

# Pre-release Access to Official Statistics: UK Wood Production and Trade (provisional figures)

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May 2027

## Introduction

Our arrangements for pre-release access to Official Statistics are described in a Pre-Release Access Statement<sup>1</sup>.

This document supplements the statement by giving the names and/or job titles of all those persons to whom pre-release access has been granted to UK Wood Production and Trade (provisional figures). The report covers 2 forms of pre-release access:

- Part 1 provides a list of those receiving pre-release access to the Official Statistics in their final form for briefing purposes. As this is a release covering the UK, the pre-release access period is limited to 24 hours.
- Part 2 provides a list of those receiving pre-release access for quality assurance purposes.

The justification for giving advance access to each listed recipient will be available on request.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/statistics/about-our-statistics/code-of-practice/pre-release-access-to-official-statistics/>

## Part 1: Pre-release access to final form (24 hours)

### Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

- Daisy Ellis, Head of Strategy and Analysis
- Hugh Loxton, Head of Woodland Management, Biodiversity and Resilience
- Jess Sharp, Senior Strategic Communications Officer
- Lily Spicer, Senior Communications Officer
- Zaki Dogliani, Communications Officer
- Angela Rogers, Communications Manager
- Caroline Brough, Communications Manager

### Forestry Commission:

- Richard Stanford, Chief Executive Officer
- Anna Brown, Director of Forest Services
- David Bole, Head of Sector Capacity and Green Economy, Forest Services
- Steve Fowkes, Business and Markets Adviser, Forest Services

### Forestry England:

- James Simpson, Director of Operations – Forestry and Land Management
- Stuart Burgess, Senior Press Officer
- Jenny Wilson, Head of Forestry and Timber

### Scottish Government:

- Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and rural Affairs
- Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands
- Kirsti Berge, Environment and Forestry
- Ian Muirhead, Special Adviser

#### Scottish Forestry:

- Paul Lowe, Chief Executive
- Jason Hubert, Head of Forestry Sector Development
- Pat Snowdon, Head of Economics
- Jonathan Taylor, Head of Scottish Forestry Executive Office
- Brendan Callaghan, Director of Operational Delivery
- Zahid Deen, Director of Transformation and Corporate Services
- Steve Williams, Senior Media Manager

#### Forestry and Land Scotland:

- Kevin Quinlan, Chief Executive
- Graeme Prest, Director Land Management & Regions
- Michael Hymers, Head of Corporate Support
- Paul Munro, Media Officer

#### Welsh Government:

- Naomi Matthiessen, Deputy Director Land, Nature and Forestry Division
- Gail Merriman, Head of Timber Industrial Strategy
- Nicolas Turner, Head of Forestry
- Gareth John – Strategic Communications Officer
- Jamie Robins, Chief Press Officer

#### Natural Resources Wales:

- StJohn Ashworth, Timber Sales and Marketing Manager
- Paula Harley, Head of Land Stewardship

#### Forest Research:

- James Pendlebury, Chief Executive
- Adrian Searle, Head of Communications

## Part 2: Pre-release access for quality assurance

[Expert Group on Timber & Trade Statistics:][SW1]

- StJohn Ashworth, Natural Resources Wales
- Nick Boulton, Timber Trade Federation
- Neil Cowan, James Jones & Sons Ltd
- Colin Reilly, DAERA Forest Service
- Jason Hubert, Scottish Forestry
- Andy Leitch, Confederation of Forest Industries
- David Leslie, James Jones & Sons Ltd
- Nigel Manley, Balcas Timber Ltd
- Max McLaughlan, Egger UK
- Gail Merriman, Welsh Government
- Jenny Wilson, Forestry England
- Richard Palmer, AW Jenkinson Forest Products
- David Symons, Euroforest Ltd
- Kevin Thomas, West Fraser
- David Bole, Head of Sector Capacity and Green Economy, Forest Services
- Andrew Tuft, Scottish Woodlands
- Ewan Robertson, Tilhill Forestry
- Duncan Mackinnon, DSHwood

Forest Research:

- James Pendlebury, Chief Executive
- Bianca Ambrose-Oji, Chief Scientist
- Nicol Sinclair, Head of Inventory, Forecasting and Operational Support