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Louisiana's family forest landowners own about 70 percent of the state's timberland. As such, their management decisions have an important impact on Louisiana's forests for tomorrow. Putting sustainable forestry into practice on your land will help protect your investment while conserving its valuable resources. Sustainable forestry is the practice of land stewardship that integrates reforestation, growing, nurturing and harvesting of trees while protecting soil, water quality, wildlife and plant habitat as well as aesthetics for today and the future.

The SFI program was developed in 1994 to safeguard our forests through land stewardship in such a manner that they would meet the needs of our society today without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The program is maintained by SFI Inc.; and independent, non-profit organization.

Today the SFI program is internationally recognized and is the largest single forest standard in the world. The SFI 2015-2019 standard is designed to promote sustainable forest management in North America and responsible procurement of forest products around the world.

The SFI program at large is made up of the following components:

The SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard promotes responsible forestry practices. Its requirements include measures to protect water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk and forests with exceptional conservation value. The standard is for any organization in the United States or Canada that owns or manages forests.

The SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Certification goes beyond certified forests to address the 90 percent of the world's forests that are not certified. Program Participants must show that the raw material in their supply chain comes from legal and responsible sources, whether the forests are certified or not.

The SFI 2015-2019 Chain-of-Custody Standard is an accounting system that tracks forest fiber content (certified forest content, certified sourcing and recycled content) through production and manufacturing to the end product.

SFI On-Product Labels are recognized globally and provide a visual cue to help customers source products from responsibly managed forests.