

NFI provisional estimates for woodland in the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership area

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Summary

This report provides a detailed picture of the stocked area in woodland, the standing volume of timber and the associated live biomass and carbon stocks for woodland in the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area. These estimates are a subset of those published as part of the 2012 growing stock information presented in the National Forest Inventory (NFI) *50-year forecast of softwood timber availability* (2014) and *50-year forecast of hardwood timber availability* (2014). NFI reports are published at www.forestry.gov.uk/inventory.

In addition, the report provides forecasts of timber availability, standing volume and increment for softwoods and hardwoods arising from the stocked area and standing volume. Forecasts are based on the 'headline' harvesting scenario described in the 50-year forecasts NFI reports. An alternative forecast is provided using a harvesting scenario which brings all Private sector broadleaved woodland into production.

The estimates provided in this report are provisional in nature.



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Approach

The approach taken in the derivation of these results and to be used in their interpretation is described in the full suite of forecast reports which can be found at www.forestry.gov.uk/forecast. Refer to the *Standing timber volume for coniferous trees in Britain* (2012) and the *NFI preliminary estimates of quantities of broadleaved species in British Woodlands with special focus on ash* (2012) reports for a description of the underlying methodologies and interpretation, and also for the England and Great Britain (GB) context. Refer to the *NFI forecasts methodology* (2012) overview report for a detailed description and discussion of forecasting future availability of timber from NFI field survey data and from information in the Forestry Commission's sub-compartment database (SCDB). The wider context of forecasts of timber production from woodland in GB and its constituent countries under a range of harvesting scenarios can be found in the *50-year forecast of softwood timber availability* (2014) and the *50-year forecast of hardwood timber availability* (2014).

The estimates reported here are based upon field samples assessed between October 2009 and August 2013, the results of which have been subjected to rigorous data quality assurance procedures. These field samples constitute approximately two-thirds of the sites to be sampled within the first cycle of NFI field sampling. As a consequence, the estimates in this report are classed as provisional.

Results

The results presented in this report are estimates of standing volumes and stocked areas at 31 March 2012, and 50-year forecasts of softwood and hardwood availability under the 'headline' harvesting scenario and also under a scenario assuming all hardwoods are harvested in Private sector woodland in the Heart of the South West LEP. The data sources used for the compilation of these estimates are the same as described in the NFI reports *Standing timber volume for coniferous trees in Britain* (2012), the *50-year forecast of softwood availability* (2014) and the *50-year forecast of hardwood availability* (2014). Estimates for the Forestry Commission (FC) estate are derived from the FC's SCDB, while those for the Private sector (i.e. non-FC) estate are derived from information collected in the NFI field survey. A fuller description of these data sources and how they are used in the production of estimates, including sampling standard errors (SEs) attached to the Private sector estimates, is provided in the earlier documents.

Results are provided for stocked area at 31 March 2012 (**Figures 1–1a** and **Tables 1–3**), felled area (**Table 4**), standing volume at 31 March 2012 (**Figures 2–2a** and **Tables 5–7**), biomass and carbon stocks at 31 March 2012 (**Tables 8–9**), evidence of thinning in Private sector stands from the NFI field survey (**Figure 3**), the 'headline' 50-

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year forecast (**Figures 4–8** and **Tables 10–12**) and the ‘unrestricted’ 50-year forecast (**Figures 9–13** and **Tables 13–15**). **Figures 14–15** and **Table 16** compare the hardwood production under the two scenarios.

The values in the tables have been independently rounded, so may not add to the totals shown. In some breakdowns of Private sector estimates, the estimates in the body of the table may not sum to the quoted total because each individual value, including the total, has been independently generated by the estimation procedure used for results from the NFI sample survey. Sampling SEs attached to Private sector estimates are expressed in relative terms (%) to the right of the relevant estimate. Percentages in the pie charts may also not sum to 100 due to rounding.

Stocked area at 31 March 2012

Figure 1 Principal tree species composition by stocked area at 31 March 2012

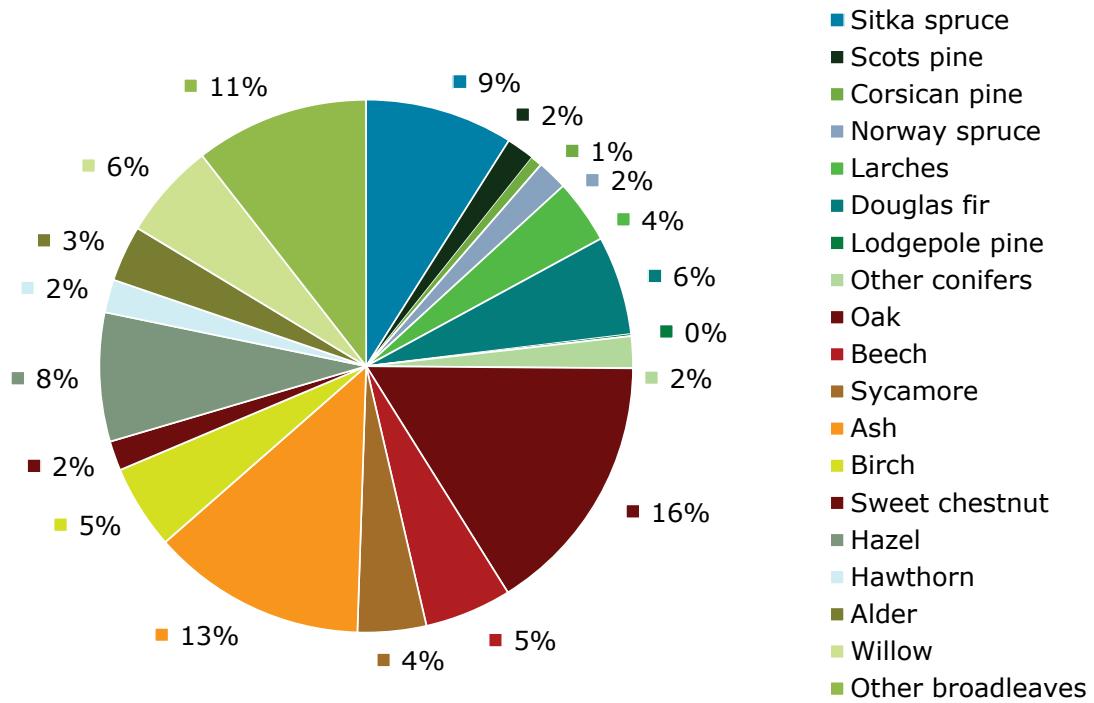
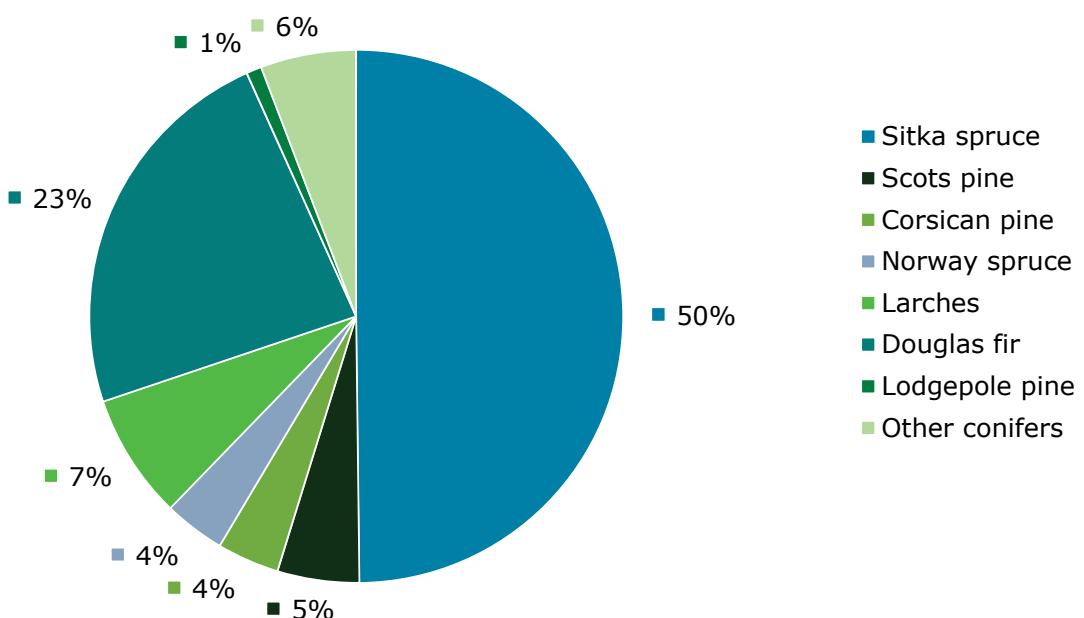


Figure 1a Principal conifer tree species composition by stocked area at 31 March 2012



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Table 1 Stocked area by principal tree species at 31 March 2012

Principal species	FC	Private sector		Total
	area (000 ha)	area (000 ha)	SE%	area (000 ha)
Conifers				
Sitka spruce	4.0	5.1	16	9.1
Scots pine	0.4	1.3	26	1.7
Corsican pine	0.3	0.4	46	0.7
Norway spruce	0.3	1.6	21	1.9
Larches	0.6	3.4	16	4.0
Douglas fir	1.9	4.2	14	6.1
Lodgepole pine	0.1	0.0	119	0.1
Other conifers	0.5	1.5	21	2.0
All conifers	8.1	17.5	5	25.6
Broadleaves				
Oak	0.4	15.9	8	16.3
Beech	0.5	4.9	14	5.4
Sycamore	0.0	4.2	15	4.2
Ash	0.1	13.2	8	13.3
Birch	0.0	5.2	13	5.2
Sweet chestnut	0.0	1.8	27	1.8
Hazel	0.0	8.0	9	8.0
Hawthorn	0.0	2.0	17	2.0
Alder	0.0	3.5	16	3.5
Willow	0.0	5.9	14	5.9
Other broadleaves	1.6	9.2	10	10.7
All broadleaves	2.6	73.9	3	76.5
All species				
All species	10.7	91.5	2	102.2

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Table 2 Stocked area by age class at 31 March 2012

Age class	FC	Private sector		Total
	area (000 ha)	area (000 ha)	SE%	area (000 ha)
All conifers				
0-10 years	0.8	0.7	43	1.4
11-20 years	1.3	2.0	27	3.3
21-40 years	2.7	4.2	14	6.9
41-60 years	2.5	7.4	11	9.9
61-80 years	0.5	2.7	20	3.2
81-100 years	0.2	0.3	48	0.5
100+ years	0.0	0.3	47	0.3
Total	8.1	17.5	5	25.6
All broadleaves				
0-10 years	0.1	8.4	12	8.5
11-20 years	0.2	11.9	9	12.2
21-40 years	0.4	20.5	7	20.9
41-60 years	0.7	15.3	8	16.1
61-80 years	0.4	6.3	12	6.7
81-100 years	0.2	7.6	13	7.9
100+ years	0.4	3.8	17	4.2
Total	2.6	73.9	3	76.5
All species				
0-10 years	0.9	9.1	12	10.0
11-20 years	1.6	13.9	9	15.5
21-40 years	3.1	24.7	7	27.8
41-60 years	3.2	22.8	7	26.0
61-80 years	1.0	9.0	10	10.0
81-100 years	0.5	7.9	13	8.4
100+ years	0.4	4.1	16	4.5
Total	10.7	91.5	2	102.2

