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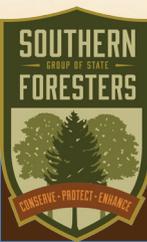
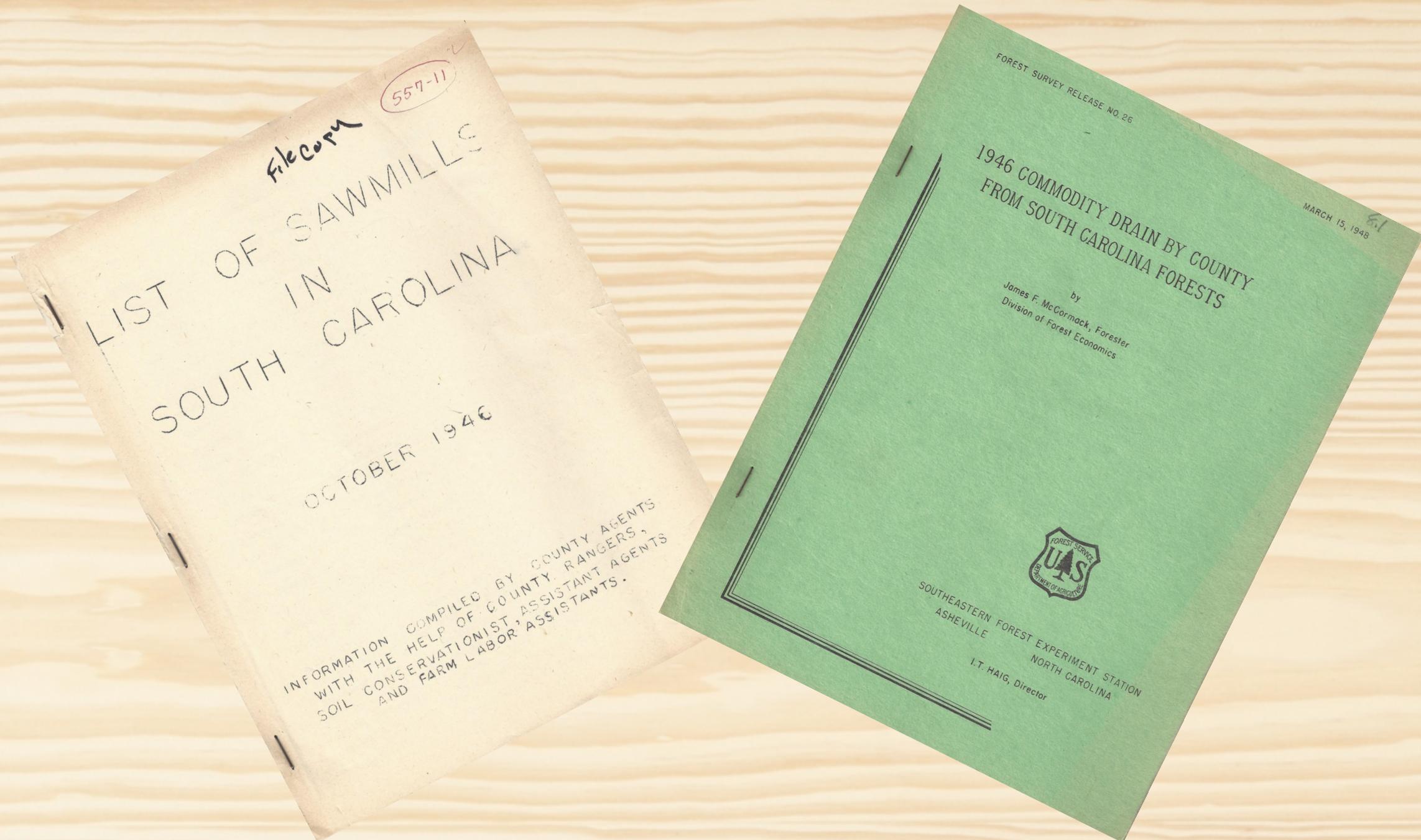
Timber Products Output *The SUM Committee's View*

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History of the TPO Program

Whose Responsibility is it?



