



Established in 1911, the **North Carolina Forestry Association (NCFA)** is the state's oldest forest conservation organization. Today, it is a private, non-profit partnership of approximately 4,000 forest managers, landowners, forest products manufacturers, loggers, educators, students, and others concerned about the long-term health and productivity of the state's forest resources and the industries they support.

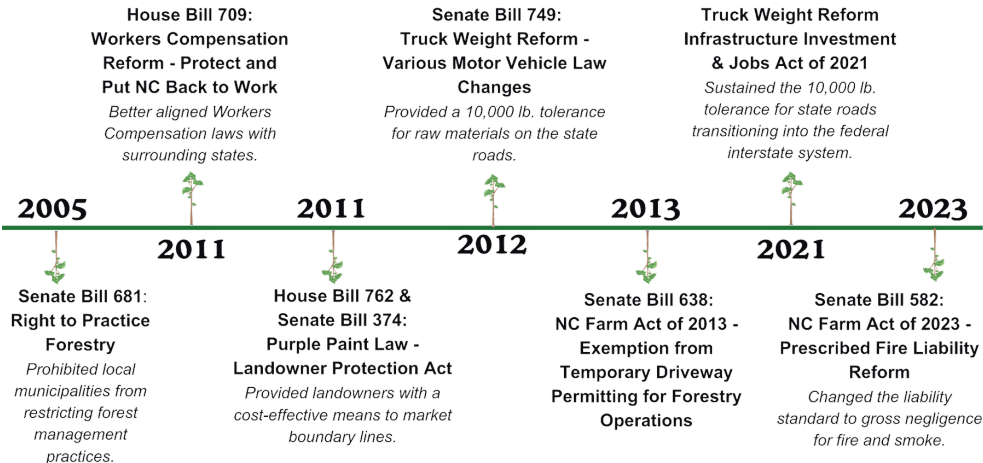
FORESTRY'S ECONOMIC IMPACT ON NC

The agriculture industry is NC's leading economic driver, including forestry. In 2024, with direct, indirect, and induced effects, NC's forest sector contributed the following to the NC economy:



THANK YOU!

We want to thank everyone for your collective support in passing key bills over the years that have contributed to a solid business infrastructure for the forestry and forest products industry. Here are key historic legislative wins that stand out:



It's important to continue the progress that we've made so far. Our collective efforts have contributed to **NC's #1 ranking in business and workforce development**, made possible by our state's **well-trained and diverse workforce, booming economy, and strong business environment.**

LEGISLATIVE ASK

Thanks to the NC General Assembly, laws and necessary reforms have been passed to keep our industry sustainable. It makes good business sense to see this progress continue for years to come. We value our partnership with the NC Forest Service and agree that funding for the following items is crucial for continued industry success.

RECURRING NEEDS

- (\$13M) NCDA&CS Department Request for Salary Adjustment funding to address recruitment and retention
- (\$1M) Increase NCFS Aviation operating funding
- (\$1.5M) Appropriated NCFS Overtime and On-Call compensation
- (\$3.5M) Funding to replace and upgrade their fleet of firefighting equipment
- (\$300K) Operating Funds at Dupont State Recreational Forest
- (\$1.12M) Funding to increase Operating Funds within the Tree Improvement Program
- (\$371K) Funding and FTE for the NCFS Wildfire Weather and Fuels Intelligence Program
- (\$356K) Funding and 4 FTEs to Forest Fire Equipment Operators in Western NC (+\$300K non-recurring (NR))
- (\$1.906M) Funding to create a Wildfire/Fuels Management Crew & 22 FTEs (+\$767K NR)
- (\$849K) 10 FTEs to better address the expanded needs of Forest Landowners, Forest Industry, and the Public (+\$588K NR)
- (\$565K) 6 FTEs to staff and better address the expanding needs of the Public and Forest Landowners that visit our State Forests (+\$470K NR)

NON-RECURRING NEEDS

- (\$12M) NCFS Aviation Firefighting Helicopter Replacement
- (\$10M) Funding to Replace and Upgrade Firefighting Equipment
- (\$445K) NCFS Linville River Nursery funding to recover from TS Helene's direct impacts

Scan to learn more about these needs

