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Forisk Expands Mill Database to Cover Nonstructural Panels

WATKINSVILLE, GEORGIA – May 30, 2024 – Forisk expanded coverage of their North American Forest Industry Capacity Database (“Mill Capacity Database”) to include nonstructural panel (NSP) mills. This sector includes 68 mills that process wood into panel end products including particleboard, medium density fiberboard (MDF), high density fiberboard (HDF), hardboard, and engineered wood siding.

“The NSP mill sector is extremely important to our industry using almost 23 million tons of wood feedstock annually,” notes Pat Jolley, Product Manager of Forisk’s Mill Capacity Database. He explains, “The sector uses woody feedstock, much of which comes from by-products of existing mills in the form of chips, shavings, other residuals, and even reclaimed wood, although some buy roundwood.” The Forisk Mill Database now covers 2,300 facilities representing almost 775 million tons of wood use at open and announced mills across North America.

Understanding the key manufacturers in the panel industry provides information for strategic planning, sourcing decisions, and market analysis. The top five NSP manufacturers in North America account for 60% of the total sector capacity. “Our clients are increasingly interested in markets for mill residuals, so Forisk expanded our coverage of this sector in response,” says Amanda Lang, Forisk Vice President of Client Services.

Forisk’s [North American Forest Industry Capacity Database](#) (“Mill Capacity Database”) compiles mill capacity for softwood and hardwood lumber, structural panels (OSB and plywood), engineered wood products, pulp, veneer, wood pellets, chip mills, and nonstructural panel mills by region across five North American geographies: U.S. North, U.S. South, U.S. West, Eastern Canada, and Western Canada. Updated quarterly, the database includes detailed information for 2,300 facilities, including location, mill type, wood use estimates, and species. It also provides ownership and capacity data by year for 2013-2023, with estimates for 2024-2026. Forisk’s Mill Capacity Database is available as an annual subscription or as a one-time purchase.

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