

## Summary of Activities Conducted by Commercial Forest Practitioners

Each year, all professional loggers and foresters who have been certified by the Division of Forestry pursuant to the [Forest Practices Act](#) in order to conduct Commercial Forest Practices submit reports detailing their forest practice activities over the past year. These reports are tabulated annually and placed into the summary of commercial forest practices. The report does not reflect all forest practices that occur within the state but only those defined in the Forest Practice Act as commercial. Essentially, a commercial forest practice is any activity undertaken in connection with the harvest of timber from a tract of forest land in excess of 50 cords, or 25,000 board feet or 150 tons during any twelve month period. Practices which fall below these volume thresholds and certain forest practices above these thresholds but that result in the conversion of forest land to a another use do not qualify as commercial forest practices and therefore would not be included in this summary.

Loggers and Foresters are certified at one of three levels of forest practitioner, Forester, Supervising Forest Products Harvester and Forest Products Harvester. The Forest Practice Act limits what each level of practitioner may perform.

**Number of Harvest Operations Sold by a Certified Forester:** This category only represents harvest operations in which a person who possesses the Forester level of certification represented landowner as an agent in the sale of forest products.

**Number of Harvest Operations Purchased by a Certified Forester or Supervising Forest Products Harvester:** This category represents all commercial forest harvest operations.

Forest Plans provide guidance in natural resource care and are often divided into two categories, a **Forest Management Plan** and a **Practice Plan**. The **Forest Management Plan** provides overarching guidance and is usually valid for a period of ten years. These plans may include management for wood production, fish or wildlife, aesthetics, water quality, urban values and other forest resource values. A **Practice Plans** is a short term plan written as instruction to implement a specific, individual forest practice such as tree planting or conducting a particular timber harvest. Both the Forest Management Plan and Practice Plan must be written by a person who is certified as a Forester