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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

<b>CSA:</b>	Cooperative Stand Assessment
<b>ERA:</b>	Economic Rotation Age
<b>FIA:</b>	Forest Inventory and Analysis
<b>FIM:</b>	Forest Inventory Module
<b>GAP:</b>	Gap Analysis Program
<b>GIS:</b>	Geographic Information System
<b>MN DNR:</b>	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

### **MN DNR Planning Areas:**

AP	Aspen Parklands
BRP	Blufflands-Rochester Plateau
MDLP	Minnesota Drift and Lake Plains
MNIAM	Minnesota and North-East Iowa Moraines
NMOP	Northern Minnesota and Ontario Peatlands
NSU	Northern Superior Uplands
WSU	Western Superior Uplands
<b>NRA:</b>	Normal Rotation Age
<b>RSA:</b>	Representative Sample Area
<b>SDI:</b>	Simpson's Diversity Index
<b>SFRMP:</b>	Section Forest Resource Management Plan
<b>STHA:</b>	Sustainable Timber Harvest Analysis

## LIST OF TECHNICAL TERMS

**Age Class:** A group of ages used to classify stands for the planning model. Age class grouping used in this report vary. The Native Plant Community goals, for example, use a different set of age class groupings than does the biodiversity metric.

**Cover Type:** A tree-species-based classification system specific to DNR's Forest Inventory Module. While a cover type is labeled with the primary species, it is understood that most cover types are comprised of an assemblage of species.

**Development Type:** All acres that have the same set of characteristics used to describe land in the forest management model. These acres need not be contiguous. Each development type is a model stratum.

**Discount Rate:** Interest rate used to convert future dollars into current dollars.

**Goal:** Within an optimization model, a numeric target or goal can become part of an objective function by minimizing deviations from the goal.

**Management Regime:** A specific set of management actions through time.

**Optimization:** A class of forest management models that seeks to optimize some set of measures while meeting specified constraints.

**Period:** The smallest unit of time in the forest management model. In this case five years. There are 20 five-year periods in the 100-year planning horizon.

**Priority Harvest Volume:** Volume of aspen, pine, and spruce harvested within 75 miles a mill.

**Planning Horizon:** The total period of time projected in the forest management model. In this case, projections cover a 100-year planning horizon.

**Planning Latitude:** A measure of how much flexibility is available in the projected harvest schedule. This is defined as the ratio between the acres schedule for clear-cut divided by the acres available for clear-cut.

**Site Index:** A measure of productivity for growing timber, expressed as the height of dominant and co-dominant trees at age 50. For example, site index 65 means that dominant and co-dominant trees in a stand are expected to be 65 feet tall at age 50.

**Strata:** A more general application of classification based on one or more characteristic. Members of strata typically need not be contiguous.

**Sustained vs. Sustainable:** In this document we need to distinguish between sustained and sustainable harvest levels. A sustained harvest level is one that can be maintained in terms of biological growth, since it harvest timber at the rate of growth. No allowance is made for sustaining non-timber values.

Sustainable harvest considers both biological growth and non-timber values, and aims to provide all of these values on a sustainable basis.

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## 2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The MN DNR is analyzing the sustainability of harvesting 1 million cords per year from MN DNR administered timberlands. This represents a 25% increase from the current harvest goal of 800,000 cords annually. If 1 million cords are determined to be unsustainable, the MN DNR will identify an alternative sustainable harvest goal. The MN DNR will provide a final decision to the Governor and Legislature on the sustainable harvest level by March 1, 2018.

The Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) (12-member panel representing a wide range of stakeholders in the forest), in consultation with the MN DNR, identified six broad forest management values to consider in the sustainable harvest analysis. These are timber productivity, natural resource economies, biodiversity, water quality, wildlife habitat, and forest health. Fundamentally, the model allows MN DNR and stakeholders to explore various ways of balancing these different values.

This analysis investigated three primary questions:

1. Could the MN DNR's lands support a harvest of 1 million cords per year?

In the short term, harvests above 1 million cords could be maintained for 15 to 20 years, without falling below the long-term harvest level of 880,000 and 910,000 cords per year. This includes site-level considerations for water quality, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity, but does not include marketability factors nor wildlife considerations mentioned below. The potential ability to harvest at a higher level is due to the large supply of mature and older wood currently on state lands. Some of this older forest is the result of conscious decisions to manage for certain habitat values, while some is the result of market conditions (e.g., undesirable species, distance from mills, etc.).

2. If not, what harvest levels could be maintained in the long term?

We found that the long-term harvest level that utilizes all of the acres available under current legal and regulatory restrictions could be between 880,000 and 910,000 cords per year. This also includes site-level considerations for water quality, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity, but does not include marketability factors nor wildlife considerations mentioned below.

3. What are the impacts of additional non-timber values on the harvest level?

As the six values listed above are incorporated, the timber harvest levels generally decrease. In particular, incorporating spatial distribution goals to provide biodiversity and habitat for forest-dependent wildlife species has the greatest impact on potential timber harvest volumes. Prioritizing these goals has the potential to reduce timber volumes by as much as 40-50% over the next 20 years (25-35% over the long term). This would amount to an annual harvest level of roughly 600,000 to 800,000 cords. The ability to meet water quality goals had minimal impact on harvest levels.

The information in this draft report is intended to communicate the range of potential harvest levels from MN DNR managed forests given a wide variety of model assumptions, statutory obligations, and

operational considerations. It is a strategic assessment and does not and cannot account for all site-level operational considerations. The results indicate the potential harvest levels that could be sustained on MN DNR land. It does not account for operational issues that could make certain areas inaccessible or un-merchantable, nor for the fact that no or limited markets currently exist for certain species. It does not identify a recommended sustainable timber harvest level from MN DNR lands. The decision on the MN DNR sustainable timber harvest level will come after full consideration of the Stakeholder Advisory Group, public comments, and the final analysis report.

### 3.0 PURPOSE, NEED, AND HISTORY

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) manages more than 5.6 million acres of land. Of these lands, about 2.75 million acres are commercially managed forests, or timberlands, which is about 49% of MN DNR-administered lands and 15% of Minnesota forestlands. These lands are managed under a variety of statutes and policies to meet many different objectives, including ecological protection, timber production, habitat development, and recreation. By statute, timber harvest levels are to be sustainable over time, and MN DNR seeks predictable, sustainable levels of other resources as well.

Over the past several decades, MN DNR harvested between 600,000 and 1,000,000 cords of timber annually. Past analyses by MN DNR scientists indicated that 800,000 cords per year as a sustained level of harvest, given MN DNR's current management objectives and practices.

Wood products from MN DNR timberlands are 28% of the in-state supply to Minnesota's wood processing industries. These industries account for about 64,000 jobs and \$16.2 billion of annual economic impact. Competitiveness and growth in the forest sector depend to some extent on securing a reliable supply and, if possible, an increasing amount of forest products. Representatives of Minnesota's wood processing industries have suggested that MN DNR timberlands are capable of providing a sustained annual harvest level of at least 1 million cords.

In November 2016, Governor Dayton directed the MN DNR to 1) determine whether MN DNR lands could sustain a harvest of 1 million cords, 2) identify the sustainable harvest level if 1 million cords are unsustainable, and 3) conduct this analysis with an independent third party. The MN DNR Commissioner must identify the sustainable timber harvest level by March 1, 2018.

To that end, MN DNR designed and advertised a consulting project, and selected Mason, Bruce and Girard, Inc. (MB&G) to conduct the analysis. MB&G is a natural resource consulting firm headquartered in Portland, Oregon. MB&G's Forest Planning team has conducted similar analyses for state, federal, tribal, and private land managers across the U.S. and internationally. Over the last 20 years, MB&G has prepared long-term harvest scheduling analyses for over 65 million acres on 160 different properties.

MN DNR assigned an internal project team to work with MB&G. The project team provided input, data, and direction to ensure that MB&G's efforts recognized previous work, current policies, and possible future opportunities. The project team also regularly solicited input from a Stakeholder Advisory Group representing a broad range of interests in Minnesota's forest resources.

The current study had two phases. In Phase 1, MB&G took the existing MN DNR harvest scheduling model, updated it with the most current inventory data, and conducted an assessment of the potential timber harvest from MN DNR lands. The primary objective of this effort was to determine what data were available, how they could be used in the modeling process, and how to proceed with modeling objectives. This preliminary analysis showed that without incorporating additional non-timber values, MN DNR could harvest 1 million cords annually for a limited time before dropping to a lower long-term

sustained level. The effort also determined that MN DNR did not yet have reliable methods for estimating the impact on timber harvest from additional objectives for wildlife habitat and watershed protection. MB&G reported Phase 1 results in a June 2017 Progress Report.

The Phase 2 effort built on Phase 1. Here, we modeled sustained yield for 7 planning areas. We incrementally incorporated additional forest management values targeting natural resource economies, water quality, biodiversity, and wildlife habitat. We also explored the sensitivity of the projections to future growth assumptions, as well as alternative discount rates.

This analysis provided a strategic level assessment of the sustained harvest level under various approaches to forest management. The next step will be for the MN DNR to make a recommendation on the sustainable harvest level, by using the results of this report and the recommendations of MN DNR personnel. This recommendation will incorporate tactical and operational planning considerations that were beyond the scope of this report. Once a final determination of the sustainable harvest level has been made, additional planning steps will be required to fully implement all the operational issues associated with a forest management plan.

## 4.0 DATA AND METHODS

In this section, we will list and describe the main components of the Sustainable Timber Harvest Analysis (STHA). We will start by providing a broad overview of the components of the analysis in the following section, followed by three sections describing the model components in detail.

### 4.1 Overview of the Sustainable Timber Harvest Analysis

The analysis conducted for this project can be split into three main components, namely, land base, yield analysis, and harvest scheduling. The land base component deals with describing and classifying the landscape, based on its underlying properties. The yield analysis assesses the growth and yield potential of the forests and associates these values with land units based on their classification. The harvest scheduling component aggregates the information from the land base and yield analysis components, and assigns a management plan to each land unit based on strategic objectives and growth potential.

The approach that was used for this analysis was to build a forest planning model, using a linear programming formulation in Remsoft's Spatial Planning System software. It was used to simulate various management alternatives (scenarios) and assumptions. The scenarios ranged from maximizing timber harvest only, to maximizing the creation of wildlife habitat, diversity of native plant communities and age classes, and protection of water quality. Assumptions varied along the growth and yield projections used, as well as the discount rate on financial returns. This provided us with a range of solutions that could be used by the MN DNR to inform future policy.

Key to a forest planning model is the concept of a planning horizon. That is the length of time over which the plan will schedule management activities and associated outcomes. In this case, we built a model with a planning horizon of 100 years. This horizon is divided into smaller time periods of equal length, in order to add temporal resolution to the results. For this model we selected a period length of 5 years, resulting in 20 planning periods. Period zero represents the current condition of the landscape, while period 20 represents the landscape 100 years from the present.

The purpose of the land base section was to establish the existing condition of the landscape, in terms of the attributes that are essential to the STHA. This provided the forest planning model with a starting point of analysis. In terms of the planning horizon, it represents period zero. The main tasks for this component were to extract the raw GIS data from the Forest Inventory Module (FIM) and summarize it by the key attributes that will be used by the model. This provided the data that was required to build the area and landscape sections of the model, as well as a first assessment of the properties and capabilities of the landscape.

The purpose of the yield analysis component was to evaluate the growth and yield projections currently used by the MN DNR and make recommendations for yield table adjustments. The yield tables are a key component of the forest planning model. They provide a snapshot of forest inventory within each stratum for each planning period. As such, they determine the harvest level within each period as well as the standing inventory, both of which are key parameters of the model. The yield tables also provide

information about growth rates between periods, which is a key component in conjunction with the discount rate to determine the optimal period for timber harvest. The main tasks for the yield analysis component were to benchmark the MN DNR yield tables against published research and to make recommendations on how the yields could be aligned better with expected growth and yield. This resulted in a set of yield table adjustments that formed the foundation of a scenario that examined the impact of the yield assumptions (5.3.3).

The last component of the Sustainable Timber Harvest Analysis was to build and run the forest planning model. The function of this model was to provide the project team with a tool that could evaluate the impact of land management assumptions on parameters such as water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat and natural resource economies. These parameters were incorporated into the model through objectives, constraints, and goals. Objectives are the main drivers of the model solution and are the parameter that the model will either maximize or minimize, depending on the desired outcome. The constraints and goals place boundaries on the potential solution and limit the objective function to an acceptable solution. By using different objective functions and a range of constraints and goals, we were able to explore how different levels of water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat and natural resource economies could be realized through a range of land management assumptions. The model is explained in detail in section 4.4.

## **4.2 Land Base**

The land base component of the analysis established the starting condition of the MN DNR lands incorporated into this analysis. As such, it established the state of the land at period zero on the planning horizon. The rest of this section will describe different elements of establishing the land base. Section 4.2.1 will describe the source of the data used for this analysis, while section 4.2.2 will summarize and evaluate the land base in terms of availability for management, age, site index, acres, and volume.

### **4.2.1 Forest Inventory Module Data**

The forest inventory data and other supplementary spatial data used in this project were provided by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR). The forest inventory data originates from the MN DNR's "Forest Inventory Module" system (also referred to as FIM data) and follows internal MN DNR classification schema. The FIM forest data is derived from the cooperative stand assessment (CSA) forest inventory program. This data is collected by MN DNR foresters or forest inventory contractors, summarized by individual forest stands, and updated on a continuous basis. Of the 5.6 million acres of land administered by the MN DNR, 5.4 million acres have FIM data. Notable areas of MN DNR administered lands without FIM data coverage include holdings within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Myrtle Lake Peatland Scientific and Natural Area (SNA), and various smaller SNAs.

The FIM data is a non-statistical forest inventory used for management purposes and consists of summarized stand data only. The original individual plot data is not available. Only the summary data of individual forest stands is maintained. The FIM data used in this project originated from an April 7, 2017, download.

The FIM data was integrated with the MN DNR spatial Land Records System data to align each forest stand with one unique DNR land administrator and one unique means of acquisition. Additional MN DNR data including forest planning units, riparian zones, mill distances, watersheds, spatial hexagons, native plant communities, endangered and threatened species, and state species of special concern were spatially integrated through geoprocessing with the FIM data.

The final data product was provided to MB&G in shapefile format consisting of 200,598 polygons. This data and the documentation are readily available from the DNR's FTP site at [ftp://ftp.dnr.state.mn.us/pub/SFRMPDATA/MBG\\_STHA/](ftp://ftp.dnr.state.mn.us/pub/SFRMPDATA/MBG_STHA/).

Once MB&G obtained these data we reorganized it to fit the needs of the model. The forest planning model called for 19 different attributes to be populated for each polygon within the shapefile. These attributes are described in section 4.4.2 and were populated primarily from the spatial data, as well as additional data provided by the MN DNR.

#### **4.2.2 Inventory Analysis**

In this section, we describe the inventory in terms of land area and associated timber volume, presenting these data at the statewide level and for planning areas, classified by survey year, age class, and site index. The total land area represented in some way by inventory was 5,290,074 acres. Around 4.8 million acres were classified as manageable, which represented the acres available for management after considering administrative restrictions, operable terrain, old growth, and representative sample areas (RSA). Around 3.73 million acres were classified as forested, which represented all the acres that had a forest cover type (exclude land with no cover type designation, vegetated non-forest, and bare land). Around 3 million were potentially commercial, which were all the acres with growth and yield estimates. Finally, around 2.75 million acres were classified as merchantable, which were all the acres that met all of the conditions for manageable, forested and commercial (Figure 2). Around 52% of the total acres were considered merchantable and allowed to contribute to sustained timber yield calculations. The other 48% was allowed to contribute to various other objectives (e.g., watershed, older forest habitat goals). In the remainder of this section, we consider in detail the fraction of merchantable inventory acres.

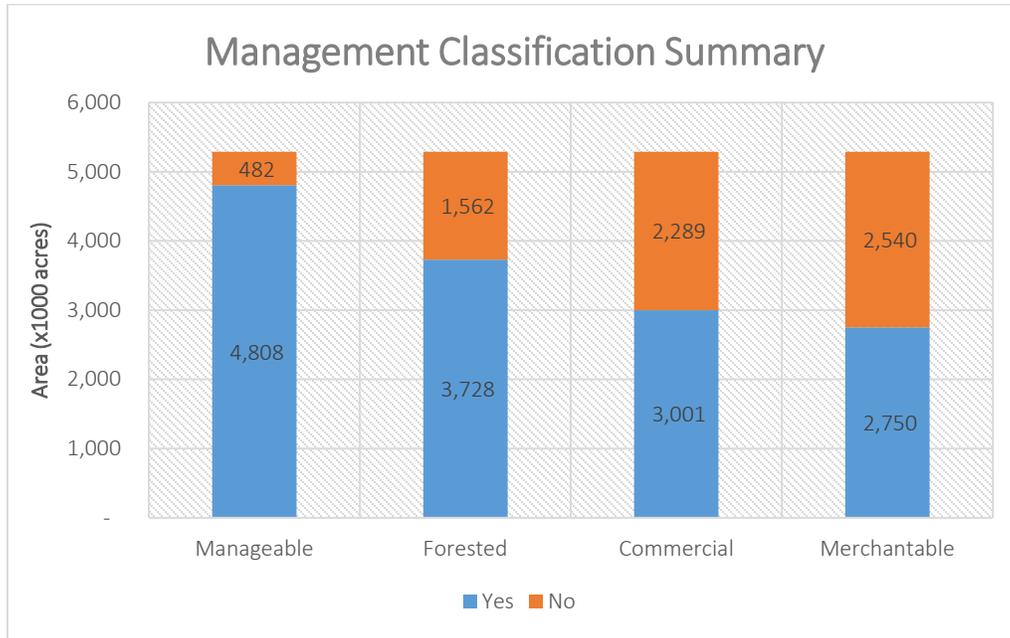


Figure 1. Division of MNDNR Acreage by Operability Class.

