

1965 WASHINGTON TIMBER HARVEST

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Washington's timber harvest increased for the fourth consecutive year in 1965 to 6.5 billion board feet. This 4-percent increase was not as great as the 15 percent experienced in 1964. The total timber harvest reached the highest level since 1929, with most of the increased production occurring in western Washington.

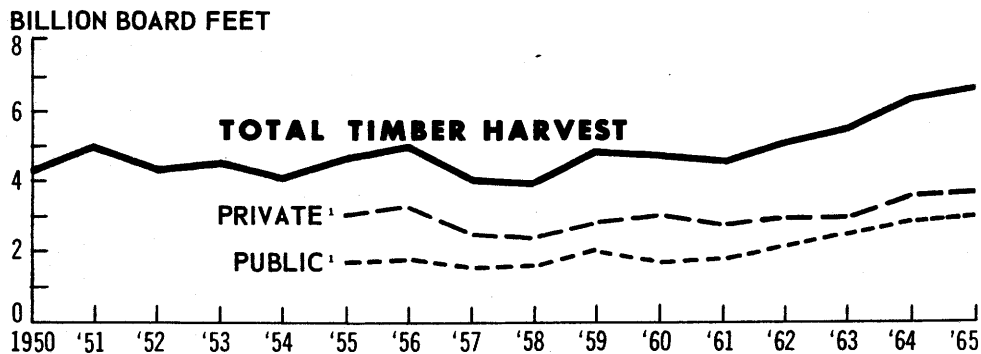
The timber harvest from public lands increased 193 million board feet or 7 percent during 1965. The State contributed most of the public increase with an increment of 149 million board feet.

In 1965, the private timber harvest increased only 87 million board feet (2 percent) compared with the 569 million board foot increase in 1964. Production from the private lands dropped from 56 percent of the total timber harvest in 1964 to 55 percent in 1965.

The salvage of dead timber declined from 1.2 billion board feet in 1964 to 979 million board feet in 1965. Most of this volume can be attributed to the Columbus Day Storm (1962). The effect of this blow-down over and above the usual dead harvest is shown in the following:

Year	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Percent dead	5	3	3	20	19	15

Logging in the concentrated blowdown was generally completed in 1965. However, salvage logging of the scattered blowdown continued in 1966 and is planned for 1967 in parts of southwestern Washington.



¹Separate data for public and private not available prior to 1955.

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Table 1.--Timber harvest by ownership in State of Washington, 1963/
(In thousands of board feet, Scribner log rule)

