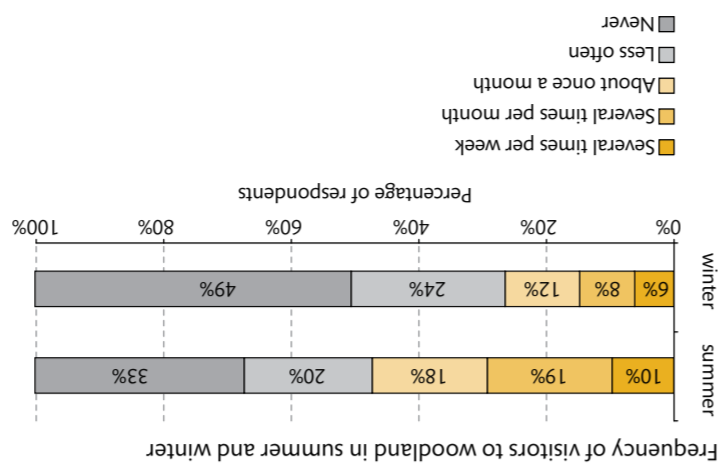


## A summary of statistics about woodland and forestry in the UK

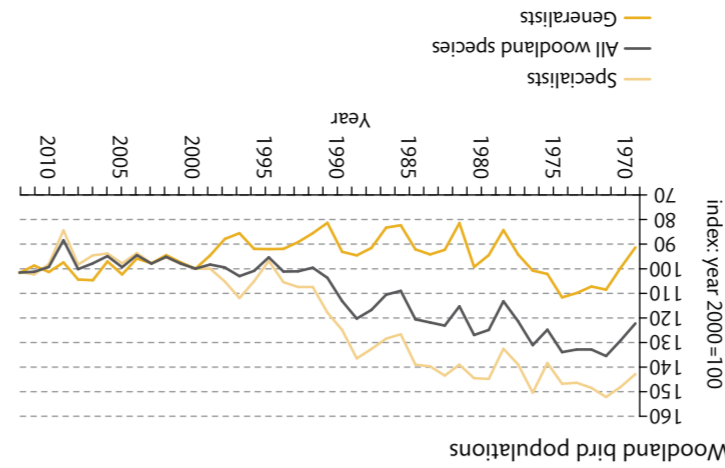
# Forestry Facts & Figures 2014



Source: UK and GB Public Opinion of Forestry surveys. These figures are not National Statistics. Cyprus is included in EU-27 total but is part of FAO's Asia region.

Year	Aged 16-34	Aged 35-54	Aged 55 and over	Total
2013	62	75	60	66
2011	65	74	63	67
2009	78	84	69	77
2007	79	82	69	77
2005	66	74	56	65

Visiting woodland (per cent of population)



Based on data in Wild Bird Populations in the UK statistical release (Defra, October 2013)

Year	All woodland species	Woodland generalists	Woodland specialists
2012	101.6	101.8	101.3
2011	101.3	98.7	102.4
2010	99.3	101.4	98.1
2009	88.2	97.4	84.1
2008	100.2	104.5	98.3

Woodland bird populations (index: year 2000=100)

Forestry Facts & Figures is an annual summary of Forestry Statistics compiled by the Forestry Commission. The full 2014 publication, including full details of the sources used and downloadable spreadsheets of data, can be found online at: [www.forestry.gov.uk/statistics](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/statistics)

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Notes on Forestry Facts & Figures:

- FC/NRW/FS = Forestry Commission/Natural Resources Wales/other publicly-owned woodland
- Conifers = Broadleaves
- Figures in the tables are individually rounded, so the constituent items may not sum to the total given.
- One green tone is equivalent to approximately 0.98 m<sup>3</sup> underbark softwood or 0.88 m<sup>3</sup> underbark hardwood, and to approximately 1.22 m<sup>3</sup> overbark standing softwood or 1.11 m<sup>3</sup> overbark standing hardwood.
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## Wood products: international comparisons 2012

Region	Sawnwood (million m <sup>3</sup> )		Woodbased panels (million m <sup>3</sup> )		Paper & paperboard (million tonnes)	
	Production	Apparent consumption	Production	Apparent consumption	Production	Apparent consumption
UK	3	8	3	5	4	9
EU-27	97	83	57	53	93	80
Total Europe	139	103	75	71	105	92
Africa	9	16	3	4	4	7
Asia	105	145	160	157	181	190
North & Central America	109	98	44	50	90	86
Oceania	9	7	4	3	4	4
South America	29	25	17	14	15	17
World	400	394	301	299	399	397

