

# Fencing Survey Questionnaire

## Introduction

The Survey of Round Fencing Manufacturers (or fencing survey) is an annual survey conducted by the Forestry Commission (in association with the Forest Service) of round fencing manufacturers (or mills) in the UK that are believed to consume UK-grown roundwood. Results from the survey are published in statistical releases produced by the Forestry Commission and are used by a range of others.

More information on the survey, including copies of the questionnaires sent to businesses in the past five years is available at [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-94uk7h](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-94uk7h).

This paper explains the purpose of each question included in the survey.

## Questionnaire

The need for and wording of each question used in the survey for the year ending December 2013 was last reviewed at the December 2013 meeting of the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics (information on the group can be found at [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-5rabj3](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-5rabj3)). No changes were made following this review

Information on why each question is included in the survey is provided below. Links to the releases listed are provided in the Annex to this paper.

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## 1. Consumption of roundwood

Data on the consumption of roundwood by fencing mills are used (alongside data from other processors and users of roundwood) by the Forestry Commission, the UK timber industry and others to monitor trends in the supply of, and demand for, UK grown timber.

Results from the survey are reported in the following Forestry Commission statistical releases:

- Forestry Statistics (tables 2.5 and 2.6, 2.24 to 2.26 and alongside consumption data for others in table 3.1);
- Forestry Facts & Figures (tables on deliveries); and
- UK Wood Production & Trade: provisional figures (tables 2 and 3, for early, provisional results).

The results are also:

- Provided to international organisations (Eurostat, FAO, UNECE) through the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and the UNECE Timber Committee Questionnaire (Other industrial roundwood removals), for use in international statistics on wood production and trade;

## 2. Production of round fencing and other products

Data on the production of round fencing and other products are used by the Forestry Commission, the UK timber industry and others to monitor trends in the supply of, and demand for, UK grown timber.

Figures on sales to bioenergy (including pellet manufacture), sales as firewood and internal use for heat/energy (including kiln use) are used to produce estimates of woodfuel supply.

Results from the survey are reported in the following Forestry Commission statistical release:

- Forestry Statistics (table 2.30).

The results are also used to derive estimates of woodfuel supply and use, provided to international organisations (UNECE) through the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry, for use in international statistics on wood energy.

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Other production figures (round fencing production and products sold to others, including to agriculture or merchants) are used as a check on consumption and production figures for round fencing mills.

## 3. Certification

Data on chain of custody certificates and certified timber are used by the Forestry Commission, UK timber industry and others to monitor trends in certification.

Results from the survey are reported in the following Forestry Commission statistical release:

- Forestry Statistics (tables 2.28 to 2.29).

## 4. Employment

Data on fencing mills' employment are used by the Forestry Commission, the UK timber industry and others to monitor trends in the UK timber industry.

Results from the survey are reported in the following Forestry Commission statistical release:

- Forestry Statistics (table 7.2).

## Your views

In order to improve the statistics that we produce and to ensure that they remain relevant, we are interested in hearing from users of our statistics and respondents to our surveys.

If you wish to provide comments or suggestions for the fencing survey questionnaire, please contact us at any time:

- by e-mail - [statistics@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:statistics@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)
- by telephone - 0300 067 5238

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## Annex: links to releases

Copies of the releases referred to in this paper are available at the following links:

Forestry Statistics – [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7aqdgc](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7aqdgc)

Forestry Facts & Figures - [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7aqf6j](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7aqf6j)

UK Wood Production & Trade: provisional figures -

[www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7aql5b](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7aql5b)

Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire - [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7aqhzh](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7aqhzh)

UNECE Timber Committee Questionnaire and UK Timber Market Statement –

[www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7aqjql](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7aqjql)

Joint Wood Energy Enquiry - [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-8ekjqc](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-8ekjqc)

Timber Utilisation Statistics - [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7fgkh4](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-7fgkh4)