Changes in Southern Mill Make-up

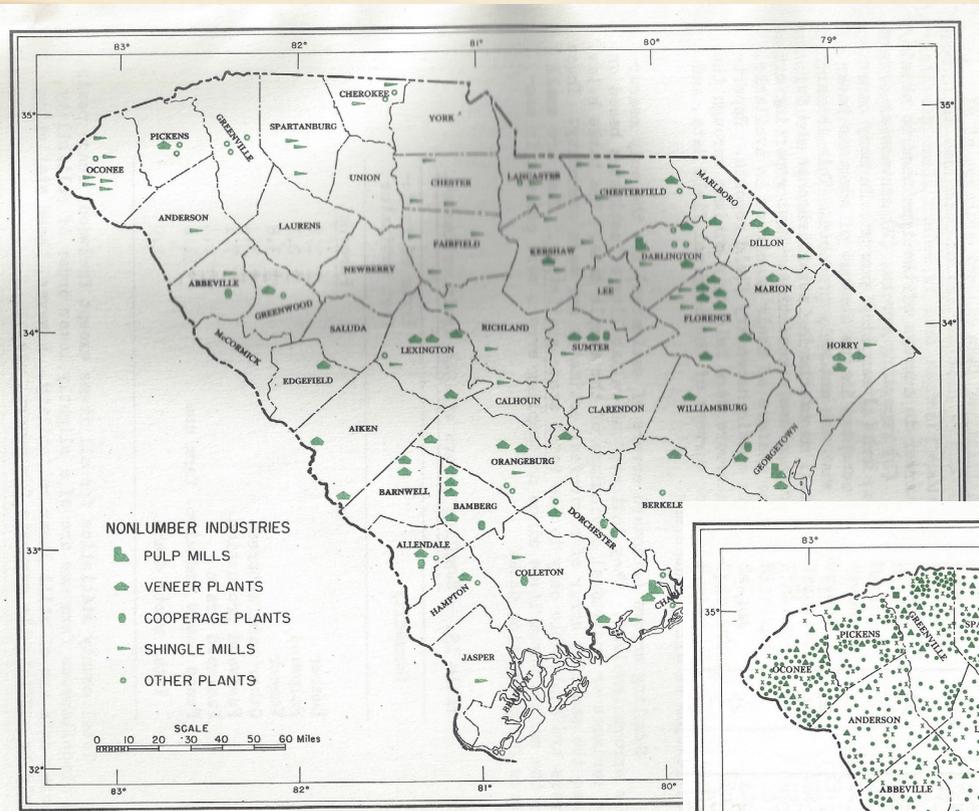


Figure 8. - Nonlumber plant location map

1946 to 2016

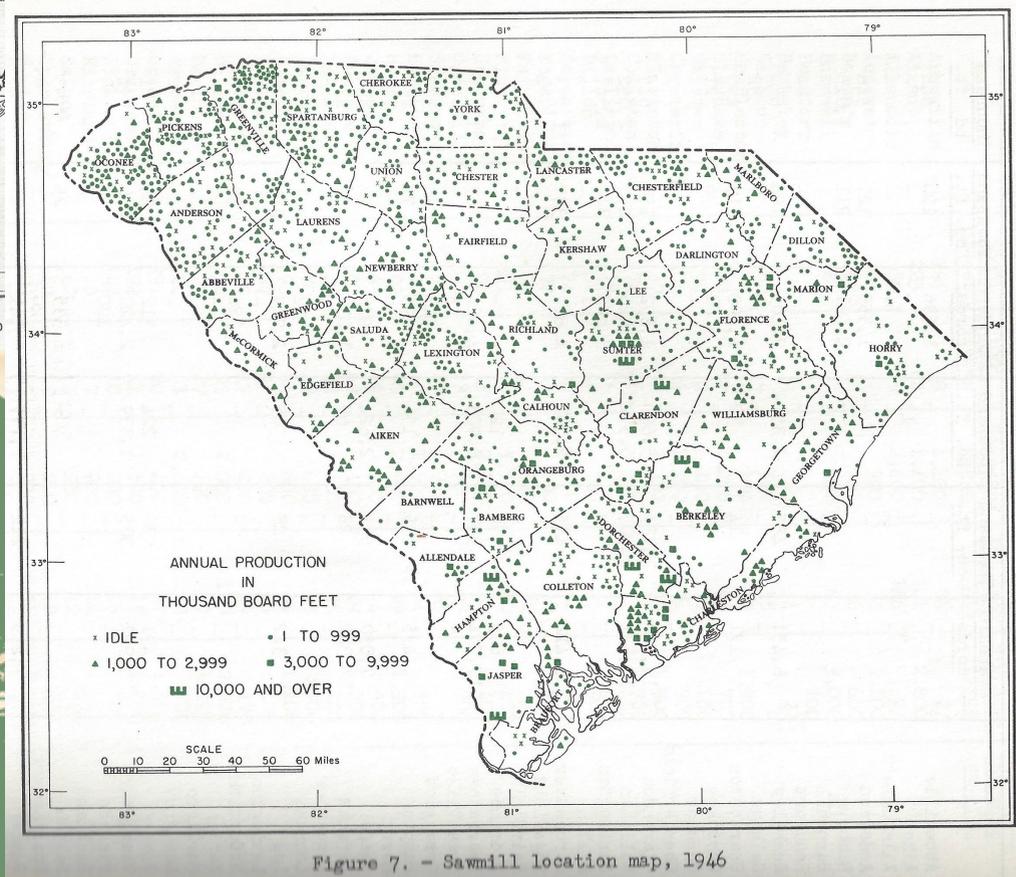
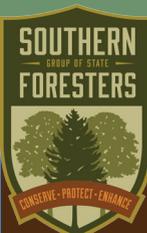
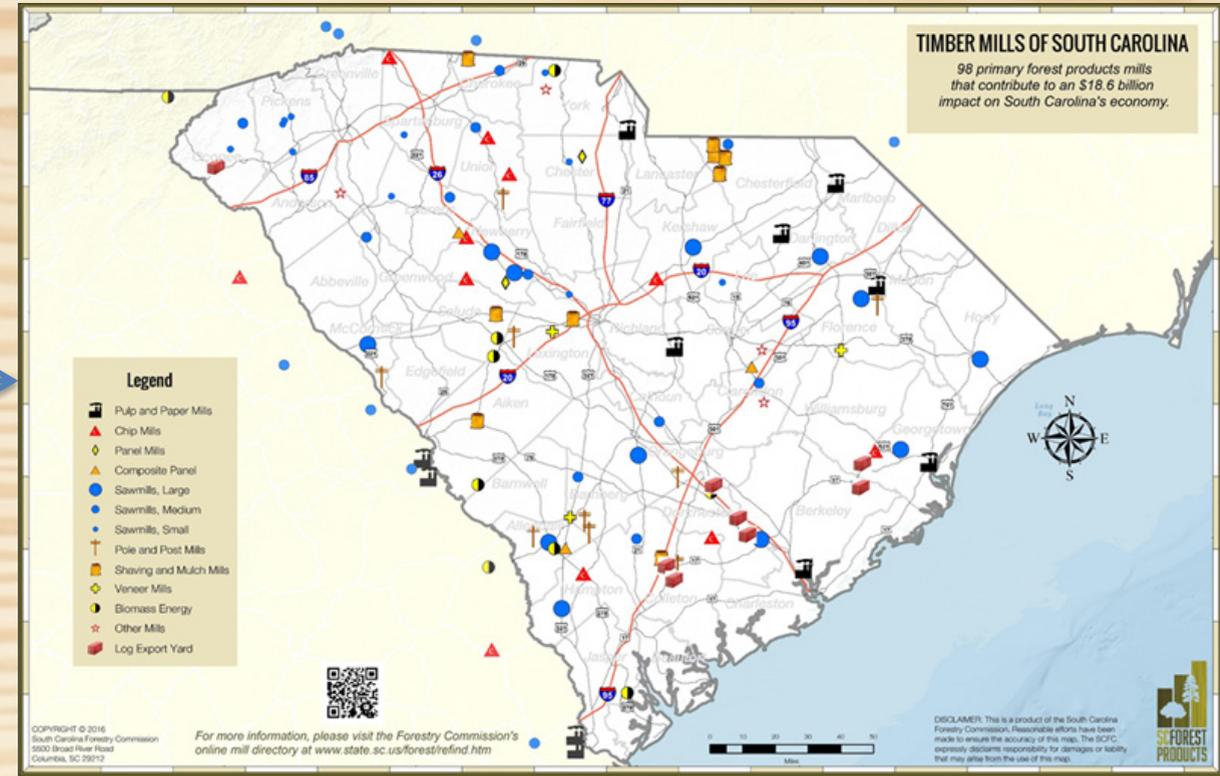
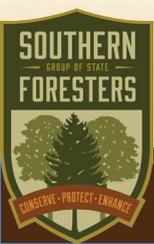


