.5
Aspen	10.4	15.5	8.8	18.5	19.0	19.3	91.5
Black cherry	5.5	8.0	4.2	9.2	9.3	10.4	46.6
Other hardwoods	20.7	29.1	16.5	35.0	39.0	44.5	184.8
Total hardwoods	405.3	574.8	243.7	649.7	643.1	731.9	3,248.5
All species	572.0	826.0	381.3	951.2	975.0	1,122.8	4,828.3

^aInternational 1/4-inch rule.

Table 48.—Net volume of growing stock on commercial forest land in Northern geographic unit, by species and diameter classes, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of cubic feet]

Species	All classes	(Diameter class (inches at breast height))									
		5.0-	7.0-	9.0-	11.0-	13.0-	15.0-	17.0-	19.0-	21.0-	
		6.9	8.9	10.9	12.9	14.9	16.9	18.9	20.9	28.9	29.0+
White and red pine	154.5	27.3	31.5	17.1	16.7	15.9	10.6	11.2	6.1	16.1	2.0
Balsam fir	308.5	96.2	91.4	66.6	31.9	14.9	5.8	1.7	—	—	—
Spruce	383.4	83.8	96.0	84.0	54.0	31.8	19.7	6.6	4.1	3.4	—
Hemlock	176.5	23.6	27.3	37.9	31.4	27.2	10.6	7.7	7.9	2.9	—
Other softwoods	75.9	28.0	18.9	14.9	8.7	2.6	1.5	1.3	—	—	—
Total softwoods	1,098.8	258.9	265.1	220.5	142.7	92.4	48.2	28.5	18.1	22.4	2.0
Select red oaks	3.1	.1	—	.6	.1	.7	—	—	—	1.6	—
Yellow birch	164.3	20.7	23.1	28.9	20.6	24.5	18.8	11.2	7.1	6.9	2.5
Paper birch	115.1	26.3	36.7	25.9	12.8	7.5	4.3	1.6	—	—	—
Sugar maple	520.6	64.6	92.6	93.0	86.1	60.3	35.1	34.4	14.2	34.2	6.0
Red maple	196.2	32.3	41.9	48.0	34.4	18.4	10.7	5.4	3.3	1.4	.4
Beech	112.0	6.7	20.2	16.7	16.3	22.5	10.8	11.2	4.5	3.1	—
Ash	63.2	9.4	12.4	13.7	13.0	7.4	2.6	2.2	.7	1.3	.5
Aspen	58.0	14.6	17.0	11.4	4.9	6.9	2.6	.8	—	—	—
Black cherry	13.8	1.6	1.9	3.7	2.0	1.9	2.2	.4	.1	—	—
Other hardwoods	43.0	4.5	6.2	6.1	10.2	5.1	2.6	3.6	1.6	2.1	1.0
Total hardwoods	1,289.2	180.8	252.0	248.0	200.4	155.2	89.7	70.6	31.5	50.6	10.4
All species	2,388.0	439.7	517.1	468.5	343.1	247.6	137.9	99.1	49.6	73.0	12.4

Table 49.—Net volume of growing stock on commercial forest land in Southern geographic unit, by species and diameter classes, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of cubic feet]

Species	All classes	Diameter class (inches at breast height)									
		5.0-6.9	7.0-8.9	9.0-10.9	11.0-12.9	13.0-14.9	15.0-16.9	17.0-18.9	19.0-20.9	21.0-28.9	29.0+
White and red pine	232.6	31.1	35.7	42.7	30.4	29.9	27.2	17.5	5.6	11.0	1.5
Balsam fir	29.2	12.2	10.9	4.7	1.3	.1	—	—	—	—	—
Spruce	148.9	33.9	31.4	27.1	24.8	20.3	7.6	1.0	1.6	1.2	—
Hemlock	202.1	26.2	37.5	34.4	40.4	26.8	16.0	8.7	7.2	4.9	—
Other softwoods	6.4	1.2	.6	1.8	2.1	.7	—	—	—	—	—
Total softwoods	619.2	104.6	116.1	110.7	99.0	77.8	50.8	27.2	14.4	17.1	1.5
Select red oaks	110.0	7.8	14.6	14.3	18.0	21.1	12.3	12.1	5.6	2.8	1.4
Yellow birch	167.4	27.5	27.6	28.6	28.4	17.3	17.3	8.0	5.7	6.5	.5
Paper birch	167.0	39.4	36.8	34.6	25.6	14.6	7.2	3.8	1.5	3.5	—
Sugar maple	562.7	72.8	97.0	108.4	91.1	66.8	49.6	28.1	19.6	25.1	4.2
Red maple	254.1	42.5	54.2	46.4	43.2	30.2	16.7	7.5	4.6	8.0	.8
Beech	124.3	17.6	23.9	15.6	16.5	22.5	13.5	5.8	4.9	4.0	—
Ash	118.1	23.8	24.9	21.6	22.4	12.5	7.7	2.8	.2	2.1	.1
Aspen	77.2	14.2	20.1	20.0	10.9	6.8	2.2	1.5	.8	.7	—
Black cherry	32.7	5.5	5.8	9.6	5.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.2	.5	—
Other hardwoods	109.5	20.5	19.6	23.5	20.3	10.8	5.4	2.4	1.1	5.2	.7
Total hardwoods	1,723.0	271.6	324.5	322.6	281.7	204.2	133.5	73.6	45.2	58.4	7.7
All species	2,342.2	376.2	440.6	433.3	380.7	282.0	184.3	100.8	59.6	75.5	9.2

