South Carolina’s forests are an economic engine that creates wealth, provides jobs and contributes to the state’s quality of life as well as its business and environmental health. All of the commercial enterprises that make up the forestry sector constitute one of the largest industries in our state. Forestry continues to be a pillar of our state’s economy, contributing $21.2 billion annually while providing more than 98,000 jobs and $4.9 billion in annual labor income. Compared to other leading industries in the Palmetto State, forestry ranks #1 in jobs, #2 in labor income, and #3 in direct economic output.