



Forest Service

Maine Healthy Forests Program – update June 2015

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Maine's Healthy Forests Program

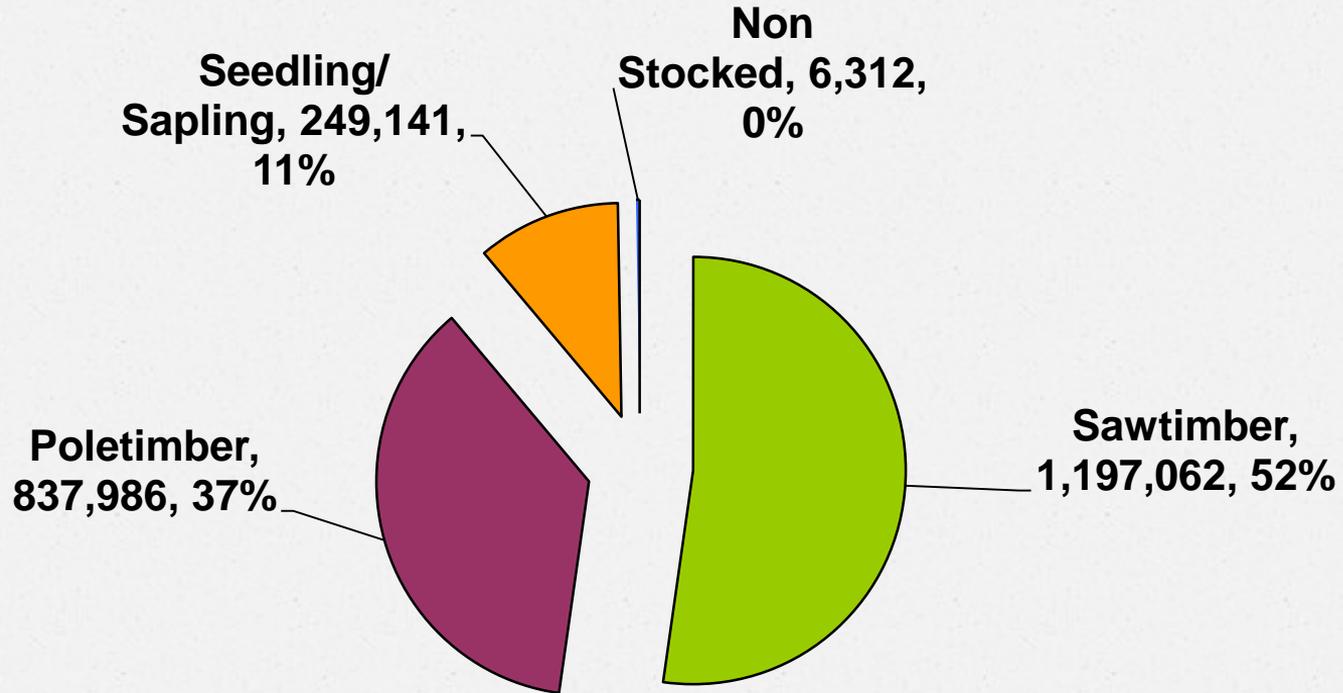
o Goal

- o identify strategies that lead to active forest management on southern Maine family woodlands
- o improve wood availability, wildlife habitat, forest health, recreational opportunities, water quality, aesthetics, etc.
- o increase landowner enjoyment and support jobs and the state's economy.

