

WILSON FOREST PRODUCTS LLC



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INTRODUCTION

Wilson Forest Products LLC has been supplying premium grade cooperage stock and casks to a world market for over 80 years.

We want to ensure our future generations the same high-quality raw materials, which we are using today, to last well into the future. To do so we have adopted a sustainability and forest management plan to follow through on our promise to bring the same high-quality products to a world-wide marketplace now and into the future.

SUSTAINIBILITY

Wilson Forest Products LLC (WFP) is dedicated to bringing the highest quality cooperage stock and casks to a world-wide market, for generations to come.

The first step in our sustainability program is to ensure we are only purchasing raw materials from reputable suppliers. Many of our suppliers have dealt with WFP for generations and have proven their willingness to practice the same sustainability program or one like ours. This step insures that we are not using raw materials that were illegally harvested or stolen.

The second step in our program is to only use certain grades of raw materials. This helps ensure we do not over-use or harvest raw materials that would deplete the resource to a level that the forest cannot regenerate at acceptable levels for the future.

The third step is to use automation in our facilities to ensure we use as much of the raw material as we can. By reducing waste and increasing yield, we can use the same amount of raw material to achieve the same desired result from generation to generation.

The final step is to join different programs and organizations that monitor sustainability. We are current members of the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association (PFPA), which is affiliated with various national and international groups such as, SFI and FSC.

FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

WFP's commitment to sustainability does not stop with sustaining the forest, but doing what we can to make the forest flourish and thrive.

WFP uses only companies that practice Best Management Practices (BMP). These are practices used to ensure that logging jobs are not leaving the forests in worse shape than when they started.

BMP's are used to ensure that roadways are installed that work best for the forest. BMP's are also used to ensure watersheds are not damaged and drains remain open, so water flows its natural course.

BMP's are also used to ensure that the proper resources are harvested. BMP's help decide what type of harvesting method would be best for a certain type forest and which practice would stimulate growth and help the forest recover from the logging process the quickest.

SUMMARY

In summary, Wilson Forest Products LLC is dedicated to our renewable natural resource, the forest. By being dedicated to the preservation of such a valuable resource will not only insure high-quality products today, but also for the generations to come. It will also preserve precious jobs needed to produce high-quality products and the jobs of those dedicated to enforcing these programs so we will have a future.



