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Enabling Pennsylvania communities to thrive through a successful forest products industry.

Hello Doty,

Welcome to Forest 411, our newsletter dedicated to keeping you informed about the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee and promoting sustainable forestry in Pennsylvania. Stay tuned for more valuable insights and information!

2025 Annual Assessments

One of the fundamental strengths of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) is its unique grassroots network of SFI Implementation Committees (SICs). The SICs are constantly working beyond the SFI Certification Standard to expand the practice of responsible forestry and help achieve actual on-the-ground progress.

For more than 25 years, the Pennsylvania SIC has been partnering with conscientious companies to promote the wise use of Pennsylvania's forest resources while also protecting their economic, social, and ecological values for generations to come. The financial support provided by these company is critical to the success of our efforts

to educate professional loggers and promote sustainable forest management practices throughout Pennsylvania. We need your continued support.

To the right is our 2025 Pennsylvania SFI Assessment Survey. These surveys are being mailed out this month and you may receive one of these in the mail. If you do we hope you will fill it out and return it with your financial support. If you do not receive one but would like to support us then please print out the one to the right and send in your support.

On behalf of the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee, I sincerely thank you for your past and or future contributions and hope that you will make a financial commitment to the 2025 program. If you have questions regarding the Annual Assessment Survey or would like more information about the Pennsylvania SIC, please do not hesitate to contact us at 814-512-8678.

If you haven't received an assessment form but still wish to support the vital efforts of the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee, we invite you to take action today by clicking the button below. Your generous contributions are not just appreciated; they are absolutely essential for sustaining our mission to promote sustainable forestry practices and training throughout Pennsylvania. By supporting us, you are making a powerful investment in the health of Pennsylvania's forests and the resilience of our communities, ensuring that future generations can enjoy and benefit from these invaluable natural resources. Join us in this crucial endeavor and help us shape a thriving, sustainable future for all!



What will my woods look like?

This is often one of the first questions that forest landowners ponder when considering forest management options that involve harvesting timber on their property. The visual aesthetics of their forest is important to them and the fear of how a harvest might alter the look of their woodlot can often hold them back from implementing



PENNSYLVANIA SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE® IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

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2025 Assessment Survey

Please complete the section below that most accurately applies to your company's operations and desired level of support for the Pennsylvania SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC). Note that contribution to the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee does not require or result in SFI Certification.

SFI CERTIFIED ORGANIZATIONS & PENNSYLVANIA SIC PARTNERS

SFI Certified Organizations & PA SIC Partners help to promote sustainable forestry practices throughout Pennsylvania and pledge a set contribution annually to the PA SIC based on acreage or mill production from PA forest resources. SIC Partners are not SFI Certified.

Pulpmill Our consumption of roundwood and/or purchased whole tree chips from Pennsylvania for calendar year 2024 amounted to _____ tons. We agree to pay an assessment to the Pennsylvania SIC based on a rate of \$0.0495 per ton.
Amount \$ _____

Sawmill Our production for calendar year 2024 was _____ MMBF from saw logs procured from forests in Pennsylvania and we agree to pay an assessment to the Pennsylvania SIC based on \$297 per MMBF.
Amount \$ _____

Landowner During calendar year 2024 we owned/managed _____ acres of forestland in Pennsylvania for which we agree to pay an assessment to the Pennsylvania SIC based on a rate of

ACREAGE	RATE
0 to 50,000 acres	\$0.055/acre
50,001 to 100,000 acres	\$0.044/acre
100,001 to 200,000 acres	\$0.033/acre
200,001 to 500,000 acres	\$0.022/acre
≥ 500,000 acres	\$0.011/acre

Amount \$ _____

PENNSYLVANIA SIC SUPPORTERS

PA SIC Supporters help to promote sustainable forestry practices throughout Pennsylvania and pledge a meaningful contribution to the PA SIC. SIC Supporters are not SFI Certified. This category is also appropriate for entities that do not fit within the SIC Partner assessment categories above.