Table 50.—Net volume of sawtimber on commercial forest land in Northern geographic unit, by species and diameter classes, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of board feet]^a

Species	All classes	Diameter class (inches at breast height)							
		9.0-10.9	11.0-12.9	13.0-14.9	15.0-16.9	17.0-18.9	19.0-20.9	21.0-28.9	29.0+
White and red pine	404.2	60.1	64.5	65.0	47.6	49.5	28.9	78.6	10.0
Balsam fir	465.4	237.9	128.4	64.6	26.3	8.2	—	—	—
Spruce	814.9	299.6	220.8	137.8	89.7	30.8	19.9	16.3	—
Hemlock	501.6	131.6	126.2	112.5	47.2	33.3	37.2	13.6	—
Other softwoods	109.6	52.6	33.8	11.0	6.3	5.6	—	.3	—
Total softwoods	2,295.7	781.8	573.7	390.9	217.1	127.4	86.0	108.8	10.0
Select red oaks	11.3	—	.5	2.9	—	—	.1	7.8	—
Yellow birch	397.5	—	79.0	100.7	84.4	51.4	34.1	35.0	12.9
Paper birch	108.7	—	49.7	32.6	18.8	7.3	—	.3	—
Sugar maple	1,168.9	—	332.7	249.8	154.0	158.1	68.7	174.1	31.5
Red maple	302.3	—	130.7	74.9	46.7	25.0	15.8	7.1	2.1
Beech	291.2	—	62.0	93.6	47.4	51.4	21.7	15.1	—
Ash	116.1	—	50.2	32.1	11.6	10.3	3.2	6.2	2.5
Aspen	62.2	—	18.6	29.3	11.5	2.8	—	—	—
Black cherry	27.6	—	7.7	8.0	9.7	2.0	.2	—	—
Other hardwoods	110.9	—	39.0	21.1	11.1	16.6	7.6	10.2	5.3
Total hardwoods	2,596.7	—	770.1	645.0	395.2	324.9	151.4	255.8	54.3
All species	4,892.4	781.8	1,343.8	1,035.9	612.3	452.3	237.4	364.6	64.3

^aInternational 1/4-inch rule.

Table 51.—Net volume of sawtimber on commercial forest land in Southern geographic unit, by species and diameter classes, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of board feet]^a

Species	All classes	Diameter class (inches at breast height)							
		9.0-10.9	11.0-12.9	13.0-14.9	15.0-16.9	17.0-18.9	19.0-20.9	21.0-23.9	24.0+
White and red pine	666.2	142.7	120.4	125.2	119.0	77.6	24.2	50.2	6.9
Balsam fir	19.9	15.2	4.5	.1	.1	—	—	—	—
Spruce	327.1	89.4	99.5	85.5	34.3	5.7	7.5	5.2	—
Hemlock	549.0	114.5	159.3	111.8	69.8	39.0	33.0	21.6	—
Other softwoods	17.6	6.0	8.3	3.2	.1	—	—	—	—
Total softwoods	1,579.8	367.8	392.0	325.8	223.3	122.3	64.7	77.0	6.9
Select red oaks	303.7	—	65.5	86.0	53.0	54.9	24.8	13.2	6.3
Yellow birch	339.0	—	101.8	69.5	74.9	36.2	24.6	29.8	2.2
Paper birch	224.5	—	92.5	59.3	31.9	17.4	6.7	16.7	—
Sugar maple	1,156.5	—	327.3	268.8	212.3	126.2	85.9	115.8	20.2
Red maple	442.2	—	166.9	119.6	70.5	32.4	20.4	38.5	3.9
Beech	270.2	—	69.3	89.1	57.5	24.8	21.4	18.1	—
Ash	189.5	—	81.0	51.0	32.9	12.9	.8	10.4	.5
Aspen	91.5	—	39.9	28.1	9.5	6.5	4.0	3.5	—
Black cherry	46.6	—	19.2	6.0	7.2	6.6	5.3	2.3	—
Other hardwoods	184.8	—	74.1	43.9	23.4	11.0	4.7	24.5	3.2
Total hardwoods	3,248.5	—	1,017.5	821.3	573.1	328.9	198.6	272.8	36.3
All species	4,828.3	367.8	1,409.5	1,147.1	796.4	451.2	263.3	349.8	43.2

^aInternational ¼-inch rule.