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Table 3 Stocked area by mean stand DBH class at 31 March 2012

Mean stand DBH	FC	Private sector		Total
	area (000 ha)	area (000 ha)	SE%	area (000 ha)
All conifers				
0-7 cm	1.0	1.0	35	2.0
7-10 cm	0.5	1.5	31	1.9
10-15 cm	1.2	1.9	21	3.1
15-20 cm	0.7	0.7	23	1.4
20-30 cm	1.3	3.2	14	4.4
30-40 cm	1.6	5.0	13	6.6
40-60 cm	1.5	3.7	16	5.2
60-80 cm	0.3	0.4	39	0.7
80+ cm	0.1	0.2	52	0.3
Total	8.1	17.5	5	25.6
All broadleaves				
0-7 cm	0.2	9.3	11	9.6
7-10 cm	0.3	12.1	7	12.4
10-15 cm	0.4	11.8	9	12.2
15-20 cm	0.3	8.8	12	9.1
20-30 cm	0.5	11.7	9	12.2
30-40 cm	0.5	6.7	11	7.2
40-60 cm	0.1	7.3	11	7.4
60-80 cm	0.0	3.7	16	3.8
80+ cm	0.0	2.5	24	2.6
Total	2.6	73.9	3	76.5
All species				
0-7 cm	1.2	10.4	10	11.6
7-10 cm	0.8	13.6	7	14.4
10-15 cm	1.6	13.7	8	15.3
15-20 cm	1.0	9.5	11	10.6
20-30 cm	1.8	14.8	8	16.6
30-40 cm	2.1	11.7	9	13.8
40-60 cm	1.7	11.0	9	12.7
60-80 cm	0.3	4.1	16	4.4
80+ cm	0.1	2.7	23	2.8
Total	10.7	91.5	2	102.2

Table 4 Felled area at 31 March 2012

Clearfelled area	FC	Private sector		Total
	area (000 ha)	area (000 ha)	SE%	area (000 ha)
	0.4	0.6	41	1.1

Standing volume at 31 March 2012

Figure 2 Principal tree species composition by standing volume at 31 March 2012

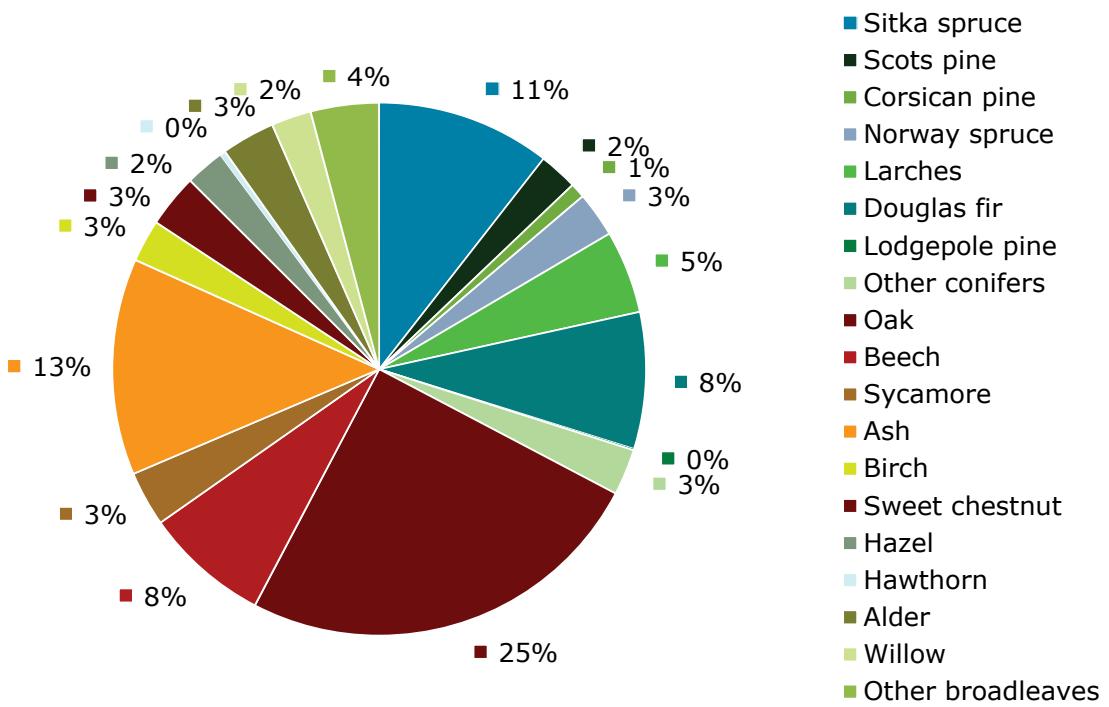
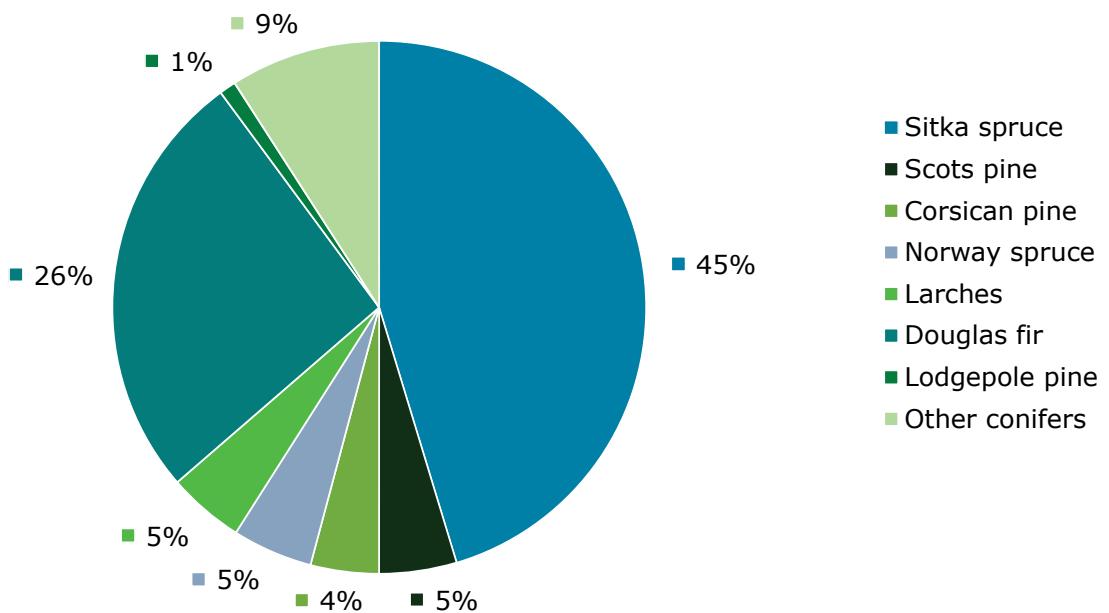


Figure 2a Principal conifer tree species composition by standing volume at 31 March 2012



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Table 5 Standing volume by principal tree species at 31 March 2012

Principal species	FC	Private sector		Total
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)
Conifers				
Sitka spruce	834	1,932	20	2,766
Scots pine	86	529	30	615
Corsican pine	76	162	51	238
Norway spruce	89	631	22	721
Larches	85	1,237	17	1,322
Douglas fir	483	1,692	16	2,175
Lodgepole pine	19	5	119	23
Other conifers	167	566	24	733
All conifers	1,840	6,752	7	8,592
Broadleaves				
Oak	42	6,521	11	6,563
Beech	78	1,905	28	1,983
Sycamore	1	878	20	879
Ash	6	3,440	15	3,446
Birch	4	670	14	674
Sweet chestnut	11	834	30	845
Hazel	0	620	16	620
Hawthorn	0	89	20	89
Alder	1	852	20	853
Willow	0	633	19	633
Other broadleaves	192	897	20	1,088
All broadleaves	334	17,163	6	17,498
All species				
All species	2,175	23,933	5	26,108

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Table 6 Standing volume by age class at 31 March 2012

Age class	FC	Private sector		Total
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)
All conifers				
0–10 years	1	0	60	1
11–20 years	66	72	37	138
21–40 years	579	1,141	20	1,721
41–60 years	889	3,712	13	4,601
61–80 years	215	1,433	21	1,648
81–100 years	86	281	52	367
100+ years	4	113	57	116
Total	1,840	6,752	7	8,592
All broadleaves				
0–10 years	0	72	33	72
11–20 years	2	593	12	596
21–40 years	25	2,844	10	2,869
41–60 years	109	4,005	10	4,113
61–80 years	77	3,153	18	3,229
81–100 years	42	3,349	15	3,391
100+ years	80	3,147	23	3,226
Total	334	17,163	6	17,498
All species				
0–10 years	1	73	33	74
11–20 years	68	666	11	734
21–40 years	605	3,998	9	4,602
41–60 years	998	7,685	8	8,683
61–80 years	292	4,613	14	4,904
81–100 years	128	3,636	15	3,764
100+ years	83	3,262	22	3,345
Total	2,175	23,933	5	26,108

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Table 7 Standing volume by mean stand DBH class at 31 March 2012

Mean stand DBH	FC	Private sector		Total
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)
All conifers				
0-7 cm	0	0	87	0
7-10 cm	11	46	29	57
10-15 cm	125	249	22	374
15-20 cm	149	187	25	335
20-30 cm	334	1,307	17	1,641
30-40 cm	483	2,339	14	2,822
40-60 cm	588	2,186	18	2,774
60-80 cm	122	136	40	258
80+ cm	28	303	58	331
Total	1,840	6,752	7	8,592
All broadleaves				
0-7 cm	1	42	22	42
7-10 cm	11	484	9	495
10-15 cm	53	1,277	10	1,329
15-20 cm	69	1,245	11	1,315
20-30 cm	75	2,969	11	3,044
30-40 cm	85	2,263	12	2,348
40-60 cm	27	3,481	13	3,508
60-80 cm	10	2,690	19	2,700
80+ cm	4	2,712	27	2,716
Total	334	17,163	6	17,498
All species				
0-7 cm	1	42	22	43
7-10 cm	22	530	8	552
10-15 cm	178	1,529	9	1,707
15-20 cm	218	1,435	10	1,653
20-30 cm	409	4,243	9	4,652
30-40 cm	568	4,622	9	5,190
40-60 cm	615	5,683	10	6,298
60-80 cm	131	2,829	19	2,960
80+ cm	32	3,021	25	3,053
Total	2,175	23,933	5	26,108

Biomass and carbon stocks at 31 March 2012

Table 8 Standing biomass by principal tree species at 31 March 2012

Principal species	FC	Private sector		Total
	biomass (000 odt)	biomass (000 odt)	SE%	biomass (000 odt)
Conifers				
Sitka spruce	528	1,091	20	1,620
Scots pine	62	352	29	414
Corsican pine	45	91	51	136
Norway spruce	49	334	22	384
Larches	58	707	17	765
Douglas fir	329	1,084	16	1,413
Lodgepole pine	13	4	119	16
Other conifers	91	315	23	407
All conifers	1,176	3,978	6	5,154
Broadleaves				
Oak	41	5,505	10	5,546
Beech	75	1,615	25	1,690
Sycamore	1	763	20	763
Ash	6	2,864	14	2,869
Birch	4	648	14	652
Sweet chestnut	8	648	29	656
Hazel	0	607	14	608
Hawthorn	0	108	19	108
Alder	1	665	20	666
Willow	0	694	18	694
Other broadleaves	178	823	15	1,001
All broadleaves	313	14,836	6	15,149
All species				
All species	1,489	18,824	5	20,313

