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### A Commitment to Sustainable Forestry Practices

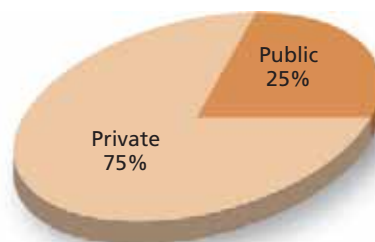
practices in the harvesting of cypress timber and the sustainability of the cypress resource. The bylaws of the SCMA state the following:

“...to encourage the highest and best use of cypress resources as well as to ensure the sustainability of those resources through proper forest management and stewardship. We believe the harvesting of cypress trees exclusively or primarily for the production of mulch is incompatible with this objective. As an organization, our goal is to ensure that the cypress resource that we depend on will provide beneficial products to the public, and that this goal will be accomplished in an environmentally sound manner.”

- Harvesting practices as outlined by the *Sustainable Forestry Initiative* (SFI) Standard (2005-2009 Edition).
- Science-based standards in the silviculture practices and sustainability goals.
- Using Best Management Practices (BMPs) in the harvesting of cypress timber.
- Harvesting timber within these guidelines to utilize the cypress resource in the marketplace without compromising the resource for future generations.
- Complying with federal, state and local regulations and laws in the harvesting of cypress timber and the manufacture of lumber.

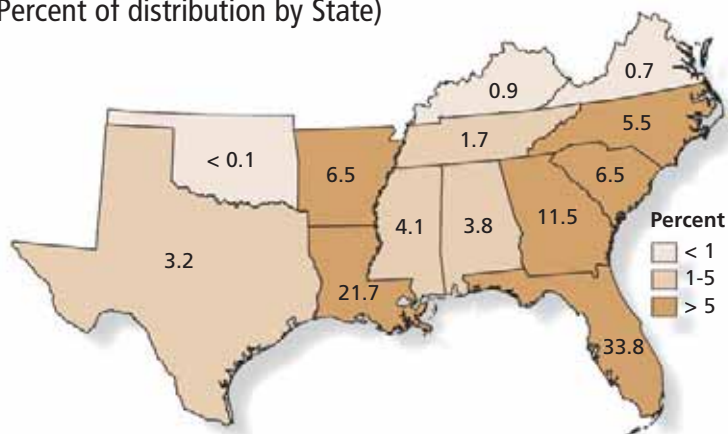


Percent of distribution of cypress volume by general ownership classes in the Southern U.S.

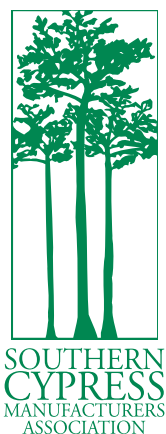


Total for all owners:  
7.3 billion cubic feet

7.3 billion cubic feet of all live cypress volume in the South (Percent of distribution by State)



Charts provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Forest Inventory and Analysis.



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The SCMA and its members also are committed to harvesting cypress at a rate that is sustainable in relation to growth, harvesting and natural elimination. The SCMA’s position on sustainability is based on the U.S. Forest Service 2008 report, *Cypress Facts for the South*, which states:

- “Though the cypress resource has fluctuated in recent years, no state has experienced a statistically significant change in volume in recent surveys.”

- Regional and statewide totals indicate relative stability of the resource, but data at these scales can mask countervailing trends at the sub-regional or sub-state scale.

The SCMA and its members are proud to promote cypress as part of one of the best kept secrets in the world — forests in the United States are the country’s greatest renewable resource and the world’s best source for renewable and legal forest products.