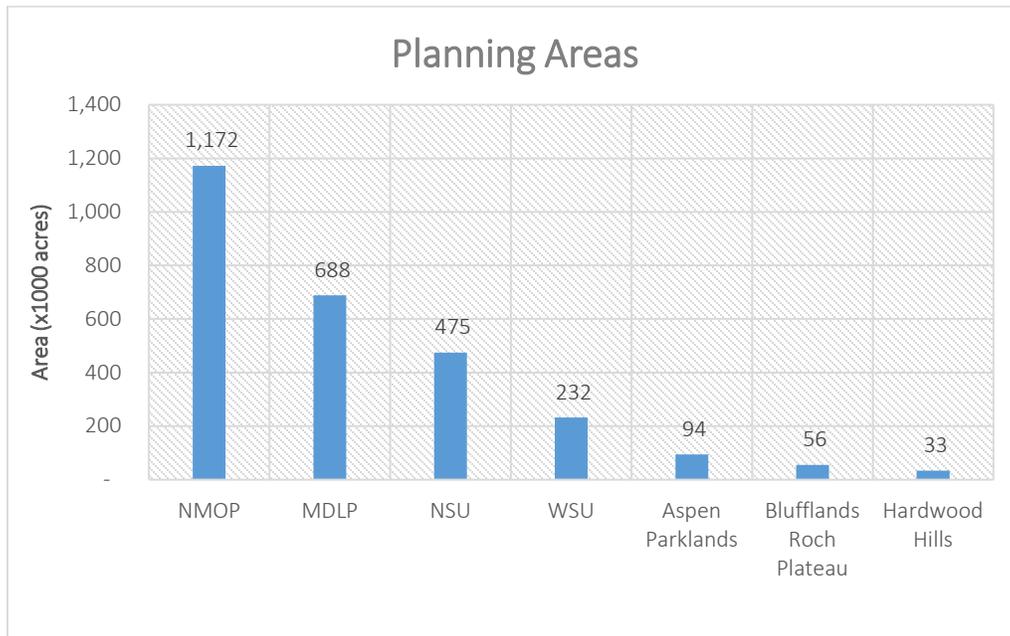


Figure 2. Histogram of Acreage by Planning Area.

Although there are seven planning areas with merchantable acreage, just four—NMOP, MDLP, NSU, and WSU (defined in List of Acronyms)—encompass 93% of the area. See Appendix Q: Map of MN DNR Planning Areas for the geographic location of the planning areas. The Woodstock model includes all seven planning areas, but in this summary, we focus on these top four planning areas in detail. By themselves, NMOP accounts for 42.6% of the total planning area, MDLP is 25%, NSU is 17.3%, and WSU is 8.4%.

Including all planning areas, inventory data used in the Woodstock model were collected over the period extending from 1976 to the present. Some of the inventory dates back to the original current format survey in the late 70's and early 80's. Over half of the acres were visited after 2004.

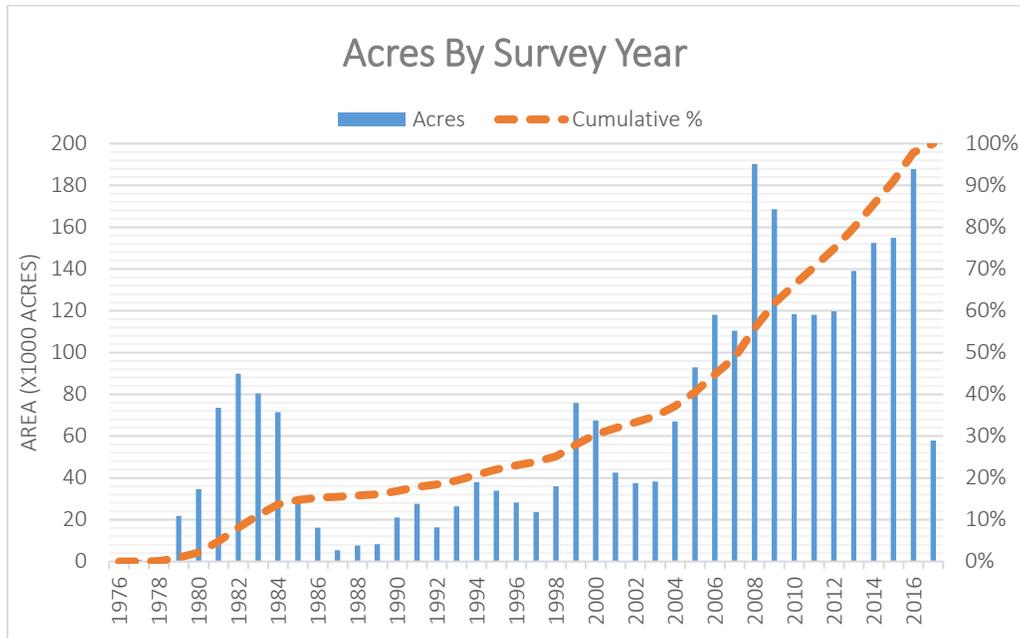


Figure 3. Number of Acres Surveyed Each Year After 1976.

From the perspective of age classes, again including all planning areas, the largest area falls into either the zero-to-five-year class or the older-than-120-year class (Figure 4). There is a roughly linear decline in area from the younger age classes through each of the eldest classes, meaning that recent stand-replacing activities have occurred at a faster pace than more historic activities. In terms of site index, there is a slightly bimodal distribution in area, with one peak around the 30'-35' class, and another around the 61'-65' class (Figure 4). This split distribution arises from merging different planning areas into a single distribution calculation, as we explain below.

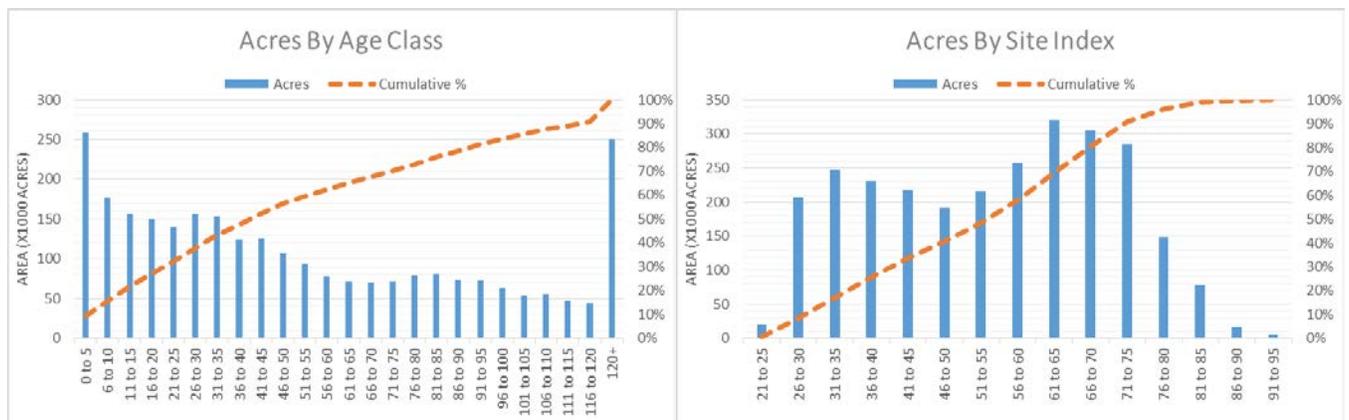


Figure 4. Merchantable acreage by age class and site index.

Considering the largest four planning areas, NMOP, MDLP, NSU, and WSU, the distribution of acreage by age class follows approximately the outlines of the whole merchantable land base, with some notable differences. These differences are characterized either by variable representation of the older age classes or by non-uniformities among intermediate ages. In terms of the young versus old representation, while both NMOP and the statewide merchantable area have around 9% in the zero-to-five-year-old category, NMOP has 13% of its area in the 120+ age class (Figure 5), while statewide that figure is only 9% (Figure 4). In contrast, MDLP has a similar zero to five percent, but only 6.4% in the 120+ class (Figure 5). NSU is most similar to the statewide pattern, with 9% in the zero- to five-year class and 8.0% in the 120+ class (Figure 5). For WSU, the zero- to five-year class contains 9.9% of the area, again a similar fraction to the statewide classification, but in this planning area, only 3.6% of the acreage is in the 120+ age class (Figure 5). In general, NMOP shows a higher proportion of older age classes, while MDLP, NSU, and WSU all show a disproportionately higher fraction of the youngest age class. It should be noted here that the zero-to-five-year-old age classes reported here include acreage that is considered “under development”, meaning acres that are slated for harvest but not yet cut (the model assumes these acres have been harvested). This contributed to the high proportion of zero-to-five-year age class and should be considered when interpreting the results in the rest of this section<sup>1</sup>.

The distribution of intermediate age classes differs by planning area. In this case, NMOP most closely represents the statewide pattern, with uniform decline from zero through the older classes (Figure 5). The intermediate age classes for MDLP and NSU, however, are concentrated in the six- to 40-year classes, with over 50% of the acreage in these younger categories (Figure 5). The age class distribution in the WSU planning area shows a concentration of older age classes. While 40% of the acreage is represented by stands younger than 40 years, the 60-year to 100-year-old stands constitute around 30% of the remaining acreage, a much higher proportion than the other planning areas (Figure 5). A higher proportion of aspen cover type, which has a 40-year rotation, within a planning area will tend to concentrate the amount of acreage in younger age classes. Conversely, planning areas with a greater acreage of e.g. black spruce, with a 120-year rotation, will tend to have more acres in older age classes.

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<sup>1</sup> These age class charts and statistics all use a modified stand age that reflects pending management actions. Nearly 112,000 acres of older forest have the stand age artificially set to 1 year old to reflect pending management actions. Since these acres are treated as young forest by the model, this over estimates the current 0 – 5 year age class acres shown in these graphs and charts. The non-modified 0 – 5 year age class acres is slightly less than the 6 – 10 year age class acres.



Figure 5. Acreage Histogram with Cumulative Percent by Stand Age Class

The source of the bimodal acreage by site class distribution (Figure 4) can be traced to differences in the major planning areas. The largest planning area, NMOP, has around 50% of its acreage in site index classes lower than 45' (Figure 6). In contrast, MDLP, NSU, and WSU planning areas have less than 30% of their area in these lower site class groups, while site classes 60' and greater constitute more than 50% of the area for MDLP and WSU, and more than 40% of the area for NSU (Figure 6). With 42.6% of the total merchantable acreage, the NMOP site class distribution exerts substantial influence on the statewide distribution, roughly in proportion to the 50.7% of acres classified as MDLP, NSU, and WSU combined.

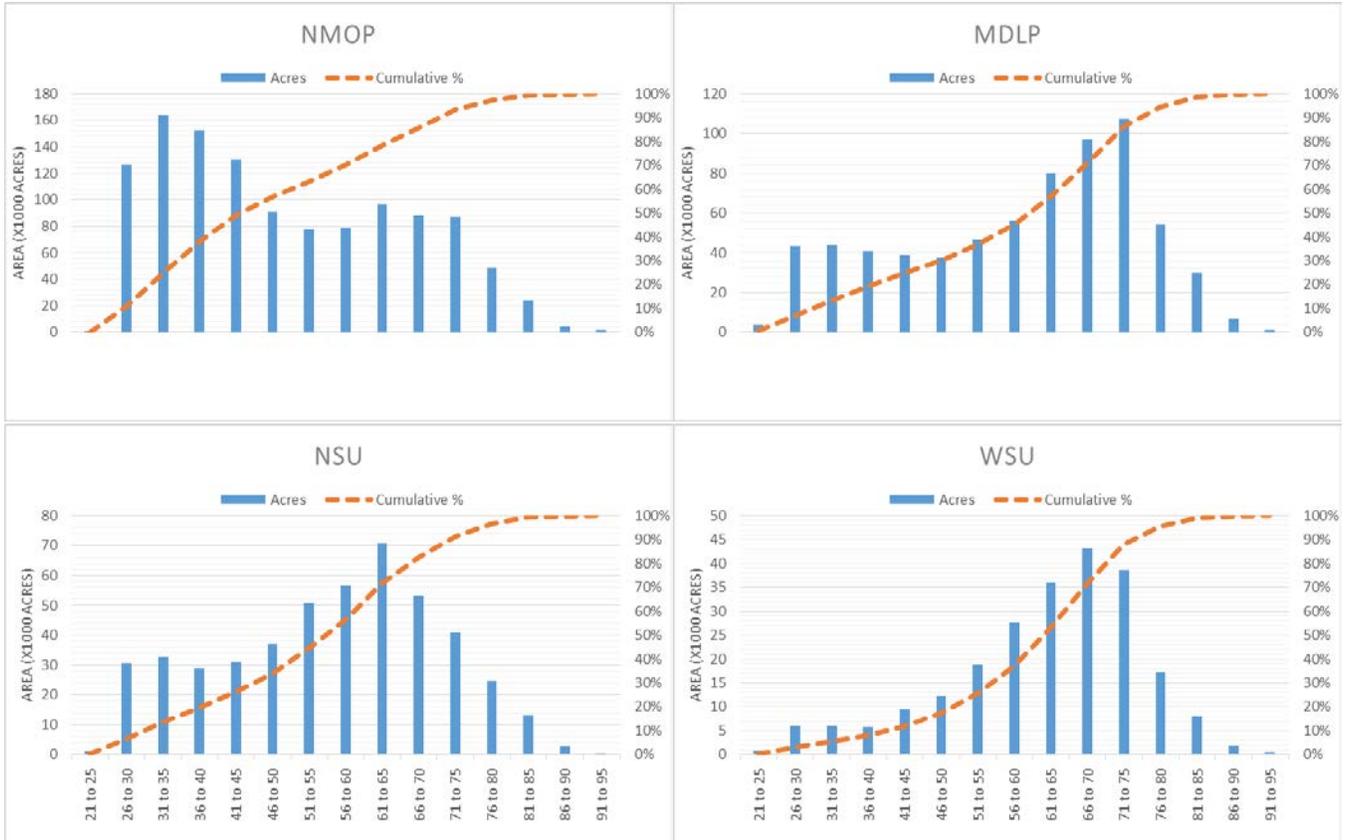


Figure 6. Acreage Histogram with Cumulative Percent by Site Index Class

Certain cover types are most dominant within each of the major planning areas. Just as NMOP, MDLP, NSU, and WSU represent more than 93% of the total merchantable area, just a few cover types within these planning areas are a substantial majority. In NMOP, the four most dominant cover types by area are aspen, black spruce lowland, tamarack, and white cedar, together covering 84.1% of the NMOP area (translates to 35.8% of the total statewide merchantable area, Figure 7). For MDLP, the top two cover types are aspen (43.6%) and tamarack (13.8%), together 57.4% of the planning area (translates to 14.4% of the total statewide merchantable area, Figure 7). The aspen cover type is the most common in both NSU (41.3%) and WSU (44.1%) planning areas (together these translate to 10.8% of the total statewide merchantable area, Figure 7).

In the remainder of this section, we focus on acreage and volume within these specific combinations of planning area and cover type. Collectively, these four cover types from NMOP, two from MDLP, and aspen from NSU and WSU encompass 1.7 million acres or 61.1% of the statewide merchantable area. Thus, with only eight cover type and planning area combinations, we can anticipate major consequences for management outcomes from the forest planning model. It is also possible to draw conclusions about the relative importance of a cover type in terms of harvest volume versus acreage. In some cases, the cord volume is proportional to its area, e.g. aspen and black spruce lowland in NMOP (Figure 7). When this is true, we should find these acres proportionally represented in harvest volumes. Other cover types, in contrast, have disproportionately more volume than their area suggests, e.g. white cedar in NMOP or

oak and central hardwoods in WSU (Figure 7). These cover types will feature more prominently in harvest volumes than their area coverage suggests. Table 1 shows a crosswalk for the cover type names.

