

The Connecticut Forest Products Industry: Reflections on the Past, Outlook for the Future



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1600's

European settlement



1700's

75% of Connecticut cleared for farming, grazing, fuelwood and lumber



1800's

Abandonment of farmland Industrial Revolution



1800's



1900's

Chestnut blight

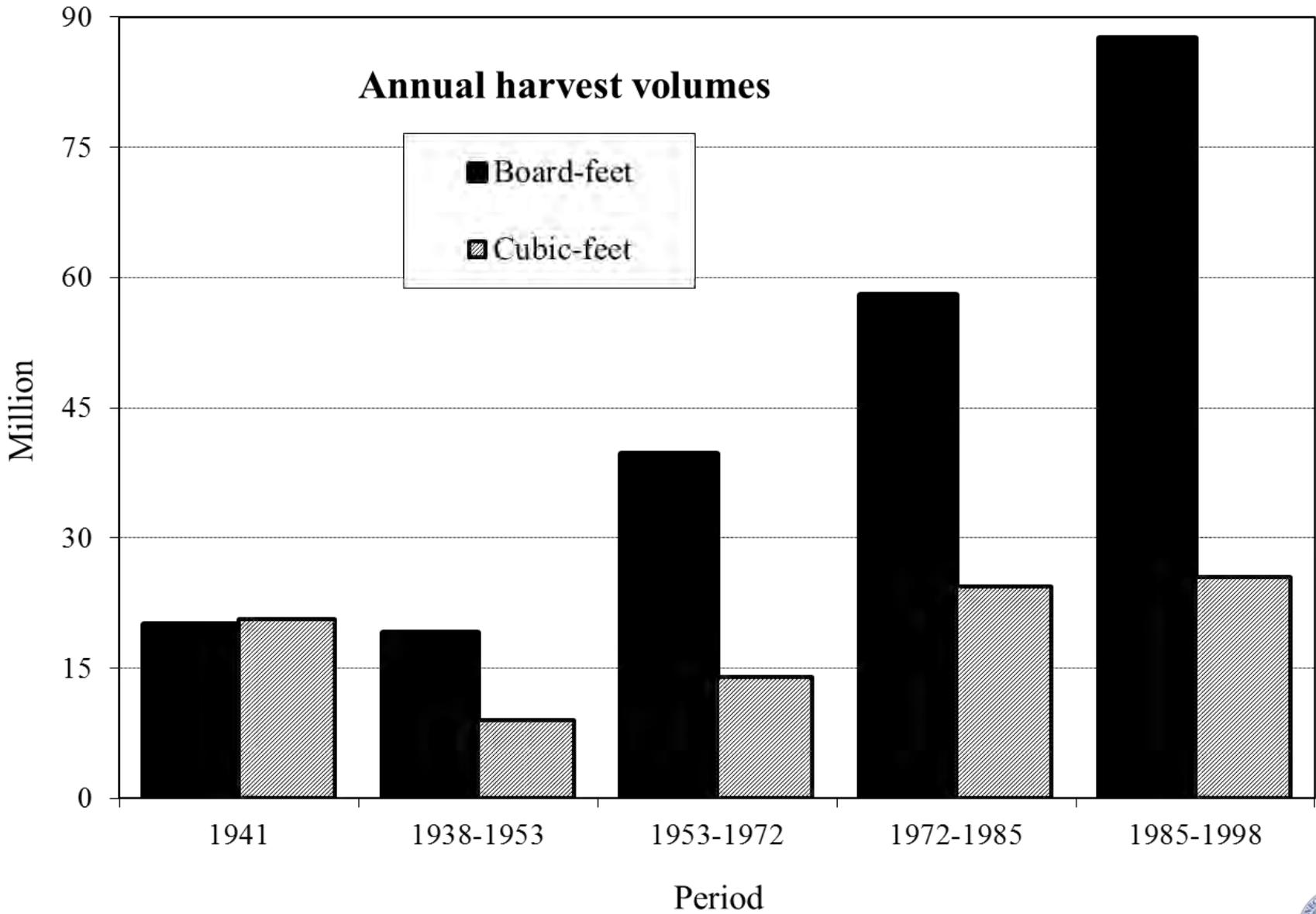
Connecticut's forests mature

By early 1950's 63% of Connecticut is forested

Revival in the Connecticut sawmill industry



Annual harvest volumes



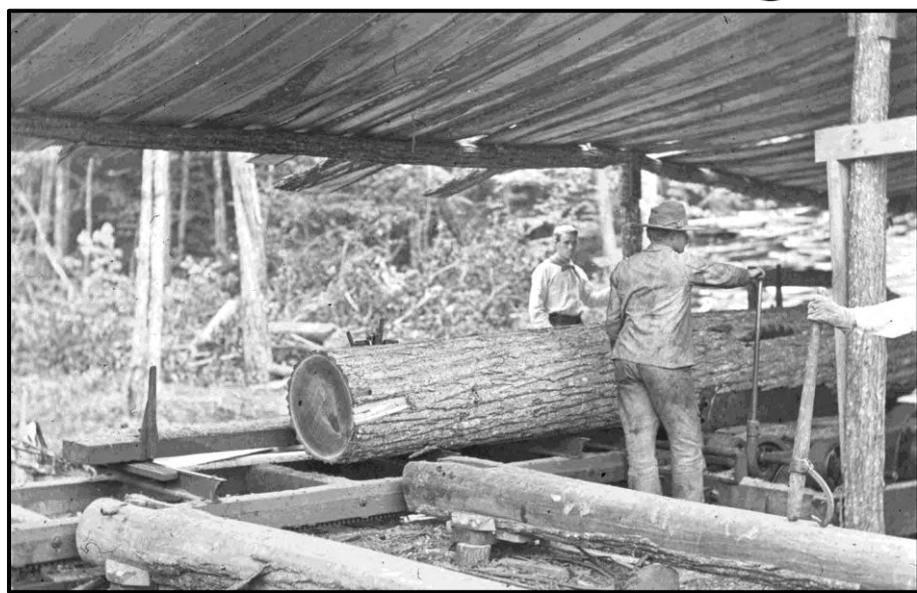
1900's

Dramatic changes in logging industry



1900's

Dramatic changes in sawmill industry



1900's

Dramatic changes in markets

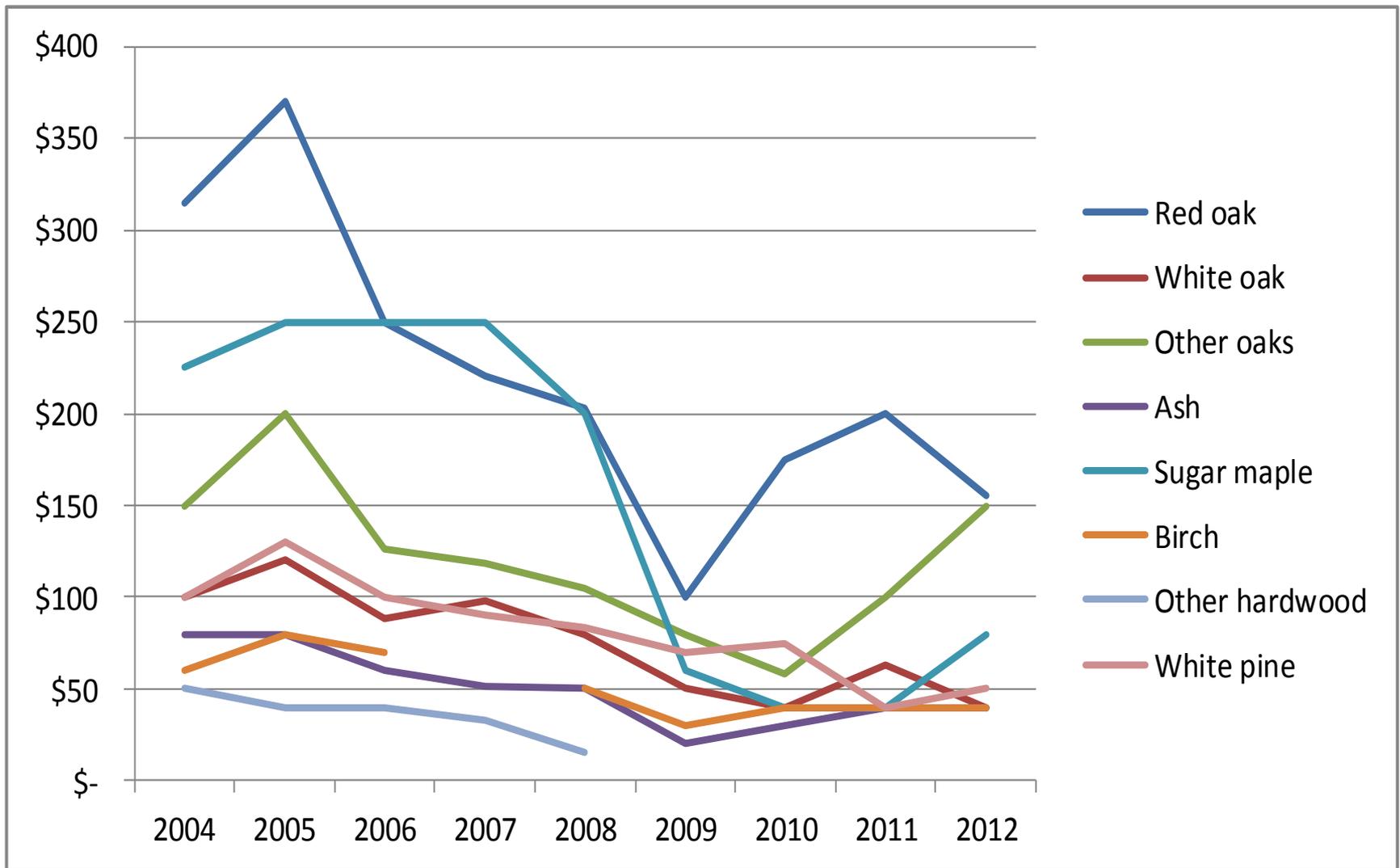


2000's

Mechanization

Diversification





Southern New England Stumpage Price Survey Results (UMASS, UCONN, CT, MA, RI)
East of Connecticut River





Supreme Forest Products



Hull Forest Products



- ✓ **\$250 million to the Connecticut economy**
- ✓ **10,000 jobs**
- ✓ **530+ Certified Forest Practitioners**
- ✓ **1,383,000 acres Non-Industrial Private Forest Land (82% of CT's Forest Land)**