Table 52.—Net volume of sawtimber on commercial forest land in Northern geographic unit, by species and standard-lumber log grades, Vermont, 1973

[In millions of board feet]^a

Species	All classes	Standard-lumber log grades			
		Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4 ^b
Softwoods:					
White pine	382.2	7.6	53.3	204.2	117.1
Red pine	22.0	2.7	4.4	11.7	3.2
Other softwoods ^c	1,891.5	—	—	—	—
Total softwoods	2,295.7	10.3	57.7	215.9	120.3
Hardwoods:					
Select red oaks	11.3	1.3	3.1	4.3	2.6
Yellow birch	397.5	47.1	105.6	208.4	36.4
Paper birch	108.7	8.9	32.4	53.9	13.5
Sugar maple	1,168.9	168.0	269.5	526.1	205.3
Red maple	302.3	5.2	58.7	166.7	71.7
Beech	291.2	5.8	50.8	164.6	70.0
Ash	116.1	10.9	33.6	51.0	20.6
Aspen	62.2	—	4.7	41.9	15.6
Black cherry	27.6	1.6	6.7	10.8	8.5
Other hardwoods	110.9	11.5	18.3	67.6	13.5
Total hardwoods	2,596.7	260.3	583.4	1,295.3	457.7
(In percent)					
Hardwood quality	100	10	22	50	18

^aInternational ¼-inch rule.

^bGrade 4 applies only to the pines. For hardwoods the volumes in this column are for construction logs.

^cSoftwood species other than pine are not graded.

**Table 53.—Net volume of sawtimber on commercial forest land
in Southern geographic unit, by species and standard-lumber
log grades, Vermont, 1973**

[In millions of board feet]^a

Species	All classes	Standard-lumber logs			
		Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4 b
Softwoods:					
White pine	613.2	4.2	38.9	298.8	271.3
Red pine	53.0	.3	.3	39.3	13.1
Other softwoods ^c	913.6	—	—	—	—
Total softwoods	1,579.8	4.5	39.2	338.1	284.4
Hardwoods:					
Select red oaks	303.7	53.0	68.0	136.6	46.1
Yellow birch	339.0	24.8	84.6	193.6	36.0
Paper birch	224.5	17.5	31.9	107.4	67.7
Sugar maple	1,156.5	112.4	264.4	574.0	205.7
Red maple	442.2	15.0	80.1	229.7	117.4
Beech	270.2	5.4	30.2	169.7	64.9
Ash	189.5	24.1	65.6	60.3	39.6
Aspen	91.5	2.7	11.4	51.5	25.9
Black cherry	46.6	2.0	9.7	23.9	11.0
Other hardwoods	184.8	10.5	30.6	102.0	41.7
Total hardwoods	3,248.5	267.4	676.4	1,648.7	656.0
<i>(In percent)</i>					
Hardwood quality	100	8	21	51	20

^aInternational 1/4-inch rule.

^bGrade 4 applies only to the pines. For hardwoods the volumes in this column are for construction logs.

^cSoftwood species other than pine are not graded.

METRIC EQUIVALENTS OF UNITS USED IN THIS REPORT

1 acre = 4,046.86 square meters or 0.405 hectare.
1,000 acres = 405 hectares.
1,000,000 acres = 405,000 hectares.
1,000 board feet (International 1/4-inch log rule) = 3.48 cubic meters.
1,000,000 board feet (International 1/4-inch log rule) = 3,480 cubic meters.
Breast height = 1.4 meters above ground level.
1 cubic foot = 28,317 cubic centimeters or 0.028317 cubic meter.
1,000 cubic feet = 28,317 cubic meters.
1,000,000 cubic feet = 28,317 cubic meters.
1 cord (wood, bark, and airspace) = 3.6246 cubic meters.
1 cord (solid wood, pulpwood) = 2.4069 cubic meters.
1 cord (solid wood, other than pulpwood) = 2.2654 cubic meters.
1,000 cords (pulpwood) = 2,406.9 cubic meters.
1,000 cords (other products) = 2,265.4 cubic meters.
1 foot = 30.48 centimeters or 0.3048 meter.
1 inch = 25.4 millimeters or 2.54 centimeters or 0.0254 meter.
1 mile = 1.609 kilometers.
1 square foot = 929.03 square centimeters or 0.0929 square meter.

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