

The Finnish forest industry's sustainability commitments

Progress Report



A WIDE RANGE OF AMBITIOUS COMMITMENTS AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

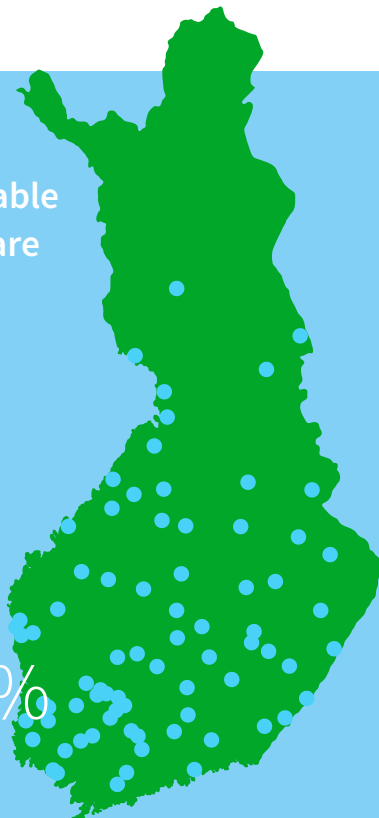
The Finnish forest industry has been consistently promoting sustainability for decades. We want to continue to be frontrunners in the future as well. We published our first voluntary sustainability commitments in 2013 and renewed and expanded them in 2018 to guide the industry's work until 2025. This is a summary of our progress towards our ambitious goals.

The forest industry is a major employer and contributor to wellbeing in Finland. The industry is at the heart of the circular economy. Companies create new and innovative, wood-based products with a positive climate impact. We use wood from sustainably managed forests. We increase material efficiency, reduce emissions and produce renewable energy. Respect for human rights and caring for the environment are embedded in company policies.

Promoting sustainable economy and welfare

The forest industry is a major employer in many locations around Finland. The sector accounts for around 20% of Finland's goods exports.

~20%



Responsible employers

8.2

Lost-time work accidents /one million hours worked (LTAF)

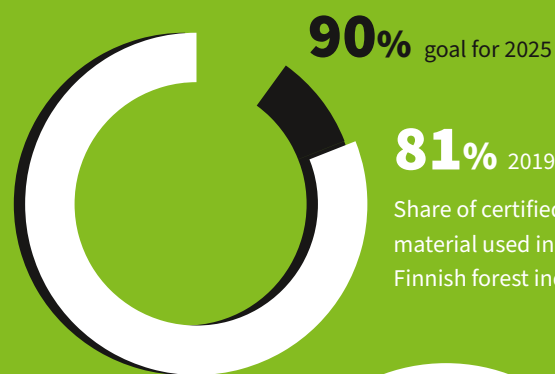
Occupational safety is a priority. The lost-time accident frequency rate in the Finnish pulp, paper and wood products industry is low.

80%

of the Finnish Forest Industry Federation member companies' personnel work in companies that use apprenticeship training

Companies employ young people and offer employees opportunities for professional development.

Promoting biodiversity and the sustainable use of forests

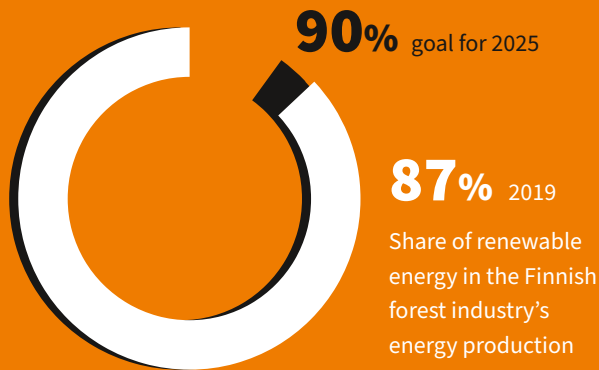


81% 2019

Share of certified material used in the Finnish forest industry

The area of protected forests grows every year, and the increasing volume of deadwood and broadleaved trees has a positive impact on biodiversity in Finnish forests.

