



# APPALACHIAN Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc.

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Dear Hardwood customer:

This letter is to inform you that Powell Valley Millwork is an active participant in the Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc.'s Verified Sustainable (AHVS) program and the hardwood lumber products they provide you are produced from a sustainable hardwood forest.

The 65 million acres of the Appalachian Hardwood Forest have been Verified Sustainable by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service through its Forest Inventory Analysis program. It confirms that there are 2.45 trees growing for each tree that is harvested or dying naturally in the 65 million acres of the Appalachian Hardwood Forest which far exceeds sustainability.

Powell Valley Millwork purchases the majority of its lumber resource from this region and many AHMI members. The company's membership certification number in the program is 30-170425.

Lumber certification is a complex issue that has multiple stakeholders from the individual landowner through the retailer of finished goods. AHMI has researched and developed this program in 2006 to assist its members in making decisions that benefit both the environment and individual operations.

I have included the certificate and the letter detailing this program from the U.S. Forest Service. There is more information online at [www.appalachianhardwood.org](http://www.appalachianhardwood.org)

Founded in 1928, AHMI represents more than 200 lumber manufacturers, distributors, consumers, foresters and suppliers to the industry. If you have questions, please contact me immediately.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Thomas R. Inman'.

Thomas R. Inman  
President



Tom Inman  
Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc.  
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Dear Tom:

I would like to provide you with a summary of the key findings from the review of growth and removals in the Appalachian Hardwood Region (AHR) conducted by scientists at the US Forest Service Southern Research Station Forest Inventory and Analysis program. They are as follows:

- 1) The area of timberland in the AHR has remained relatively stable with an estimated 65.1 million acres of timberland in 1990 and 65.4 million acres in 2012.
- 2) While overall timberland area has remained stable, saw timber size (trees with a diameter at breast height of at least 11 inches) hardwood stands have increased from accounting for 57% of all acres in 1990 to 64% of all acres in 2004.
- 3) Concomitantly, the diameter distribution of hardwood trees is shifting to larger diameter classes.
- 4) Average annual hardwood removals were estimated to be approximately one half of average annual hardwood net growth in each of the distinct county units within each state.
- 5) The region-wide hardwood growth to removals ratio is 2.45, meaning that 2.45 times more wood on average has been grown in the AHR than has been removed on an annual basis for the period of this study.
- 6) Estimated average annual hardwood removals account for approximately 1% of the current total hardwood inventory in the AHR.

The details from these analyses will be developed into a peer-reviewed Forest Service publication in the near future. We are also planning another document to be submitted to a professional forestry journal. We will share copies of these documents when they are in print.

We appreciate your interest in the data that the FIA program can provide. We hope that we can continue to work with you and your organization to constantly update this analysis as more current data becomes available. It is important to constantly evaluate the status of our natural resources with the best available data that we here at FIA can provide.

Sincerely,

/s/William G. Burkman  
WILLIAM G. BURKMAN  
Program Manager, Forest Inventory and  
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