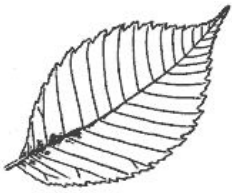


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Attitudes Towards Biomass Harvesting

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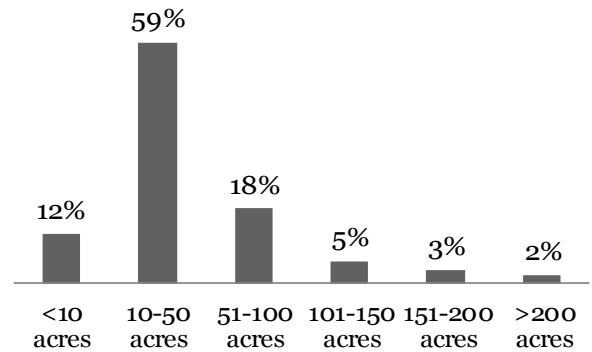
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Facts about Respondents

- 🌲 429 woodland owners responded to the survey, or 47% of all who received the survey
- 🌲 Most people (67%) live on their woodland
- 🌲 73% of respondents were older than 55 years old
- 🌲 74% were male

Amount of Woodland Owned

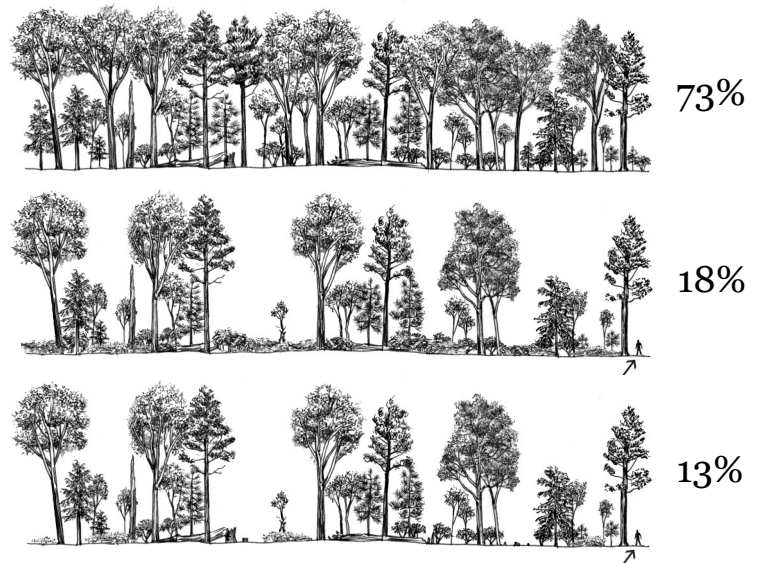
- 🌲 Most respondents own less than 50 acres:



Reasons for Owning Woodland

- 🌲 **At least half** of all respondents said that the following are **very important** reasons to own their woodland:
 - 🌿 To enjoy beauty or scenery
 - 🌿 For privacy
 - 🌿 As part of a home or vacation home

Most Appealing Picture



Harvesting History & Future Harvesting Plans

- 🌲 **42%** said that **trees have been harvested** and sold from their land since they owned it.
- 🌲 **51%** said they **planned on harvesting and selling trees** from their land in the future.

Biomass Opinion Questions

Using residual woody biomass for energy could positively impact the local economy	45% agreed
Harvesting residual woody biomass can be a supply of renewable energy	59% agreed
Leaving residual woody biomass on my property is important to wildlife habitat	49% agreed
Removing residual woody biomass from my property depletes soil nutrients	49% agreed
Using residual woody biomass will increase air pollution	35% agreed
Harvesting residual woody biomass will result in significant deforestation	31% agreed
Using residual woody biomass for energy could positively impact US' ability to deal with climate change	35% agreed