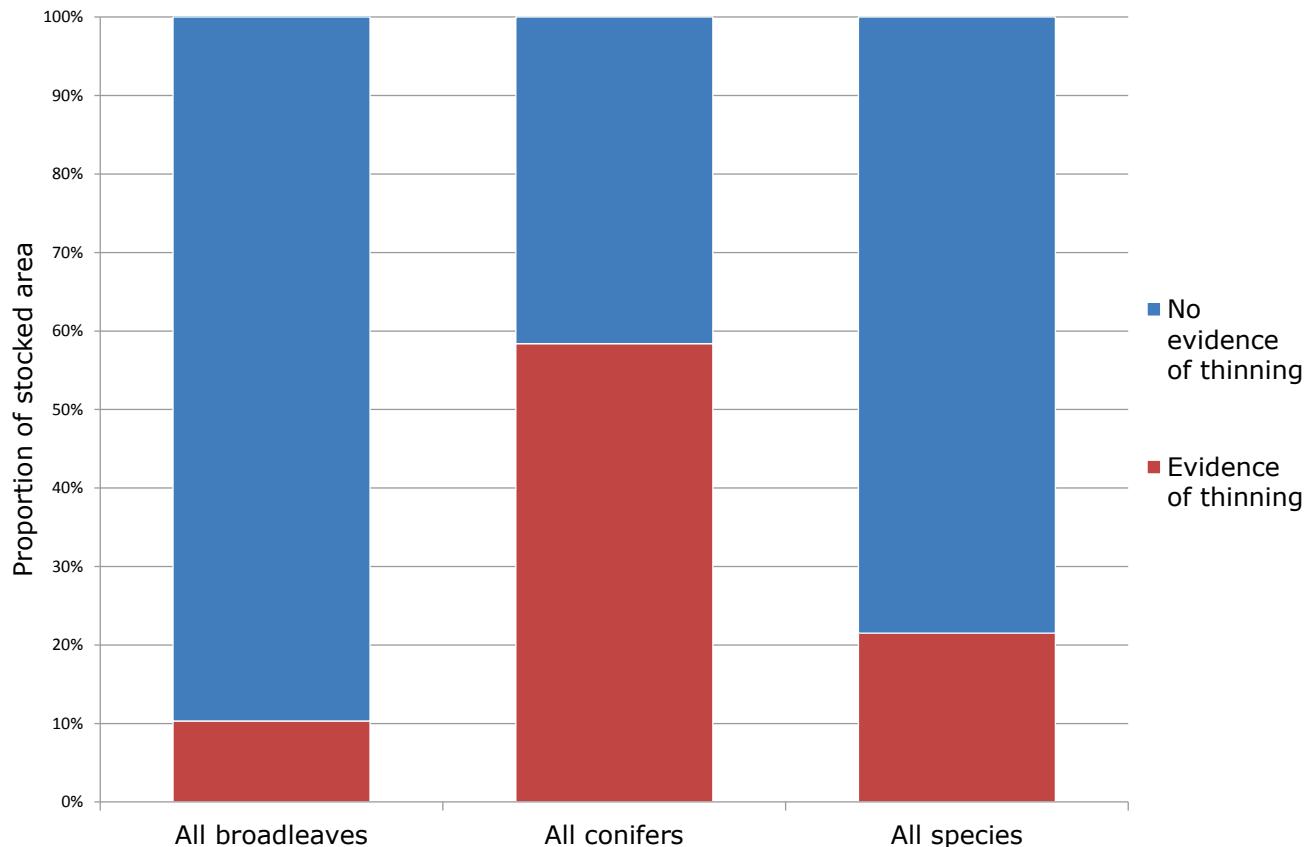
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Table 9 Total carbon stocks in principal tree species at 31 March 2012

Principal species	FC	Private sector		Total
	carbon (000 t)	carbon (000 t)	SE%	carbon (000 t)
Conifers				
Sitka spruce	264	546	20	810
Scots pine	31	176	29	207
Corsican pine	23	45	51	68
Norway spruce	25	167	22	192
Larches	29	354	17	383
Douglas fir	164	542	16	706
Lodgepole pine	6	2	119	8
Other conifers	46	158	23	203
All conifers	588	1,989	6	2,577
Broadleaves				
Oak	20	2,752	10	2,773
Beech	37	808	25	845
Sycamore	0	381	20	382
Ash	3	1,432	14	1,435
Birch	2	324	14	326
Sweet chestnut	4	324	29	328
Hazel	0	304	14	304
Hawthorn	0	54	19	54
Alder	0	333	20	333
Willow	0	347	18	347
Other broadleaves	89	411	15	500
All broadleaves	157	7,418	6	7,575
All species				
All species	745	9,412	5	10,156

Evidence of thinning

Figure 3 Evidence of thinning in Private sector sites



50-year forecast of timber availability

Refer to the NFI report *50-year forecast of softwood timber availability* (2014) for a description of the underlying methodology and interpretation of the softwood forecast, and also for the England and GB context.

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In **Figures 4–8 and Tables 10–12** the estimates for the Forestry Commission are based on harvesting regimes derived from Forestry Commission felling and thinning plans as of 31 March 2012.

For the Private sector, information for **Figures 4–8 and Tables 10–12** is based on a scenario which assumes felling at age of maximum mean annual increment with moderate wind risk measures for conifers. For broadleaves, however, only those areas where there is evidence of thinning are assumed to be managed in future. This is a highly conservative assumption but better reflects current practice than assuming all stands will be managed. In turn it is assumed that these broadleaved stands are managed to felling at age of maximum mean annual increment with moderate wind risk measures.

Restocking assumptions for conifer stands clearfelled during the forecast period have been implemented that assume:

- a 10% reduction in the area of conifers on the subsequent rotation
- restocking of currently clearfelled land
- a change in the composition of conifer species on restocking

Restocking assumptions for broadleaved stands clearfelled during the forecast period have been included that assume:

- no reduction in stocked area
- like-for-like species choices are used for broadleaves
- 50% of the land associated with the reduction in conifer stocked area arising from the assumption above is stocked with broadleaves

A full description of the restocking assumptions is to be found in Table D3 of the *50-year forecast of softwood timber availability* (2014). The same restocking assumptions have been applied to both the Forestry Commission and Private sector forecasts.

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Woodland that is classed as currently clearfelled will be restocked according to the restock prescription.

In **Figures 9–13** and **Tables 13–15** the management assumptions for the Private sector hardwoods have been changed to assume all hardwoods are thinned and felled rather than only those in areas that have evidence of thinning. In this report, the tables and figures for estimates under this management scenario will be labelled as 'unrestricted'.

Figures 14–15 and **Table 16** compare the Private sector hardwood timber availability under the two scenarios. **Figure 14** shows the Private sector hardwood availability for the two scenarios during the 50-year forecast. **Figure 15** and **Table 16** compare the hardwood availability in first 15 years of the forecast under the two scenarios.

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50-year forecast of timber availability under the 'headline' harvesting scenario

Table 10 50-year forecast of timber availability by time period and principal species

Principal species	2013-16				2017-21				2022-26				2027-31			
	FC	Private sector		Total												
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)		volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)		volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)		volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	
All conifers	122	318	15	441	90	494	15	584	68	263	11	331	94	238	13	332
Sitka spruce	69	94	35	163	44	218	33	263	41	53	28	94	51	67	34	118
Scots pine	4	14	29	18	4	12	30	17	2	29	37	31	3	16	31	19
Corsican pine	5	12	45	17	4	21	79	24	4	3	66	7	2	2	64	4
Norway spruce	5	15	24	20	4	27	30	31	3	27	42	30	4	41	33	46
Larches	5	63	18	68	4	69	18	73	3	43	19	46	4	33	20	37
Douglas fir	24	93	38	118	20	103	23	123	10	73	26	83	21	60	26	81
Lodgepole pine	2	0	-	2	1	0	119	1	0	0	119	1	1	0	119	1
Other conifers	9	27	39	36	8	42	36	50	4	34	48	38	8	16	35	24
All broadleaves	5	74	23	78	5	159	51	164	3	56	25	59	4	44	20	48
Oak	1	18	57	19	1	25	35	25	1	9	26	10	0	15	35	15
Beech	2	7	35	9	3	89	83	92	1	14	43	15	2	6	23	8
Sycamore	0	10	58	10	0	9	63	9	0	3	45	3	0	1	19	1
Ash	0	25	25	25	0	22	26	22	0	13	46	13	0	3	15	3
Birch	0	5	39	5	0	6	34	6	0	4	43	4	0	3	39	3
Sweet chestnut	0	4	52	4	0	4	47	4	0	5	44	6	0	4	46	4
Hazel	0	1	47	1	0	1	20	1	0	3	31	3	0	2	20	2
Hawthorn	0	1	51	1	0	1	33	1	0	1	22	1	0	1	21	1
Alder	0	2	49	2	0	5	70	5	0	1	32	1	0	2	66	2
Willow	0	1	51	1	0	1	33	1	0	1	31	1	0	2	27	2
Other broadleaves	1	4	45	6	2	5	37	7	1	4	25	4	1	10	61	12
All species	127	396	13	523	95	647	17	742	70	322	10	392	98	282	12	380

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Table 10 (cont'd) 50-year forecast of timber availability by time period and principal species

Principal species	2032-36			2037-41			2042-46			2047-51		
	FC	Private sector	Total									
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)
All conifers	82	244	13	326	77	179	20	255	84	187	14	271
Sitka spruce	40	34	21	74	44	74	44	118	46	72	31	118
Scots pine	3	29	37	32	2	7	31	10	2	6	30	8
Corsican pine	3	2	65	5	2	4	86	6	1	4	94	5
Norway spruce	2	69	40	71	2	19	46	21	2	9	34	12
Larches	4	35	19	39	4	19	21	22	5	16	23	21
Douglas fir	23	53	24	76	18	38	25	56	23	59	28	81
Lodgepole pine	0	0	119	1	0	0	114	0	1	0	114	1
Other conifers	6	19	36	25	5	17	45	22	5	19	25	24
All broadleaves	3	48	22	51	5	91	34	95	4	77	17	82
Oak	0	15	47	15	1	13	26	14	1	17	57	18
Beech	2	10	34	12	2	21	69	23	2	17	44	19
Sycamore	0	2	24	2	0	3	27	3	0	5	27	5
Ash	0	5	16	5	0	7	20	7	0	13	19	13
Birch	0	4	31	4	0	2	19	2	0	7	30	7
Sweet chestnut	0	5	44	5	0	31	85	31	0	2	48	3
Hazel	0	3	19	3	0	5	27	5	0	5	23	5
Hawthorn	0	1	20	1	0	1	17	1	0	1	20	1
Alder	0	1	29	1	0	1	27	1	0	2	31	2
Willow	0	2	24	2	0	2	22	2	0	3	26	3
Other broadleaves	1	5	16	6	2	7	22	9	2	7	16	9
All species	85	293	13	378	82	271	18	352	89	266	11	355
	106	242	11	348								

