

Oklahoma



Forest Health Highlights

2012

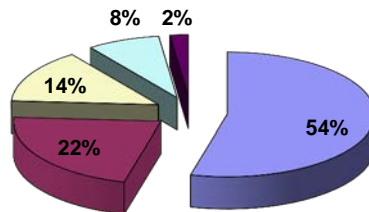
The Resource

Oklahoma's forests cover 10 million acres, about 20% of the state's land area. Some 6.9 million acres of the states forested land is in nonindustrial private ownership, while approximately 397,000 acres are in national forest. Oklahoma's forests are prized for their supporting tourism and providing wildlife state. Major forest types hickory, loblolly and oak-pine, and oak-gum-



scenic beauty, outdoor recreation and habitat throughout the in the state include oak-shortleaf pine, mixed cypress.

Oklahoma Forest Type Distribution



- Oak-hickory
- Loblolly-shortleaf pine
- Oak-pine
- Oak-gum-cypress
- Elm-ash-cottonwood

Forest Influences and Programs

Southern pine beetle (SPB) was absent from Oklahoma again in 2012 on state, private, and national forest lands. Ips engraver beetles, however, caused isolated pine mortality in southeast Oklahoma in combination with drought conditions, but this mortality is difficult to detect and quantify. Aerial surveillance identified about 40 infestations on private lands and 22 on the Ouachita National Forest that were due to *Ips*.

Drought continued to affect much of Oklahoma during 2012 continuing from 2011. Moisture stress on trees and forests is likely causing some mortality and dieback of trees, but no specific detections or delineations were made.

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