

Menominee Tribal Enterprises

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Producers and manufacturers of quality sustainable Forest Products since 1908, Menominee Tribal Enterprises (MTE) is owned and operated by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. MTE employs approximately three hundred individuals throughout its vast operation. The mill alone employs about one hundred-sixty workers during the peak season. As the business arm of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, MTE in many ways embodies the culture, values and spirituality of the Menominee.

The 150-year history of forest resource use and management of the Menominee forest stands as a practical example of sustainable forestry – forestry that is ecologically viable, economically feasible, and socially desirable. This refers not only to forest products and social benefits, but also to wildlife, site productivity and other ecosystem functions.

The sustainable forest management practices on the 230,000 acre Menominee Forest allows for approximately 20 million board feet of timber to be harvested annually for manufacture into various wood products, and then marketed nationally and internationally. The current primary product mix includes lumber, veneer, and value added products and byproducts.

MTE was built upon an understanding of the need to integrate advanced science, technology, and business practices within a cultural context in order to remain competitive and profitable for future generations of Menominee People. The “land ethic” and commitment to sustainable forest management practices and principles quite literally sets Menominee apart from all other integrated forest management. In fact, the contrast is so apparent that you can literally see the boundaries of the Menominee forest from space when viewing satellite imagery of Wisconsin.

The Menominee Tribe’s sustainable forest management practices produce consistently high quality timber while protecting the Reservation’s ecosystem, biodiversity and traditional way of life.

Timber harvested according to MTE’s annual allowable cut is shipped to their wood manufacturing facility at Neopit for both primary and secondary processing. Their high quality wood products are further processed into a wide variety of products, including flooring, paneling, cabinets, furniture, crafts, and musical instruments. MTE also has the distinction of harvesting and supplying the hard maple used to manufacture the floor for the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament.

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