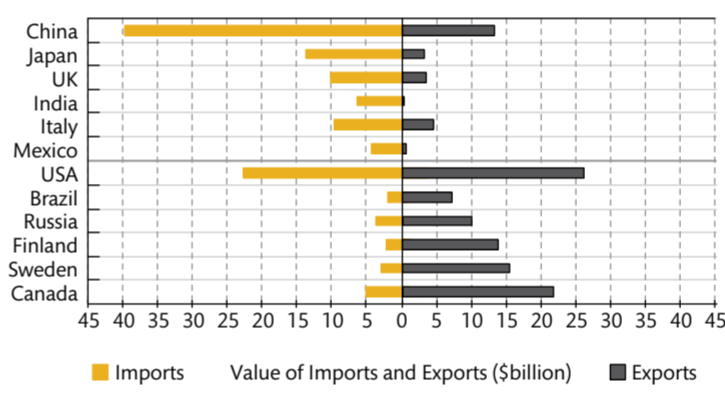
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## Wood removals: international comparisons 2012

Region	Industrial roundwood (million m <sup>3</sup> )	Woodfuel (million m <sup>3</sup> )	Total roundwood (million m <sup>3</sup> )
UK	9	1	10
EU-27	325	92	417
Total Europe	541	139	680
Africa	68	626	695
Asia	355	750	1 105
North & Central America	450	130	580
Oceania	56	11	67
South America	219	203	421
World	1 689	1 859	3 548

Source: FAO. These figures are not National Statistics. Cyprus is included in EU-27 total but is part of FAO's Asia region.

## Largest net importers and exporters of forest products, 2012



## 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	1 638	49
Total Europe	1 005	2 215	45
Africa	674	2 974	23
Asia	593	3 091	19
North & Central America	705	2 135	33
Oceania	191	849	23
South America	864	1 746	49
World	4 033	13 011	31

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

## Forest area changes: international comparisons (annual change)

Region	1990-2000		2000-2010	
	(000 ha)	(%)	(000 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	-4 067	-0.56	-3 414	-0.49
Asia	-595	-0.10	2 235	0.39
North & Central America	-289	-0.04	-10	0.00
Oceania	-36	-0.02	-700	-0.36
South America	-4 213	-0.45	-3 997	-0.45
World	-8 323	-0.20	-5 211	-0.13

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## 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 <sup>3</sup> )				(000 t)		
2009	5 240	887	2 500	8 052	877	451	5 361
2010	5 699	1 886	2 701	8 462	1 313	509	5 349
2011	4 936	2 487	2 827	8 073	1 649	546	5 485
2012	5 179	3 166	2 650	7 300	1 998	597	5 626
2013	5 494	6 250	2 963	7 205	1 600	432	5 391

## Import and export values (£ million)

Year	Imports				Exports		
	Sawn-wood	Other wood	Wood-based panels	Pulp & paper	Wood (sawn & other)	Wood-based panels	Pulp & paper
2009	953	111	677	4 071	63	104	1 362
2010	1 199	179	781	4 607	89	113	1 610
2011	1 080	208	838	4 696	95	128	1 650
2012	1 084	260	791	4 266	89	130	1 589
2013	1 179	499	874	4 165	88	109	1 519

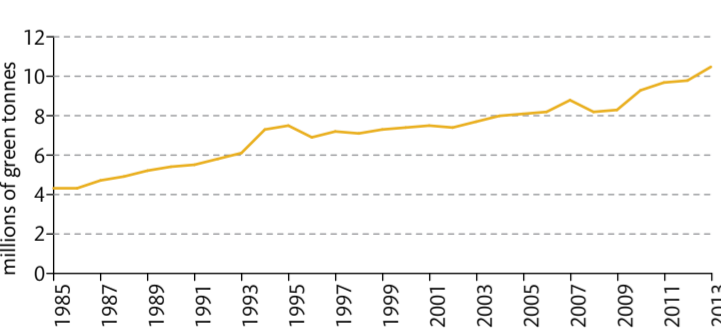
'Other wood' includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles, residues and wood pellets. 'Pulp & paper' includes paperboard and recovered waste paper.

