

Source: Memora Económica 1988-1990  
 Cámara Nacional de la Industria Forestal

Mexico's exports of raw materials and manufactured products from wood were \$271 million in 1989 (1.2 million m3), down from an all time high of \$310 million in 1988. These were composed of manufactured wood products (43%), paper, cardboard and their products (36%), pulp and wood waste for the manufacture of paper (11%) and raw materials (8%). Mexico also exported \$2.9 million or six million kilograms of copalony in 1989.

#### 4.4 MANUFACTURE

In 1989, there were a total of 2,403 plants in the forestry sector as follows:

INDUSTRY	PLANT NUMBER	INSTALLED CAPACITY (million)	# EMPLOYED (000)	INVESTMENT (million \$)
secondary workshops	108	0.08 ton	63%	17.9
plans	18			730.2
board lumber	48	1.4 m3	47%	1814.0
pulp and paper	78	4.5 ton	70%	2.4
integrators	21	1.3 m3	40%	14.6
box manufacturers	1,182	118 units		23.8
sawmills	884	7.8 m3	78%	278.9

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The industrial transformation of wood products has operated at an average 60% of capacity, partially due to the unavailability of raw materials, the exploitation of reserves below those authorized by SARH (approximately 50%), the low use of secondary products, the inefficient use of machinery and equipment and the inadequate geographical location of many industrial plants.

The largest companies operating in Mexico in the forestry, woodworking, pulp and paper sectors include the following: