

Forestry Facts & Figures 2010



A summary of statistics about woodland and forestry

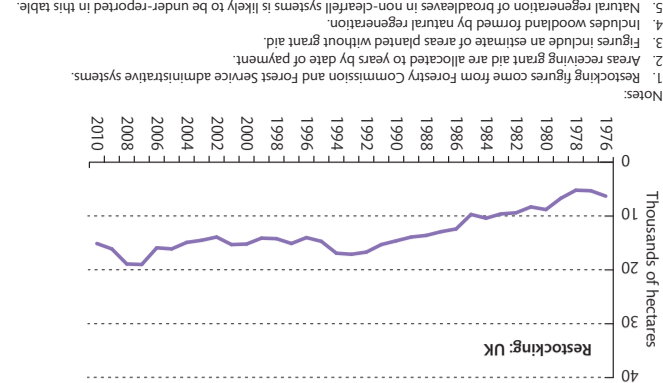
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Throughout this publication, the following symbols have been used:

- = conifers
- = broadleaves

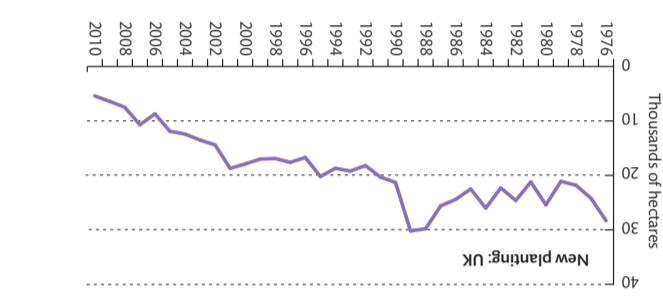
Figures in the tables are individually rounded, so the constituent items may not sum to the total given.



Year	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	UK
2010	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.5	15.1
2009	1.7	1.7	1.4	0.8	16.1
2008	2.0	1.5	1.8	0.5	18.9
2007	1.8	0.9	1.8	0.7	19.0
2006	2.1	1.1	1.2	0.8	15.9
2005	4.24	5.00	1.502	3.17	8.143
2004	4.924	5.00	1.502	3.17	8.143
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Table 4 Restocking
thousands of hectares

Notes:
1. Restocking figures come from Forestry Commission and Forest Service administrative systems.
2. Areas receiving grant aid are allocated to years by date of payment.
3. Figures include an estimate of areas planted without grant aid.
4. Includes woodland formed by natural colonisation.



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2010	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.1	5.4
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2008	0.1	2.5	0.0	0.2	7.5
2007	0.1	3.1	0.0	0.4	10.7
2006	0.1	3.6	0.0	0.5	8.7
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England	199	144	343
Wales	90	15	105
Scotland	413	30	443
Northern Ireland	6	6	61
UK	703	105	809

Table 2 Area of certified woodland, 2010
thousands of hectares

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thousands of green tonnes

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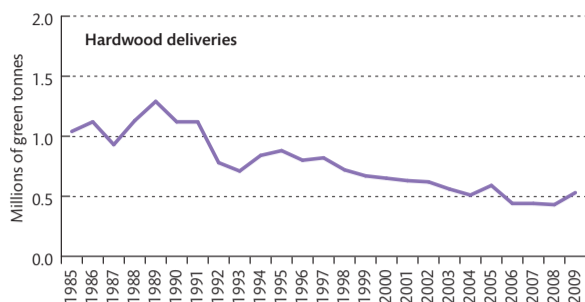
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Table 6b Hardwood deliveries

thousands of green tonnes						
Year	Saw-mills	Pulp-mills	Wood-based panels	Wood-fuel	Other	Total
2005	72	214	2	250	55	593
2006	64	54	1	250	70	438
2007	66	0	5	300	69	440
2008	66	0	2	300	63	431
2009	73	0	1	400	59	533



- Notes:
- Figures are based on processing industries' purchases of hardwood grown in the UK and estimates for woodfuel and other uses.
 - Woodfuel reported here is derived from stemwood, and from 2007 includes estimated roundwood use for biomass energy.
 - Other includes round fencing and roundwood exports.

