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# Timber Industry Production in Russia

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Table 1. Dynamics of production of basic types of paper products of the Russian Federation data

Indicators	1990	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Timber harvesting million m <sup>3</sup> *	303.8	182.0	206.1	162.1	158.9	175.5	195.8	191.0
Lumber, million m <sup>3</sup>	75.0	22.0	24.3	21.6	19.0	19.0	20.2	21.1
Plywood , thousand m <sup>3</sup>	1597	555.6	2776.8	2592	2128	2686.4	3002.7	3188.8
Chipboard, conditional thousand m <sup>3</sup>	5568	3929.9	5500.7	5750.6	4599.2	5466	6633.7	5750.7
Fibreboard million conditional m <sup>2</sup>	483.1	389.3	480.6	479.2	372.9	397.7	441.6	423.8
Pulping , tons	7525	6001.0	5973.4	5913.1	5629.9	7510.1	7360.7	7651.1
Paper and paperboard tons	8325	7126	7581	7699,7	6881.1	7282.7	7604.1	7801.1

Table 2. Exports of the main types of paper products for the 2003-2012 years.

Product name, unit	2003	2005	2010	2011	2012
Roundwood, million m <sup>3</sup>	37.4	48.3	21.2	21.2	17.6
Lumber, Mm <sup>3</sup>	10.5	14.8	17.7	18.5	19.3
Plywood, m <sup>3</sup>	1201	1527	1512	1517	1627
Chipboard ( DSP ) , m <sup>3</sup>	196	241.5	490	458	463
Fiberboard (hardboard ) mln.m <sup>2</sup>	78.4	96.3	66	61.6	63
Cellulose commodity , tonnes	1915	1946	1984	1921	2097
Paper and paperboard, kt	2459	2737	2578	2540	2540
Furniture , USD million	154.6	236.5	222.6	296.3	255.3

The development of timber industry as a whole continued to slow down as a result of the following factors as:

- General slowdown in the economy, including industries, adjacent to the timber industry complex;
- Lack of development of forest infrastructure;
- Lack of facilities for chemical and mechanical wood processing;
- Insufficient development of domestic demand for mechanically processed wood products (sawmilling, wood construction , furniture);
- Reduction of the scientific potential of the industry;
- Imperfection of the legal framework forest use and others

All these factors have a negative impact on the economic and financial performance of forestry enterprises , reduce the investment attractiveness of the industry.

The solution of these problems require a package of measures of state regulation, including :

1. Support for infrastructure development of the industry.
- 2 . Improving the mechanism to subsidize interest rates on loans to timber industry organizations to create a pre-season stocks of raw materials, to finance technical upgrading and modernization.
- 3 . Ensuring accessibility to credit resources for investment in capital projects with long payback periods and development of comprehensive measures involving tax, credit and other benefits for the entire period of construction and planned dates of return of investments.
- 4 . Stimulating domestic demand for the local producers (wood construction , conversion of municipal boilers for using wood-based bio-fuels, etc.)
- 5 . Support innovative industry trends in timber industry, including the increase of scientific and technical activities for creation and development of mass production of demanded and competitive products , including import substitution.
6. Supporting the development of state-private partnership through the implementation of priority investment projects in the area of forest resurses.