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Table 10 (cont'd) 50-year forecast of timber availability by time period and principal species

Principal species	2052-56			2057-61			Total	
	FC	Private sector	Total	FC	Private sector	Total		
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)		
All conifers	79	151	15	230	90	227	18	317
Sitka spruce	38	53	29	90	51	103	35	154
Scots pine	2	8	24	11	3	10	22	14
Corsican pine	2	1	99	2	2	0	46	2
Norway spruce	2	9	23	11	4	14	24	18
Larches	5	15	23	20	5	17	21	22
Douglas fir	24	45	36	69	21	55	29	75
Lodgepole pine	0	0	42	0	0	0	42	0
Other conifers	6	20	21	26	5	26	33	31
All broadleaves	5	58	15	63	4	47	18	51
Oak	1	7	22	8	1	6	22	7
Beech	2	7	30	9	1	18	36	19
Sycamore	0	4	26	4	0	1	36	1
Ash	0	9	21	9	0	7	23	7
Birch	0	4	26	4	0	4	16	4
Sweet chestnut	0	28	65	29	0	5	82	5
Hazel	0	4	49	4	0	2	25	2
Hawthorn	0	1	18	1	0	1	18	1
Alder	0	3	32	3	0	1	57	1
Willow	0	3	25	3	0	6	68	6
Other broadleaves	1	7	23	9	1	6	20	7
All species	84	208	11	292	94	275	15	369

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Table 11 50-year forecast of standing volume; average annual volumes within periods

Forecast period	FC	Private sector		Total
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)
All conifers				
2013–16	1,767	6,318	7	8,084
2017–21	1,907	5,454	6	7,360
2022–26	1,972	4,503	7	6,475
2027–31	2,010	3,945	8	5,956
2032–36	2,048	3,506	8	5,553
2037–41	2,069	3,283	8	5,353
2042–46	2,033	3,083	8	5,116
2047–51	1,989	3,095	8	5,084
2052–56	1,984	3,287	8	5,271
2057–61	1,964	3,322	6	5,286
All broadleaves				
2013–16	345	17,770	6	18,115
2017–21	370	18,825	5	19,195
2022–26	394	20,551	5	20,946
2027–31	420	22,459	5	22,880
2032–36	448	24,336	4	24,784
2037–41	469	25,948	4	26,417
2042–46	487	27,340	4	27,827
2047–51	499	28,710	4	29,209
2052–56	512	29,942	4	30,455
2057–61	530	31,091	4	31,621
All species				
2013–16	2,112	24,119	5	26,230
2017–21	2,277	24,330	4	26,607
2022–26	2,366	25,115	4	27,481
2027–31	2,431	26,466	4	28,897
2032–36	2,496	27,899	4	30,395
2037–41	2,538	29,286	4	31,824
2042–46	2,520	30,471	4	32,991
2047–51	2,488	31,851	4	34,339
2052–56	2,496	33,276	4	35,772
2057–61	2,494	34,464	4	36,958

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Table 12 50-year forecast of net increment; average annual volumes within periods

Forecast period	FC	Private sector		Total
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)
All conifers				
2013–16	108	218	6	326
2017–21	106	196	7	302
2022–26	99	159	8	259
2027–31	93	147	8	240
2032–36	86	148	8	234
2037–41	83	158	8	240
2042–46	80	166	7	247
2047–51	80	181	7	262
2052–56	82	195	6	278
2057–61	86	206	5	292
All broadleaves				
2013–16	9	338	7	347
2017–21	9	406	4	415
2022–26	9	436	3	445
2027–31	9	431	4	440
2032–36	9	412	4	421
2037–41	8	385	3	393
2042–46	8	353	3	361
2047–51	8	322	4	330
2052–56	8	295	4	303
2057–61	8	273	4	281
All species				
2013–16	117	556	5	674
2017–21	116	603	3	719
2022–26	109	597	3	705
2027–31	102	579	3	681
2032–36	95	560	3	655
2037–41	91	543	3	634
2042–46	88	520	3	608
2047–51	88	503	3	592
2052–56	90	491	3	581
2057–61	94	480	3	574

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Figure 4 Overview of 50-year forecast of average annual softwood availability

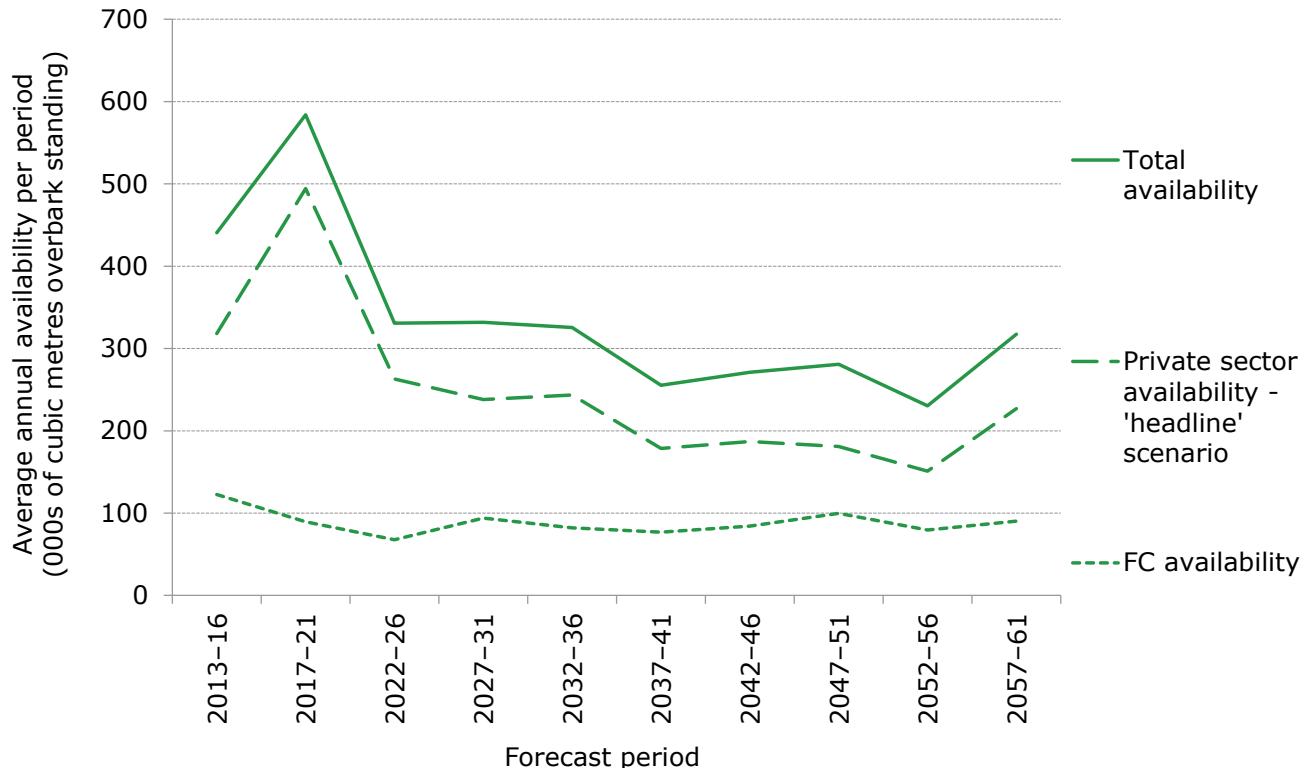
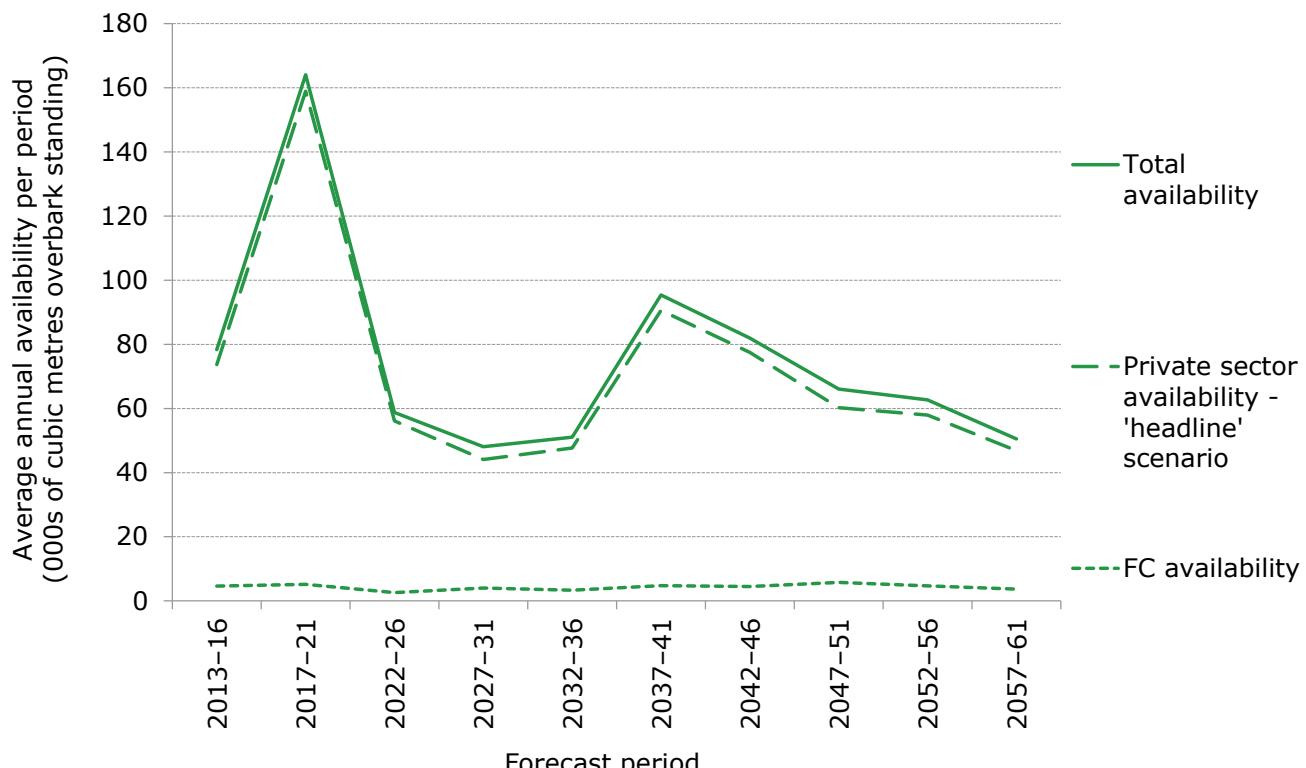


Figure 4a Overview of 50-year forecast of average annual hardwood availability



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Figure 5 50-year forecast of average annual softwood availability