Combating climate change



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The Finnish forest industry's products have a positive climate impact.

16 Mt

Amount of CO₂ abated per year by the current output of the forest industry mills operating in Finland

Implementing sustainable production and circular economy

3-4%

The forest industry mills' contribution to anthropogenic nutrient emissions in Finland is small.

94%

of residues are used, either as material or in the production of renewable energy.

Increased responsibility through cooperation

According to a recent survey, stakeholders feel that the Finnish forest industry's dialogue with them is on a good level.

The Finnish forest industry has an active dialogue with its key stakeholders.



I feel I have been heard in my dialogue with the Finnish forest industry.



The Finnish forest industry communicates openly about environmental and sustainability issues.



Our sustainability commitments contribute to achieving the UN's Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in many ways.

PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY AND THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF FORESTS



INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH COOPERATION

COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE



PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY AND WELFARE



RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYERS

IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Progress in meeting the sustainability commitments

- The objective has been met or is likely to be met by 2025.
- Progress has been made towards meeting the objective, but it is still uncertain whether the objective will be met by 2025.
- The objective has not been met, and it is unlikely that it will be met by 2025.

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY AND WELFARE

- 1 We promote a sustainable economy and increase welfare by creating added value, paying taxes and employing people in different parts of Finland both directly and through our value chain.
- 2 We provide safe and ecologically sustainable products made of renewable raw materials. We continue to develop our current products and methods of operation, and we create new innovations to utilise wood in increasingly diverse ways to benefit people and society.
- 3 Our actions are equally responsible on the national and international level, and we require responsibility from our cooperation partners throughout the value chain.

RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYERS

- 4 We work constantly to develop occupational safety with the goal of ensuring accident-free workplaces.
- 5 We take care of the wellbeing of our employees, as well as the development of their competence.
- 6 We acknowledge changes that occur in society and offer different ways to find employment in the industry. We promote apprenticeship training and the employment of young people by offering diverse opportunities for summer jobs and internships.

PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY AND THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF FORESTS

- 7 We verify the lawful origins of the wood we consume and promote the use of forest certification systems. Our aim is to ensure that at least 90 per cent of the wood and fibre used by the forest industry is certified by 2025.
- 8 We promote the nature management of commercial forests and the voluntary protection of forests and peatlands with the aim of reversing the decline of endangered forest species.
- 9 We commit to reducing the impacts of our own forestry operations on water systems, and on a broader level we promote means to reduce the load to waterbodies resulting from forest management and use.

COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE

- 10 We contribute to the transition to a carbon neutral society by offering climate-friendly products and supporting the achievement of the Paris climate agreement goals.
- 11 We increase the share of renewable energy production as a part of the emerging forest industry. Our aim is to increase the share of renewable energy in the forest industry energy production to 90 per cent by 2025.
- 12 We are committed to the continuous improvement of energy efficiency.

IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- 13 We continue to improve the efficiency of our water use and systematically reduce our water pollution load. Our aim is to reduce the nutrient emissions of our production facilities by 15 per cent per tonne of output by 2025 (year of comparison 2016).
- 14 We are committed to improving material efficiency and promoting nutrient recycling. We develop solutions for improving the added value of side streams through, for example, industrial symbioses.

INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH COOPERATION

- 15 We communicate openly on environmental and responsibility issues and conduct an active dialogue with key stakeholder groups.
- 16 We promote sustainable development in society by carrying out responsibility projects with our partners and collaborating with local communities.
- 17 We contribute to achieving the UN sustainable development goals.

**THE FINNISH FOREST INDUSTRY'S
VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS GUIDE
THE WHOLE SECTOR TO MAKE EVEN
MORE SUSTAINABLE CHOICES. ■**



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