Figure 7. - Sawmill location map, 1946

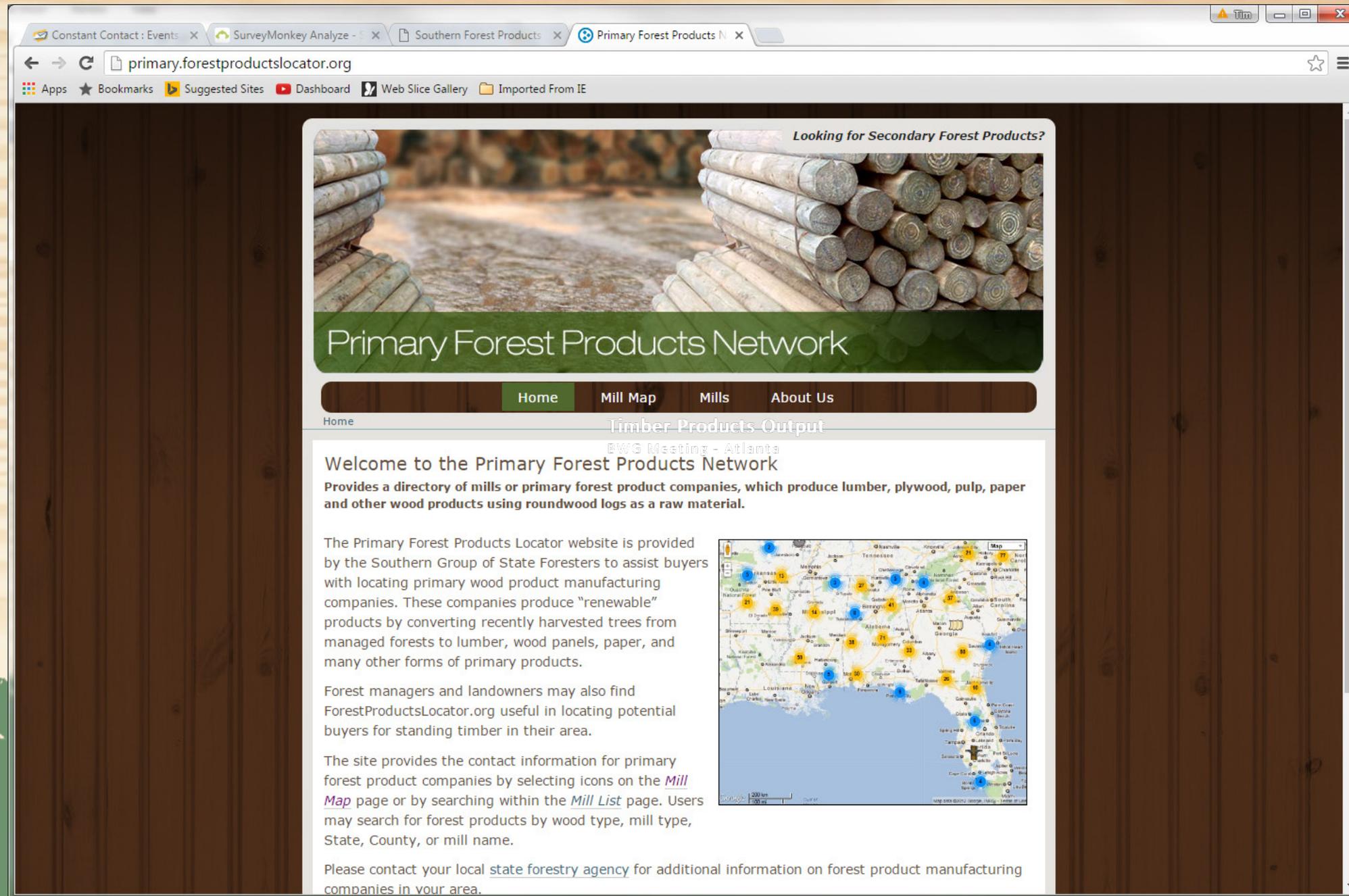


Current Wood Products Manufacturing Facilities

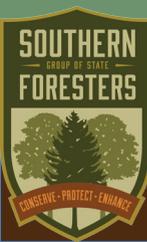
State	Number of Mills
Alabama	115
Arkansas	95
Florida	75
Georgia	154
Kentucky	299
Louisiana	40
Mississippi	63
North Carolina	185
Oklahoma	24
South Carolina	89
Tennessee	254
Texas	74
Virginia	105
Total	1,572



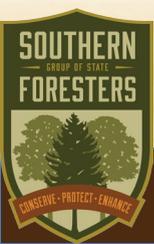
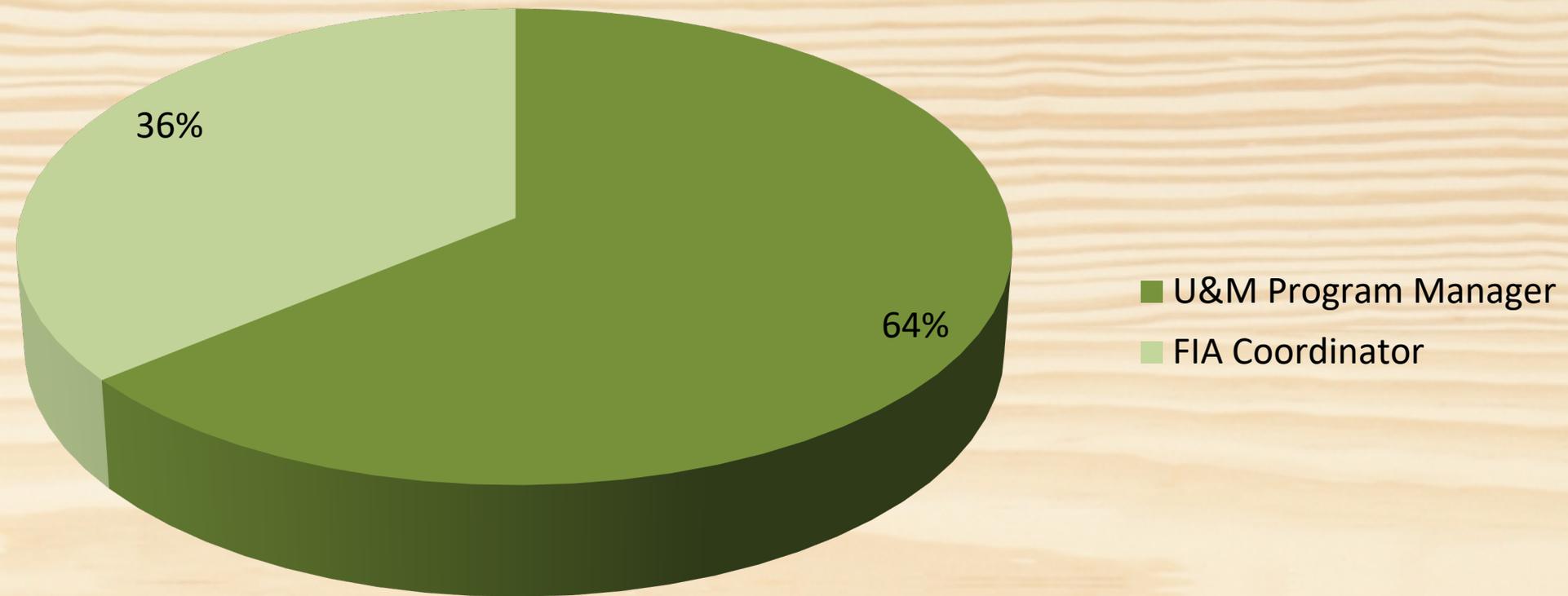
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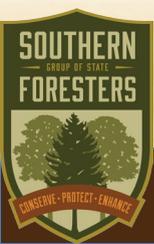
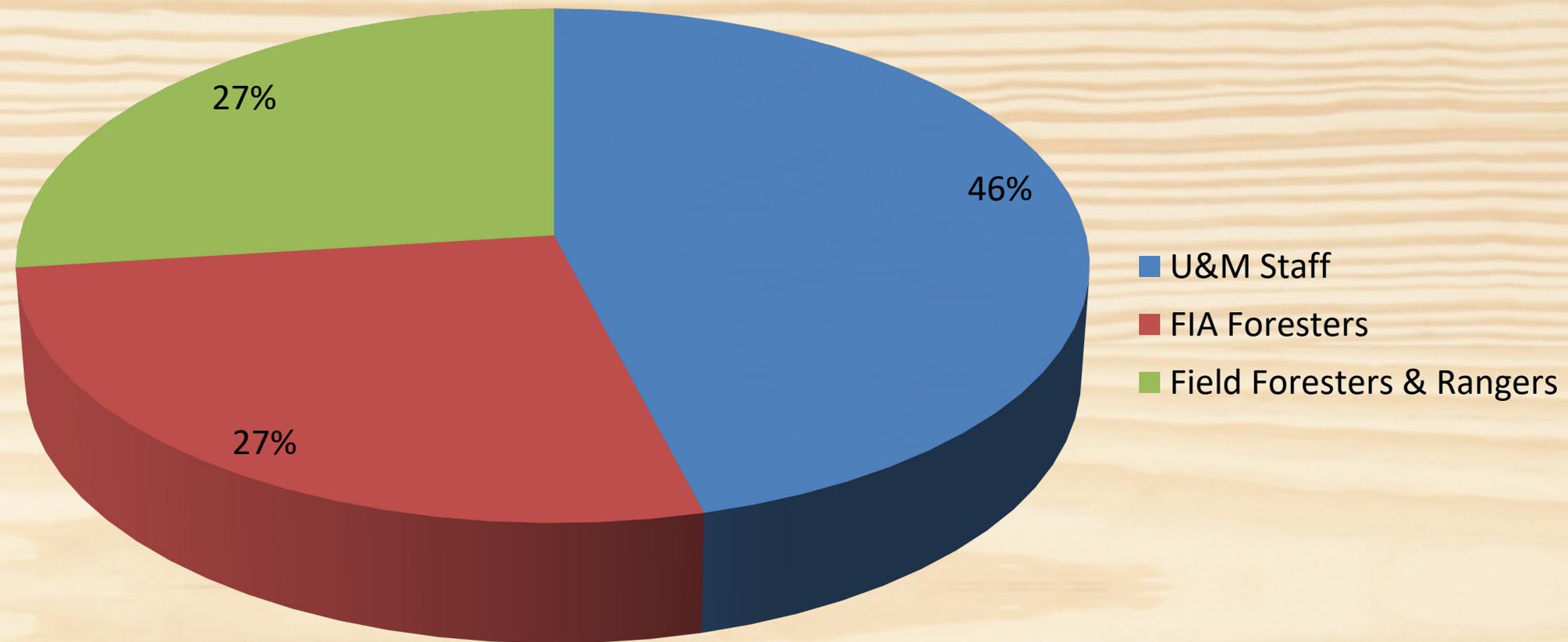
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `primary.forestproductslocator.org`. The page features a header with the text "Looking for Secondary Forest Products?" and a large image of stacked logs. Below the image is the title "Primary Forest Products Network" and a navigation menu with links for "Home", "Mill Map", "Mills", and "About Us". The main content area includes a sub-header "Timber Products Output" and "BWG Meeting - Atlanta". The text on the page reads: "Welcome to the Primary Forest Products Network. Provides a directory of mills or primary forest product companies, which produce lumber, plywood, pulp, paper and other wood products using roundwood logs as a raw material." It also states: "The Primary Forest Products Locator website is provided by the Southern Group of State Foresters to assist buyers with locating primary wood product manufacturing companies. These companies produce 'renewable' products by converting recently harvested trees from managed forests to lumber, wood panels, paper, and many other forms of primary products." A map of the Southern United States is shown on the right, with various locations marked with colored icons. The page concludes with: "Forest managers and landowners may also find ForestProductsLocator.org useful in locating potential buyers for standing timber in their area. The site provides the contact information for primary forest product companies by selecting icons on the [Mill Map](#) page or by searching within the [Mill List](#) page. Users may search for forest products by wood type, mill type, State, County, or mill name. Please contact your local [state forestry agency](#) for additional information on forest product manufacturing companies in your area."



Who Supervises the State TPO Surveys?



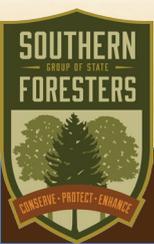
Who is Responsible for the Direct Collection of TPO Surveys?



Mill Notification of Upcoming Survey

82% of all states responded that they notify mills of upcoming surveys.

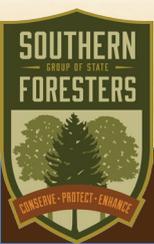
- Formal letter from the state forestry agency (54%)
- Email notification w/ digital copy of TPO forms (27%)
- Published article on the TPO Program (18%)
- Other means (36%)



What Additional Questions are Asked by States?

Two states ask additional questions not covered by the TPO form. Questions are asked about:

1. Export markets
2. Involvement in product certification programs.



How is the TPO Data Collected?

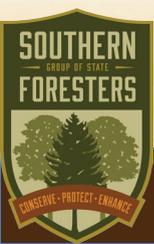
More
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- Update mill directory – mail forms by letter/email – **site visit to complete all forms** – phone follow-up when needed – review and verify data - compile and send forms to Knoxville.

- Mail/email forms – follow-up reminder– 2nd mail/email of forms – 2nd follow-up reminder – compile responses and send to Knoxville.

Less
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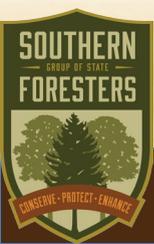
- Mail out forms – compile and send returned forms to Knoxville.
- FIA staff in Knoxville completes survey.



