

production of plastic-wood products, fibre board and laminated wood has resulted in greater use of inferior grades of wood and species of trees and therefore in the more complete utilization of forest resources and the elimination of much waste.

3.—Average Forest Utilization and Depletion, 1958 and 1959, compared with Ten-Year Average 1949-58

Item	Usable Wood			Depletion		
	Average 1949-58	1958	1959 ^p	Average 1949-58	1958	1959 ^p
	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.
Products Utilized—						
Logs and Bolts—						
Domestic use.....	1,473,782	1,456,917	1,725,700 ¹	43.1	41.4	54.1 ¹
Exported.....	8,787	4,704	4,300	0.3	0.1	0.1
Pulpwood—						
Domestic use.....	1,078,071	975,642	968,400	31.5	27.7	30.3
Exported.....	164,749	109,337	94,100	4.8	3.1	2.9
Fuelwood.....	337,523	261,853	260,000	9.9	7.4	8.2
Other products.....	69,270	46,217	44,600	2.0	1.3	1.4
Total Utilization.....	3,132,182	2,854,670	3,097,100	91.6	81.0	97.0
Wastage—						
By forest fires.....	288,027	669,433	94,400	8.4	19.0	3.0
Total Depletion ²	3,420,209	3,524,103	3,191,500	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Includes logs for pulping.

² The figure for depletion does not include wastage caused by agencies other than fire, such as insects, disease and natural mortality, for which no reliable estimates are available. It represents an average annual depletion of 7 cu. feet per acre on the accessible productive forest area; a much higher rate of depletion occurs on the more accessible occupied productive forest lands.