State and county	Private		State		Bur. Land Management		National Forests		Indian lands		Other public ³		Other Federal ⁴ agencies		Total production	
	Live	Dead ² / --	Live	Dead ² / --	Live	Dead ² / --	Live	Dead ² / --	Live	Dead ² / --	Live	Dead ² / --	Live	Dead ² / --	Live	Dead ² / --
Western Washington:																
Clallam	153,402	729	85,367	55	--	--	56,500	13,300	8,343	67	2,900	--	4,317	--	310,829	14,151
Clark	26,099	900	8,238	2,032	--	--	--	--	--	--	52	--	--	--	34,389	2,932
Cowlitz	202,564	293,828	87,671	88,629	--	--	30,000	15,800	--	--	22	3	--	--	320,257	398,260
Grays Harbor	258,894	48,273	5,535	183	--	--	117,900	22,600	166,192	3,861	6,638	1,647	150	--	555,309	76,564
Island	9,873	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90	--	9,963	--
Jefferson	121,577	653	146,407	335	--	--	44,000	5,300	5,940	--	--	--	916	--	318,840	6,288
King	246,081	571	12,608	42	--	--	41,600	10,000	--	--	22,091	1,081	3,890	--	326,270	11,694
Kitsap	16,446	--	2,082	--	--	--	--	--	60	--	894	--	350	--	19,832	--
Lewis	419,297	201,937	32,740	3,807	--	--	154,100	13,300	--	--	601	--	10	--	606,748	825,800
Mason	63,342	171	7,115	--	--	--	90,000	20,200	--	--	1,084	--	950	--	162,491	20,371
Pacific	365,606	115,385	13,873	1,464	--	--	--	--	--	--	90	--	4,651	--	384,220	116,849
Pierce	174,530	27,737	22,423	1,013	--	--	38,200	4,500	--	--	681	--	2,305	1,200	238,139	34,450
San Juan	4,505	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	175	--	--	4,505	175
Shagit	97,635	3,113	13,104	1,310	64	--	87,100	2,400	1,513	--	67	--	--	--	199,483	6,823
Shamania	64,916	840	4,468	270	--	--	287,200	23,300	31	--	--	--	--	--	356,584	24,541
Shoemith	192,426	4,972	14,037	14,184	--	--	111,800	5,200	--	--	1,320	--	60	--	319,643	24,356
Thurston	67,746	970	3,383	39	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	265	--	73,394	999
Wahkiakum	89,686	235	13,310	179	--	--	--	--	--	--	110	--	45	--	105,351	434
Whatcom	55,491	3,544	23,060	2,760	--	--	85,100	7,600	--	--	441	--	--	--	164,092	13,904
Total	2,630,116	703,978	499,621	116,292	64	8	1,143,500	143,500	182,048	3,959	36,991	2,906	17,999	1,200	4,510,339	971,843
Total live and dead																5,482,182
Eastern Washington:																
Adams	--	--	--	--	--	72	1,287,000	--	--	186,007	39,897	--	--	--	--	--
Asotin	356	--	--	--	--	--	5,100	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	5,456	100
Benton	--	--	--	--	--	--	75,800	1,700	--	--	9	--	--	--	94,377	1,700
Chelan	18,568	--	--	--	--	--	1,500	300	--	--	--	--	--	--	9,675	320
Columbia	7,855	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Douglas	--	--	--	--	--	--	53,729	--	96,632	--	--	--	2,204	--	165,478	--
Ferry	11,200	--	1,713	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Franklin	--	--	--	--	--	--	10,800	200	--	--	--	--	--	--	10,938	200
Garfield	138	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grant	--	--	--	--	--	--	77,900	3,100	--	--	696	--	1,204	--	142,826	3,100
Kittitas	49,207	--	13,819	--	--	--	1,900	300	21,760	--	--	--	130	--	78,779	480
Klickitat	46,473	--	8,516	180	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	79,259	--
Lincoln	206	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	206	--
Okanogan	2,019	--	18,986	18	116	--	99,100	300	28,986	--	60	--	--	--	149,267	318
Pend Oreille	19,826	--	2,087	--	--	--	35,507	178	1,260	--	--	--	--	--	58,783	178
Spokane	11,847	--	845	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12,692	--
Stevens	43,241	--	11,740	--	424	--	21,676	--	10,662	--	--	1,707	--	--	89,450	--
Walla Walla	4,375	--	2,507	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6,882	--
Whitman	--	--	--	--	--	--	43,600	300	114,412	21	--	--	--	--	208,298	410
Yakima	41,498	--	8,788	89	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	256,809	20	69,001	287	643	--	426,612	6,478	273,712	21	765	--	5,245	--	1,032,787	6,806
Total live and dead																1,039,593
Total Washington	2,886,925	703,998	568,622	116,579	707	8	1,570,112	149,978	455,760	3,980	37,756	2,906	23,244	1,200	5,543,126	978,649
Total Washington live and dead																6,521,775

1/ Includes volume in logs, poles, piling, cordwood, shingle bolts, etc., as compiled by Washington State Department of Natural Resources.
2/ Includes snags and down material existing prior to initial logging. Salvage of this material does not constitute drain on the volume of the forest inventory of live trees
3/ Includes timber harvested from lands administered by cities, counties, public utility districts, and State agencies other than the Department of Natural Resources.
4/ Includes lands logged under jurisdiction of Bonneville Power Administration, National Parks, U.S. Army--Fort Lewis, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and U.S. Navy.