

**Report to the State Executive Council
 Status of the State Timber Sales and Timber Management Programs
 for Fiscal Year 2006**

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 2006 (July 1, 2005–June 30, 2006). 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	190	17,800	21,100	\$479,100
Intermediate Auction	463	324,300	239,500	\$7,337,100
Regular Auction	293	431,600	426,800	\$17,551,100
Sale Totals	946	773,700	687,400	\$25,367,300
			Trespass	\$73,000
			Fuelwood	\$26,100
			Special Products	\$54,800
			Total Receipts	\$25,521,200
	Volume Offered (cords)	816,900		

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-eight 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. For Fiscal Year 2006, the volume of wood sold from state-administered lands was down 2.6 percent from the prior year due to agency staffing and physical supply limitations. As of June 30, 2006, 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 for aspen stumpage were often exorbitant in 2005 but began to moderate through the spring and summer of 2006. Volume actually cut (harvested) from valid permits on state lands decreased 6.5 percent. This decrease may be due to a poor winter harvest season and increased use of cheaper wood from Canada, Michigan, and Wisconsin by Minnesota's forest products industries. The number of cases of timber trespass on state lands is down significantly due to increased surveillance and enforcement.

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 2006 are summarized in the tables.

Activity	Acres
Artificial Regeneration—	
• Planting	3,900 acres
• Seeding	<u>2,958 acres</u>
Total	6,858 acres
Natural Regeneration	18,999 acres
Total Artificial and Natural Regeneration	25,857 acres

Activity	Acres
Site Preparation	3,933 acres
Protection †	5,492 acres
Release	1,725 acres

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

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