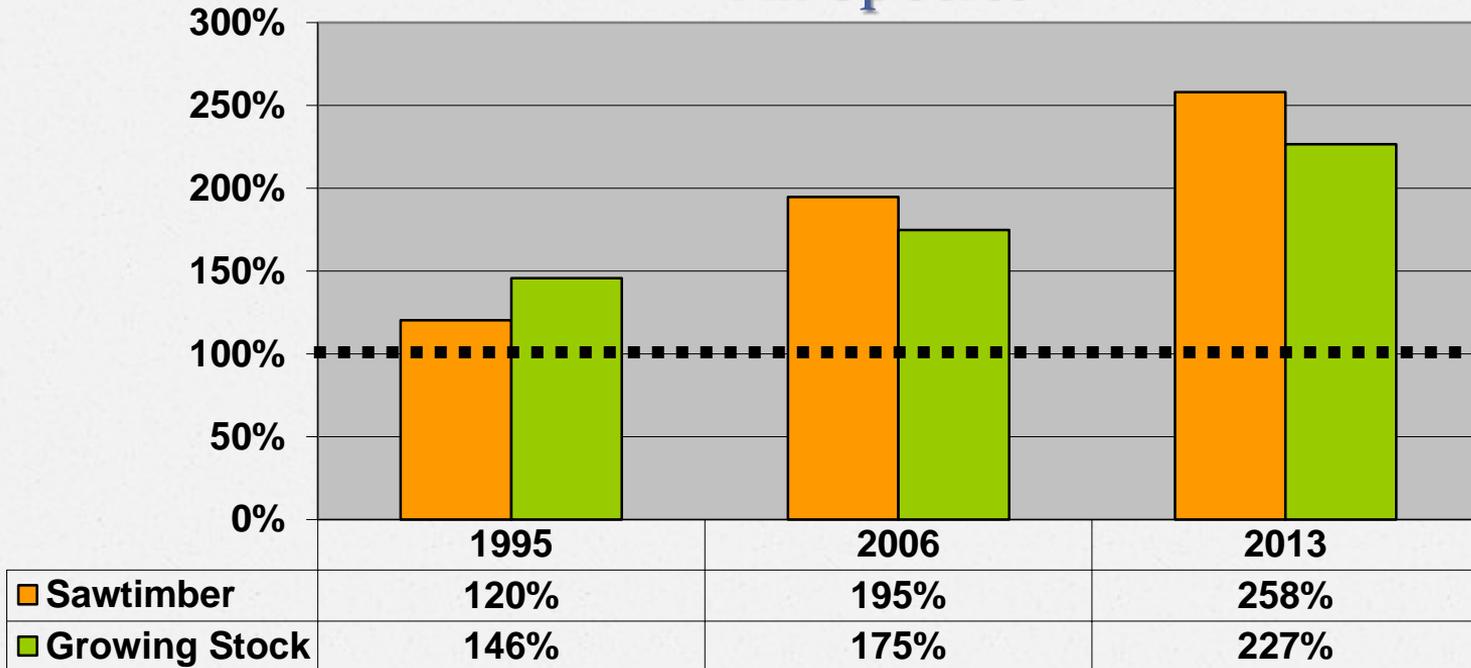
Southern Megaregion

- Capital Area FIA Unit: Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, and Waldo Counties
- Casco Bay FIA Unit: Androscoggin, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and York Counties

Southern Megaregion - Stand size class, acres, and percentage



Southern Megaregion, net growth to removals percentage for 1995, 2006, and 2013 inventory years All Species



Healthy Forests Program Status

- o Began with stakeholder meetings in 2012
- o Action Plan developed
- o On the ground delivery of priority action items began in 2013



Action items 1.1, 2.8, 6.2: Publications



1.2, 2.3: Social Media and web resources

Healthy forests provide many benefits:



Economic vitality



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1.3, 2.5, 6.5: PSA's, paid advertising, Profiles in Stewardship



2.1, 3.1, 3.3 4.1: workshops for woodland owners, loggers, foresters

- o H2MLOG
- o Foresters for the Birds
- o Harvest Satisfaction Survey
- o Achieving LO objectives
- o Profiles in Stewardship
- o CLP re-certifications
- o Foresters Institutes
- o Stewardship Forester Trainings
- o Project Canopy, PLT, School Forest Programs



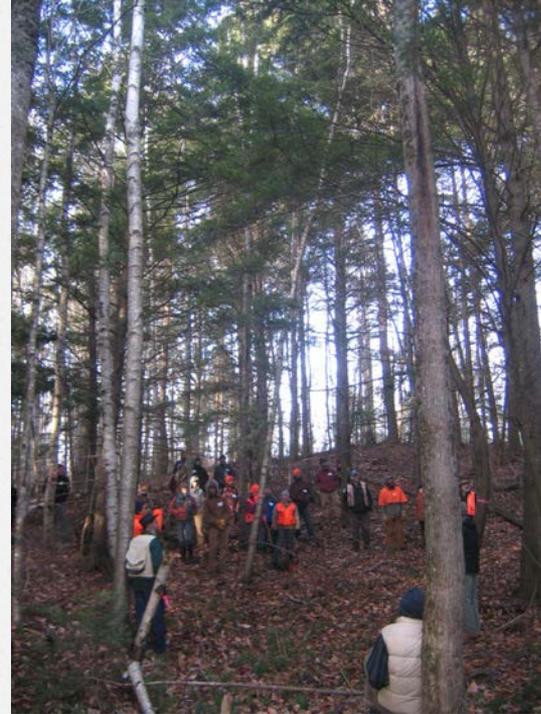
2.2: HFP demonstration forests



- o Falmouth Town Lands
- o City of Portland
- o Wells NERR – Yankee Woodlot

2.4: Peer-to-peer networks

- o Forest WORKS!
- o Baldwin area woodland forum



2.10: Harvest satisfaction survey



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Maine Harvest Satisfaction Survey

The Maine Forest Service is testing a new "Harvest Satisfaction Survey." The survey is part of Maine's Healthy Forests Program. It is **completely voluntary and confidential**. It is available on paper or on-line. A paper version is enclosed. You can access the on-line version by going to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mhss>.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey. Please answer as many questions as you like. The front page has eight primary questions, and should take about 10 minutes to complete. If you choose to answer in more detail, it may take as long as half an hour.

This is a **confidential** survey. Individual results will not be shared by the Maine Forest Service. Our goal is to communicate the combined results to the forestry community in order to help improve harvest outcomes. This information helps keep Maine's forests healthy. MFS encourages you to share your answers with your logger, forester and/or designated agent, or others as you choose.

The questions cover some of the following categories:

- Your overall satisfaction with the harvest.
- The condition of your woods after the harvest.
- Your satisfaction with the financial outcomes of the harvest.
- Whether you had a written agreement with your logger, and how effective it was.

There is also space for additional comments about your harvest. Please use the various comments sections to let us know ways to improve the survey.

MFS appreciates you actively managing your woodlands. By taking the time to return this test survey, you are helping us gather key information that will show both successes and areas to improve for Maine's forest industry. MFS thanks you in advance for your participation. For more information on Maine's Healthy Forests Program, go to mainehealthyforests.org. If you have questions or comments about this survey, please contact me at the number.

Sincerely,

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Overall
satisfaction



Condition of your
woods after the
harvest



Financial
outcomes



Written
agreements and
working with
professionals

www.mainehealthyforests.org to take the survey

4.3: Low impact forestry manual/training



To be continued....

- o 5.2: Keep Wood Processor report current
- o 6.1: Targeted messaging with other organizations
- o 7.1, 7.2, 7.3: growing capacity for loggers, mills, foresters

Questions?

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