

Timber utilisation and commercial felling in 2002

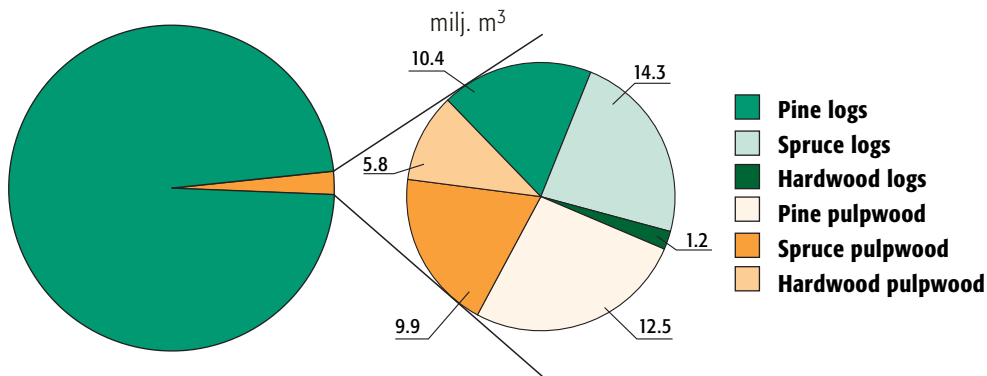


Small-diameter wood, such as branchwood and tops, is used in energy production.

Pulpwood, or stemwood not suitable for logs, is used in pulp and paper production.

Logs are used by the sawmill and construction industries. The residues, i.e. outer sections of logs are used as raw material for pulp and the sawdust is used in energy production and particleboard production.

Most of the **logging residues**, such as stumps, branchwood and foliage, remain in the forest and contribute to the nutrient circulation. Some residue is used to produce bioenergy.



- In 2002 the area of thinnings and final fellings was 579,100 hectares, 2.5% of the forest area.
- During 1998–2002 the annual area of thinnings and final fellings was 546,200 ha in average.

- The total commercial felling of pulpwood amounted to 28.2 million m³ and of logs 25.9 million m³ in 2002. Commercial felling comprised 90% of all timber felled. The remainder mainly consisted of firewood.

Source: Statistical Yearbook of Forestry 2003.