

2017 Appalachian Hardwood Verified Sustainable & Legal Resource Guide

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HIGH POINT, NC - The Appalachian Hardwood resource is growing at a rate of 2.45 for every tree that is harvested or dying combined, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The growth is the result of modern forest management and wise utilization. Buyers of Appalachian Hardwood logs and lumber can be assured of this because of Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc.

An analysis of USDA data finds the growth to removals ratio in the Appalachian forest has increased five percent in the past five years.

"This assures hardwood lumber consumers that when they purchase products from the Appalachian region, they know the resource is sustainable," said Tom Inman, AHMI President. "The forest landowners have done exceptional work in managing their forests for wildlife, water resources, recreation and timber."



AHMI introduced the **Appalachian Hardwood Verified Sustainable** in 2007 to certify its members as producing, distributing and manufacturing goods from the region. The campaign educates

wood consumers about the hardwood lumber resource. 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 programs to assist its members in making decisions that benefit both the environment and individual operations.

The research is based on the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Inventory Analysis which is compiled in each state by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. AHMI requested specific data from the 344 counties of the Appalachian Region from northern Georgia through western New York.

AHMI also found:

- Forested land in the 344-county region has increased 300,000 acres to 65.7 million acres
- More than 33 billion live trees are in the region, an increase from 32.7 billion
- The top species are Soft Maple, Red Oak, White Oak, Hard Maple and Yellow Poplar

According to the U.S. Forest Service bulletin SRS-142, considerable attention has been given to the Appalachian Region in the Eastern United States because

of its scenic beauty, rich biodiversity, and abundance of natural resources. Of particular importance are the hardwood forests that dominate the Appalachian landscape.

The association also launched the **Appalachian Hardwood Verified Legal** program in 2013 to help members explain to customers the legality of products. This initiative requires participating companies to follow a set of guidelines and verify that they:

- 1) Operate a legal business entity;
- 2) Follow accepted industry practices and all local, state and federal laws applicable to forest management and timber harvesting including all applicable environmental regulations.
- 3) Pay all compensation, taxes and fees due to timber owners or the owner's designated representative and government entities as required by local, state and federal laws.

Certificates are available from member companies that explain the program and confirm participation.

AHMI is a regional trade association headquartered in High Point, NC. Its mission is to promote

the hardwood timber and products from the Appalachian Region of the eastern United States. The association's bylaws dictate the producing region and these counties must meet elevation, soil composition and climate requirements to be included.

The following guide is a listing of the 200 plus companies who are members of the association. This includes sawmills, concentration yards, wholesalers, foresters, secondary manufacturers and suppliers.

AHMI has three meetings each year with its Annual Meeting late February, the Summer Family Conference the last week of July and fall meetings and tours in October. To learn more about these activities and the work of the association, please visit www.appalachianhardwood.org.

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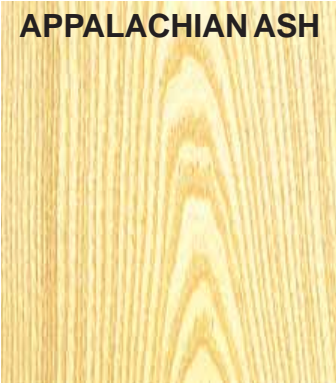
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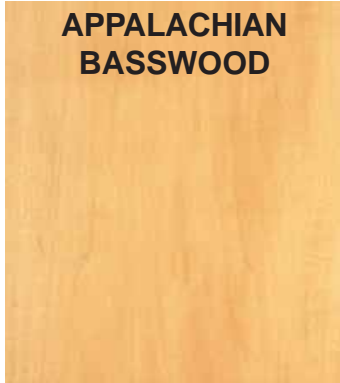


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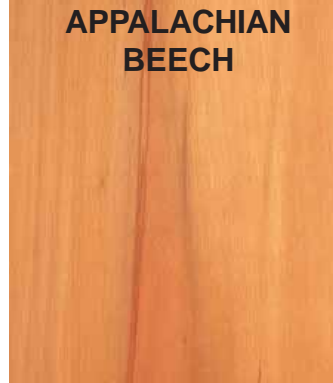
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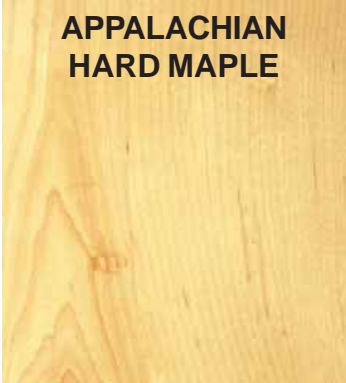
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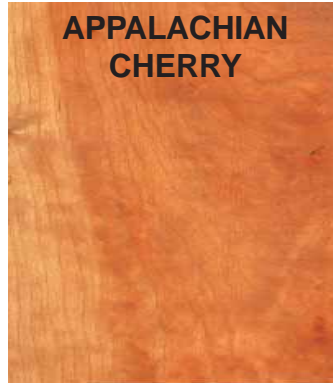
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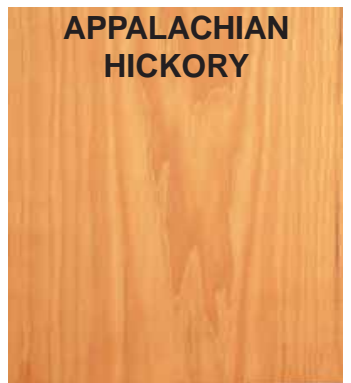
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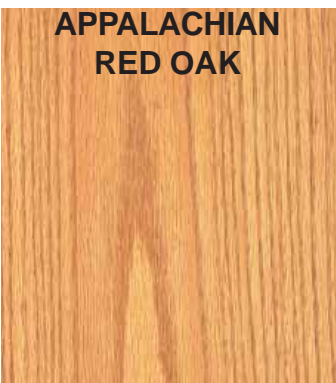
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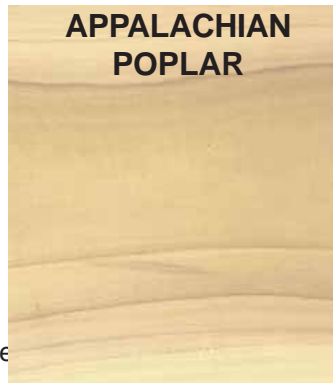
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