

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Timber Report
First Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-2022
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Background

Michigan's state forest system was originally certified under both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) third party forest certification standards in December 2005. To date, Michigan has successfully retained certification under both standards.

The Department of Natural Resources' (Department) investment in forest certification strengthens Michigan's forest products sector. Certification is essential for primary and secondary wood producers in Michigan to have continued access to national and international markets.

First Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Timber Treatments

State forest planning and activities, including timber treatments, are conducted within the framework of SFI and FSC forest certification principles and standards, which require both multidisciplinary Department staff and public participation. The Department utilizes the compartment review process for participation and approval of treatments. Timber treatments in a given year are based on decisions made two years prior to actual implementation of the treatments.

The fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 plan of work currently identifies approximately 53,523 acres for timber sale preparation that were prescribed for treatment and approved through the compartment review process.

Timber sale preparation is done by Department staff, and through timber marking contracts with private consultants. In the first quarter of FY 2021-22, Department staff prepared 1,993 acres of timber sales with an estimated volume of 30,880 cords, which averages 15.5 cords per acre.

Timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 9,162 acres were awarded in the first quarter, and these acres will be prepared for sale by the end of the fiscal year. Contracts for an additional 102 acres are expected to be in place later in the fiscal year.

State timber sales are primarily sold through a sealed bidding process, though direct sales and oral auctions can be used as well. In the first quarter of FY 2021-22, the Department sold 11,880 acres with an estimated volume of 247,269 cords, which averages 20.8 cords per acre.

In the first quarter of FY 2021-22, the Department received \$13,722,349 in revenue from timber receipts.

Good Neighbor Authority (GNA)

The FY 2021-22 plan of work currently identifies 8,820 acres for GNA timber sale preparation that were prescribed for treatment and approved by the U.S. Forest Service. In the first quarter of FY 2021-22, the Department prepared 518 acres of GNA timber sales with an estimated volume of 9,596 cords, which averages 18.5 cords per acre.

GNA timber sale preparation-marking contracts for 4,076 acres have been awarded in the first quarter. GNA contracts for an additional 2,073 acres are expected to be in place later in the fiscal year.

No GNA acres were sold in the first quarter of FY 2021-22.

In the first quarter of FY 2021-22, the department received \$1,807,532 in revenue from GNA timber receipts.