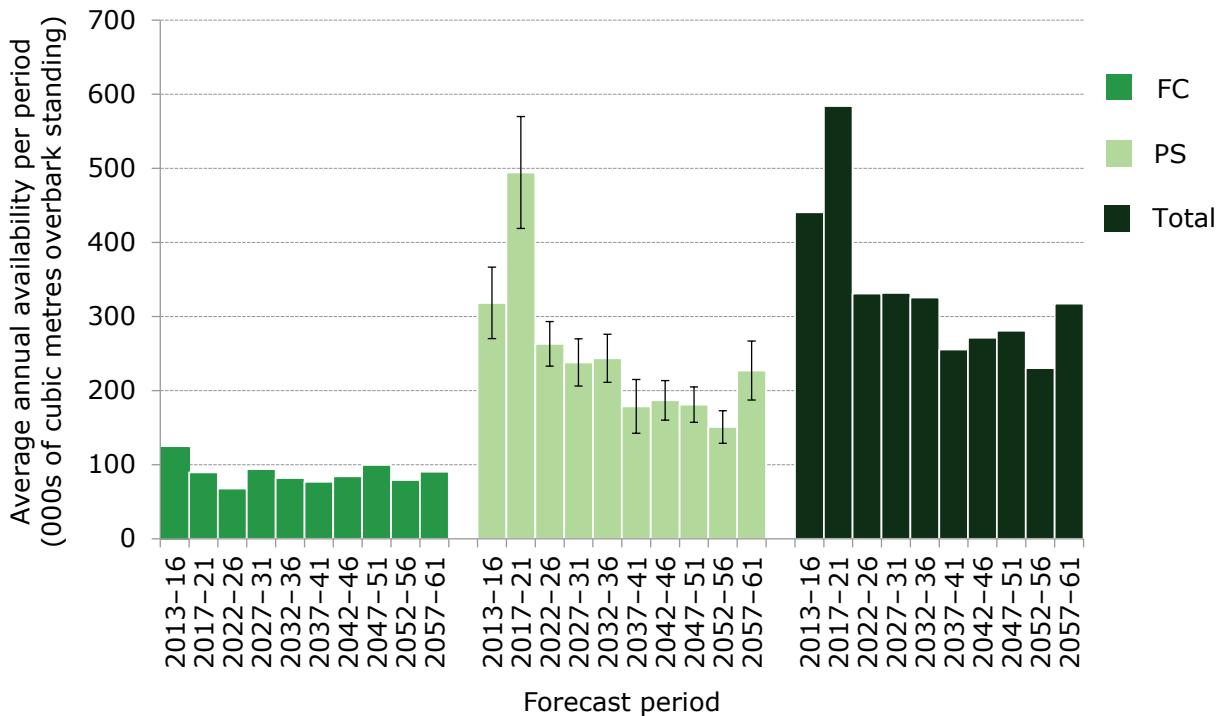
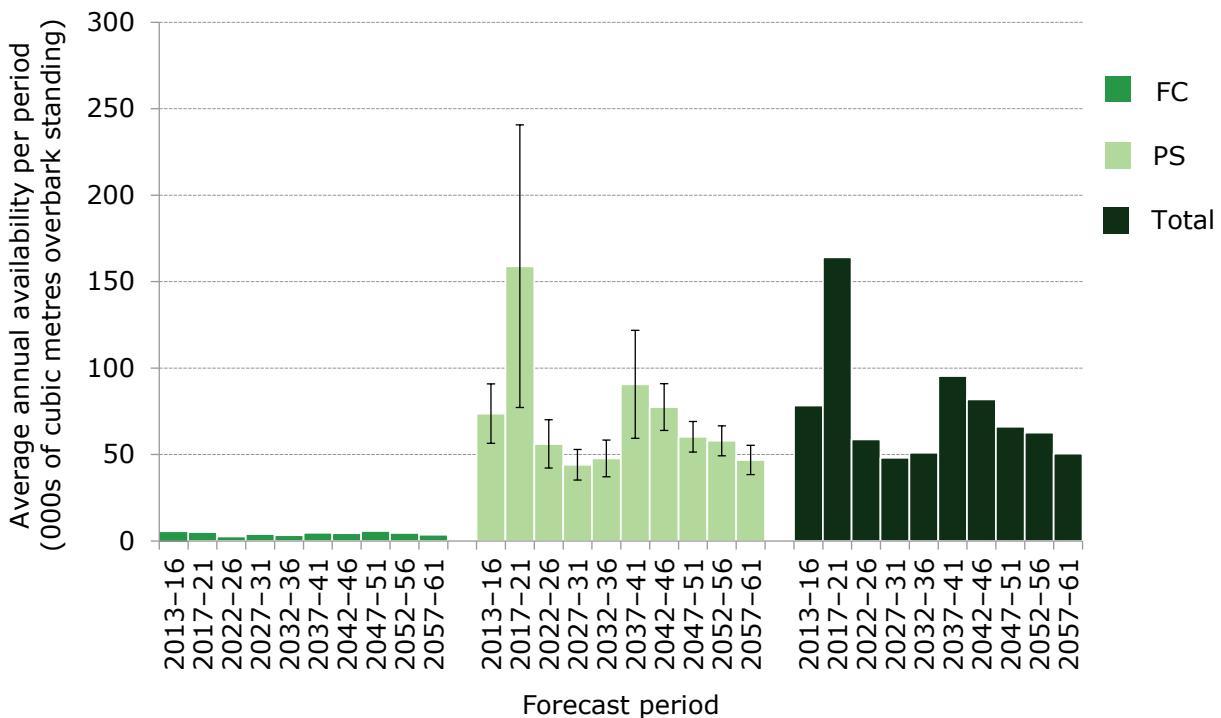


Figure 6 50-year forecast of average annual hardwood availability



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Figure 7 50-year forecast of softwood standing volume, increment and availability

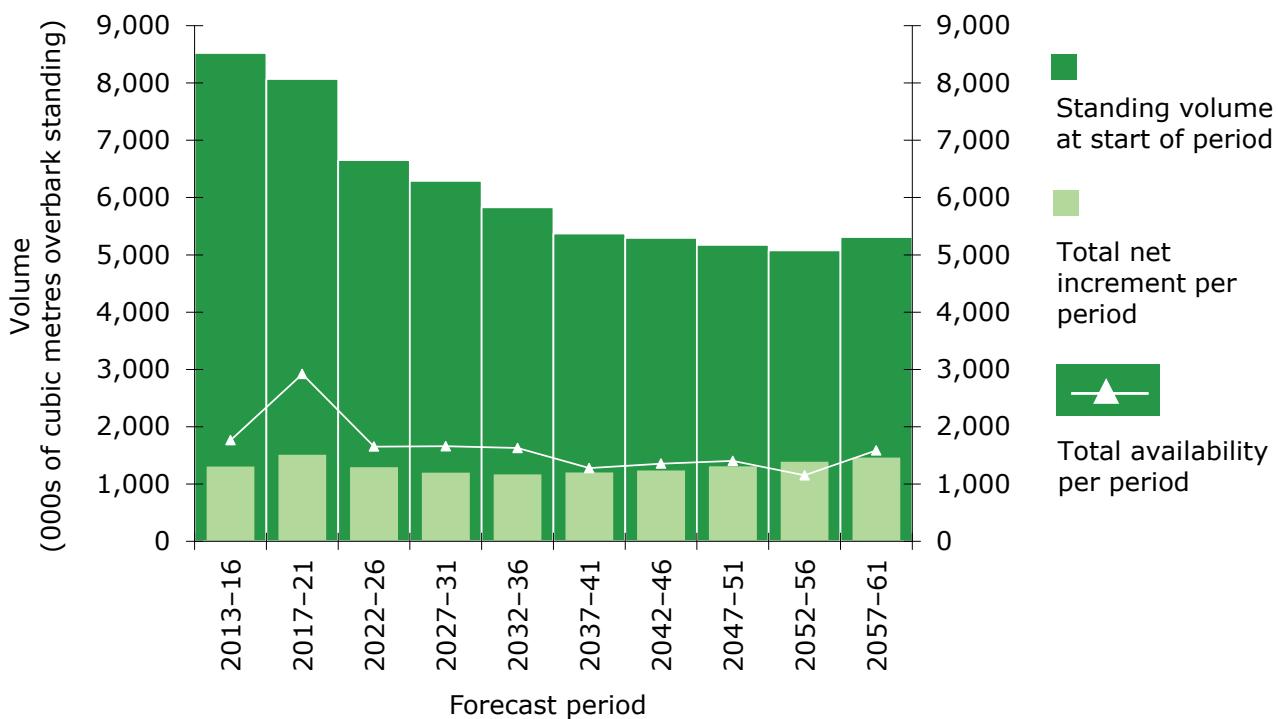
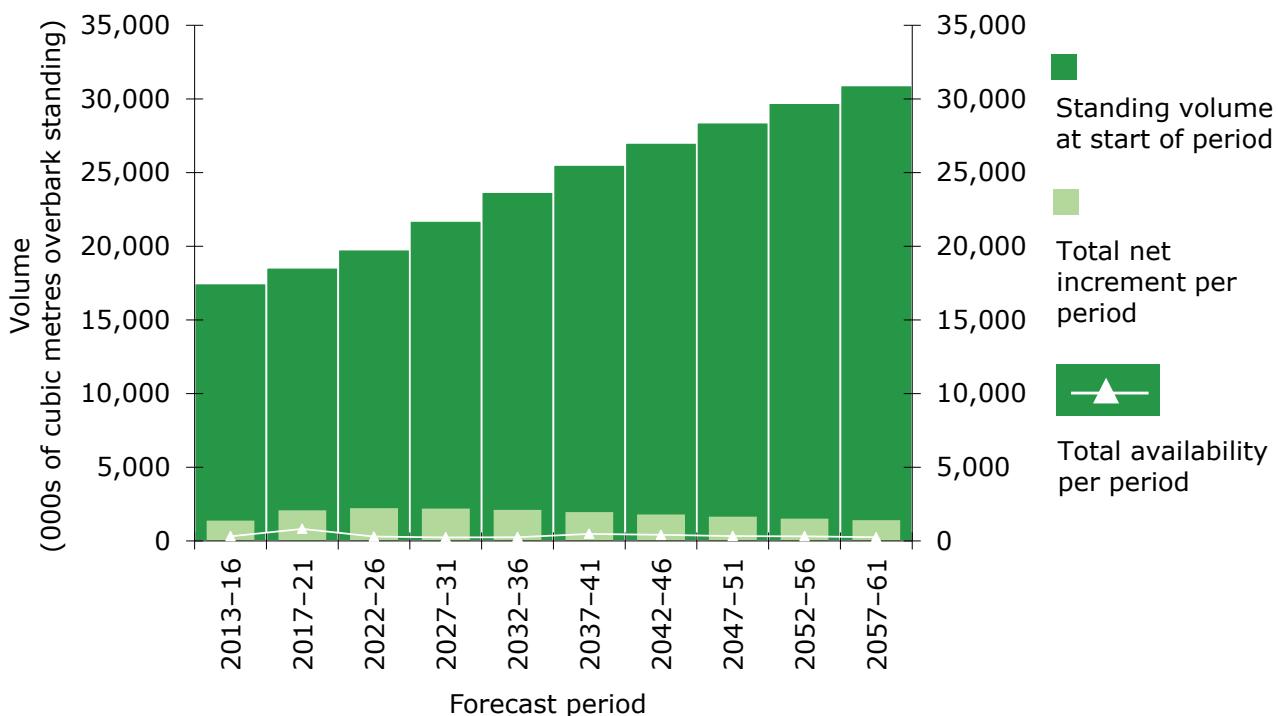


Figure 8 50-year forecast of hardwood standing volume, increment and availability



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50-year forecast of timber availability under the 'unrestricted' scenario