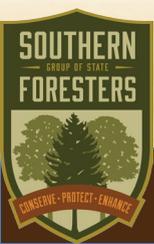
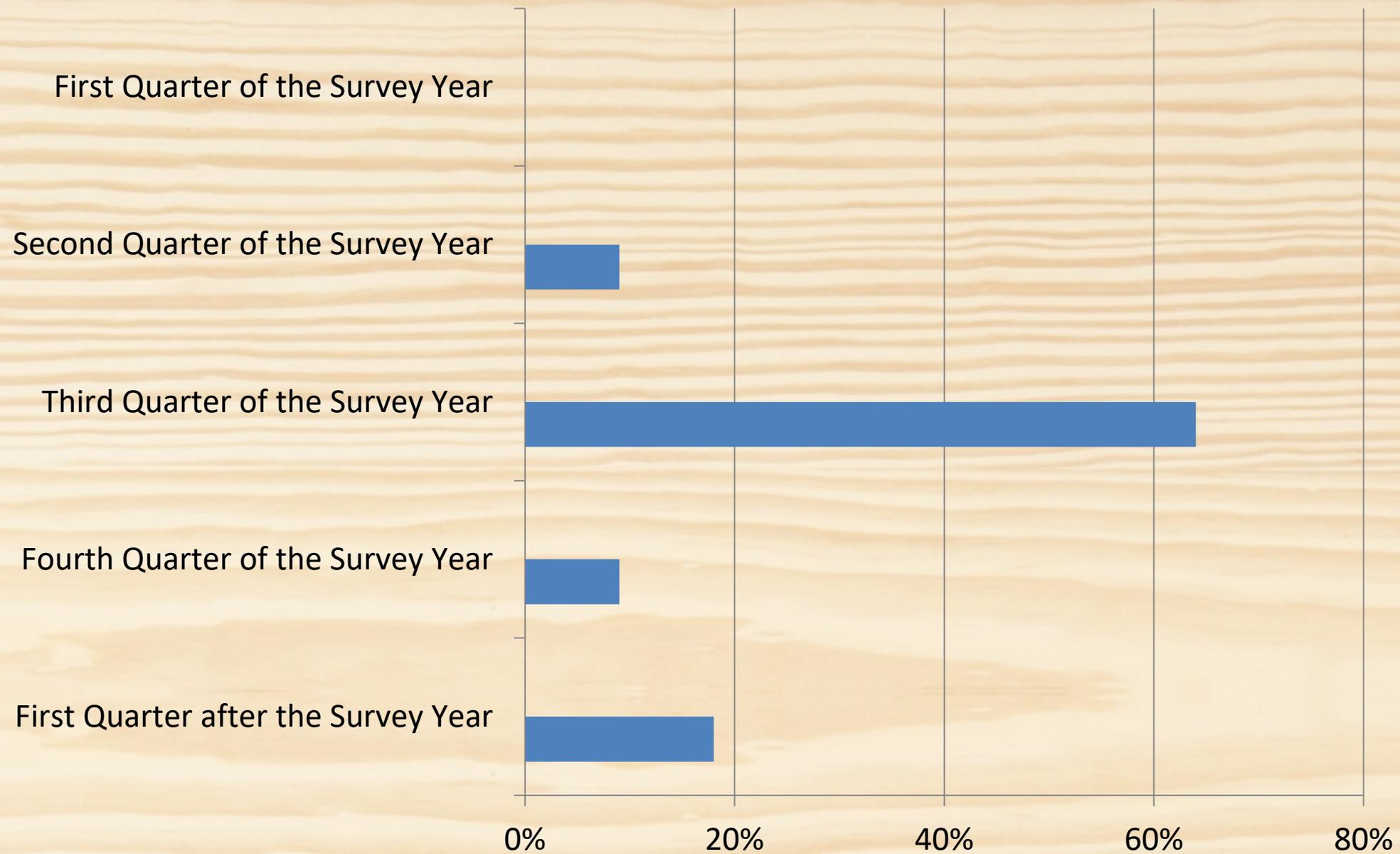
What Materials do you Provide to the Mills?

75% of the states reported that they provide mills with materials as part of the TPO Survey, including:

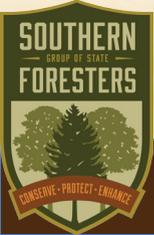
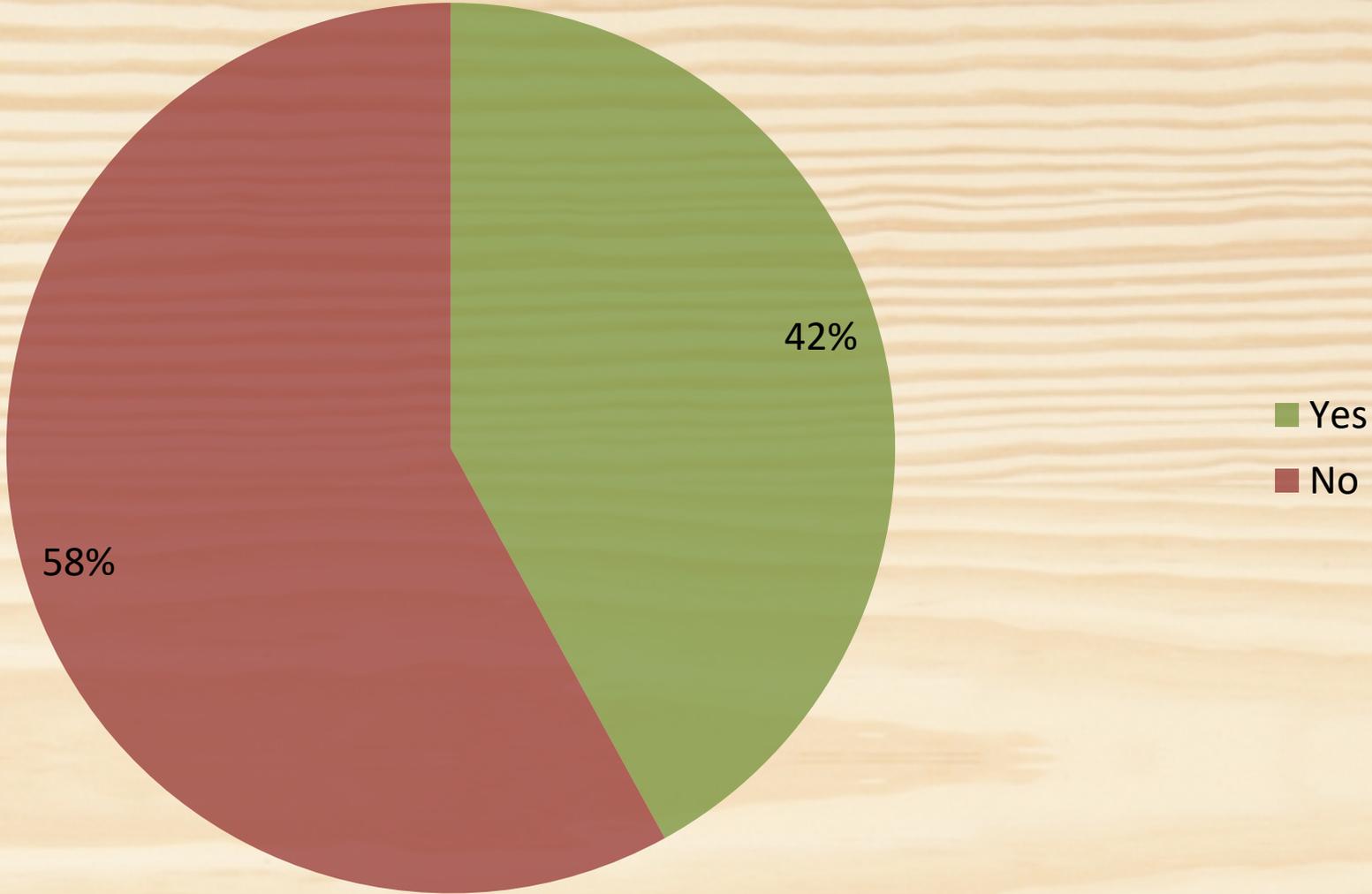
1. FIA/TPO reports and fact sheets
2. Mill directories
3. State primary mill maps



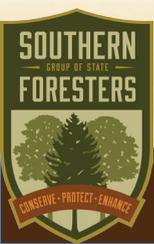
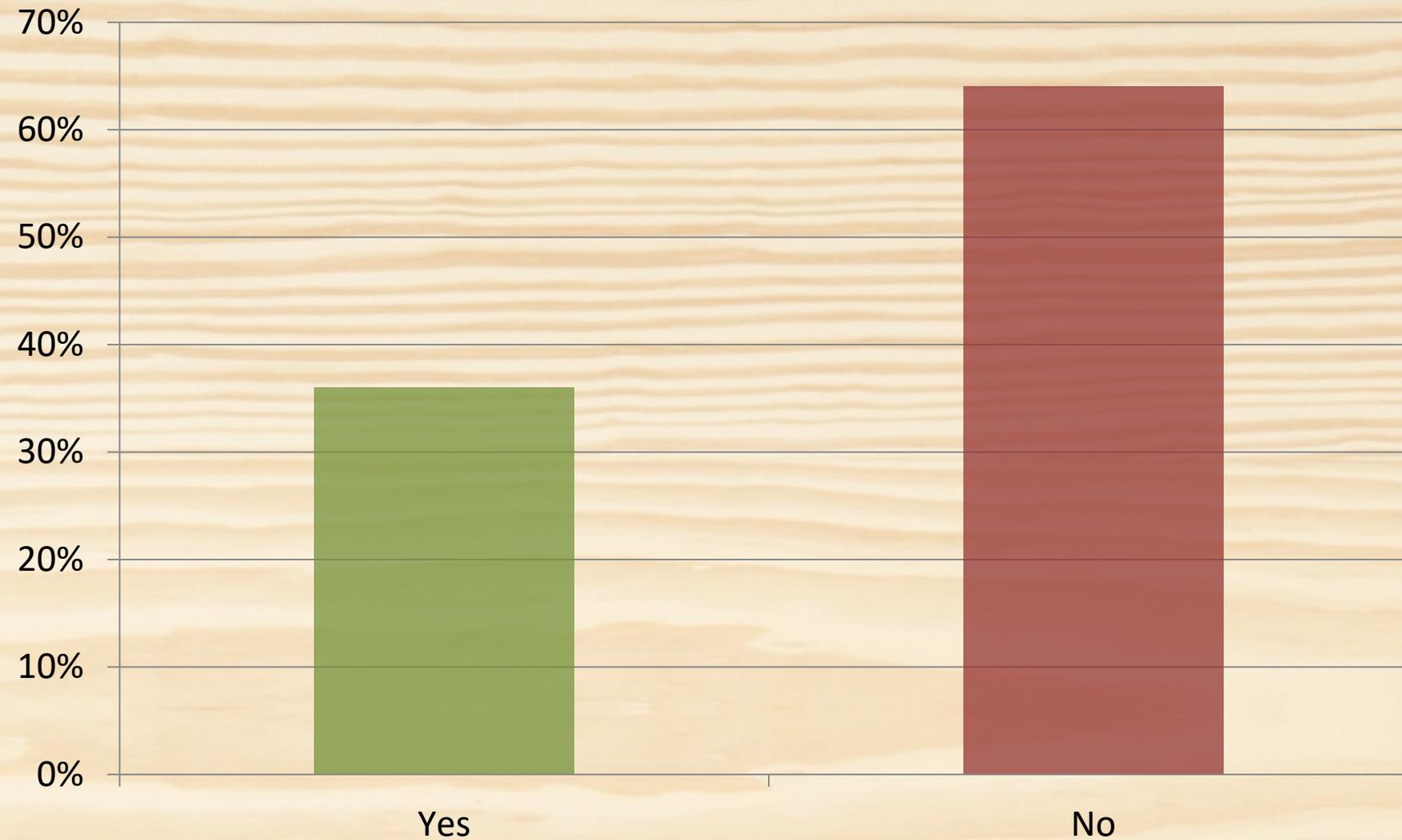
When do you Plan to Complete a TPO Survey?