## Softwood deliveries (thousands of green tonnes)

Year	Sawmills	Pulpmills	Woodbased panels	Fencing	Woodfuel	Other	Roundwood exports	Total
2009	5 133	511	1 135	367	650	160	347	8 304
2010	5 616	428	1 375	349	900	135	467	9 269
2011	5 859	453	1 417	363	900	145	585	9 722
2012	6 073	461	1 269	338	1 000	154	535	9 831
2013	6 407	465	1 263	332	1 250	191	640	10 548

Figures are based on processing industries' purchases of softwood grown in the UK and estimates for woodfuel. Woodfuel reported here is derived from stemwood and includes estimated roundwood use for biomass energy. Other includes shavings and poles.

## Softwood deliveries

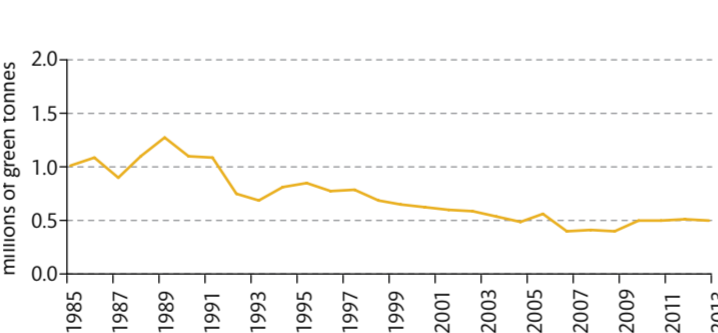


## Hardwood deliveries (thousands of green tonnes)

Year	Sawmills	Pulpmills	Woodbased panels	Woodfuel	Other	Total
2009	76	0	1	400	59	536
2010	75	0	1	400	59	535
2011	81	0	1	400	59	541
2012	75	0	2	400	55	532
2013	74	0	0	400	55	529

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 includes estimated roundwood use for biomass energy. Other includes round fencing and roundwood exports.

## Hardwood deliveries



## Area of woodland 2014 (thousands of hectares)

	FC/NRW/FS	Private sector	Total woodland
England	151	64	215
Wales	98	19	117
Scotland	438	39	477
Northern Ireland	56	6	62
UK	742	129	870

## Private sector

England	188	899	1 087
Wales	53	136	189
Scotland	614	328	942
Northern Ireland	11	39	50
UK	866	1 402	2 268

## All woodland

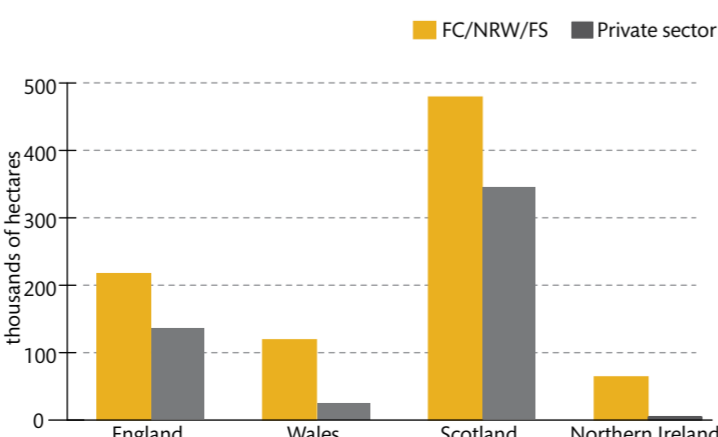
England	339	962	1 302
Wales	151	156	306
Scotland	1 051	368	1 419
Northern Ireland	66	45	111
UK	1 608	1 531	3 138

Areas as of 31 March, 2014.

## Area of certified woodland 2014 (thousands of hectares)

	FC/NRW/FS	Private sector	Total woodland area certified
England	215	135	349
Wales	117	24	141
Scotland	477	344	822
Northern Ireland	62	3	65
UK	870	506	1 377

All certified woodland in 2014 is under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) scheme. Some woodland is also certified under the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Scheme.



