

**Report to the State Executive Council
 Status of the State Timber Sales and Timber Management Programs
 for Fiscal Year 2007**

This report to the State Executive Council details the status of the state timber sales and timber management programs administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry at the close of Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006–June 30, 2007). It is required annually by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 90.172, subd. 2.

Timber Sales

Type of Sale	Number of Sales Issued	Volume Sold (cords)	Volume Harvested (cords)	Actual Receipts
Informal	128	20,900	23,900	\$377,100
Intermediate Auction	495	342,300	274,300	\$8,570,100
Regular Auction	274	413,500	344,000	\$13,555,900
Sale Totals	897	776,700	642,200	\$22,503,100
			Trespass	\$17,500
			Fuelwood	\$24,600
			Special Products	\$39,400
			Total Receipts	\$22,584,600
	Volume Offered (cords)	824,900		

Timber sales include the sale of firewood and special products such as boughs and decorative treetops, as well as sales of traditional sawlog and pulpwood products. Ninety-six percent of the volume of timber sold was sold at public auction to allow equitable access to the sale process by all segments of the state’s society. As of June 30, 2007, state timber sale holders had 2.1 million cords of wood under permit but not harvested. This represents an amount equivalent to well over two years of planned sale quantities from state forest lands. Auction prices paid for stumpage decreased because of market conditions and the economy. Volume actually cut (harvested) from valid permits on state lands decreased 6.5 percent from the 2006 amount.

Timber Management

Timber management is comprised of activities applied after timber harvest to regenerate harvested stands, as well as activities applied throughout the life of a stand to improve stand

composition, structure, and health, and to increase timber productivity. Timber management is important to ensure a healthy, diverse forest resource and a reliable supply of raw materials for the wood products industry. Timber management activities applied in Fiscal Year 2007 are summarized in the tables.

Activity	Acres
Artificial Regeneration— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting • Seeding Total	6,583 acres <u>5,472 acres</u> 12,055 acres
Natural Regeneration	18,184 acres
Total Artificial and Natural Regeneration	30,239 acres

Activity	Acres
Site Preparation	6,811 acres
Protection †	6,424 acres
Release	2,885 acres

† Includes budcapping, application of solution repellents, gopher control, pruning for white pine blister rust prevention, and treatment for oak wilt.

Artificial regeneration by planting is slightly higher than that accomplished in Fiscal Year 2006 due primarily to replanting seedlings damaged by animals, especially deer. Application of protection practices continues to increase.

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