



Researchers at the USDA Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory (FPL), have determined that the lowest rates of deforestation and net forest carbon emissions (change in forest stock) occur in global regions with the *highest rates of industrial wood harvest and forest product output.*

In turn, global regions with the highest rates of deforestation and forest carbon emissions rank lowest in industrial roundwood harvest and forest product output.

“The historical data we examined in this study support the hypothesis that an economically vibrant industrial forest products sector has been key to forest policies and forestry practices that support sustainable timber supply and demand,” says Ince. (FPL Forest Researcher)

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