- ✓ **Rate of growth continues to exceed rate of harvest by a ratio of 2.2:1**



2012 and Beyond...



Biomass???



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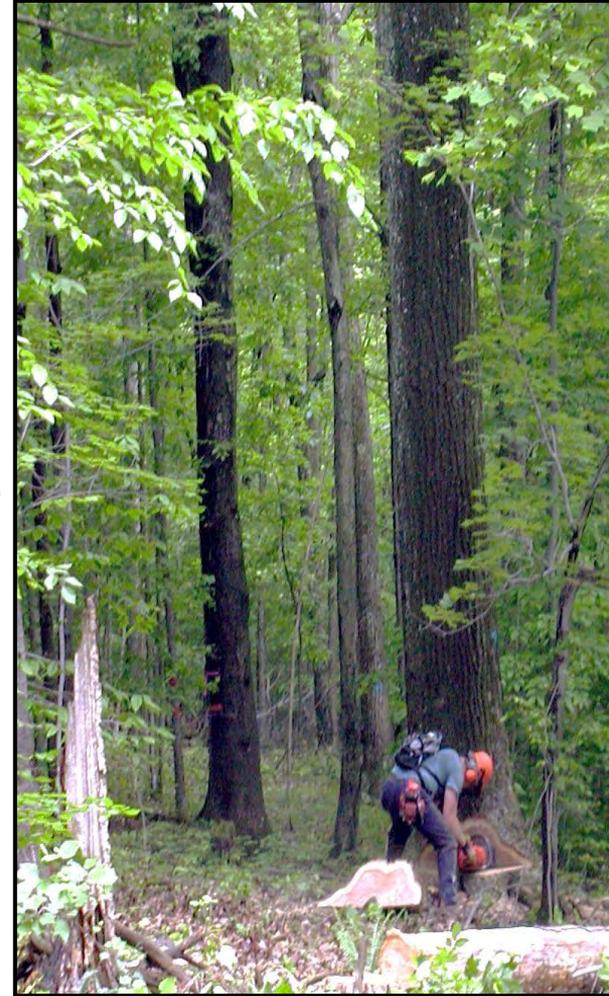
**Support Local Jobs
and
Working Forests**

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Sustainability

- ✓ Favorable regulatory climate
- ✓ PA 490 Forest Land
- ✓ \$\$ for Forest Management Plans
- ✓ \$\$ for state lands program
- ✓ \$\$ for Forest Legacy
- ✓ Control of invasive insects



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