## New planting (thousands of hectares)

Year	England	Wales	Scotland	N Ireland	UK
2010	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.2	2.5
2011	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.3	2.8
2012	0.0	2.6	0.1	0.6	3.3
2013	0.0	2.6	0.1	0.8	3.5
2014	0.0	3.3	0.1	0.8	4.2

## Restocking (thousands of hectares)

Year	England	Wales	Scotland	N Ireland	UK
2010	1.5	1.3	1.3	0.8	4.9
2011	2.3	1.7	1.3	0.8	6.1
2012	2.0	1.6	1.4	0.6	5.6
2013	2.2	1.8	1.4	0.6	6.0
2014	2.6	1.9	1.4	0.8	6.7

## Wood production (thousands of green tonnes)

Year	Softwood			Hardwood		
	FC/NRW/FS	Private sector	Total	FC/NRW/FS	Private sector	Total
2009	5 126	3 266	8 392	87	449	536
2010	4 625	4 633	9 258	70	465	535
2011	4 870	5 186	10 056	75	465	541
2012	4 836	5 259	10 095	55	478	532
2013	5 084	5 856	10 940	79	451	529

## Production of wood products

Year	Sawnwood	Woodbased panels	Paper & paperboard
	(000 m <sup>3</sup> )		
2009	2 856	3 030	4 293
2010	3 101	3 370	4 300
2011	3 279	3 384	4 342
2012	3 409	3 003	4 480
2013	3 581	3 032	4 561

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).

