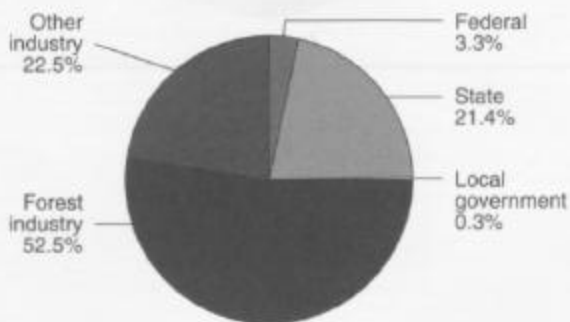


Nursery Production

A total of 1,623,978,000 trees were produced (shipped) by forest tree nurseries in the United States in FY 1997. This is an increase of 94 million trees (6%) over the 1,529,534,000 nursery trees reported for FY 1996.

Nursery production of tree planting stock by public, industrial, and other private nurseries in FY 1997:

Nurseries	Million seedlings	Percent of total
Federal	53	3.3
State	348	21.4
Local government	5	0.3
Forest industry	852	52.5
Other industry	366	22.5
Total	1,624	100.0



By Sector

Forest industry. Nurseries owned by forest product companies produced 852 million trees in FY 1997, 53% of all production, and 26 million more than in FY 1996.

Other industry. Private nurseries not owned by forest industry produced 366 million trees in 1997, an increase of 161 million trees (79%) over last year. Increased production, as compared with last year, was reported for a number of states, including Arizona (up almost 50 million), Georgia (up 90 million), Louisiana (up 24 million) and Oregon (up by almost 16 million).

State nurseries. State nurseries produced 348 million trees (21% of U.S. total) in FY 1997, as compared with 396 million in FY 1996.

Other public nurseries. Federal nurseries produced 53 million trees in FY 1997, 3% of the U.S. total, and 11 million fewer trees than they grew in 1996.

Only 5 million trees were reported as being produced by nurseries operated by local governments in FY 1997, as contrasted with 38 million trees last year. This difference is due to no production being reported in this ownership category for Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, and Wisconsin for FY 1997.

State and Regional Highlights

The top states. Ten states each produced 50 million or more trees in their nurseries in FY 1997 (see page 11). Georgia topped the list with 251 million trees, followed closely by Alabama with 237 million. Florida, Texas, Arkansas, and North Carolina each produced over 100 million trees.

States with nursery production of 50 million or more trees in FY 1997

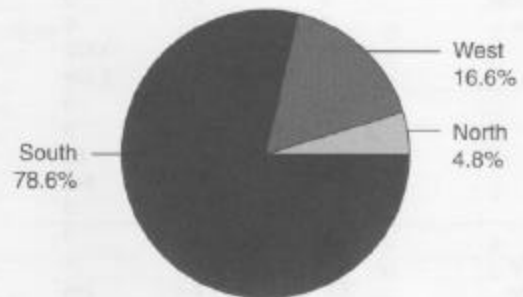
Georgia	251 million
Alabama	237 million
Florida	160 million
Texas	126 million
Arkansas	120 million
North Carolina	104 million
South Carolina	99 million
Oregon	87 million
Washington	85 million
Louisiana	67 million

Together, these 10 states produced 82% of the nursery trees in the United States.

Regional notes. The South produced almost 1.3 billion forest trees (79% of the U.S. total) and 71 million more than last year. Nursery output was also up in the West by 72 million, as compared with last year, and totaled 270 million (17% of U.S. total). However, tree production at nurseries in the North was reported at only 77 million (5% of U.S. total) as compared with 125 million in FY 1996.

Nursery production by region in FY 1997:

	Million seedlings	Percent of total
North	77	4.8
South	1,277	78.6
West	270	16.6
Total	1,624	100.0



Appendix Table

Table 7 in the appendix gives nursery production figures for all states by owner.

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