



American  
Forest & Paper  
Association

# Paper's Complex Manufacturing Journey

## How North American Tariffs Impact the U.S. Forest Products Industry

The U.S. forest products industry **relies on open access** to key international markets, including **Canada** and **Mexico**, for exports and imports of essential forest products and raw materials. AF&PA supports free and fair trade and the elimination of foreign trade barriers.



The U.S. forest products supply chain is complex and highly integrated with **Canada** and **Mexico**.



Our products often cross the **Canadian** border multiple times.

Certain raw material inputs must be sourced from **Canada** due to specific fiber quality demands and transportation efficiencies. We also rely on **Canada** for energy, chemicals and other materials vital to the manufacturing process.

This trade helps support:



**925,000**

**People** working in the U.S. forest products industry, particularly in rural America



**1.63 million**

**Additional jobs** across our industry's value chain and in local communities



Our industry's manufacturing process involves **many stages** that can each happen at different facilities on **both sides of our borders**.



**Pulp and paper mills are strategically located across the United States**

We have numerous facilities in key states like **Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Washington, and Wisconsin**.

These capital intensive facilities have been built and refined with the customer in mind around existing mill infrastructure for decades. **It is not economically or logistically viable for these facilities to source their many inputs from a different region.**