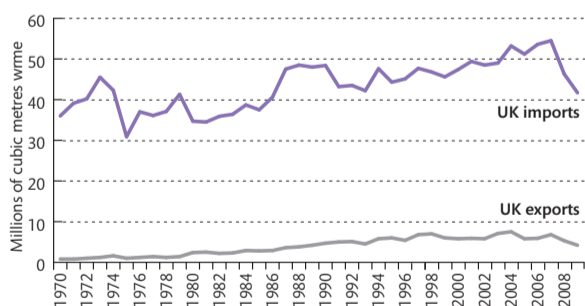
Table 7 Production of wood products

Year	Sawnwood	Wood-based panels	Paper & paperboard
	(000 m ³)	(000 m ³)	(000 tonnes)
2005	2 780	3 398	6 039
2006	2 904	3 498	5 588
2007	3 143	3 549	5 228
2008	2 815	3 140	4 983
2009	2 871	3 030	4 293

- Notes:
- Total production from UK mills, including products using imported material.
 - Excludes other wood products (e.g. fuelwood and round fencing), roundwood and intermediate products (e.g. sawmill products, pulp and recovered paper).

Table 8 Import and export volumes

Year	Imports				Exports		
	Sawn-wood	Other wood	Wood-based panels	Pulp & paper	Wood (sawn & other)	Wood-based panels	Pulp & paper
	(000 m ³)				(000 t)		
2005	8341	1325	3939	9434	1544	520	4518
2006	7963	1133	3959	9332	1630	510	5022
2007	8469	1621	3858	9405	1698	599	5743
2008	5886	1921	3389	8821	1510	520	5932
2009	5240	946	2500	8052	877	451	5361



- Notes:
- Source: UK overseas trade statistics (HM Revenue & Customs), industry associations and conversion factors.
 - Other wood includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles and residues.
 - Pulp & paper includes paperboard and recovered waste paper.

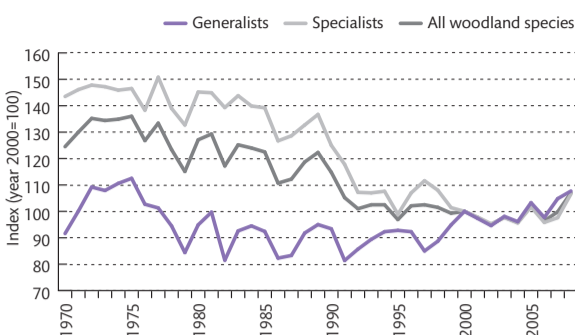
Table 9 Import and export values

Year	Imports				Exports		
	Sawn-wood	Other wood	Wood-based panels	Pulp & paper	Wood (sawn & other)	Wood-based panels	Pulp & paper
2005	1120	114	918	3954	87	102	1286
2006	1144	112	926	4156	98	128	1284
2007	1516	128	914	4275	110	107	1427
2008	1085	158	873	4273	98	104	1590
2009	953	101	677	4071	63	104	1362

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Table 10 Woodland bird populations

Year	index (year 2000=100)		
	All woodland species	Woodland generalists	Woodland specialists
2004	96	96	96
2005	102	103	102
2006	96	98	96
2007	100	105	98
2008	107	108	107



- Notes:
- Based on data in Wild Bird Populations Statistics release (Defra, November 2009).

Table 11 Visiting woodland

Year	per cent of population			
	Aged 16-34	Aged 35-54	Aged 55 and over	Total
2001	75	77	63	72
2003	71	72	60	67
2005	66	74	56	65
2007	79	82	69	77
2009	78	84	69	77

- Notes:
- Source: UK and GB Public Opinion of Forestry Surveys (not National Statistics).
 - Per cent of population aged 16 and over visiting woodland in last few years.

Frequency of visitors in summer and winter

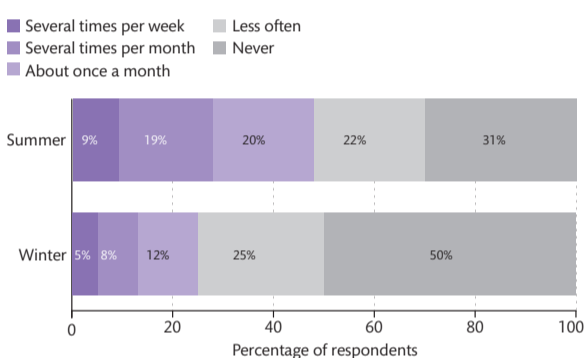


Table 12 Employment in forestry and primary wood processing

Year	thousands				
	Forestry	Saw-milling	Panels	Pulp & paper	Total forestry & primary wood processing
2004	13	11	6	17	47
2005	12	10	6	14	42
2006	11	13	5	14	43
2007	13	12	5	12	42
2008	12	11	5	13	41

- Notes:
- Source: Annual Business Inquiry - average employment in year (Office for National Statistics, June 2009 and June 2010).
 - UK Standard Industrial Classification (SIC 2003) categories, used for 2004-2007 data, are: 02 (forestry, logging & related services); 20.1 (sawmilling and planing of wood, impregnation of wood); 20.2 (manufacture of veneer sheets, manufacture of plywood, laminboard, particleboard and other panels and boards); 21.1 (manufacture of pulp, paper and paperboard).
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 - Excludes secondary wood processing and other wood-using industries.

Table 13 Gross value added in forestry and primary wood processing

Year	£ million				
	Forestry	Saw-milling	Panels	Pulp & paper	Total forestry & primary wood processing
2004	321	356	275	788	1740
2005	323	424	255	762	1764
2006	286	441	298	612	1637
2007	384	498	344	825	2051
2008	466	450	257	734	1907

- Notes:
- Source: Annual Business Inquiry (Office for National Statistics, June 2009 and June 2010).
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Table 14 Forest cover: international comparisons, 2010

Country	Forest area (million ha)	Total land area (million ha)	Forest as % of land area
United Kingdom	3	24	12
Finland	22	30	73
France	16	55	29
Germany	11	35	32
Italy	9	29	31
Spain	18	50	36
Sweden	28	41	69
Other EU	49	154	32
Total EU-27	157	419	37
Russian Federation	809	1638	49
Total Europe	1005	2215	45
Africa	674	2974	23
Asia	593	3091	19
North & Central America	705	2135	33
Oceania	191	849	23
South America	864	1746	49
World	4033	13011	31

- Notes:
- Source: FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010 (not National Statistics).
 - Cyprus is included in EU-27 total but is part of FAO's Asia region.

Table 15 Forest area changes: international comparisons

Region	annual change			
	1990-2000		2000-2010	
	(thousand ha)	(%)	(thousand ha)	(%)
UK	18	0.68	9	0.31
EU-27	732	0.51	517	0.34
Total Europe	877	0.09	676	0.07
Africa	-4067	-0.56	-3414	-0.49
Asia	-595	-0.10	2235	0.39
North & Central America	-289	-0.04	-10	0.00
Oceania	-36	-0.02	-700	-0.36
South America	-4213	-0.45	-3997	-0.45
World	-8323	-0.20	-5211	-0.13

- Notes:
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Table 16 Wood removals: international comparisons, 2008

Region	million m ³		
	Industrial roundwood	Woodfuel	Total roundwood
UK	8	1	8
EU-27	333	88	421
Total Europe	505	152	657
Africa	70	638	708
Asia	243	754	997
North & Central America	500	132	632
Oceania	52	16	68
South America	186	201	387
World	1557	1892	3449

Largest net importers and exporters of forest products, 2008

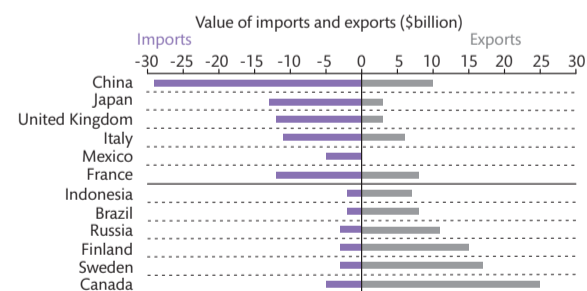


Table 17 Wood products: international comparisons, 2008

Region	Sawnwood		Woodbased panels		Paper & paperboard	
	Production	Apparent consumption	Production	Apparent consumption	Production	Apparent consumption
	(million m ³)		(million m ³)		(million tonnes)	
UK	3	8	3	5	5	11
EU-27	105	98	64	61	99	90
Total Europe	138	113	79	76	113	103
Africa	9	12	3	3	4	7
Asia	89	109	117	111	147	154
North & Central America	120	120	49	53	101	100
Oceania	10	8	4	3	3	4
South America	39	34	15	10	11	12
World	404	395	267	257	380	380

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