Table 13 50-year forecast of timber availability by time period and principal species – unrestricted biological potential for Private sector hardwoods

Principal species	2013-16				2017-21				2022-26				2027-31			
	FC	Private sector		Total	FC	Private sector		Total	FC	Private sector		Total	FC	Private sector		Total
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)		volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)		volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)		volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	
All conifers	122	318	15	441	90	494	15	584	68	263	11	331	94	238	13	332
Sitka spruce	69	94	35	163	44	218	33	263	41	53	28	94	51	67	34	118
Scots pine	4	14	29	18	4	12	30	17	2	29	37	31	3	16	31	19
Corsican pine	5	12	45	17	4	21	79	24	4	3	66	7	2	2	64	4
Norway spruce	5	15	24	20	4	27	30	31	3	27	42	30	4	41	33	46
Larches	5	63	18	68	4	69	18	73	3	43	19	46	4	33	20	37
Douglas fir	24	93	38	118	20	103	23	123	10	73	26	83	21	60	26	81
Lodgepole pine	2	0	-	2	1	0	119	1	0	0	119	1	1	0	119	1
Other conifers	9	27	39	36	8	42	36	50	4	34	48	38	8	16	35	24
All broadleaves	5	926	13	931	5	875	11	880	3	493	7	495	4	434	13	438
Oak	1	130	21	131	1	130	20	130	1	135	14	136	0	183	27	183
Beech	2	30	36	33	3	119	63	121	1	43	31	44	2	40	31	42
Sycamore	0	77	22	77	0	74	22	74	0	33	24	33	0	27	32	27
Ash	0	437	26	437	0	284	11	284	0	92	12	92	0	47	16	47
Birch	0	50	16	50	0	68	16	68	0	33	25	33	0	16	18	16
Sweet chestnut	0	15	35	15	0	15	34	15	0	14	26	14	0	36	53	36
Hazel	0	46	16	46	0	54	18	54	0	49	28	49	0	17	18	17
Hawthorn	0	2	33	2	0	3	22	3	0	4	22	4	0	4	21	4
Alder	0	64	21	64	0	73	18	73	0	42	41	42	0	16	23	16
Willow	0	14	18	14	0	17	16	17	0	17	16	17	0	18	15	18
Other broadleaves	1	69	34	71	2	55	30	57	1	31	16	32	1	38	20	39
All species	127	1,250	11	1,377	95	1,364	9	1,459	70	760	6	830	98	672	10	770

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Table 13 (cont'd) 50-year forecast of timber availability by time period and principal species – unrestricted biological potential for Private sector hardwoods

Principal species	2032-36				2037-41				2042-46				2047-51			
	FC	Private sector	Total	FC												
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)
All conifers	82	244	13	326	77	179	20	255	84	187	14	271	100	181	13	281
Sitka spruce	40	34	21	74	44	74	44	118	46	72	31	118	53	60	21	112
Scots pine	3	29	37	32	2	7	31	10	2	6	30	8	3	37	47	40
Corsican pine	3	2	65	5	2	4	86	6	1	4	94	5	1	0	46	1
Norway spruce	2	69	40	71	2	19	46	21	2	9	34	12	4	17	51	20
Larches	4	35	19	39	4	19	21	22	5	16	23	21	7	15	24	22
Douglas fir	23	53	24	76	18	38	25	56	23	59	28	81	24	27	15	51
Lodgepole pine	0	0	119	1	0	0	114	0	1	0	114	1	0	3	119	3
Other conifers	6	19	36	25	5	17	45	22	5	19	25	24	8	22	26	30
All broadleaves	3	403	8	406	5	484	11	489	4	411	7	415	6	375	7	381
Oak	0	89	16	90	1	111	28	112	1	68	18	69	2	58	17	60
Beech	2	32	18	33	2	80	35	82	2	33	25	35	2	44	28	46
Sycamore	0	22	23	22	0	20	19	20	0	27	20	27	0	17	19	17
Ash	0	88	21	88	0	62	12	62	0	93	16	93	0	69	15	69
Birch	0	30	21	30	0	28	23	28	0	37	33	37	0	19	16	19
Sweet chestnut	0	13	27	13	0	38	69	38	0	10	26	10	0	14	34	14
Hazel	0	14	14	14	0	34	22	34	0	38	22	38	0	46	17	46
Hawthorn	0	4	19	4	0	5	17	5	0	6	16	6	0	6	16	6
Alder	0	37	34	37	0	19	29	19	0	18	19	18	0	16	18	16
Willow	0	22	17	22	0	45	30	45	0	32	23	32	0	32	26	32
Other broadleaves	1	53	23	54	2	41	15	43	2	50	16	51	2	57	27	58
All species	85	648	7	734	82	664	9	746	89	599	6	688	106	557	6	663

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Table 13 (cont'd) 50-year forecast of timber availability by time period and principal species – unrestricted biological potential for Private sector hardwoods

Principal species	2052-56			2057-61			Total	
	FC	Private sector	Total	FC	Private sector	Total		
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)		
All conifers	79	151	15	230	90	227	18	317
Sitka spruce	38	53	29	90	51	103	35	154
Scots pine	2	8	24	11	3	10	22	14
Corsican pine	2	1	99	2	2	0	46	2
Norway spruce	2	9	23	11	4	14	24	18
Larches	5	15	23	20	5	17	21	22
Douglas fir	24	45	36	69	21	55	29	75
Lodgepole pine	0	0	42	0	0	0	42	0
Other conifers	6	20	21	26	5	26	33	31
All broadleaves	5	487	9	492	4	417	11	420
Oak	1	87	22	88	1	77	17	78
Beech	2	36	18	38	1	60	26	61
Sycamore	0	30	23	30	0	16	24	16
Ash	0	72	13	72	0	56	10	56
Birch	0	26	26	26	0	20	14	21
Sweet chestnut	0	81	44	82	0	10	48	10
Hazel	0	23	15	23	0	22	16	22
Hawthorn	0	6	17	6	0	8	23	8
Alder	0	31	25	31	0	17	17	17
Willow	0	69	24	69	0	50	33	50
Other broadleaves	1	47	19	49	1	91	39	92
All species	84	638	7	722	94	645	10	739

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Table 14 50-year forecast of standing volume; average annual volumes within periods – unrestricted biological potential for Private sector hardwoods

Forecast period	FC	Private sector		Total
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)
All conifers				
2013–16	1,767	6,318	7	8,084
2017–21	1,907	5,454	6	7,360
2022–26	1,972	4,503	7	6,475
2027–31	2,010	3,945	8	5,956
2032–36	2,048	3,506	8	5,553
2037–41	2,069	3,283	8	5,353
2042–46	2,033	3,083	8	5,116
2047–51	1,989	3,095	8	5,084
2052–56	1,984	3,287	8	5,271
2057–61	1,964	3,322	6	5,286
All broadleaves				
2013–16	345	15,270	6	15,614
2017–21	370	13,118	6	13,488
2022–26	394	11,611	7	12,005
2027–31	420	11,457	6	11,877
2032–36	448	11,478	6	11,927
2037–41	469	11,279	6	11,748
2042–46	487	11,398	6	11,885
2047–51	499	11,825	6	12,324
2052–56	512	11,874	6	12,387
2057–61	530	11,766	6	12,296
All species				
2013–16	2,112	21,614	5	23,726
2017–21	2,277	18,614	5	20,890
2022–26	2,366	16,160	5	18,527
2027–31	2,431	15,446	5	17,877
2032–36	2,496	15,022	5	17,518
2037–41	2,538	14,595	5	17,133
2042–46	2,520	14,506	5	17,026
2047–51	2,488	14,943	5	17,432
2052–56	2,496	15,185	5	17,681
2057–61	2,494	15,113	5	17,607

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Table 15 50-year forecast of net increment; average annual volumes within periods – unrestricted biological potential for Private sector hardwoods

Forecast period	FC	Private sector		Total
	volume (000 m ³ obs)	volume (000 m ³ obs)	SE%	volume (000 m ³ obs)
All conifers				
2013–16	108	218	6	326
2017–21	106	196	7	302
2022–26	99	159	8	259
2027–31	93	147	8	240
2032–36	86	148	8	234
2037–41	83	158	8	240
2042–46	80	166	7	247
2047–51	80	181	7	262
2052–56	82	195	6	278
2057–61	86	206	5	292
All broadleaves				
2013–16	9	331	7	341
2017–21	9	371	4	381
2022–26	9	378	4	387
2027–31	9	398	4	407
2032–36	9	424	4	432
2037–41	8	444	3	452
2042–46	8	456	3	464
2047–51	8	453	3	460
2052–56	8	442	3	450
2057–61	8	425	3	432
All species				
2013–16	117	550	5	668
2017–21	116	568	3	684
2022–26	109	538	4	647
2027–31	102	545	3	647
2032–36	95	572	3	667
2037–41	91	602	3	693
2042–46	88	623	3	712
2047–51	88	635	3	723
2052–56	90	638	3	728
2057–61	94	632	3	726

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Figure 9 Overview of 50-year forecast of average annual softwood availability – unrestricted biological potential for Private sector hardwoods

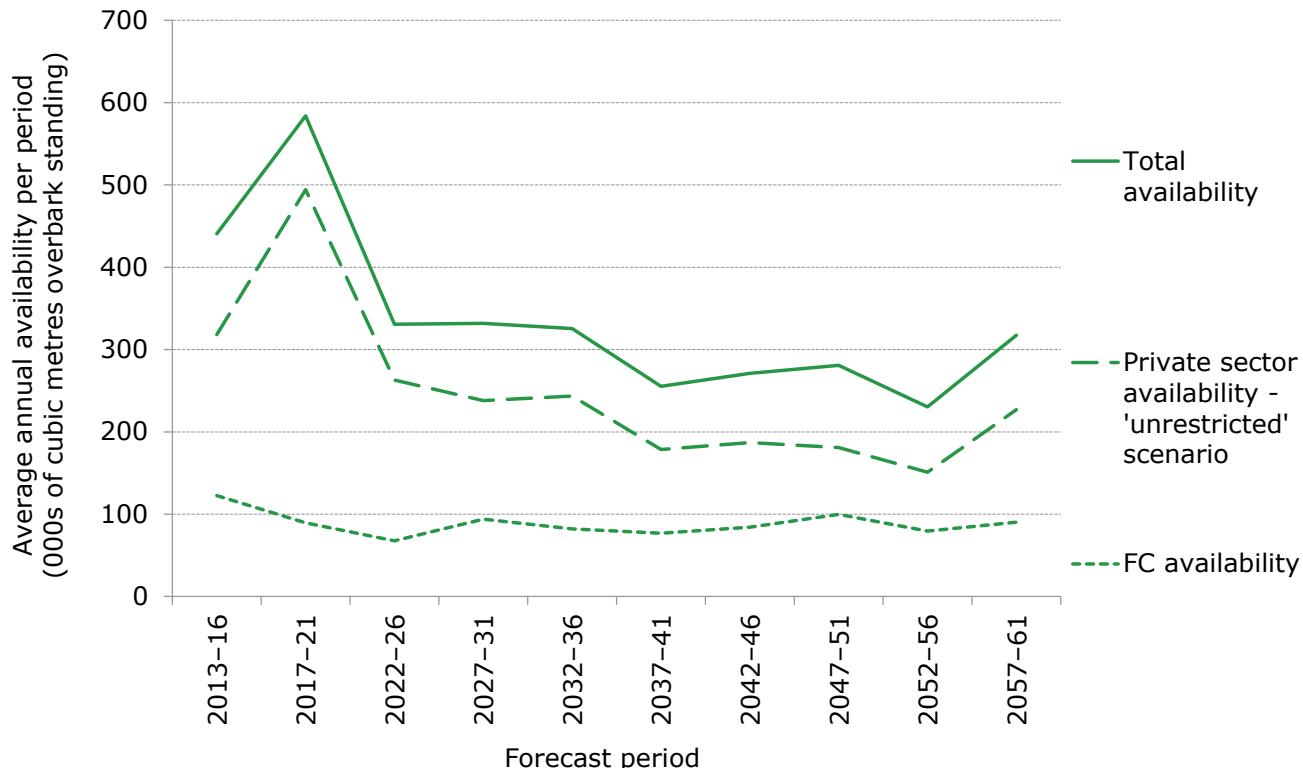


Figure 9a Overview of 50-year forecast of average annual hardwood availability – unrestricted biological potential for Private sector hardwoods