I/We wish to support the efforts of the Pennsylvania SIC and agree to pay a flat annual assessment fee.
Amount \$ _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Company: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Website: _____

Please mail, email, or fax your completed form to the PA SIC® office. You will receive an invoice through the mail shortly after we receive your returned survey. Thank you.

Please invoice:
 Full
 Quarterly
 Semi-annually
 For immediate payment, please make checks payable to "Pennsylvania SIC"

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necessary management practices. The Hardwood Development Council & the Hardwood Utilization Groups have developed this pictorial resource for forest landowners to see before and after examples of various silvicultural treatments utilized in Pennsylvania.

The PA SIC is pleased to share this new resource with you. This resource aims to give forest landowners a better understand of forest management and the various practices/techniques all while providing before and after pictures. We envision foresters and educators utilizing this resource by sharing it with private forest landowners.



WHAT WILL MY WOODS LOOK LIKE?

*BEFORE AND AFTER TIMBER
HARVESTING IN PENNSYLVANIA*



[Click to download "What will my woods look like?"](#)

Month in Review



Chuck Coup, Program Manger was finally able to deliver the recognition plaque to Garin Peck, the past Chairman for the SIC. Garin finished up his two year chairmanship in December 2024. We would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to Garin Peck for his leadership as Chairman of the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee (PA SIC). Garin's commitment and the steadfast support of **Metzler Forest Products** have

truly made a significant impact on our organization.

2025 Farm Show



PA SIC staff volunteered during the 2025 PA Farm Show (January 4-12) at the PA Hardwoods Development Council's Exhibit; in addition to highlighting the SFI Program, the exhibit included the Pennsylvania WoodMobile, stacks of lumber, live wood turning, beautiful wood products, and Real American Harwood promotion. Many thanks to all the supporters of the exhibit from Pennsylvania's Timber Industry.



Ensuring the future



Chuck provided training to a great group of Forest Technology Students at the Penn State Mo Campus, the same place he started his undergraduate studies at Penn State 20 years ago. Penn State Mont Alto began in May of 1903 as the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy. It was the 4th forestry school established in the United States only preceded by the Biltmore Forest School (1898), the New York State College of Forestry at Cornell (1898), and the Yale School of Forestry (1900). Today, it houses Penn State's 2-year Forest Technology program.

Upcoming Events

IN-PERSON CONFERENCE

Forest Health, Insect, and Disease Briefing & Forest Landowners Conference

March 6, 2025 – March 8, 2025

State College, PA

[Register for the
Conference](#)

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHT

Our monthly newsletter will showcase our SFI-Certified Organizations, and esteemed SIC Partners and Supporters who's support of the SIC are making a positive impact on Pennsylvania's forests. This month we are highlighting Independent Stave Company.

It's been over 100 years since our founding, and Independent Stave Company continues to evolve thanks to a commitment to quality and innovation, our dedicated associates, and a continual interest in collaborating with distillers and winemakers around the world.



Independent Stave Company is committed to working with loggers and organizations that promote the long-term sustainability of our forests. We want to do our part to ensure we have thriving French and American oak forests for generations to come.

Our domestic stave mills and cooperages achieved certification to the **Sustainable Forestry Initiative®**. All American oak barrels manufactured domestically are certified to the SFI Fiber Sourcing Standard.

"We believe education and outreach through land and process certification is one of the most effective and manageable solutions to achieve sustainability."

- Brad Boswell, Independent Stave Company CEO

Independent Stave Company has a SFI Fiber Sourcing certificate for the past year. Their Pennsylvania yard is in Brockport, which feeds their mills across the eastern United States.

SFI-certified organizations are crucial to the success of the SFI program. These entities have pledged to uphold the SFI Standards and have received third-party certification from independent auditors confirming their compliance. SFI-certified organizations prioritize sustainable forest management and fiber sourcing practices, which include maintaining forest productivity and health, protecting water quality, preserving biological diversity, and safeguarding special sites. They also provide training and education for employees, contractors, and harvesting professionals, support research efforts, and promote sustainable forestry through landowner outreach and community involvement. In addition to implementing these practices on forestland they manage, SFI-certified organizations also advocate for sustainable forestry practices on other lands.

Who We Are



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