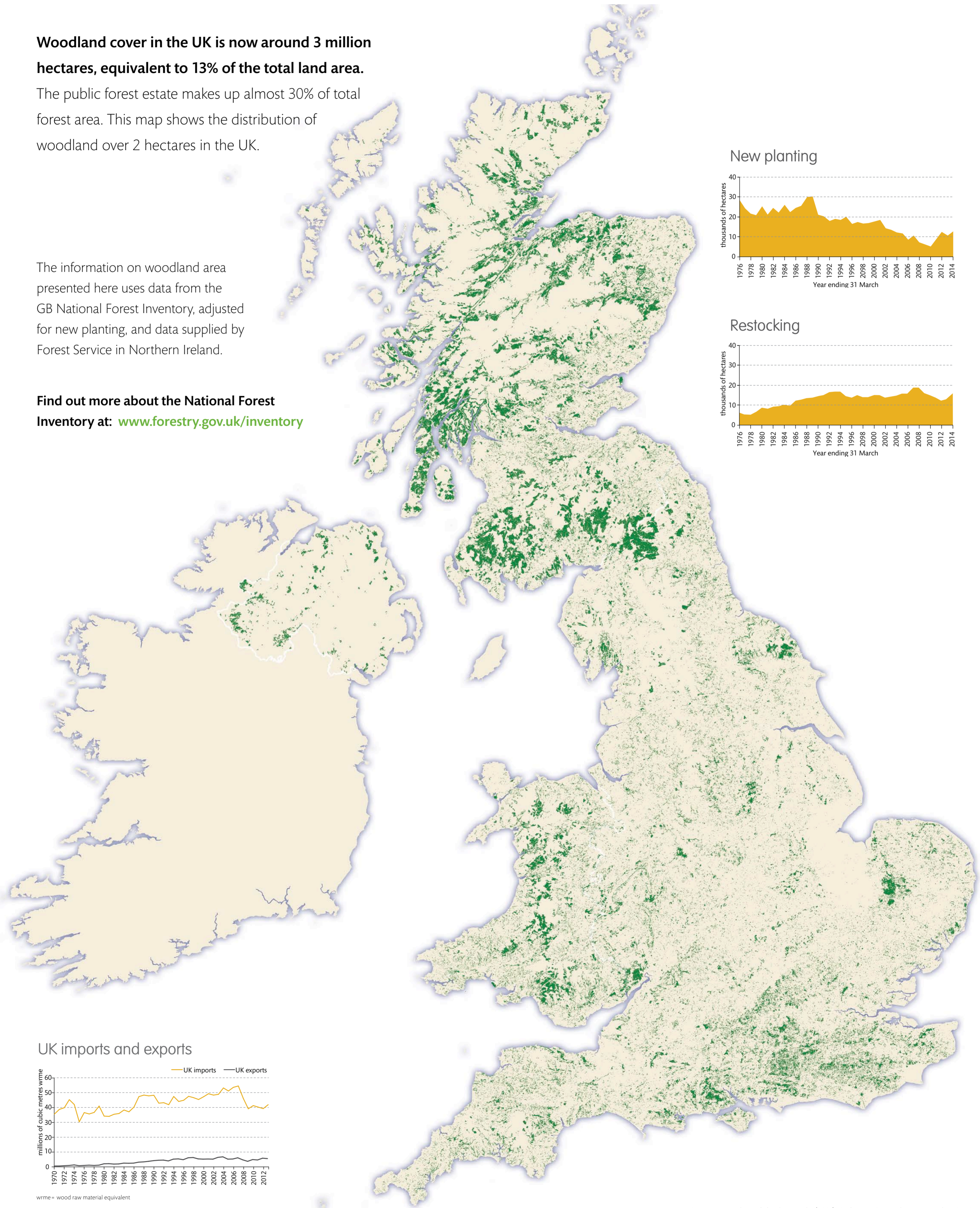
# Distribution of woodland in the UK

**Woodland cover in the UK is now around 3 million hectares, equivalent to 13% of the total land area.**

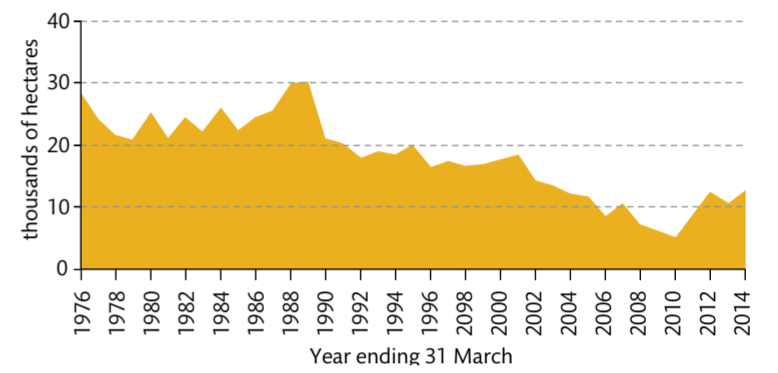
The public forest estate makes up almost 30% of total forest area. This map shows the distribution of woodland over 2 hectares in the UK.

The information on woodland area presented here uses data from the GB National Forest Inventory, adjusted for new planting, and data supplied by Forest Service in Northern Ireland.

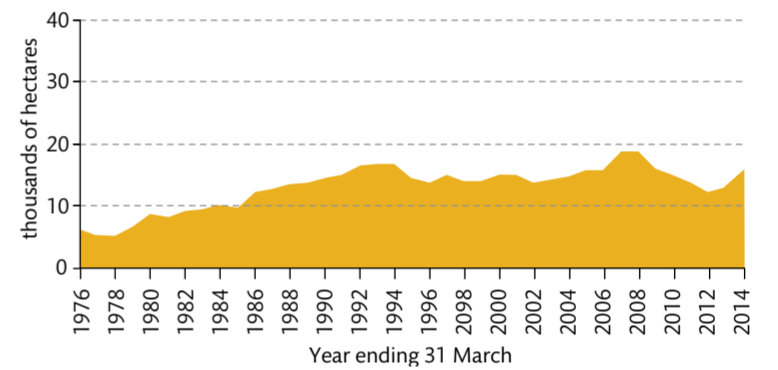
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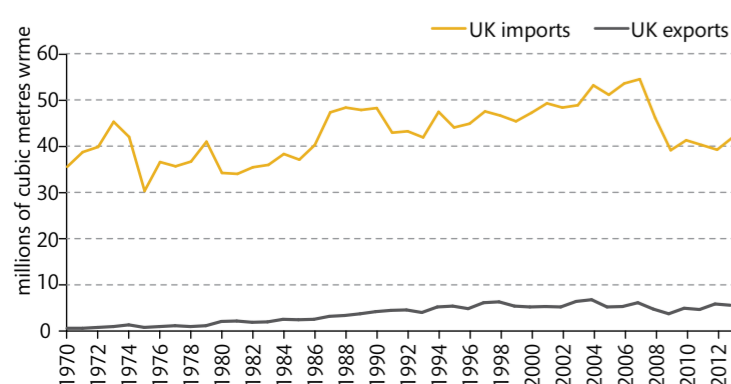
New planting



Restocking



UK imports and exports



wrme = wood raw material equivalent