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Figure 10 50-year forecast comparison of average annual softwood availability – unrestricted biological potential for Private sector hardwoods

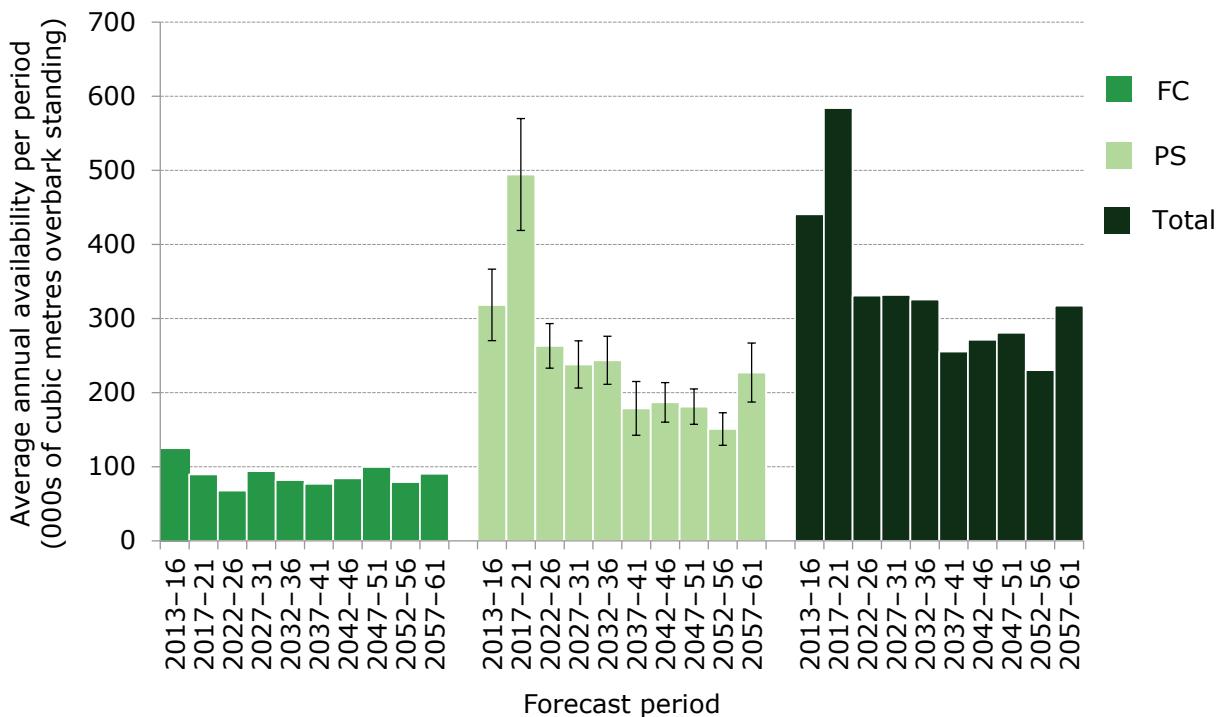
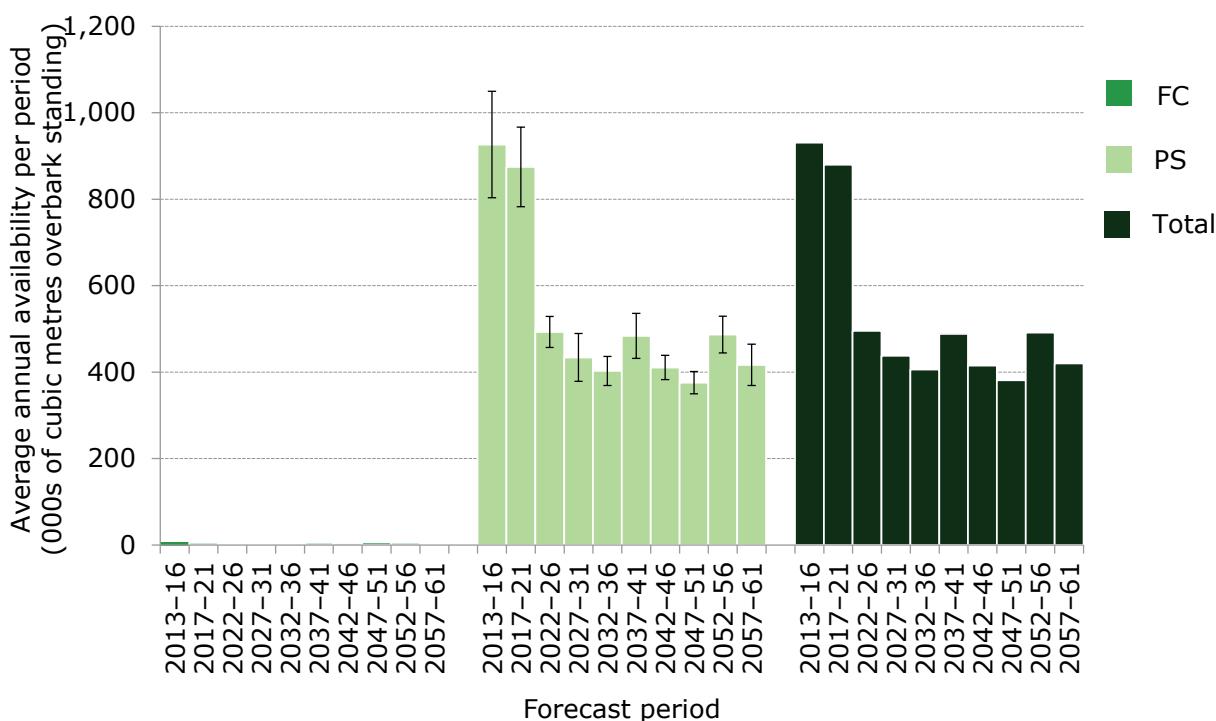


Figure 11 50-year forecast comparison of average annual hardwood availability – unrestricted biological potential for Private sector hardwoods



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Figure 12 50-year summary of softwood standing volume, increment and availability – unrestricted biological potential for Private sector hardwoods

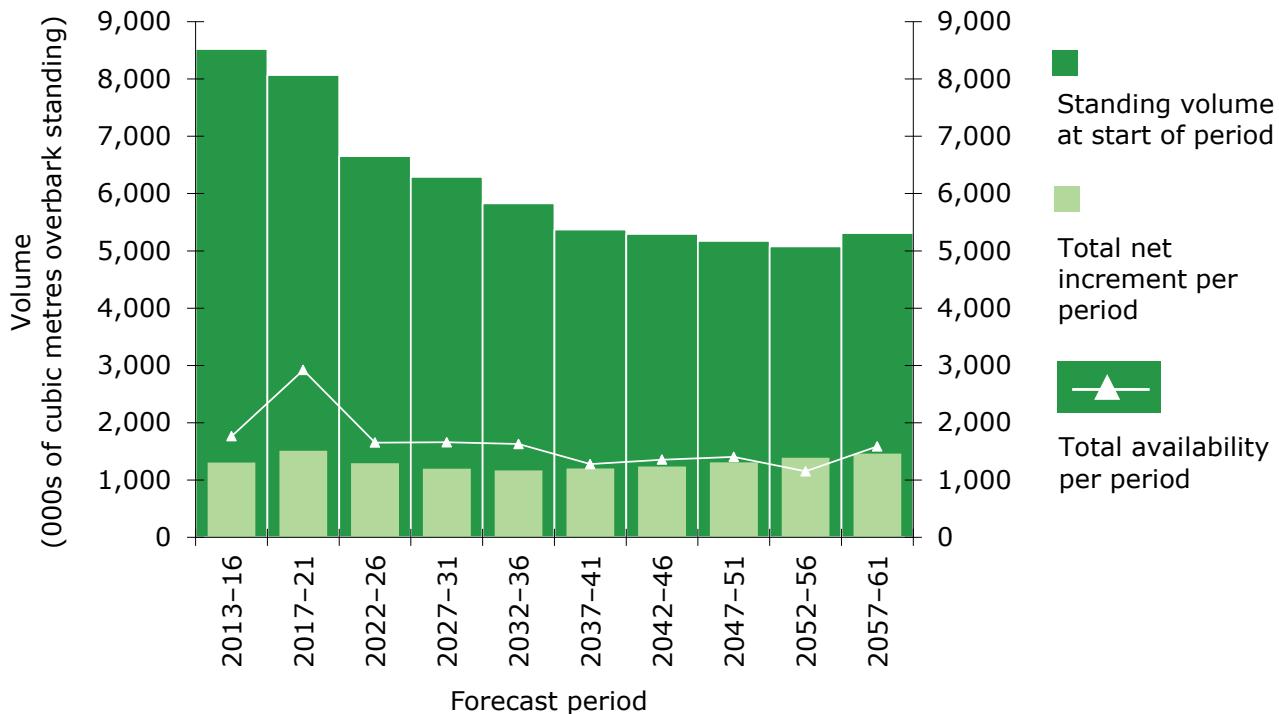
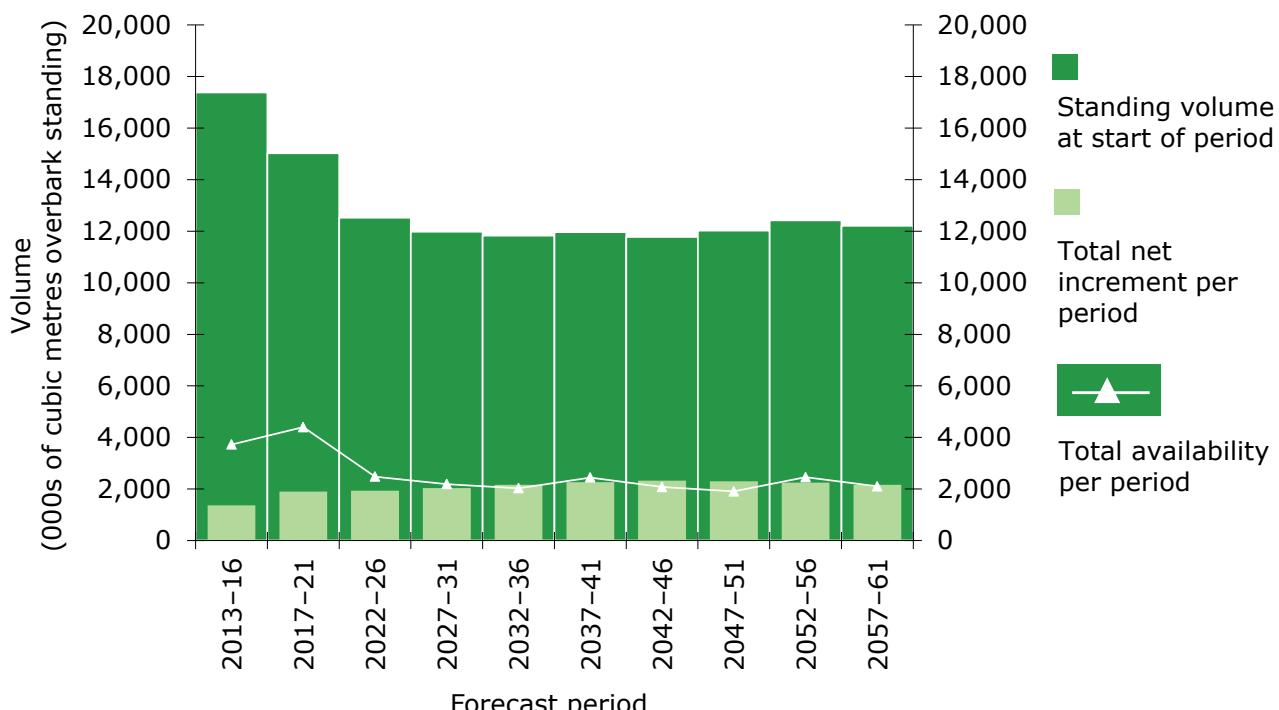