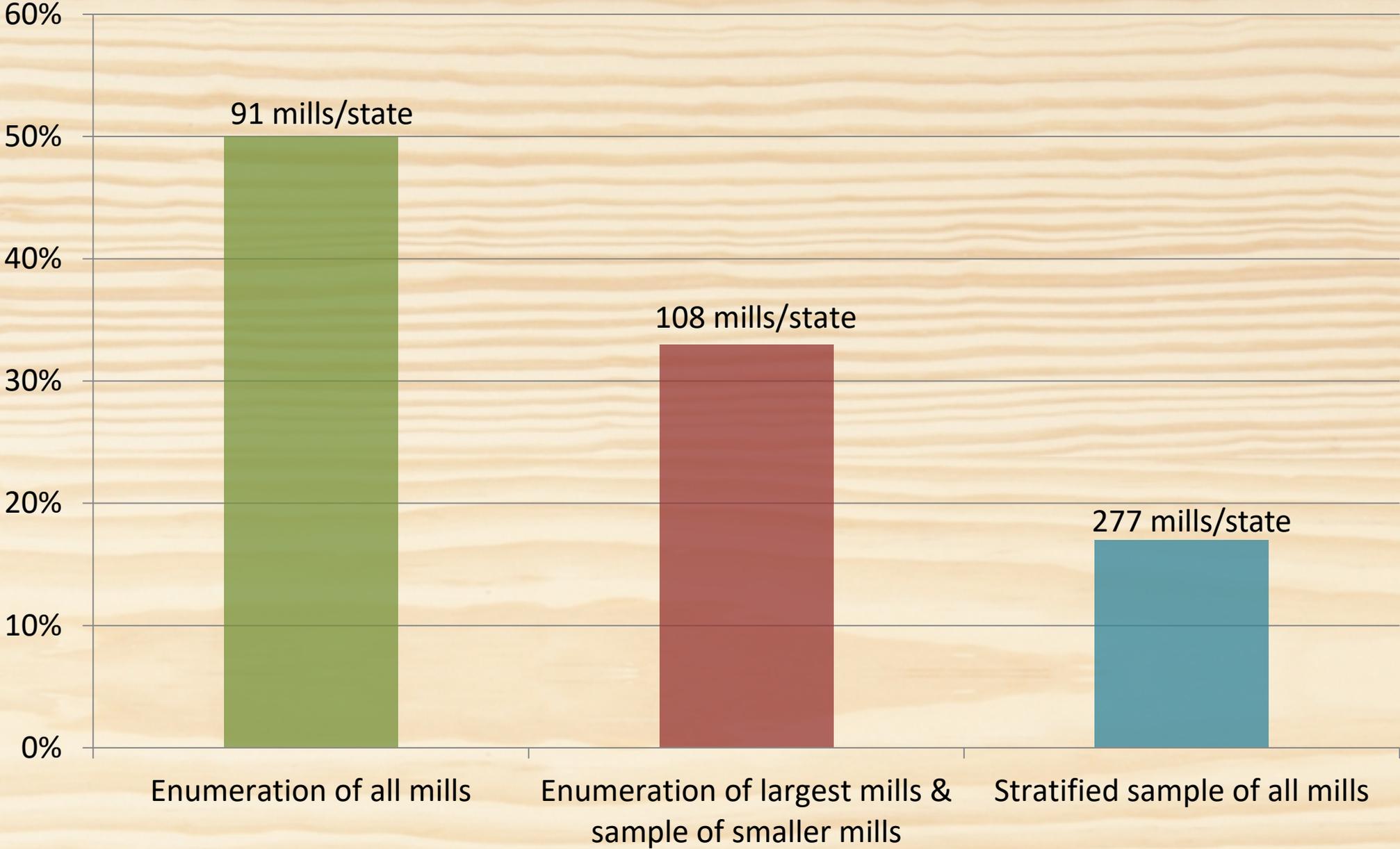
Are Completed TPO Forms Reviewed and Validated before Submission?



Are you in Favor of Going to an Annual TPO Survey?



Which TPO Survey Method do you Prefer?



Summary and Conclusions

- **The TPO Program is a responsibility of the USFS to implement as part of the FIA Program.**
- **The states have never received any funding to implement the TPO Program.**
- **There is a good bit of variation in how the TPO program is being implemented by the states.**
- **The direction of the TPO Program is undergoing change (national vs regional and sampling vs enumeration).**
- **The southern states will be submitting a Forest Service competitive grant to fund a consistent, accurate enumeration of all mills to set an accurate baseline prior to upcoming changes.**

