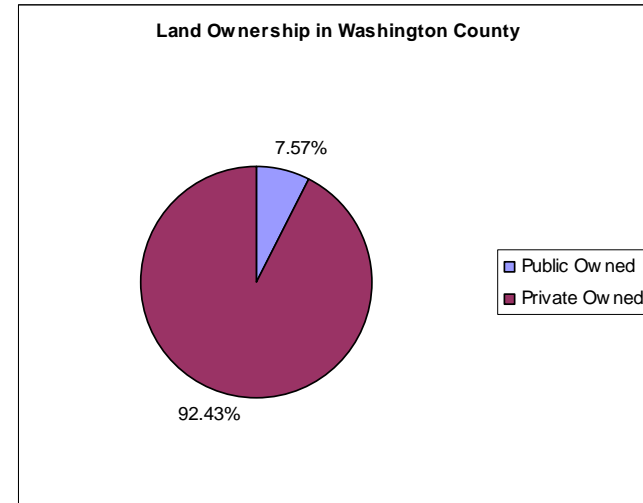
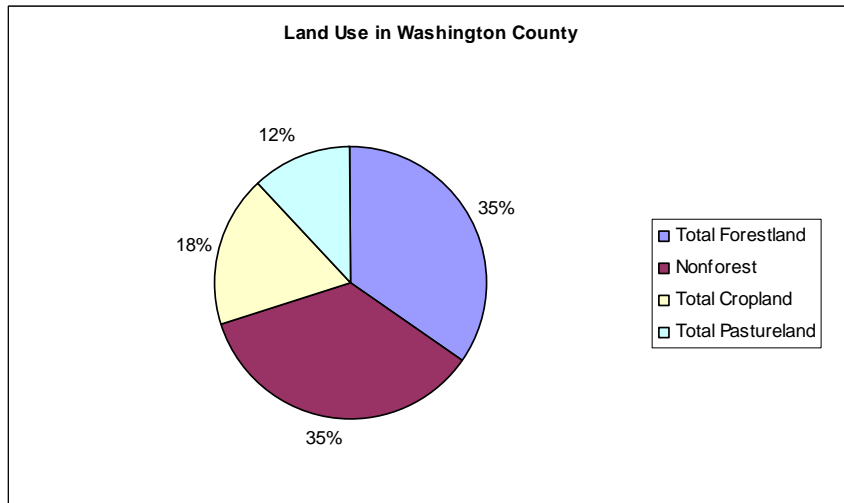


## How important is forestry in Washington County?

Almost sixty percent (17 million acres) of Pennsylvania's 28 million acres is forested. The estimated half a million private forest landowners own about 12 million acres (70 percent) of the forest land. The timber and forest products industry is one of the largest manufacturing sectors in the state, employing over 80,000 workers in 2,500 firms. The value added contribution to the state's economy by the forest sector is over 5 billion dollars annually. For the agricultural production sector and processing sector value added is approximately \$2 billion and \$8 billion respectively. State wide there is over 86 billion board feet of standing timber valued at about \$24 billion. Nationally, Pennsylvania ranks number one in hardwood production and forest-based recreation in Pennsylvania is a large component of tourism, the state's second-largest industry. **The following shows the importance of forestry to Washington County:**



Washington County has 548,559 acres of land. Forests cover 273,416 acres.

Estimated number of private forestland owners in Washington County	10,350
Number of forestry and wood products establishments	24
Number of forestry and wood products employees	1,001
Estimated volume of standing timber	851.917 mil bdft
Estimated value of standing timber	\$239.47 million
Annual economic contribution (value added) of forestry sector	\$50.00 million

Forests provide many other environmental and economic goods and services such recreation, wildlife, water protection, biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and aesthetics. These benefits to Pennsylvania residents are not reported in this data set.

### How does forestry compare to agriculture in Washington County?

Annual economic contribution of agricultural production sector	\$19.10 million
Annual economic contribution of agricultural processing sector	\$34.51 million

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Sources: 2004 FIA Database (<http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/default.asp>); 2007 Penn State Timber Market Report (<http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/TMR/TMR.htm>); USDA Census of Agriculture 2002([www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov)); 2007 PA Department of Labor([www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us)); Minnesota IMPLAN group, Inc. 2004 data ([www.implan.com](http://www.implan.com)).