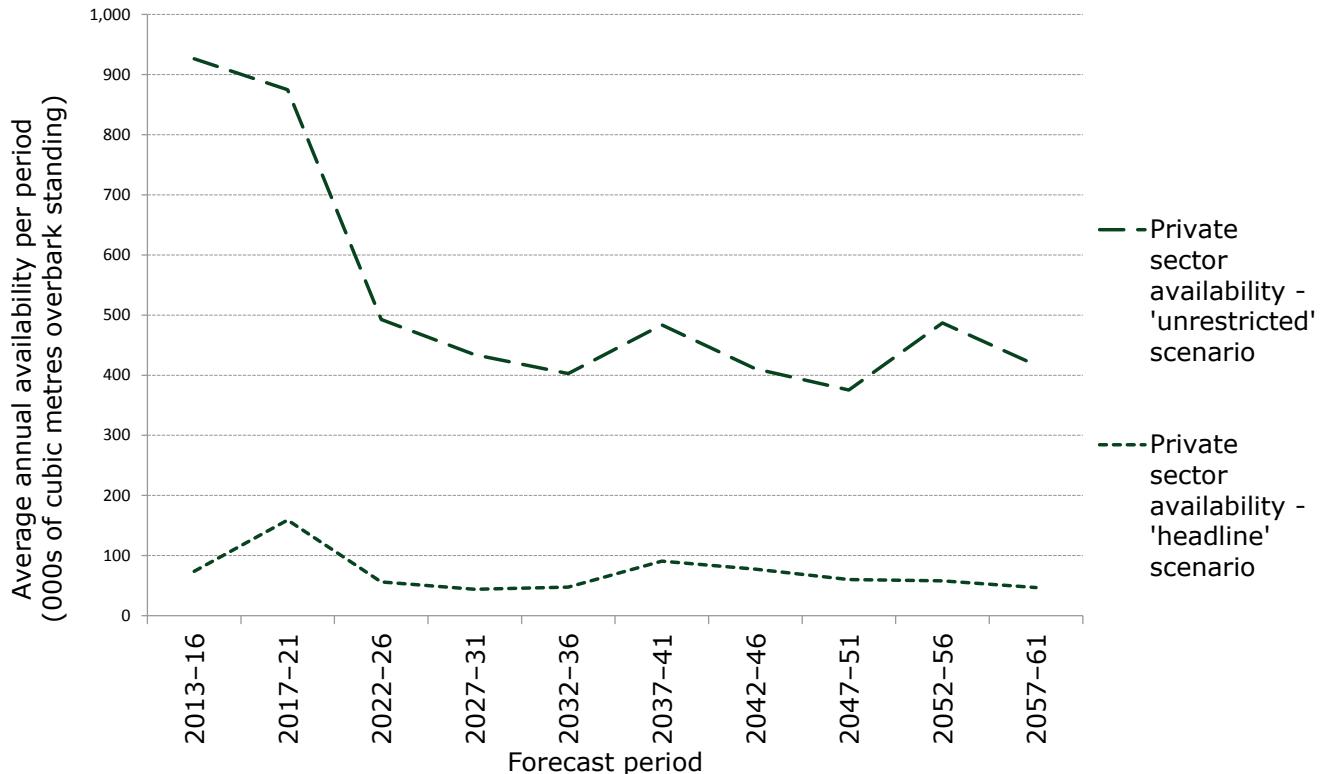
Figure 13 50-year summary of hardwood standing volume, increment and availability – unrestricted biological potential for Private sector hardwoods



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Comparison of hardwood production between harvesting scenarios

Figure 14 50-year forecast comparison of average annual hardwood timber availability



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Figure 15 15-year forecast comparison of average annual hardwood timber availability

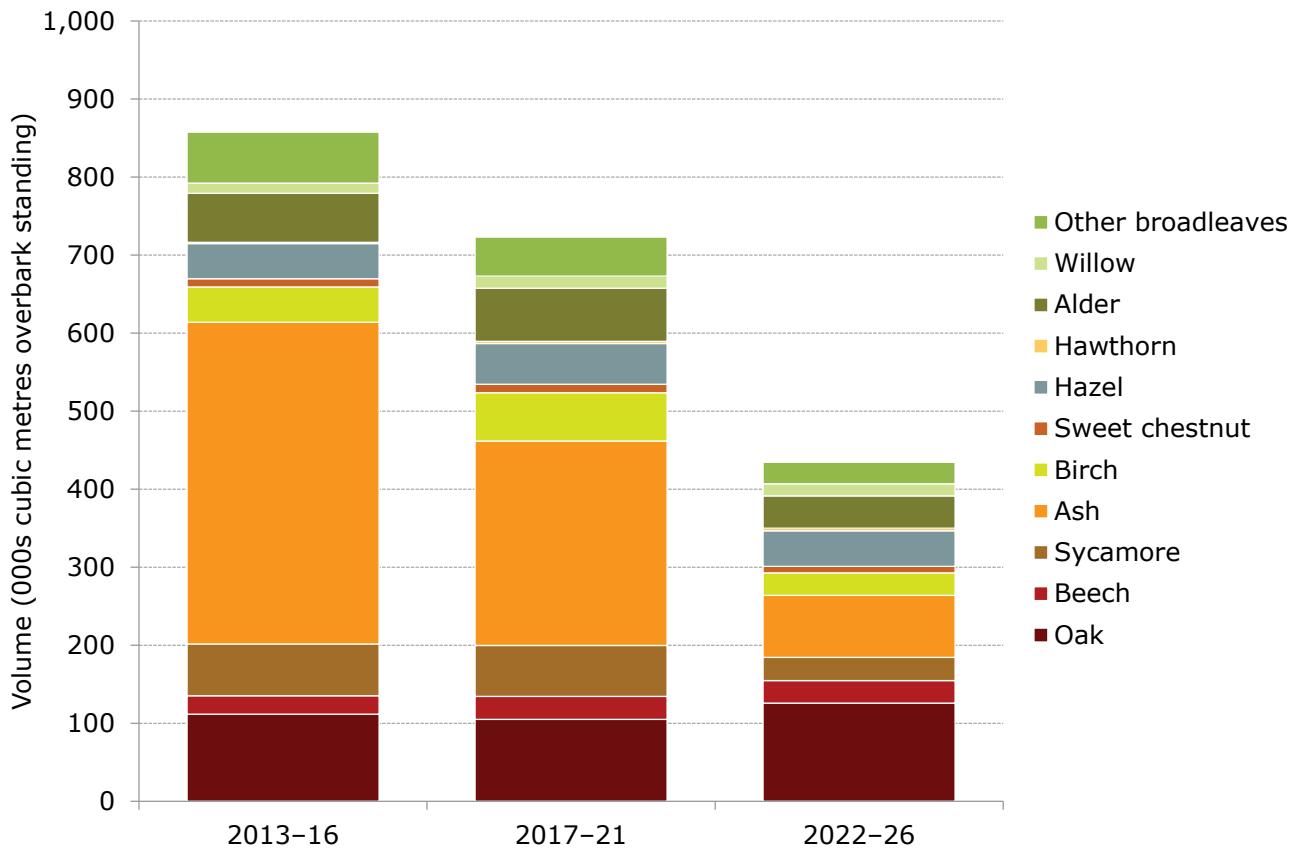


Table 16 15-year forecast comparison of average annual timber availability

Principal species	2013-16			2017-21			2022-26		
	Headline	Unrestricted	Difference	Headline	Unrestricted	Difference	Headline	Unrestricted	Difference
	volume (000 m³ obs)	volume (000 m³ obs)		volume (000 m³ obs)	volume (000 m³ obs)		volume (000 m³ obs)	volume (000 m³ obs)	
All conifers	441	441	0	584	584	0	331	331	0
Sitka spruce	163	163	0	263	263	0	94	94	0
Scots pine	18	18	0	17	17	0	31	31	0
Corsican pine	17	17	0	24	24	0	7	7	0
Norway spruce	20	20	0	31	31	0	30	30	0
Larches	68	68	0	73	73	0	46	46	0
Douglas fir	118	118	0	123	123	0	83	83	0
Lodgepole pine	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Other conifers	36	36	0	50	50	0	38	38	0
All broadleaves	78	931	853	164	880	716	59	495	437
Oak	19	131	112	25	130	105	10	136	126
Beech	9	33	24	92	121	29	15	44	29
Sycamore	10	77	67	9	74	65	3	33	30
Ash	25	437	412	22	284	262	13	92	79
Birch	5	50	45	6	68	62	4	33	29
Sweet chestnut	4	15	11	4	15	11	6	14	8
Hazel	1	46	45	1	54	52	3	49	46
Hawthorn	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	4	3
Alder	2	64	63	5	73	68	1	42	41
Willow	1	14	13	1	17	15	1	17	16
Other broadleaves	6	71	65	7	57	50	4	32	28
All species	523	1,377	854	742	1,459	717	392	830	437

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NFI national reports and papers

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- 2011 preliminary estimates of broadleaved species in British woodlands
- 2011 standing coniferous timber volume
- 25-year forecast of softwood availability
- 25-year forecast of coniferous standing volume and increment
- 2011 biomass in live woodland trees in Britain
- 2011 carbon in live woodland trees in Britain

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- 50 year forecast of softwood availability
- 50 year forecast of hardwood availability

Each theme has a series of reports, papers and data, tailored for different audiences and uses. All the documents and data can be found on the NFI website
www.forestry.gov.uk/inventory.

Glossary

A glossary of terms is presented in the full suite of forecast reports which can be found at www.forestry.gov.uk/forecast.

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