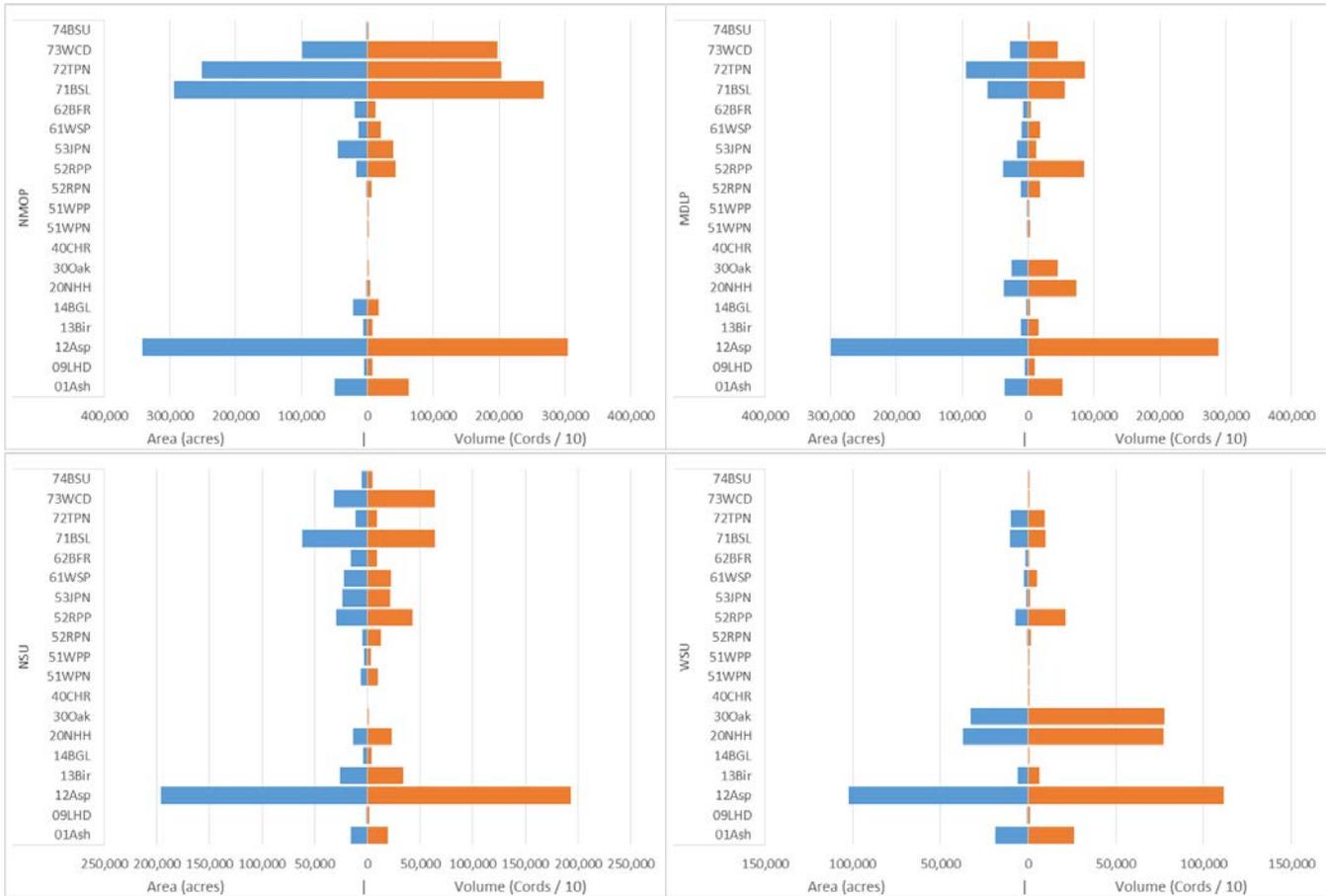


Figure 7. Comparative Histograms of Area versus Volume by Cover Type

Table 1. Cross-walk to cover type names

Woodstock Code	Simplified	Woodstock Code	Simplified
01Ash	01Ash	52RedPine	52RPN
09LowHrdw	09LHD	52RedPinePlt	52RPP
12Aspen	12Asp	53JacPine	53JPN
13Birch	13Bir	61WhitSpr	61WSP
14BlmGil	14BGL	61WhitSprPlt	61WSP
20NorthHrdw	20NHH	62BalFir	62BFR
30Oak	30Oak	71BlaSprLow	71BSL
40CentHrdw	40CHR	72TamPine	72TPN
51WhiPine	51WPN	73WhiCed	73WCD
51WhiPinePlt	51WPP	74BlaSprUpl	74BSU

The four main cover types in the NMOP planning area show markedly different demographic trends, reflecting a combination of different ecological characteristics as well as management histories. Aspen cover type (Figure 8) has the substantial majority of its acreage in age classes less than 40 years old, but these classes contain a small portion of the standing volume. The rotation age (Appendix A: Clear-Cut Management Regime) for NMOP aspen cover type (represented as the horizontal grey line, Figure 8) is 40 years, calculated as the acre-weighted average across site index. In terms of acreage, pre-rotation NMOP aspen constitutes 87% of the area but supports only 65% of the standing volume. Conversely, 35% of the standing volume is present on just 13% of the area. This demographic imbalance could indicate excess existing timber supply, with the caveat that aspen suffers from increased defect as trees senesce. For NMOP black spruce lowland cover type, pre-rotation stands represent 67% of the acreage and 47% of the volume, again suggesting an excess of post-rotation volume from a timber perspective (Figure 8). With a long rotation age of 90 years, however, black spruce lowland post-rotation acreage is the smaller component, and the forest planning model will need to wait for a larger fraction of the stand area to mature. The NMOP tamarack cover type has a similar profile, long rotation age (80 years), with 64% of the area and 54% of the volume as pre-rotation (Figure 8), requiring a waiting period before harvest is possible. Conversely, 36% of the tamarack area and 46% of the volume are post-rotation, immediately available for harvest. The white cedar cover type in NMOP is managed with uneven-aged techniques, so rotation-based assessments are not relevant. Overall, major NMOP cover types hold a majority of their standing volume in post-rotation age classes.

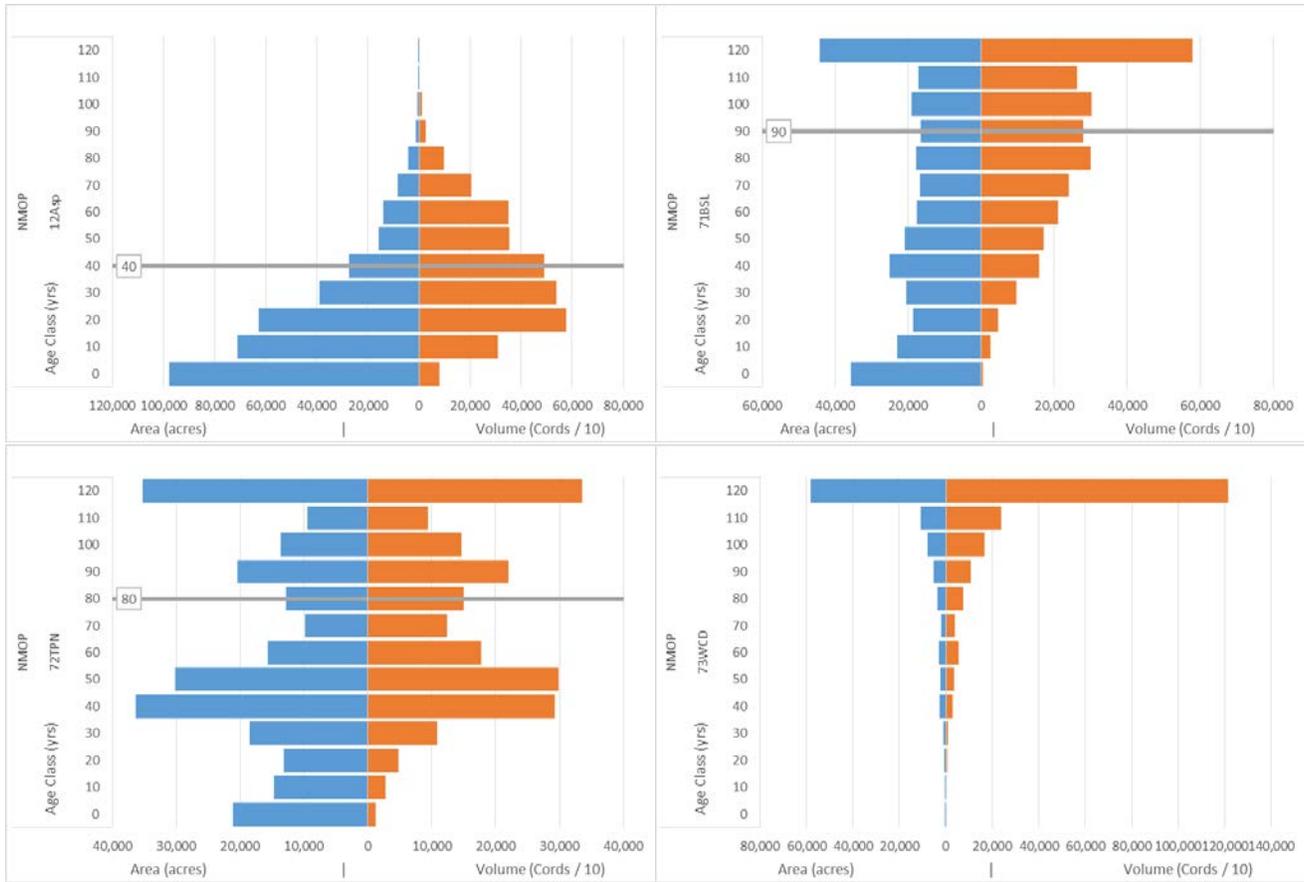


Figure 8. Demographic Pyramids with Rotation Age for the Top Four Cover Types

Different demographic patterns appear in the MDLP planning area. For tamarack (Figure 9), the six pre-rotation age classes represent 41% of the area but only 25% of the volume. Most of this cover type is available for immediate harvest. The aspen cover type in MDLP differs from its NMOP counterpart, however (Figure 9). Comparable area is pre-rotation (90%), but this area contains 73% of the standing volume. Post rotation aspen represents only 27% of the volume, so the forest planning model will need to meter aspen harvest as new acres reach rotation age. This constraint will become more influential, as the youngest age class is the largest area (Figure 9).

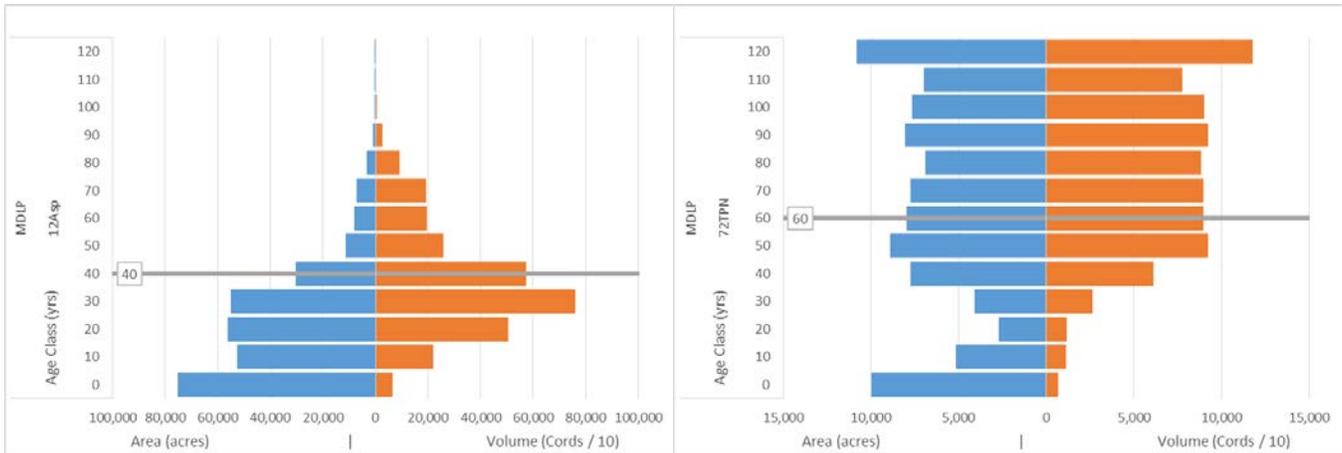


Figure 9. Demographic Pyramids with Rotation Age, MDLP Aspen, and Tamarack Pine

The aspen cover type in NSU and WSU planning areas is similar to MDLP, with most of the area and volume in pre-rotation age classes. The NSU aspen pre-rotation age distribution is more uniform, the largest acreage in the 20-year age class (Figure 10, left). For WSU, the pattern is more similar to NMOP and MDLP, with a larger fraction of aspen cover type area in the zero-year age class (Figure 10, right).

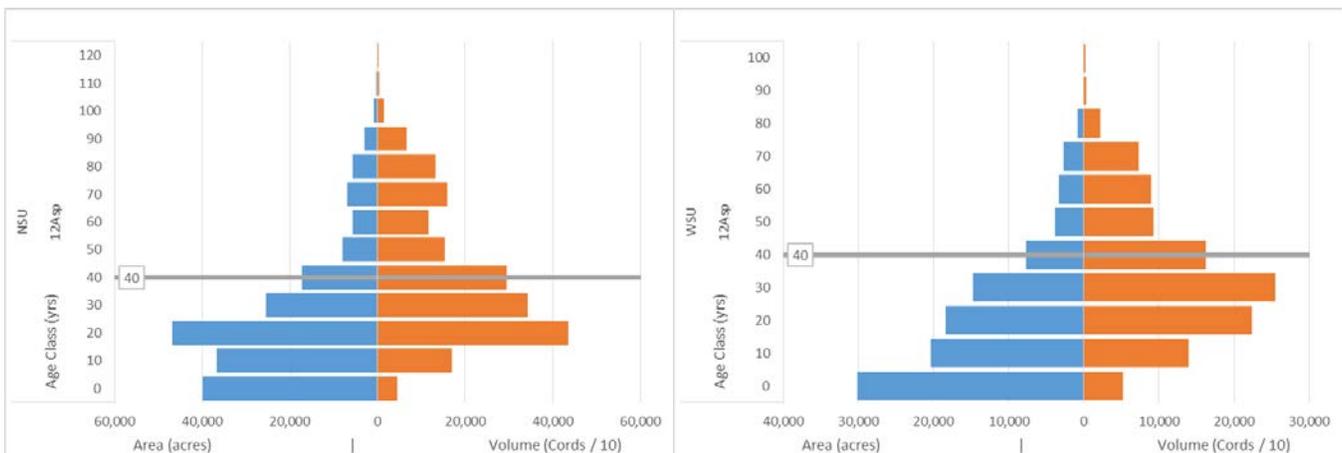


Figure 10. Demographic pyramids with rotation age for aspen cover type in NSU and WSU.

Area and volume data for each combination of cover type and age class, separated by planning area, are presented in tabular form in Appendix A for NMOP, MDLP, NSU, and WSU planning areas.

### 4.3 Yield Analysis

The yield analysis component of the analysis compared the yield tables provided by the MN DNR against published growth and yield projections. This allowed us to identify cases where the MN DNR yields diverged noticeably from published yields. In these cases, we suggested a multiplier that would align the MN DNR yields with the published yields. This approach is not a substitute for properly calibrated growth and yield projections, but it allowed us to perform a rudimentary analysis on the sensitivity of the forest

planning results to yield tables and the potential magnitude by which future outcomes can be influenced by the yield assumptions. Future efforts should focus on refining the yield tables currently used by the MN DNR and testing them against observed yields.

This section is divided into three parts. Section 4.3.1 describes the process used to develop the current MN DNR yield tables. Section 4.3.2 compares the MN DNR yield tables against published benchmarks. Section 4.3.3 makes suggestions for altering the MN DNR yield tables to align them with the published data.

#### 4.3.1 MN DNR Yield Tables

The MN DNR uses distinct yield tables for each combination of planning area, cover type, and site index. Yield tables project strata level growth for basal area (square feet per acre) and volume (cords per acre). Data to develop these yield tables were sourced from the most recent Forest Inventory Module (FIM) (part of the state level cooperative stand assessment (CSA) program). The CSA program uses a double sampling variable radius plot methodology at sampling densities that vary depending on the size of the stand, to achieve a desired standard error on the attribute being measured (e.g. basal area, or estimated volume). Results of the sampling are summarized into stand level summations within the FIM database, and the original CSA measurements are not retained. Yield estimates were fitted using the FIM inventory data with functional forms from Walters and Ek<sup>2</sup> using least squares regression methods.

The models used by Walters and Ek to define yield tables are based on power functions, which were fit to the stand level inventory data using the R statistical computing environment as well as Statistical Analysis System (SAS<sup>®</sup>) software. The models for basal area and volume take on the same general form:

$$B = b_1 S^{b_2} A^{b_3} \quad [1]$$

Where:

$B$  = basal area (ft<sup>2</sup>/ac) for all measured trees,  
 $S$  = site index (ft., base age 50), and  
 $A$  = stand age in years.

$$V = v_1 B^{v_2} H^{v_3} \quad [2]$$

Where:

$V$  = cords per acre for all trees  $\geq 5$  in. dbh, and  
 $H$  = average total height in feet units of dominant and co-dominant trees.

For volume (Equation 2), the height term was a calculated value based on equations from Ek (1971)<sup>3</sup>. When parameters were found to be insignificant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ , they were excluded, and the affected model was fitted again. The original Walters and Ek formulation generates yield curves that continue to climb

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<sup>2</sup> Walters, D.K., and A.R. Ek. 1993. Whole stand yield and density equations for fourteen forest types in Minnesota. Northern Journal of Applied Forestry 10: 75-85.

<sup>3</sup> Ek, Alan R. "A formula for white spruce site index curves." *For. Res. Note* 161 (1971): 2.

indefinitely. Undisturbed forest stands in Minnesota tend to enter a phase of volume and basal area decline at intermediate ages, however, so MN DNR used the Zobel, Ek, and O’Hara (ZEO) method (Zobel et al. 2014)<sup>4</sup> to introduce volume decline. The implementation of this technique is illustrated in Figure 11, where the dashed lines show the unadjusted growth estimates on the aspen cover type in MDLP, and the solid lines show the ZEO adjusted estimates. The top line represents site index 90 (base age 50), while the bottom line represents site index 20. The MN DNR used manager experience to govern the timing and magnitude of decline. For the forest planning model, MB&G used the yield tables as received.

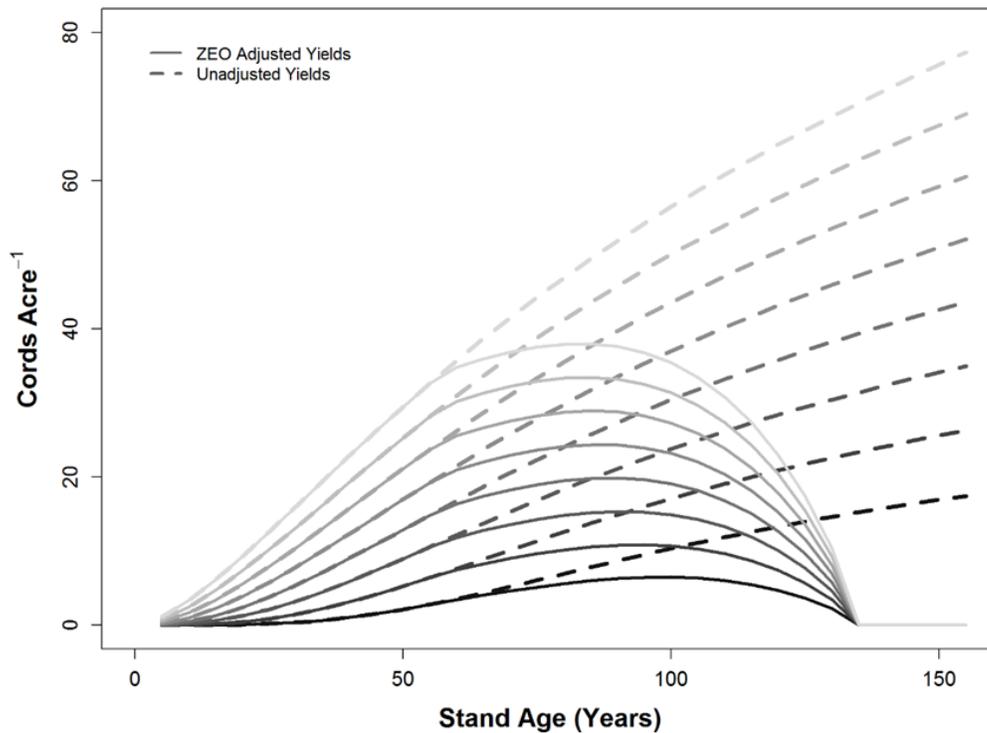


Figure 11. Illustration of ZEO yield adjustments

Final volumes by species are estimated using species compositions derived from FIA plots within the section for which yields are developed across all ownerships. In Minnesota, FIA plots are re-measured every five years as opposed to the national seven-year re-measurement, and at a higher intensity sampling rate, resulting in a resolution of 1 plot per 3,000 acres, as opposed to the national 1 plot per 6,000 acres<sup>5</sup>.

#### 4.3.2 Benchmarking of MN DNR Yields

Yield tables by cover type were used in the forest planning model as they were received by MB&G from MN DNR. We reviewed literature sources, also provided by MN DNR, to assess whether these yield tables

<sup>4</sup> Zobel, J.M., A.R. Ek, and T.J. O’Hara. 2014. Description and implementation of a single cohort and lifespan yield and mortality model for forest stands in Minnesota. Minnesota Forestry Research Notes No. 298.

<sup>5</sup> [www.fia.fs.fed.us/program-features/basic-forest-inventory](http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/program-features/basic-forest-inventory)

can be supported by published results. Of the literature provided to us, four publications reported empirical yields for relevant cover types and could be converted to units of cords per acre. These papers provided a yield benchmark for aspen (Ek and Brodie 1974<sup>6</sup>), red pine plantation (Buckman *et al.* 2006<sup>7</sup>), aspen and natural red pine (Zobel *et al.* 2015<sup>8</sup>), and hardwoods (Gevorkiantz and Duerr 1937<sup>9</sup>).

In this section, we compare yield values from the literature to those from the MN DNR for aspen, natural red pine, plantation red pine, lowland hardwood, and northern hardwood. Within each cover type, we present the literature yield comparison relative to MN DNR yields from the four main planning areas: NMOP, MDLP, NSU, and WSU. For aspen, the site index 50 yields match well among Ek, Brodie, and MN DNR, and the site index 65 yields from Zobel *et al.* are proportional to MN DNR yields (Figure 12). The site index 60 yields from Ek and Brodie are similar to the site index 65 yields from Zobel *et al.*, at least through age 60 years. We find MN DNR yields to be in accord with published values at least for ages up to 60 years, and site index values through 65.

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<sup>6</sup> Ek, A.R., Brodie, J.D. 1975. A preliminary analysis of short-rotation Aspen management. *Can J. For Res.* 5, 245.

<sup>7</sup> Buckman, R.E., Bishaw, B., Hanson, T.J., Benford, F.A. 2006. Growth and yield of red pine in the lake states. USFS General Technical Report NC 271.

<sup>8</sup> Zobel, J.M., Ek, A.R., O'Hara, T.J. 2015. Quantifying the opportunity cost of extended rotation forestry with cohort yield metrics in Minnesota. *Forest Science.* 61 (6): 1050-1057.

<sup>9</sup> Gevorkiantz, S.R., Duerr, W.A. 1937. A yield table for northern hardwoods in the lake states. Lake States Forest Experiment Station. 340-343.

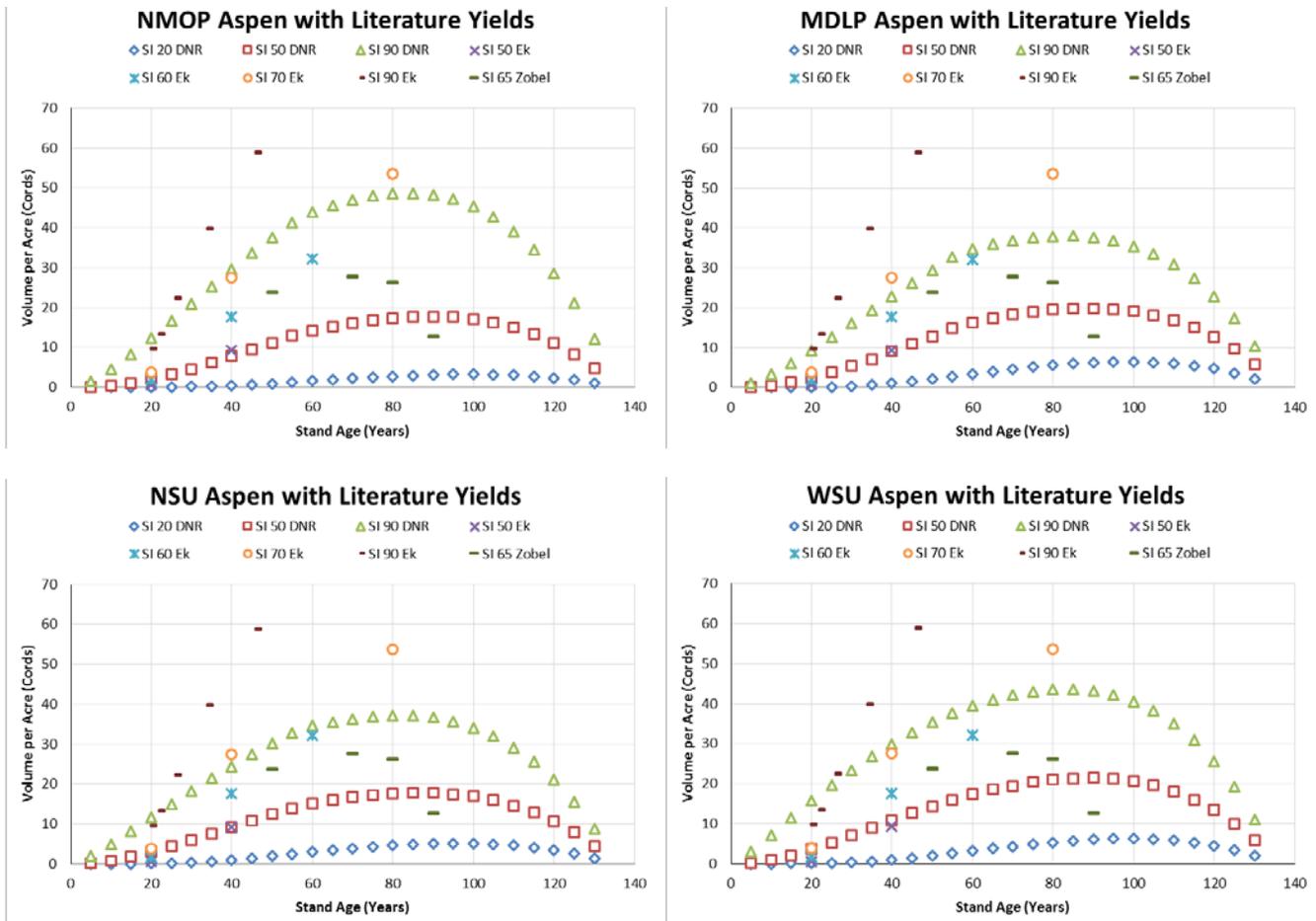


Figure 12. Literature yields for aspen cover type compared to MN DNR yields

At site index values higher than 60, however, the available literature (Ek and Brodie 1974) reports higher aspen yields than used for the MN DNR model. From Ek and Brodie, site index 70 aspen yields are parallel with site index 90 yields from MN DNR (Figure 12). Again, from Ek and Brodie, site index 90 aspen yields resemble MN DNR yields through age 20, but then rapidly increase through age 40 and end approximately twice as high as MN DNR values (Figure 12). Aspen standing volume begins to decline after a certain age. For MN DNR, the peak occurs around 90 years (Figure 12). No evidence to the contrary is present in Ek and Brodie, but the Zobel *et al.* site index 65 yield curve begins a rapid decline at age 70 and falls below the MN DNR site index 50 curve at 90 years. Overall, literature yields for aspen support MN DNR yields for site index less than 70, and for ages up to about 80 years. MN DNR aspen yields for site index values above 70 may be slightly low, and long-term yields may be high.

MN DNR yields for natural pine are similar between NMOP and NSU planning areas, much lower for the MDLP area, and somewhat higher for the WSU planning area (Figure 13). From our literature review, we have one example of natural red pine yield, corresponding to a site index 65 (Zobel *et al.* 2015). The WSU planning area shows the closest match to the literature’s natural red pine yields, with the MN DNR site index 50 yield curve falling proportionally below the published site index 65 curve (Figure 13). For the NMOP and NSU planning areas, the published site index 65 curve is aligned with the site index 90 MN

DNR curve through a stand age of at least 120 years, while all yields for MDLP are substantially lower than the published curve (Figure 13). With a single curve available in the provided literature, we have insufficient information to determine whether natural red pine yields are defensible for all planning areas. The close alignment of WSU natural red pine yields with the published values supports the accuracy of MN DNR yields for this planning area but not necessarily for the others.

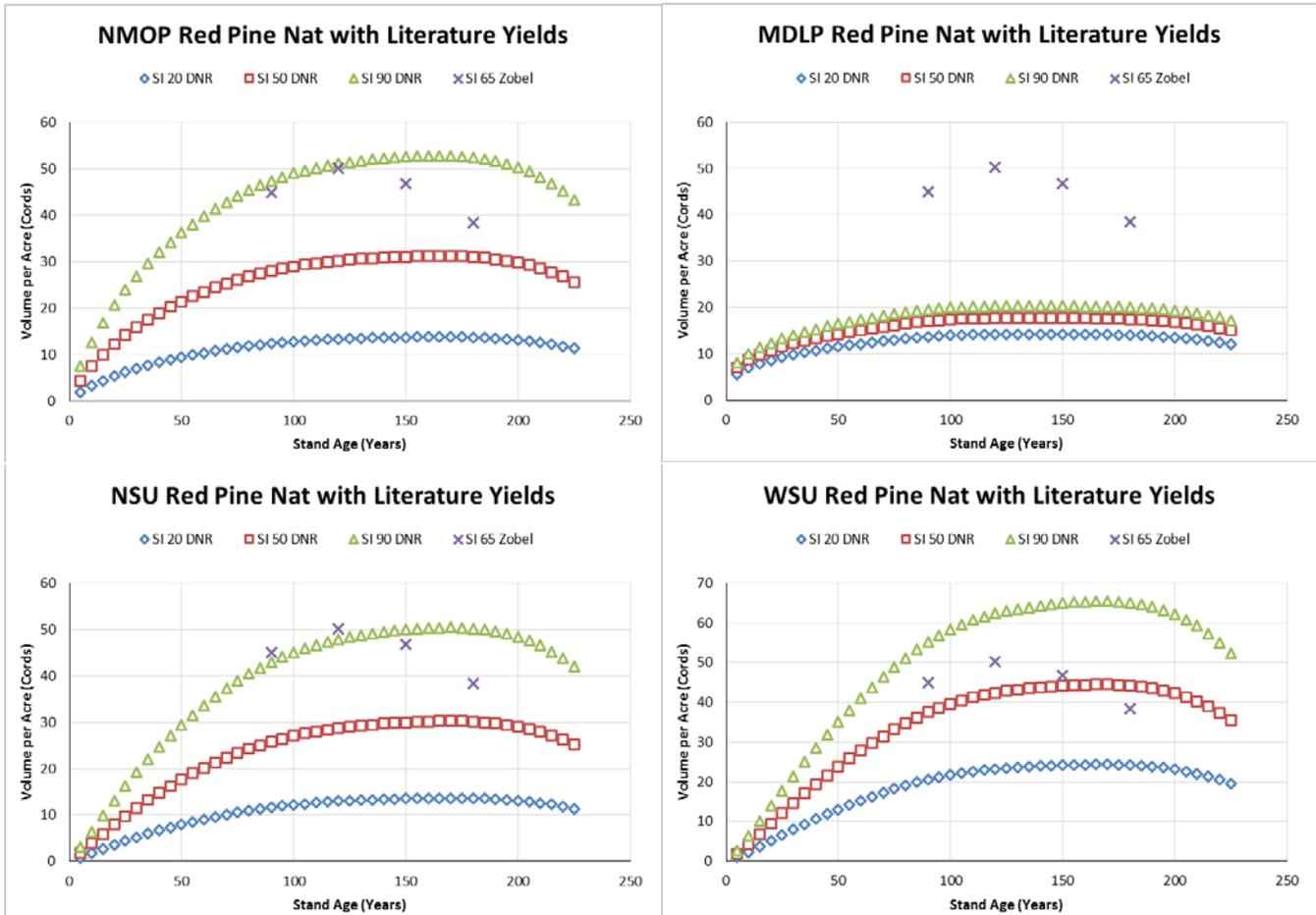


Figure 13. Literature Yields for Natural Red Pine Compared To MN DNR Yields

For the plantation red pine cover type, we found literature yield values (Buckman *et al.* 2006) for site index 40 through 80 in 10' increments (Figure 14). None of these published yield curves corroborated MN DNR yields, however. The site index 90 yield curve for NMOP, NSU, and WSU planning areas was most similar to the site index 50 yields from Buckman *et al.*, while the site index 90 curve for MDLP was aligned with the published site index 40 curve (Figure 14).

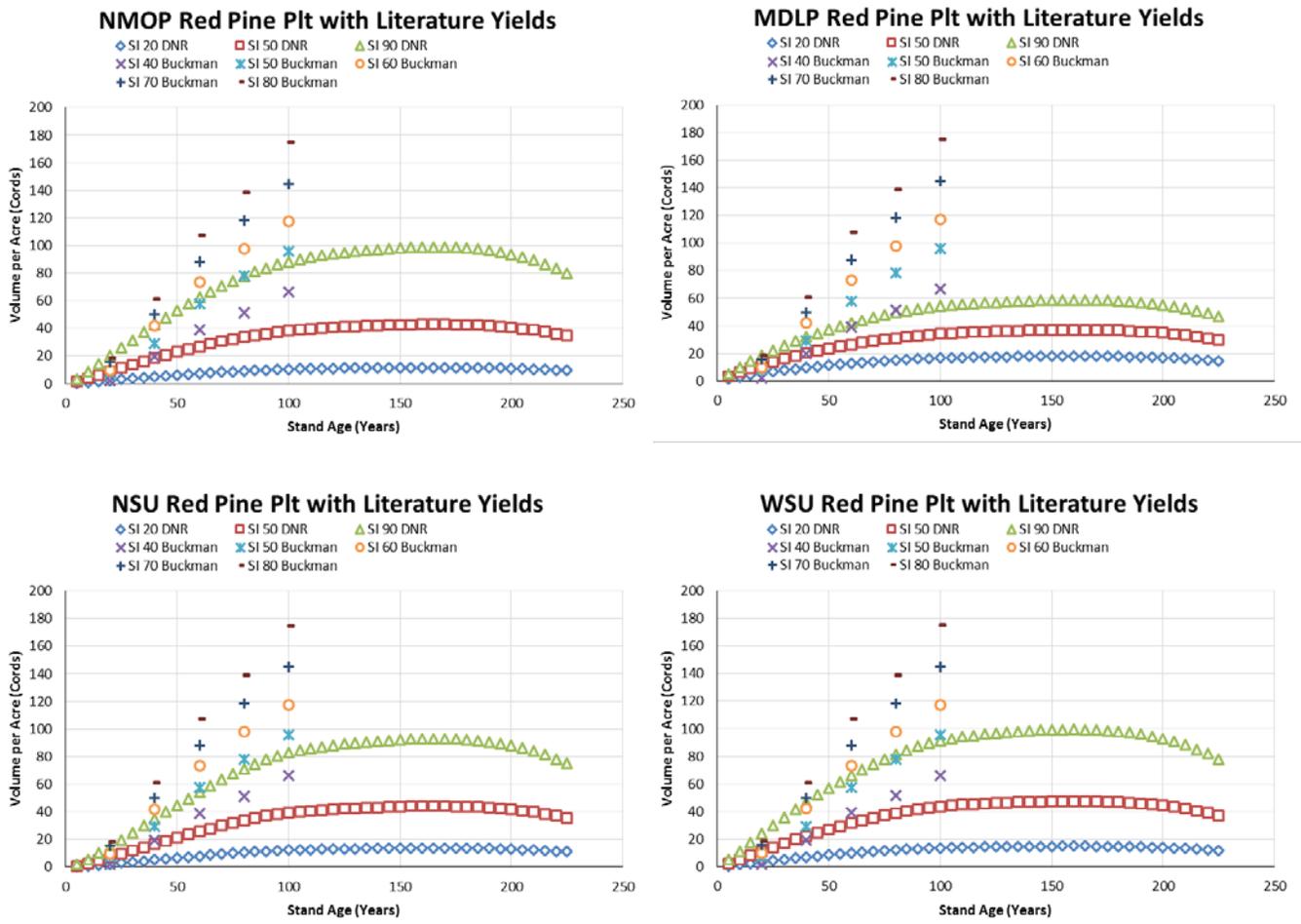


Figure 14. Literature Yields for Plantation Red Pine Cover Type Compared MN DNR Yields

The literature suggests that a natural red pine stand of site index 65 (Zobel *et al.* 2015) should have a peak yield at age 120 years of around 50 cords per acre (Figure 13). By comparison, we encounter published values for plantation red pine of nearly 70 cords per acre at age 100 and at site index 40, and up to 175 cords per acre at age 100 for site index 80 (Figure 14). Within the MN DNR yield tables, the range of yields across cover types in NMOP, for example, using site index 90 at age 100, ranges from 4 cords per acre (jack pine) to 116 cords per acre (black spruce lowland); plantation red pine yields 88 cords per acre, falling toward the higher end of the range. It seems unlikely that MN DNR yields could be as low as 50%, and it also seems unlikely that intermediate site index red pine plantation should show comparable yields to high-site index black spruce. We conclude that the MN DNR plantation red pine yields may be somewhat low but that the available literature values are higher than what would be realistic. We have used MN DNR yields as provided for the forest planning model, but caution that red pine plantation yields may be low.

Available yields for hardwood cover types in the set of literature provided to MB&G are limited (Gevorkiantz and Duerr 1937), with numeric values published for “Good site”, “Medium site”, and “Poor site”. Lacking further site index information, we have translated these classifications to site index values

of 85, 45, and 25, respectively. We compared the literature site index 45 and 85 yields to MN DNR Northern hardwood yields (Figure 15), and the site index 25 yields to MN DNR lowland hardwood yields (Figure 16).

The NMOP planning area is similar to both MDLP and NSU for northern hardwood so we show NMOP as the representative. The WSU planning area has slightly higher yields, so we show it separately (Figure 15). Published site index 85 yields intersect NMOP northern hardwood site index 90 yields around age 70, and literature site index 45 yields intersect NMOP site index yields around age 60. These intersections are delayed by about 10 years for the WSU planning area. At stand ages less than 100 years, MN DNR yields are comparable to published Northern hardwood yields. Over longer time periods, the MN DNR yields may be conservative.

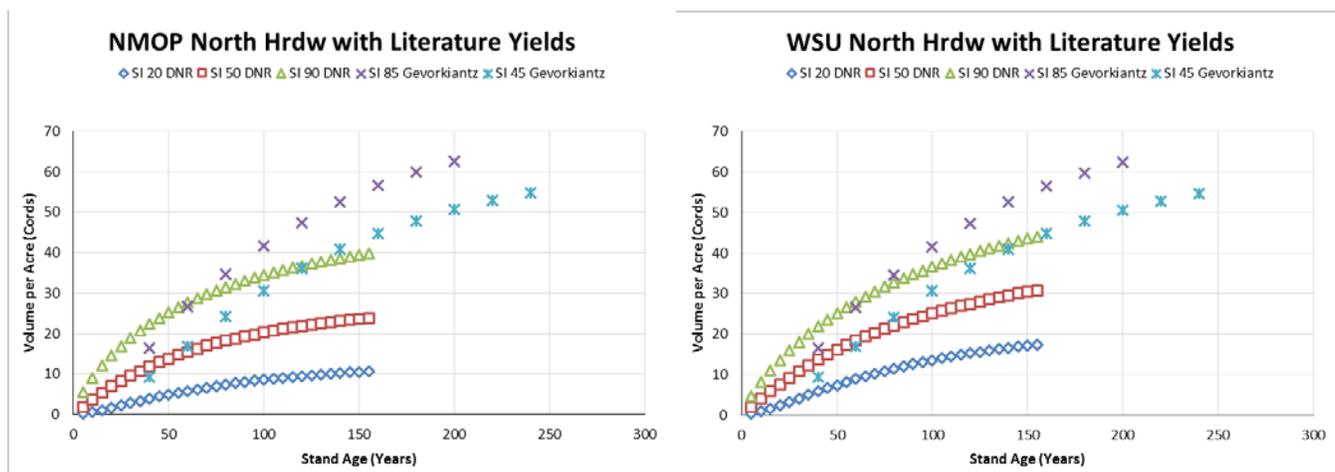
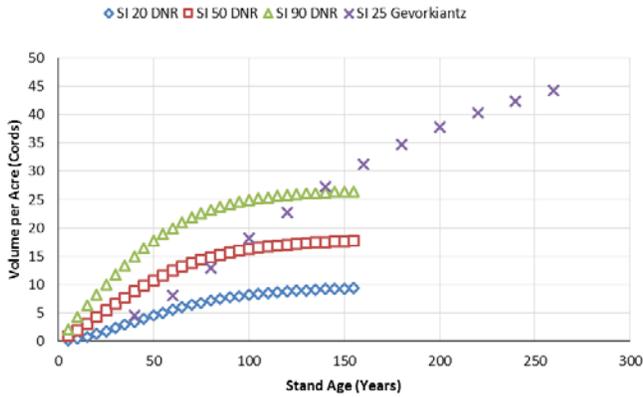


Figure 15. Literature Yields for North Hardwood. NMOP Closely Resembles MDLP and NSU

For lowland hardwoods, we compared the literature site index 25 yield curve to NMOP (now representing NSU and WSU) and to MDLP, which was slightly different from the others (Figure 16). Through approximately age 60, the published yields are comparable to site index 20 volumes from MN DNR.

**NMOP Low Hrdw with Literature Yields**



**MDLP Low Hrdw with Literature Yields**

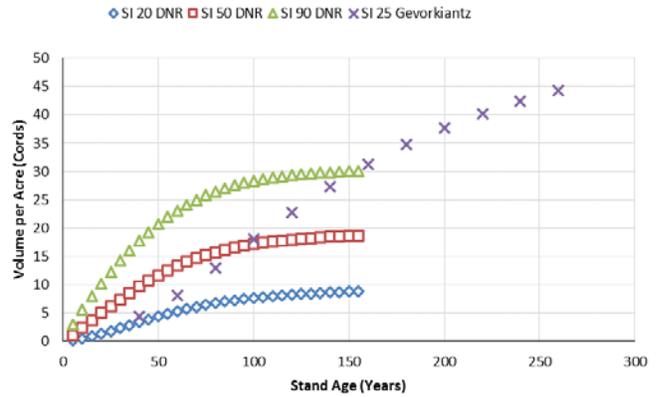


Figure 16. Literature Yields for North Hardwood. NMOP Closely Resembles NSU and WSU

Where published data are available, we can make a semi-quantitative assessment of how MN DNR yields compare to the literature. We have examined low (20), intermediate (50), and high (90) site index yield curves from the MN DNR yields, and contrasted these to published yields of comparable site index. In many instances, MN DNR yields are comparable to published values (“comp.”, Table 2), or we have insufficient published data to make a direct comparison (“---”, Table 2). In other cases, the MN DNR yields may be lower or higher than literature values, either for certain site index levels or at different stand ages. In the summary table below, cases where MN DNR yields fall below literature expectations are listed as “low”, while yields higher than literature expectation are listed as “high” (Table 2).

Table 2. Comparison of MN DNR to Literature Yields

Literature Comparison		Site Index Range			Stand Age Range	
Cover	Planning area	20	50	90	Early	Late
Aspen	NMOP	---	comp.	low	comp.	high
Natural red pine	NMOP	---	low	---	low	low
Plantation red pine	NMOP	low	low	low	low	low
North hardwood	NMOP	---	comp.	comp.	comp.	low
Low hardwood	NMOP	comp.	---	---	comp.	low
Aspen	MDLP	---	comp.	low	comp.	high
Natural red pine	MDLP	---	low	---	v. low	v. low
Plantation red pine	MDLP	low	low	low	low	low
North hardwood	MDLP	---	comp.	comp.	comp.	low
Low hardwood	MDLP	comp.	---	---	comp.	low
Aspen	NSU	---	comp.	low	comp.	high
Natural red pine	NSU	---	low	---	low	low
Plantation red pine	NSU	low	low	low	low	low
North hardwood	NSU	---	comp.	comp.	comp.	low

Literature Comparison		Site Index Range			Stand Age Range	
Cover	Planning area	20	50	90	Early	Late
Low hardwood	NSU	comp.	---	---	comp.	low
Aspen	WSU	---	comp.	low	comp.	high
Natural red pine	WSU	---	comp.	---	low	low
Plantation red pine	WSU	low	low	low	low	low
North hardwood	WSU	---	comp.	comp.	comp.	low
Low hardwood	WSU	comp.	---	---	comp.	low

The yield tables that MB&G has used in the Woodstock model are typically comparable to published yields. Some exceptions include MN DNR plantation red pine and natural red pine yields that might be lower than suggested by the literature. Hardwood yields that may be comparable to the literature early in stand development, but lower than published yields at advanced stand ages. This literature review does suggest that the MN DNR yields have reasonable support from published values, and that sensitivity analysis might be pursued for aspen and red pine cover types.

### 4.3.3 Alternative Yield Tables

Where MN DNR yields differ from published yields, we propose alternative yield tables when the literature values are well supported. The MN DNR yield tables are more geographically localized than most of the literature yield examples, so it is unlikely that yields from all planning areas can be legitimately compared to the published values. The literature should not be a determining factor for differences in planning areas—those differences should be maintained because they derive from MN DNR data and localized sources of knowledge. In cases where literature and MN DNR yields are very closely matched, however, we can have confidence in the other published values as the source data might serve as an indicator for alternatives to MN DNR yields.

For aspen, the site index 50 MN DNR yield at age 40 for the NSU planning area is nearly identical to the Ek and Brodie value. The same comparison for site index 90 (NSU, age 40) shows around 45 cords per acre from Ek and Brodie, but only 25 cords per acre from MN DNR (Figure 12). Comparing the two available literature values at their closest common site index and age 40, we see around 18 cords per acre on site index 60 from Ek and Brodie, and 16.5 cords per acre on site index 65 from Zobel *et al.*, but only 14.5 cords per acre on site index 65 from MN DNR. The literature values are largely in agreement, but MN DNR appears to be lower than the publications. Thus, for site index values less than or equal to 50, an alternative aspen yield table would remain the same, but for site index values 60 and above, an alternative yield would be multiplied by the ratio of published values to MN DNR at the reference age, or 1.176 (Table 3). This multiplier applies in the same way to aspen yields for all planning areas, maintaining the relative difference among planning areas but increasing yields for higher site index stands.

The available literature for plantation and natural red pine does not have adequate replication to determine whether there is internal consistency between at least two literature sources. We hesitate to

alter red pine yields in direct proportion to literature values for both management types, but we can identify evidence in support of alternative yields. For planted red pine, the closest resemblance of literature values to MN DNR occurs at age 40, where MN DNR site index 50 yields 18.5 cords per acre and Buckman *et al.* site index 40 yields 29.3 cords per acre. The very high eventual yields from Buckman *et al.* are unlikely in these planning areas, but the early stage growth and relative ranking of yields below age 50 are more realistic. As an alternative for planted red pine, MN DNR yields are adjusted upwards using a multiplier that is the ratio of 40-year yields from MN DNR site index 50 and Buckman *et al.* site index 50, or a scalar value of 1.58, which would apply across all site index values (Table 3).

With only a single yield curve for natural red pine, it is not possible to select a scalar multiplier to adjust MN DNR yields in an alternative scenario. The natural red pine yields from Zobel *et al.* show that the rate of decline in natural red pine standing volume after age 120 is steeper than assumed in MN DNR yields. The closest alignment of natural red pine yields between MN DNR and Zobel *et al.* occurs for site index 90 in the NMOP planning area, where the two curves differ only by 2.5 cords per acre at age 90 (Figure 17). After age 120, the published yields decline at a sustained rate, which can be approximated by a 2% annual decline. To make MN DNR alternative red pine yields resemble the literature pattern, every yield curve would be modified to decline at a 2% annual rate after age 120 (Figure 17), which maintains relative differences between planning areas but factors in what is known about long-term stand dynamics from published sources.

For lowland and northern hardwoods and the cover types for which we had no available published yield data, no recommendations are made for alternative yields. The functional form taken by MN DNR yields results in faster early-stage growth rates for both hardwood types than seen in Gevorkiantz and Duell, and both types reach lower long-term standing volumes. Due to the 1937 publication date of the Gevorkiantz and Duell results, it is likely that their study was based on stand types that are no longer widely represented on the landscape. In the alternative yields scenario of the forest planning model, we do not recommend any alternative yields for most cover types, except for the scalar multipliers for aspen and planted red pine (Table 3) and the 2% annual decline rate for natural red pine (Figure 17) implemented after age 120 years.

Table 3. Scalar Multipliers and Percent Decline For Select Alternative Yields

Alternative Yield Formulation	Yield Table Element		
	SI ≤ 50	SI 50	Age ≥ 120
Aspen	1	1.175	1
Natural red pine	1	1	-2%
Plantation red pine	1.58	1.58	1

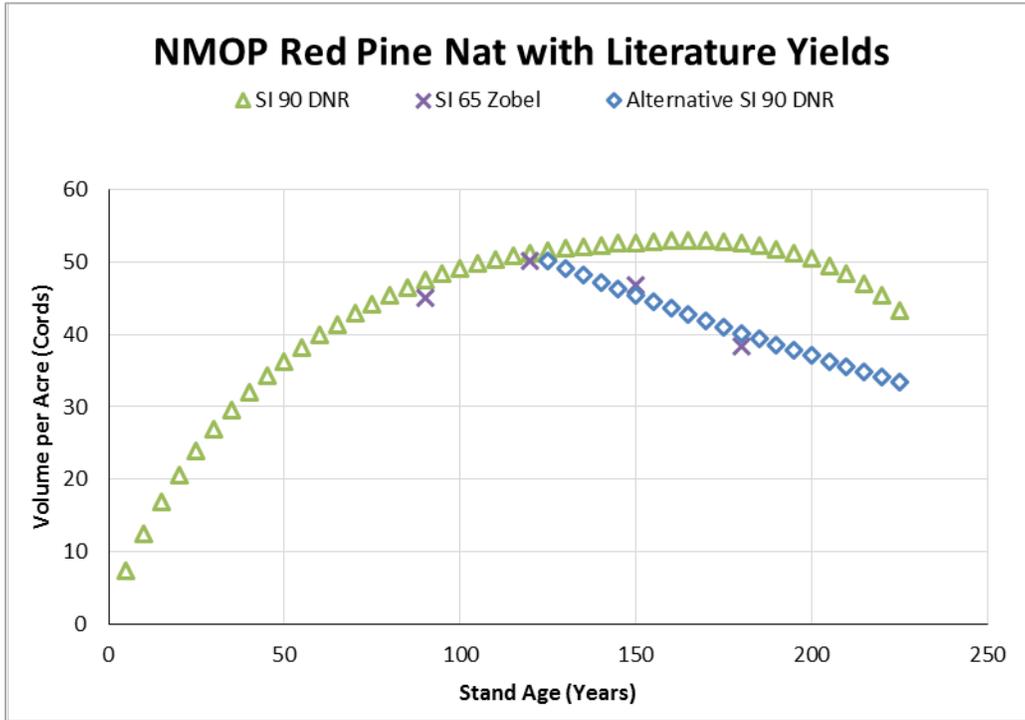


Figure 17. Alternative Natural Red Pine Yield Curve

## 4.4 Sustainable Timber Harvest Model

The analytical approach that was used for this project called for the optimization of various management scenarios. Each scenario implemented a different approach to meeting the strategic goals of the STHA. These goals were targeted towards maintaining natural resource economies, preserving water quality, increasing biodiversity, and protecting wildlife habitat. The scenarios also explored various assumptions on growth projections and investment management. Together these scenarios spanned a wide spectrum of management approaches and comparing them determined the bookends of the solution space as well as potential synergies or tradeoffs. To facilitate this type of analysis, the forest planning model had to be flexible in terms of objectives, constraints, and data, but also be capable of solving a large forest management problem. The following sections will describe the model that we constructed to meet these requirements.

### 4.4.1 Model Structure

The model that was selected for this project took the form of a linear programming (LP) formulation. These types of models are well suited to strategic/tactical forest management planning and can accommodate the analytical requirements of this project. The solutions provided by LP models are always optimal, given the underlying assumptions and data. Heuristic /random search models do not guarantee optimality and require more exploration of the solution space to determine the degree of optimality. The model was constructed with Remsoft's<sup>10</sup> Spatial Planning System. It provides tools for rapid development of an LP forest planning model, coupled with the ability to incorporate data from various sources, manage and run various scenarios, and report results in various formats. It also provides the ability to incorporate spatial data, which can be used to import the landscape level data, as well as report solutions spatially.

The structure of the forest planning model consisted of development types, actions, transitions, yields, objectives, and constraints. Development types are the building blocks of the management plan, each representing the condition of the land under various management assumptions at a given point in time. They are initialized by the current condition of the land (FIM data) and change over time in response to growth and management. Actions represent the management regimes and associated treatments that could be applied to development types. Transitions modify development types in response to an action. Each action is associated with a set of development types, which enables us to limit or shape treatments for Wildlife administered lands, endangered and threatened species, and state species of concern. Yields represent the projected condition of a development type in response to management at a given point in time and incorporate parameters such as available timber volume and stumpage revenue. Objectives establish the model outcome that will be optimized by the LP solver. In this model, it ranged from present stumpage revenue to forest-age diversity and old forest guild acres. Constraints place limitations on the optimal solution and ensure that certain conditions are maintained while the model seeks optimality. A wide range of constraints was used in this model and included ending inventory to ensure sustained

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timber supply, even-flow of timber harvest for maintaining natural resource economies, harvest limitations on catchments for preserving water quality, native plant community and forest-age targets to increase biodiversity, and old forest habitat targets to preserve wildlife habitat.

The planning horizon selected for this model was 100 years. This was partitioned into 20 planning periods, each 5 years in length. The model represented the condition of land at the mid-point of each period. The length of the planning horizon was dictated by model size and duration of solving time.

In the following sections, we will describe how the development types, actions, transitions, yields, objectives, and constraints were implemented.

#### 4.4.2 Development Types

The land-base used for this study was derived from the FIM shapefile (MB\_FIM\_1F) provided by the MN DNR (4.2.1). This file contained both the location and spatial extent of each stand, as well as  $\pm 220$  attribute fields describing various aspects of the stand. The shapefile contained 195,078 polygons, after removing the Prairie Parklands planning area (no management options).

The data from the shapefile was reorganized into a series of themes, where each theme described a property or characteristic of the land that was essential to the forest planning model. A total of 19 themes were created, and the definition of each can be found in Table 4:

Table 4. Forest Planning Model Theme Definitions

Name	Description
Planning Area	Identifies planning areas. Used to limit model constraints and report results at a planning area level.
Cover Type	Identifies main vegetation type, including non-forested and bare land. Use to determine growth and yield estimates and management regimes and rotation age.
Site Index	50-year site index class. Used to determine growth and yield, as well eligibility for management regimes.
Regime	Identifies the management regime used for each acre.
Rotation	Tracks forest rotation through time. Used to determine eligibility for management regime options.
Administrator	Classifies land administrator as DNR Forestry or Wildlife. Used to determine management regimes and rotation age.
Means of Acquisition	Identifies Trust Lands. Used to optimize and report harvest from Trust Lands.

Name	Description
Operability	Identifies land that is not eligible for management regimes due to terrain conditions. Not used in the final formulation, because operability was also encoded in Theme 6.
Availability for Management	Identifies land that is unavailable for management due to administrative restrictions, inoperable terrain, old growth designation and classification as RSA. Used to determine eligibility for management regimes.
Catchment	Unique identifier for each catchment. Used to constrain and report the percentage of open catchments. Only priority catchments were included in the model.
Catchment Significance	Identifies priority catchments as containing a Lake of Biological Significance, Designated Trout Stream, Protected Tributary to a Designated Trout Stream, Lake of highest Phosphorus Sensitivity, or highly erodible soils. In addition, only catchments with more than 500 MN DNR acres and more than 5% of the area administered by the MN DNR were considered. Used to identify catchments that should be constrained with regards to the amount of open MN DNR land.
Riparian Management Zones	Identifies lands falling within Riparian Management Zones (RMZ). Used to restrict management within RMZs.
Endangered and Threatened Species	Identifies land with state-listed endangered and threatened species. Used to limit management regimes and intensity.
Species of Special Concern	Identifies the presence of state-listed species of special concern (SPC). Used to limit management options on lands with SPC present.
Eagle Nest Presence	Identifies the presence of bald eagle nests. Used to limit the management options on lands with eagle nests present.
Habitat Hexagons	Unique identifier for each habitat hexagon. Used to set goals and report on the percentage of hexagons within DNR lands meeting criteria for young and old forest species guilds.
NPC	Identifies Native Plant Community class (NPC). Used to set goals and report on the number of acres in each growth stage within each NPC.

Name	Description
Priority Cover Type	Identifies lands with a commercial cover type within 75 miles of the seven largest fiber users. Used to report commercially viable harvest volume.
Physiographic Class	Identifies terrain where soil moisture could constrain operability. Used to report harvest volume and acres that could be inoperable in certain seasons.

Table 5 contains a summary of how the acres were allocated within the major themes. It shows that of the 5,290,074 acres imported into the model, 2,750,066 (52%) were classified as merchantable (manageable, forested and commercial). In terms of administrator, 86% of the acres received the Forestry management regimes, and 14% the Wildlife regimes. 99% of the merchantable acres had no management restrictions due to endangered and threatened species, while 99.5% of the acres had no restrictions due to eagle nesting areas. State species of special concern caused reduced harvest on 4% of the merchantable acres. 79% of the acres were unencumbered by RMZ's, and 21% would receive reduced harvest levels to account for the presence of RMZ's. 32% of the merchantable acres fell within a priority catchment and would be subject to harvest constraints within watersheds. 74% of the merchantable acres fell within a mill procurement area. 58% of the acres were on dry soils, and 42% on wet.

Table 5. Acres by Selected Model Themes

	Total MN DNR Area	Merchantable Forest Area
<b>Total</b>		
Total Acres <sup>1</sup>	5,290,074	2,750,066
<b>Administrator</b>		
Division of Forestry	3,836,231	2,364,714
State Parks, SNAs, and Other DNR	426,395	
Division of Fish & Wildlife	1,027,448	385,352
<b>Trust Land</b>		
Non Trust	2,880,141	1,287,962
Trust	2,409,932	1,462,104
<b>Endangered and Threatened Species</b>		
No Management Allowed	51,658	10,786
No Restriction	5,144,452	2,715,632
Reduced Harvest Only	93,963	23,647
<b>Bald Eagle Nest Site</b>		
Full Management	5,209,427	2,737,159
No Management	2	2
Partial Management	80,645	12,906

	Total MN DNR Area	Merchantable Forest Area
<b>Species of Special Concern</b>		
Not Present	4,900,313	2,647,311
Present	389,760	102,755
<b>Riparian Management Zones</b>		
Not within an RMZ	3,292,167	2,158,975
Fully within an RMZ	917	18
Partially within a RMZ	1,996,990	591,073
<b>Catchments</b>		
Non-Significant	3,635,828	1,865,202
Significant	1,654,246	884,864
<b>Mill Procurement Areas</b>		
Non Priority Cover Type	3,106,932	705,518
Priority Cover Type	2,183,142	2,044,548
<b>Physiographic Class</b>		
Dry Soils (Xeric, Xeromesic, Mesic)	2,192,639	1,581,552
Wet Soils (Hydromesic, Hydric)	3,097,434	1,168,514

<sup>1</sup>Prairie Parklands is not considered in this analysis and are omitted from these calculations.

In addition to building the themes, we also associated total acres and current age with each polygon. Acres were determined by the spatial extent of the polygon. For age, we used the “under development” age from the FIM data, which assigned an age of zero to all stands that are in the current management plan. The model, therefore, assumes that all planned operations have already happened. Age was expressed as age in planning periods, which is the age in years divided by 5 (5 years per planning period). We also advanced the age of each polygon to the middle of the first planning period (added 2.5 years to age). This ensured that stands were represented at the mid-point of each planning period.

All of this information was imported into the forest planning model. During this process, the model aggregated the acres into strata, based on unique combinations of the thematic codes and age. These strata are referred to as development types since they represent the various stages of land development (current and future). Each development type is unique since it is defined by a unique combination of the themes and age. This resulted in 129,349 development types.

#### 4.4.3 Actions & Transitions

The forest planning model utilized actions and transitions to simulate the silvicultural treatments associated with the management regimes. The actions were used to filter out the development types that were eligible for each management regime in each period, while the transitions changed the condition of development types in response to a management treatment. Six management regimes were modeled, namely clear-cut, aspen clear-cut with conversion, commercial thinning, partial harvest,

uneven-aged harvest, and regulated uneven-aged harvest. The actions and transitions associated with each of these regimes are described below:

#### 4.4.3.1 Clear-Cut

The clear-cut action simulated the application of a regeneration harvest. As such, it harvested the existing development type by removing all standing inventory (allowing for a 5% reserve for best management practice guidelines) and regenerated to a future development type by resetting the age. Eligibility for the clear-cut action was determined by planning area, cover type, site index, and administrator (forestry or wildlife). Each unique combination of these factors was associated with a minimum rotation age, which is listed in Appendix A: Clear-Cut . Additional limitations were as follows:

- Available for management
- Operable
- No endangered and threatened species restrictions

The actions for the clear-cut regime were partitioned into two main sets, one for the forestry administered lands, and another for the wildlife lands. The wildlife lands typically required longer rotation ages, while the forestry lands utilized ages that were 5 years shorter than normal or economic rotation age. The cover types that were eligible for clear-cut are shown in Table 6. This shows that ash, lowland hardwoods, natural red pine could only be clear-cut on forestry lands, while white pine, Scots pine, and offsite oak could only be clear-cut on wildlife land.

Table 6. Clear-Cut Cover Types for Forestry and Wildlife Administered Lands

Forestry	Wildlife
01Ash	
09LowHrdw	
12Aspen	12Aspen
13Birch	13Birch
14BlmGil	14BlmGil
20NorthHrdw	20NorthHrdw
30Oak	30Oak
40CentHrdw	40CentHrdw
	51WhiPinePlt
52RedPine	
52RedPinePlt	52RedPinePlt
53JacPine	53JacPine
	54ScotPine
61WhitSprPlt	61WhitSprPlt
62BalFir	62BalFir
71BlaSprLow	71BlaSprLow

Forestry	Wildlife
72TamPine	72TamPine
74BlaSprUpl	74BlaSprUpl
	79Offoak

Following the clear-cut action, development types were regenerated through a transition. Most development types were assumed to regenerate as the preceding cover type (i.e. no conversion). Ash, lowland hardwoods, planted white spruce, balsam fir, and tamarack were assumed to convert to a mix of multiple cover types after regeneration. The transitions for these cover types apportioned regenerated acres according to the percentages shown in Table 7.

Table 7: Clear-Cut Conversion Percentages by Cover Type

Source	Target	Percentage
01Ash	01Ash	90
	12Aspen	5
	73WhiCed	5
09LowHrdw	09LowHrdw	90
	12Aspen	5
	73WhiCed	5
61WhitSprPlt	61WhitSprPlt	35
	12Aspen	43
	52RedPinePlt	22
62BalFir	62BalFir	90
	12Aspen	10
72TamPine	72TamPine	92
	71BlaSprLow	4
	73WhiCed	4

#### 4.4.3.2 Partial Harvest

The partial harvest action simulated a treatment that removed most of the trees but retained a substantial over-story component... Eligibility for partial harvest was determined by planning area, cover type, site index and administrator. Each unique combination of these factors was associated with a minimum and maximum harvest age, which is listed in Appendix C: Partial Harvest Management Regime. Additional limitations were as follows:

- No prior treatments (i.e. not managed through another management regime)
- Available for management
- Operable

- No endangered and threatened species restrictions

This action was only applied to wildlife administered lands and was unavailable to the BRP planning area. Partial harvests were not applied on Trust lands. The minimum harvest age was typically similar to those used for the clear-cut action. The cover types that were eligible for this action are shown in Table 8.

Table 8. Partial Harvest Cover Types for Forestry and Wildlife Administered Lands

Forestry	Wildlife
	12Aspen
	13Birch
	14BlmGil
	20NorthHrdw
	30oak
	40CentHrdw
	53JacPine
	61WhitSprPlt
	62BalFir
	71BlaSprLow
	74BlaSprUpl

Following a partial harvest, development types were regenerated through a transition. All development types were assumed to regenerate as the preceding cover type (i.e. no conversion).

#### 4.4.3.3 Uneven-Age

The uneven-age action is part of a two-step management regime that simulates a group selection harvest across diameter classes. The objective is to create a multi-age stand with structural complexity. The first step is to remove a set portion of the existing stand to initialize the uneven-age management regime. This is accomplished through the uneven-age action. The second step is to implement periodic selection harvests on a set schedule. This is accomplished through the regulated uneven-age action and is described in section 4.4.3.4.

Eligibility for the uneven-age action was determined by planning area, cover type, site index, and administrator (forestry or wildlife). Each unique combination of these factors was associated with a minimum rotation age, minimum basal area, and minimum inventory volume. This is listed in Appendix D: Uneven Age Management Regime. Additional limitations were as follows:

- No prior treatments (i.e., not managed through another management regime)
- Available for management
- Operable
- No endangered and threatened species restrictions

The actions for the uneven-age regime were partitioned into two sets, one for the forestry administered lands, and another for the wildlife lands. The wildlife lands typically excluded BRP and required higher site index. The cover types that were eligible for uneven-age harvest are shown in Table 9. This shows that white cedar could only be harvested on forestry lands.

Table 9. Uneven-Age Cover Types for Forestry and Wildlife Administered Lands

Forestry	Wildlife
01Ash	01Ash
09LowHrdw	09LowHrdw
20NorthHrdw	20NorthHrdw
30oak	30oak
40CentHrdw	40CentHrdw
51WhiPinePlt	51WhiPinePlt
51WhiPine	51WhiPine
61WhitSpr	61WhitSpr
73WhiCed	

The transitions for most uneven-age actions kept the original development type intact, except for changing the management regime to group selection harvest. This ensured that the development type would only be eligible for regulated uneven-age harvest in future. Ash and lowland hardwoods were assumed to convert to a mix of multiple cover types after harvest. The cover type mix for these types are shown in Table 10:

Table 10. Uneven-Age Conversion Percentages by Cover Type

Source	Target	Percentage
01Ash	01Ash	90
	12Aspen	5
	73WhiCed	5
09LowHrdw	09LowHrdw	90
	12Aspen	5
	73WhiCed	5

The model also prevented future harvest for a period of 20 years. This allowed the development type to go through a period of ingrowth and accumulate merchantable volume before another harvest was allowed.

#### 4.4.3.4 Regulated Uneven-Age

The regulated uneven-age action is the second step of the group selection harvest regime. Development types need to receive the uneven-age action before they can receive the regulated uneven-age action.

The regulated uneven-age regime simulates regular harvest entries on a set schedule, following the initial entry simulated by the uneven-age action (see 4.4.3.3).

Eligibility for the regulated uneven-age action was determined by planning area, cover type, site index, and administrator (forestry or wildlife). Each unique combination of these factors was associated with a minimum rotation age or first planning period in which the action could be taken. This is listed in Appendix E: Regulated Uneven-Age Management Regime. Additional limitations were as follows:

- Must have received the uneven-age action
- Available for management
- Operable
- No endangered and threatened species restrictions

The actions for the regulated uneven-age regime were partitioned into two sets, one for the forestry administered lands, and another for the wildlife lands. The wildlife lands typically excluded BRP and required a higher age at the time of treatment. The cover types that were eligible for uneven-age harvest are shown in Table 9. This shows that white cedar could only be harvested on forestry lands.

Table 11. Regulated Uneven-Age Cover Types for Forestry and Wildlife Administered Lands

Forestry	Wildlife
01Ash	01Ash
09LowHrdw	09LowHrdw
20NorthHrdw	20NorthHrdw
30oak	30oak
40CentHrdw	40CentHrdw
51WhiPinePlt	51WhiPinePlt
51WhiPine	51WhiPine
61WhitSpr	61WhitSpr
73WhiCed	

The transitions for the regulated uneven-age action kept the original development type intact, except for advancing the selection harvest count. There was no restriction on the number of harvests that a development type could receive. There was also no conversion of cover types. The model also prevented future harvest for a period of 20 years. This allowed the development type to go through a period of ingrowth and accumulate merchantable volume before another harvest was allowed.

#### 4.4.3.5 *Thinning*

The thinning action simulated the application of a commercial thinning treatment. It removed a predetermined amount of volume from the development type and left the rest to continue growing. Eligibility for the thinning action was determined by planning area, cover type, site index, administrator (forestry or wildlife), and thinning history. Each unique combination of these factors was associated with

a range of ages at which the thinning could be applied. These values are listed in Appendix B: Thin Management Regime. Most cover types allowed for up to three thinning entries, while the white pine, natural red pine and planted red pine allowed for up to six entries. Additional limitations were as follows:

- No prior treatments (i.e. not managed through another management regime) or previously thinned (less than maximum number of thins)
- Available for management
- Operable
- No endangered and threatened species restrictions

The thinning actions were partitioned into two sets, one for forestry administered lands and another for wildlife. Both sets used the same minimum and maximum age for each thinning entry, but the wildlife thinnings typically required a higher site index and a smaller range of planning areas. The cover types that were eligible for thinning are shown in Table 12. This shows that ash and lowland hardwoods could only be thinned on forestry land, while jack pine, Scots pine, and offsite oak could only be thinned on wildlife land.

Table 12. Thinning Cover Types for Forestry and Wildlife Administered Lands

Forestry	Wildlife
01Ash	
09LowHrdw	
20NorthHrdw	20NorthHrdw
30Oak	30Oak
40CentHrdw	40CentHrdw
51WhiPinePlt	51WhiPinePlt
52RedPine	52RedPine
52RedPinePlt	52RedPinePlt
	53JacPine
	54ScotPine
61WhitSprPlt	61WhitSprPlt
	79OffOak

The transitions for the thinning actions kept the original development type intact, except for advancing the thin count (theme 12). This allowed the model to keep track of the number of thinnings and prevented it from applying more entries than were allowed. The model also prevented future thinning for a period of 10 to 15 years, depending on cover type. This allowed the development type to go through a period of ingrowth and accumulate merchantable volume before another thinning was allowed. The ingrowth periods for the various cover types are shown in Table 13:

Table 13. Ingrowth Period by Cover Type

10 Year Ingrowth	15 Year Ingrowth
51WhiPinePlt	01Ash
52RedPine	09LowHrdw
52RedPinePlt	20NorthHrdw
53JacPine	30oak
54ScotPine	40CentHrdw
61WhitSprPlt	52RedPine
	61WhitSprPlt
	79Offoak

#### 4.4.3.6 Aspen Conversion

The aspen conversion action was a special management regime applied to the aspen cover type. Its purpose was to simulate climate adaptation management and diversify cover type composition on the landscape, particularly toward species predicted to be more adapted to future climate conditions. As such it applied a regular clear-cut treatment to the development type, followed by a transition that apportioned the harvested acres to a new set of cover types.

Eligibility for the aspen conversion action was determined by planning area, cover type, site index, and administrator (forestry or wildlife). Each unique combination of these factors was associated with a minimum rotation age. This is listed in Appendix F: Aspen Conversion Management Regime. Additional limitations were as follows:

- No prior treatments (i.e. not managed through another management regime)
- Available for management
- Operable
- No endangered and threatened species restrictions

Access to the aspen conversion action was further controlled through a constraint, which limited the amount of acres that could be harvested per period (every 5 years) to 0.5% of the aspen cover type (for each planning area). AP and BRP planning areas were excluded from this action. This action was partitioned into two sets, one for the forestry administered lands, and another for the wildlife lands. The wildlife lands typically utilized longer rotation ages than the forestry lands. Following the aspen conversion action, development types were regenerated through a transition to a mix of new cover types. These cover types and the percentage of acres apportioned to each are shown in Table 14:

Table 14. Aspen Conversion Percentages

Source	Target	Percentage
12Aspen	20NorthHrdw	20
	30oak	20

Source	Target	Percentage
	51WhiPine	25
	52RedPine	15
	53JacPine	10
	61WhitSpr	10

#### 4.4.4 Yield Tables

Yield tables are used by the forest planning model to determine the contribution that a single acre will make towards various outputs that are tracked by the model. Outputs include harvest volume, standing inventory, basal area and stumpage revenue. To calculate these outputs the model will multiply the acres in each development type with a yield table value. Some yield tables are static and do not change over time, such as stumpage revenue. Other yield tables, such as growth and yield projections, are dynamic and change over time.

Not all outputs are associated with yield tables. Outputs such as open watersheds acres, old forest guild acres, and native plant community acres are solely calculated from the acres in each development and are not multiplied with a yield table value.

The yield tables used for the forest planning model took various forms, depending on the model element they represented. These included standing inventory, thinning volumes, regulated uneven-age volume, and stumpage revenue. The rest of this section describes these yield tables in more detail.

##### 4.4.4.1 Standing Inventory

These yield tables represent the standing inventory (cords/acre) within each development type at each age point. They are defined by planning area, cover type, and site index, and each unique combination of these parameters is associated with a unique standing inventory yield table. This results in 1,530 yield tables. All tables start at age 5 years, while the maximum age ranged between 95 and 225 years depending on cover type. Site index ranges from 20 to 90, incrementing by 5 (15 classes). A total of 22 different cover types were included. Inventory yield tables were developed for AP, MDLP, NMOP, NSU, and WSU. BRP and MNIAM use the yield tables for WSU in the forest planning model. Each yield table contains columns for total volume in cords and basal area in ft<sup>2</sup>, as well as a breakdown of the total volume into major tree species. The inventory yield tables are an essential component of the forest planning model and provide yield information for inventory, clear-cut, partial harvest, and uneven-age harvest calculations.

The values within these yield tables were derived through a two-step process. Step one extracted the yield tables provided by the MN DNR (see 4.3.1) and reorganize them into a format suitable for the forest planning model. This established total inventory volume and basal area by age for each unique combination of planning area, cover type and site index. A selection of inventory yield tables is shown in Appendix I: Selected Inventory Yield Tables.

The second step was to split the total inventory number into volumes by tree species. This was accomplished through a series of tables that represented the proportional representation of each species by planning area and cover type. This data is shown in Appendix K: Species Composition by Cover Type. The methodology used to derive this data is explained in Appendix J: Species Mix by Cover Type Data. Species distributions by cover type were developed for MDLP, NMOP, NSU, and WSU. These planning areas also had species distributions for aspen, oak, black spruce lowland, northern hardwoods, and red pine natural that were defined by age class, to reflect the dynamic nature of species composition. AP, BRP, and MNIAM shared a generic species distribution by cover type table, with no allowance for fluctuation by age class.

#### 4.4.4.2 Clear-Cut

The clear-cut yield tables represented the harvest volume (cords/acre) that was generated from a clear-cut harvest action (4.4.3.1). This data was derived from the inventory yield tables by reducing total volume and volume across tree species by 5%. This reduction accounted for leave tree best management practices guidelines. This reduction was increased to 33.3% on lands where state species of concern were present, and 50% on lands where federally endangered and threatened species were present. These yield tables were also used for the aspen conversion clear-cut action.

#### 4.4.4.3 Partial Harvest

The partial harvest yield tables represented the harvest volume (cords/acre) from a partial harvest action (4.4.3.2). These volumes were derived from the inventory yield tables by removing only a fraction of the total volume and species volume. These fractions ranged from 65 to 80%, depending on cover type and planning area. This implies that 20 to 35% of the stand remained after harvest in the form of residual leave trees. These harvests were limited to Wildlife administered and Non-Trust acres. The removal percentages are shown in Table 15.

Table 15: Partial Harvest Removals by Cover Type and Planning Area

Cover Type	Planning Area	Removal %
12Aspen	AP	80
	MDLP	65
	MNIAM	65
	NMOP	65
	NSU	65
	WSU	70
13Birch	AP	80
	MDLP	70
	MNIAM	65
	NMOP	65
	NSU	65
	WSU	70
14BlmGil	AP	80

Cover Type	Planning Area	Removal %
	MDLP	65
	MNIAM	65
	NMOP	65
	NSU	65
	WSU	70
30oak	AP	70
	MDLP	70
	MNIAM	70
	NSU	70
	WSU	70
53JacPine	MDLP	65
	MNIAM	65
	NSU	75
	WSU	65
62BalFir	All Except BRP	65
71BlaSprLow	AP	65
	MDLP	65
	NMOP	75
	NSU	70
	WSU	70
74BlaSprUpl	MDLP	75
	NSU	75

#### 4.4.4.4 Uneven-Age

The uneven-age yield tables represented the harvest volume (cords/acre) from the uneven-age harvest action (4.4.3.3). These volumes were derived from the inventory yield tables by removing only a fraction of the total volume and species volume. These fractions ranged from 25 to 50%, depending on cover type and administrative authority. This implies that 50 to 75% of the stand remained after harvest in the form of residual leave trees. The removal percentages are shown in Table 16.

Table 16. Uneven-Age Harvest Removals by Cover Type and Administrator

Cover Type	Administrator	Removal %
01Ash	F	50
	W	25
20NorthHrdw	F	50
	W	33
All Other	All	33

#### 4.4.4.5 *Regulated Uneven-Age*

The regulated uneven-age yield tables represent the harvest volume (cords/acre) from the regulated uneven-age harvest action. Yield tables were defined by cover type, administrator and site index. The total harvest volume for these yield tables was provided by the MN DNR and was based on operational experience. These volumes were not derived from the standing inventory yield tables and did not cause a depletion in these yield tables. The rationale in this approach was that this harvest action would target natural occurring mortality, resulting in zero net gain in terms of growth. Appendix L: Regulated Uneven-Age Harvest Volumes contains the total volumes used. These volumes were also subdivided into species-level volumes, using the species mix data described earlier (4.4.4.1).

#### 4.4.4.6 *Thinning*

The regulated uneven-age yield tables represent the harvest volume (cords/acre) from the thinning harvest action. Yield tables were defined by cover type, administrator and then entry count. The total harvest volume for these yield tables was provided by the MN DNR and was based on operational experience. These volumes were not derived from the standing inventory yield tables and did not cause a depletion in these yield tables. The assumption in this approach was that this harvest action would target natural occurring mortality, resulting in zero net gain in terms of growth. Appendix M: Thinning Harvest Volumes contains the total volumes used. These volumes were also subdivided into species-level volumes, using the species mix data described earlier (4.4.4.1).

#### 4.4.4.7 *Harvest Reduction*

The harvest reduction yield tables accounted for the harvest restrictions associated with riparian management zones (RMZ's) and eagle nest areas. No harvest activities are allowed within these areas according to MN DNR policies, and the function of these yield tables is to implement these harvest restrictions. This was done by reducing harvest volumes by a fraction.

The boundaries of the RMZ's and eagle nesting areas were not included in the forest planning model, which made it impossible for the model to identify these areas and exclude them from the harvest actions. This was done to limit model size, since including these boundaries would have resulted in a substantially larger model, which would have taken too long to solve. Instead, the presence of RMZ's and eagle nesting areas was identified through a factor associated with each development type. This factor indicated the percentage of area lying within an RMZ or eagle nesting area. This allowed us to identify the fraction of each development type that could not be harvested. Since development types could lie within both an RMZ and eagle nesting area, we took the maximum of these two fractions as the area to be excluded from harvest. These fractions were applied against all harvest volumes to account for the trees that will remain unharvested.

This resulted in three types of harvest reduction yield tables. These are listed below, and the area associated with each can be found in Table 5:

- **Full Management:** These development types had no overlap with RMZ's or eagle nests, and were assigned a harvest reduction factor of zero (complete harvest).

- No Management: These development types fell completely within the boundaries of an RMZ or eagle nesting area, and were assigned a reduction factor of one (no harvest).
- Partial Management: These development types fell partially within an RMZ or eagle nesting area. Harvest volumes were reduced by the fraction of the area falling within an RMZ or eagle nest (partial harvest).

#### 4.4.4.8 *Stumpage Revenue*

The stumpage yield tables (\$/cord) accounted for the stumpage revenue resulting from all harvest actions. Stumpage values were received from the MN DNR and were defined by planning area, species, and harvest type. These values are shown in Appendix N: Stumpage Revenue. Stumpage revenue was based on species level volume and was calculated by multiplying species level revenue with the species level harvest volume.

#### 4.4.5 *Objectives & Constraints*

In this section, we will describe the objective functions and constraints that were used by the forest planning model. In linear programming formulations, the model will optimize the objective function, subject to meeting the conditions of the constraints. The objective function is, therefore, the mechanism whereby the model finds the optimal solution. It will allocate acres to management regimes in such a way that optimizes the objective function. Objective functions can take many forms, ranging from maximized harvest volumes to minimized deviation from set goal. In this planning model we used an objective function that maximized present stumpage revenue in scenarios 1, 3 and 4; and an objective function that maximized forest-age-class diversity in scenario 2.

Constraints are the mechanisms that the model uses to keep the optimal solution within required bounds. Therefore, it places a limit on how the model can allocate acres to management regimes. The constraints used in this model took on many forms, ranging from even-flow on harvest volumes to setting goals for native plant community acres. By including and excluding these constraints from different model runs we were able to build a series of scenarios that explored the range of management options.

The objective functions and constraints used in the forest planning model are discussed below:

##### 4.4.5.1 *Objective Functions*

Three types of objective functions were used. The first maximized the present value of the stumpage revenue, the second maximized the forest-age diversity index, and the third maximized the acres that reach the old forest condition. These functions are discussed in detail below:

###### 4.4.5.1.1 *Maximized Present Stumpage Revenue*

Stumpage revenue resulted from the harvest actions described in section 4.4.3 (clear-cut, partial, uneven-age, regulated uneven-age, thinning, and aspen conversion). Each of these actions resulted in acres being harvested, and each harvest resulted in volume using the yield tables described in section 4.4.4. These volumes were reported as volume by species, which in turn was multiplied by the corresponding species stumpage to obtain the gross stumpage revenue for each planning period. This series of revenues was then discounted from the mid-point of each planning period using a discount rate

of 3%. The sum of these discounted stumpage revenues formed the basis of the present stumpage revenue objective function, and the model maximized this value to reach optimality.

#### 4.4.5.1.2 Maximize Forest-Age Diversity

In this model, diversity was measured with Simpson’s Diversity Index (SDI). The SDI incorporates both species “richness” and “evenness”, and quantifies diversity by taking into account the number of species (“richness”), but also how evenly the species are distributed across the population (“evenness”). SDI was selected for this project because it could be incorporated into a linear programming formulation (all factors are linearly related to each other). The general formulation for SDI is as follows:

$$D = \frac{\sum n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} \quad [3]$$

Where:

- D*: Simpson’s Diversity Index
- n*: Number of organisms from a certain species
- N*: Total number of organisms from all species

SDI values range from zero to one, and the higher the value, the more diverse the population. For this project diversity was defined as the degree to which forest types acres (aggregations of cover type) were distributed equally across age classes. Here the forest types represented “richness”, and the age classes “evenness”. Diversity will, therefore, increase with the number of forest types, but also with the distribution of acres across the forest type age classes. SDI was therefore defined as follows for this project:

$$D_i = \frac{\sum_{jk} n_{ijk}(n_{ijk} - 1)}{N_i(N_i - 1)} \quad [4]$$

Where:

- D<sub>i</sub>*: Diversity index for planning area *i*
- n<sub>ijk</sub>*: Acres of forest type *j* in age class *k* in planning area *i*
- N<sub>i</sub>*: Total acres across all forest types in planning area *i*

Diversity was therefore calculated and optimized at the planning area level. This was primarily due to the size of the model, which was too big to solve at a statewide level. Table 17 shows the forest type and age class definitions that were used:

Table 17. Forest-Age-Class Definitions

Forest Type	Cover Type	Age Classes			
		1	2	3	4
1	53JacPine	0-19	20-39	40-59	60+
	74BlaSprUpl				
2	51WhiPine	0-59	60-119	120-179	180+

Forest Type	Cover Type	Age Classes			
		1	2	3	4
	51WhiPinePlt				
	52RedPine				
	52RedPinePlt				
3	61WhitSpr				
	61WhitSprPlt	0-19	20-39	40-59	60+
	62BalFir				
4	71BlaSprLow				
	72TamPine	0-59	60-119	120-179	180+
	73WhiCed				
5	12Aspen				
	13Birch	0-19	20-39	40-59	60+
	14BlmGil				
6	20NorthHrdw	0-44	45-89	90-134	135+
	30Oak				
7	01Ash	0-29	30-59	60-89	90+
	09LowHrdw				

During implementation of the diversity index, it was discovered that the forest modeling software (Remsoft) could not accommodate the proposed formulation. This was due to the fact that the objective function, nor its components, could contain a division operator. An alternative approach was to calculate the acre distribution which would result in maximum diversity and to use an objective function that minimized deviations from these goals. Diversity was considered maximized when the acres for each forest type was equally distributed across each age class. These values are shown in Appendix O: Forest-Age Diversity Goals, for each planning area, forest type and age class.

As mentioned above, the forest planning model was solved at a planning area level in order to speed-up processing. This resulted in seven different forest-age diversity index values. To obtain a statewide diversity index we calculated the area weighted average of the results from the seven planning areas. Using the acre goals shown in Appendix O: Forest-Age Diversity Goals we calculated the theoretical maximum forest-age class diversity index. This value would be reached if the acres within each forest type was perfectly distributed between the four age classes. This value was calculated as 0.90 for the whole state. The reason for it not being 1.0 is that the distribution of acres between the forest types is not equal, and the conversion of cover types would never be sufficient to bring about parity. Using the same logic, we also calculated the theoretical minimum. This value was determined to be 0.62. Therefore, in using the forest-age diversity index we know that the value can never be higher than 0.90, and can never be lower than 0.62.

#### 4.4.5.1.3 Old Forest Guild

For this objective function we established a goal around the old forest guild constraint, which is described and defined in section 4.4.5.2.7. These constraints established a threshold of acres for each criteria, and measured the deviance from the threshold for each. This objective minimized those deviations, which incentivized the model to meet the thresholds, and thereby maximizing the acres meeting the old forest guild condition.

#### 4.4.5.2 Constraints

Nine sets of constraints were developed for the forest planning model in order to incorporate the strategic goals of the sustainable timber harvest analysis. These constraints ranged from even-flow on timber harvest, to reaching age class distributions within native plant communities. These constraints are described in detail below:

##### 4.4.5.2.1 Total Harvest Volume

The total harvest volume constraint ensured that harvested volumes remained consistent over the planning horizon, with no large increases or decreases. The rationale behind this is that a consistent timber supply is more beneficial to local economies and the MN DNR, because it promotes capital investment in processing facilities and harvesting equipment, and avoids large expansions and contractions in MN DNR operations. Total harvest volume was defined as the timber volume from all the harvest actions (clear-cut, partial harvest, uneven-age harvest, regulated uneven-age harvest, thinning and aspen conversion).

It was however noted that the MN DNR forest lands have a large amount of acres beyond the minimum rotation age. If the model required strict even-flow of harvest volume (each period exactly the same) it would not be able to utilize the full timber potential. We, therefore, introduced the concept of a departure in the harvest volume. This allowed the model the flexibility to harvest timber that is older than the minimum rotation age, before settling on the long-term sustained harvest level. We refer to this type of constraint as even-flow with departure. The size of departure was set at 20%, which allowed the model to deviate from the average harvest level by 20% up or down. This constraint was implemented at the planning area level.

##### 4.4.5.2.2 Species Harvest Volume

The species harvest volume constraint ensured that species volumes remained constant over time. The rationale behind this is that different species are used by different processing facilities, and to ensure a consistent supply for all facilities we have to ensure that species volumes remain relatively constant.

The constraint also used even-flow with departure. In this case, we allowed a departure of 30% since we wanted the species level constraint to be less binding than total volume constraint (it was more important to meet the total harvest constraint than the species level constraint). This constraint was applied at the planning area level.

#### 4.4.5.2.3 Ending Inventory

The ending inventory constraint prevented the model from drawing down the standing inventory below the level that could be sustained into perpetuity. Linear programming models have a tendency to sharply reduce inventory over the last few planning periods since there is no requirement to provide timber harvest beyond the planning horizon. The best approach to avoiding this is to calculate the ending inventory that would sustain harvest into perpetuity. Unfortunately, we cannot make that calculation for this analysis, because thinning and regulated uneven-age harvest do not cause a reduction in inventory. The only alternative was, therefore, to force the model to maintain the inventory levels that supported the sustained harvest through the end of the planning horizon. This was accomplished through a non-declining constraint on standing inventory, which prevented a decline in inventory over the last five planning periods. This resulted in a constant level of inventory following the departure harvest through to the end of the planning horizon. Standing inventory was defined as the total timber volume standing at the end of each planning period. This constraint was applied at the planning area level.

#### 4.4.5.2.4 Aspen Conversion

The aspen conversion constraint limited the conversion of aspen to expected levels. Without this constraint, the model would be free to pick how many aspen acres are converted. By using this constraint we forced the model to convert only a predetermined number of acres.

Aspen conversion was therefore set at 5% of the acres every 50 years. I.e., every 50 years 5% of the total aspen cover type acres would convert. This was equivalent to converting 0.5% of the acres every planning period (5 years). The planning area conversion acres are shown in Table 18. These values were implemented as an “equal” constraint, which means the model had to convert exactly this number of acres per period. This constraint was applied at the planning area level.

Table 18. Aspen Conversion Acres per Period

Planning Area	Conversion Acres
MDLP	1,646.9
MNIAM	55.5
NMOP	1,728.9
NSU	1,069.7
WSU	595.9

#### 4.4.5.2.5 Wildlife Management Regimes

The wildlife management constraint promoted the selection of less intensive management options on Wildlife administered lands. This was implemented by setting a constraint that limited the clear-cut acres to less than 30% of the total harvested acres during each planning period, which effectively reduced the rate of clear-cut by half compared to Forestry administered lands (typically  $\pm 60\%$ ). This constraint was

applied at the planning area level. Additional details about wildlife regimes are embedded in descriptions of the various harvest actions in section 4.4.3.

#### 4.4.5.2.6 Catchments

The catchment constraints minimized hydrological alterations resulting from timber harvest at the MN DNR level 8 watershed scale. This was achieved by implementing a goal that prevented the model from converting more than 60% of the acres on MN DNR lands in each watershed to “open land” (Verry, 2000<sup>11</sup>). “Open land” is defined as forested cover types less than 15 years old, as well as non-forest cover types such as duff, moss, unknown, agriculture, industrial development, recreational development, roads and rock outcrops. Permanent water, non-permanent water, and none cover types were excluded from the calculation.

Only the priority catchments were considered in this constraint. Those are catchments containing a Lake of Outstanding or High Biological Significance, Designated Trout Stream, Protected Tributary to a Designated Trout Stream, Lake of highest Phosphorus Sensitivity, and soil erodibility scores less than or equal to 58. In addition, only catchments with more than 500 MN DNR acres and more than 5% MN DNR ownership were considered.

A total of 552 priority catchments were incorporated into the forest planning model. Each of them required its own catchment constraint. With this number of constraints, the likelihood of infeasibilities was high (unable to find a solution that does not violate the open land requirement). In addition, there was also a probability that some of the catchments would violate the constraint at the beginning of the planning horizon (before the model could find a feasible solution), or that some catchments would always violate the open land constraint (all land is open and cannot be altered). It was therefore decided to implement these constraints as goals. This meant that the model had the option to violate the constraint, but that it would reduce the value of the objective function. A multiplier of 9,999 was used for each goal, which meant that 9,999 would be removed from the objective function for each acre violating the catchment constraint. The goal was therefore essentially 10 times more important than the stumpage revenue ( $\pm\$900/\text{acre}$ ). This gave the model the incentive to adhere to the catchment constraint, while also giving it the flexibility to violate it where necessary. This constraint was applied at the planning area level.

#### 4.4.5.2.7 Old Forest Guild

The old forest guild requirements promoted the spatial distribution of habitat for wildlife traditionally associated with older forests. This was achieved through the habitat hexagons that were encoded into each development type<sup>12</sup>. Each hexagon covered an area of ~160,000 acres, and together they formed a grid that covered the whole state. By intersecting the MN DNR GIS data and hexagons each development type was assigned to a hexagon. The old forest guild requirements operated at the hexagon

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<sup>11</sup> Verry, Elon S. 2000. Land fragmentation and impacts to streams and fish in the central and upper midwest. In: Proceedings, Society of American Foresters 2000 national convention; 2000 November 16-20; Washington DC. SAF Publication 01-02. Bethesda, MD: Society of American Foresters: 38-44

<sup>12</sup> U.S. Geological Survey National Gap Analysis Program <https://gapanalysis.usgs.gov/>

level, which promoted the development of habitat within each hexagon. This ensured that habitat was developed at a statewide level on MN DNR land at a spatial scale smaller than the planning area.

The following wildlife species were considered when developing the old forest guild requirements:

- Pileated Woodpecker
- Fisher
- American Marten
- Red-Shouldered Hawk
- Goshawk
- Connecticut Warbler
- Acadian flycatcher
- Cerulean warbler

The old forest guild requirements were defined by planning area. These are listed in Table 19.

Table 19. Old Forest Guild Requirements

Planning Area	Requirements
BRP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\geq</math> 70% of hexagon in forest older than 40 years</li> <li>• <math>\geq</math> 10% of hexagon in forest older than 90 years</li> </ul>
AP, MNIAM, WSU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\geq</math> 35% of upland forest in hexagon older than 50 years</li> <li>• <math>\geq</math> 10% of upland forest in hexagon older than 90 years</li> </ul>
MDLP, NMOP, NSU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\geq</math> 50% of upland forest in hexagon older than 50 years</li> <li>• <math>\geq</math> 10% of upland forest in hexagon older than 90 years</li> <li>• <math>\geq</math> 50% of lowland conifers in hexagon older than 80 years</li> <li>• <math>\geq</math> 33% of hexagon in conifer cover type</li> </ul>

The approach of using a guild definition and very general forest types and age classes was intended to account for the habitat needs of most wildlife species that depend upon the characteristics of older forests during at least part of their life cycle. There are, however, some old forest guild species with habitat needs that are not fully covered by this metric. Although the habitat needs of this guild also includes younger forests, it is assumed that younger forests would not be limiting due to active forest management.

For each hexagon, a set of constraints were created that corresponded to the planning area requirements described above. A total of 273 hexagons were entered into the model, which expanded to 1,113 individual constraints. As with the catchment constraints, this would have been unsolvable without infeasibilities. These constraints were therefore also converted to goals. A multiplier of 9,999 was used, which meant that the objective function would decrease by 9,999 for each acre not meeting its goal. The goal was therefore essentially 10 times more important than the stumpage revenue

(±\$900/acre). This incentivized the model to meet the old forest guild goals, while still giving it sufficient freedom to remain feasible.

#### 4.4.5.2.8 Young Forest Guild

For this project, we also defined a metric to account for the habitat of a guild of wildlife species traditionally associated with younger forests. This classification used the same hexagon approach as used for the old forest guild (4.4.5.2.7). The young forest guild constraints operated at the hexagon level, which promoted the development of habitat within each hexagon. This ensured that habitat was developed at a statewide level on MN DNR land at a spatial scale smaller than the planning area.

The following wildlife species were considered when developing the young forest guild requirements:

- Ruffed Grouse
- White-Tailed Deer

The young forest guild requirements were defined by planning area. These are listed in Table 20.

Table 20. Young Forest Guild Requirements

Planning Area	Requirements
AP, MDLP, NMOP, NSU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;= 35% of upland forest in hexagon older than minimum rotation age</li> <li>• &gt;= 35% of upland hardwoods younger than 30 years old</li> <li>• Aspen/Birch cover types regulated (±20%) into four age classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 0 – 15</li> <li>○ 16 – 30</li> <li>○ 31 – 45</li> <li>○ 45+</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
BRP, MNIAM, WSU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;= 35% of upland forest in hexagon older than minimum rotation age</li> <li>• &gt;= 35% of upland hardwoods younger than 30 years old</li> <li>• Aspen/Birch cover types regulated (±20%) into four age classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 0 – 15</li> <li>○ 16 – 30</li> <li>○ 31 – 45</li> <li>○ 45+</li> </ul> </li> <li>• &gt;= 50% of oak forest in hexagon older than 30 years</li> </ul>

The approach of using a guild definition and general forest types and age classes was intended to account for the habitat needs of most wildlife species that depend primarily upon the characteristics of younger forests. There are, however, some young forest guild species with habitat needs that are not fully covered by this metric. Although the focus of this metric is on younger forest, many species in this guild also require older forests for at least some of their habitat needs.

The young forest guild constraints were built in a similar manner as the old forest guild constraints. That is, instead of building hard constraints, we converted each of the criteria listed in Table 20 to a goal

statement with a multiplier of 9,999. This incentivized the model to promote young forest guild acres, without creating infeasibilities. The multiplier used was about ten times larger than the average stumpage price, which implies that these goals were ten times more important on a per acre basis.

#### 4.4.5.2.7 Native Plant Community

The native plant community (NPC) constraints promoted biodiversity by managing for age class distributions based on natural disturbance regimes. Each stand is associated with an NPC class based on imputation techniques developed by Wilson and Ek (2017)<sup>13</sup>. Each NPC class is associated with an age class distribution which approximates the historical forest age distribution at the time of the Public Land Survey in MN (1848 – 1907). These constraints establish goals for maintaining the proper amount of acres in each growth stage (age class) for each NPC class. Appendix P: NPC Growth Stages Goals lists the growth stages associated with each NPC.

A total of 69 NPCs were incorporated into the model. This resulted in 154 NPC constraints once the growth stages were applied. Each of these constraints called the percentage of the NPC acres meeting a given growth stage to be greater than or equal to a predetermined threshold. As with the catchment constraints, this would have been unsolvable without infeasibilities. The constraints were therefore converted to goals, which penalized the objective function by 9,999 for each acre not meeting its goal. This incentivized the model to promote the development of NPC growth stages, while still offering enough flexibility to remain feasible.

#### 4.4.5.2.8 Forest-Age Diversity Index

The purpose of the forest-age diversity constraints was to maximize the diversity of forest age classes across MN DNR lands. These constraints operated in conjunction with the maximized forest-age diversity objective function described in section 4.4.5.1.2. Since we were unable to directly maximize forest age diversity through an objective function, we had to establish a series of goals that directed management towards maximized diversity. This was the function of the forest-age diversity constraints. A constraint was built for each combination of planning area, forest type, and age class. The acres within each constraint had to be greater than or equal to the predetermined acre threshold (Appendix O: Forest-Age Diversity Goals). These constraints were converted into goals to facilitate maximization through the objective function. Each goal was associated with a penalty of 9,999 for each acre violating a constraint. The goal was therefore essentially 10 times more important than the stumpage revenue ( $\pm \$900/\text{acre}$ ). A total of 196 goals were built.

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<sup>13</sup> Wilson and Ek. 2017. Imputing plant community classification from associated forest inventory and physiographic data in Minnesota, USA. *Ecological Indicators*, 73-82.

## 5.0 RESULTS

This section will present the results from four main modeling scenarios, which was partitioned into 22 sub-scenarios. We will begin by explaining how the model results should be used and not be used. This will be followed by an overview of the scenarios. The final four sections will detail the results from each main scenario.

### 5.1 Qualifications

This analysis relies on a forest management model developed and executed by MB&G, based on data, assumptions, policies, and objectives provided by MN DNR. Readers should be aware of the following qualifications:

- The forest management model was designed to address broad strategic and tactical planning questions, such as the nature of the relationship between timber harvest and other resource management objectives. This model was not designed to address operational planning questions, such as which specific stands should be harvested during the next five years. The MN DNR will use this analysis to determine a strategic harvest level, and will consider operational planning issues during the implementation of the strategic plan. Operational planning usually causes a reduction in the harvest level determined through the planning process, especially when spatial distributions and constraints are introduced.
- Spatial and tabular information about the MN DNR forest land base was provided by MN DNR from its current Forest Inventory Module (FIM). MB&G did not verify the data.
- The land base and yield data provided by the MN DNR summarizes real world processes and features into a predefined data model. As such it is an abstraction of the real world, and does not contain all of its complexity and variability. This abstraction is a necessary step to build a model that is manageable and solvable, and it is appropriate to do so for strategic planning. During their operational planning the MN DNR will incorporate additional data elements to implement the strategic plan.
- In this analysis we made the assumption that all of the forested cover types can provide merchantable timber. The rationale behind this was that we wanted to determine the set of assumptions that would support a 1 million cord annual harvest. In reality, some of these cover types are not merchantable, either through market limitations or distance from processing facilities. Incorporating these factors into the operational plan will cause a reduction in the harvest levels, but the analysis does indicate the potential for these markets. We also included a summary report called Priority Harvest Volume, which shows the volume from the merchantable cover types within 70 miles of a processing facility. This figure provides an indication of the difference between the strategic and operational harvest levels.

- The forest management model includes mathematical formulations of certain MN DNR management objectives and policies. While there is benefit to specifying a mathematical formulation of an objective or policy for the purpose of analysis, we recognize that the practical application of the objective or policy may necessarily stray from the strict formulation required for modeling. On average, however, the modeling is expected to correspond to the practice and results.
- The MN DNR updates forest plans on a 10-year cycle ensuring that the current plan always reflects the latest data, policies, and practices. To evaluate the long-term consequences of near-term activities, the forest management model for this analysis projects activities, outputs, revenues and forest conditions for a 100 year period. Model projections further into the future are inherently more uncertain. We do not, however, believe that there is bias in the projections.
- As stated above, future projections are more uncertain than those closer to the present. In addition, the data used for this analysis is an abstraction of reality, so one should expect some degree of error. These two factors contribute to modeling uncertainty. We suggest the following approach for interpreting the results:
  - The most certain results are in the near-term, and these results should carry more weight in decision making than the long-term results. The long-term results should be interpreted as the future outcome of near-term decisions.
  - We acknowledge that there is uncertainty in the results, but we do not believe that it is biased. That implies that a degree of over- or under-prediction might be present on individual land units, but that the results should be accurate on average across the landscape.
  - We incorporated planning latitude into the analysis as a measure of risk exposure. This parameter measures the percentage of available acres that are required for a given period of harvest. The higher this number, the more susceptible a given scenario will be to uncertainty, since there will be fewer alternative options available if the chosen options do not materialize. This parameter should be carefully evaluated when analyzing the results, since it provides an evaluation of how implementable the results are.
- The model does not explicitly consider aesthetic values and recreational opportunities. Instead we indirectly modeled these values through the 5% reserve for best management practices guidelines (5% of all stands remain unharvested), the exclusion of riparian management zones (no management), and the creation of diverse forests through forest age-class diversity, native plant communities, young forest guilds, and old forest guilds.
- In this analysis we accounted for the impact of climate change by converting 5% of the aspen cover type to alternative cover types every 50 years. The details of the cover type conversion is discussed in 4.4.3.6. This approach did not impact a large number of acres,

since we assumed that some of the impacts of climate change will be mitigated through operational planning efforts. In addition, the exact impact of climate change is still unknown. Accounting for these unknowns would have created results that provided more questions than answers. Given all of this, we decided to adopt a limited approach to climate change, with the assumption that its impacts will be addressed through the operational planning process.

- The forest management model does not simulate nor predict stochastic events such as fire, blowdown, ice storms, invasive species, insect and disease outbreaks, and etc. This should not introduce bias into the results as MN DNR's current policies and practices focus on recovering salvageable wood after a catastrophic event. If there were a major event, then the plan could and should be re-evaluated to see whether future harvest levels could be maintained. The impacts of these events could also be mitigated through the operational planning process.
- In this analysis, we tested the sensitivity of the results to assumptions about timber growth, yield, and discount rates. We also project how much flexibility future managers will face in deciding where to place timber harvests. These sensitivity tests indicate that there are no unexpected consequences resulting from these key assumptions. More sensitivity analysis could be done to evaluate long-term consequences of current assumptions.
- Each model run seeks to optimize one or two measures (e.g. timber revenue and NPC goals, or timber revenue and diversity goals) while meeting a set of constraints. A number of additional indicators of forest conditions are reported for each model run. For the indicators that were not part of the optimization, the reported measure may simply be an artifact of the model solution – a reformulation of the model to also include that measure could very likely move that indicator towards a desired condition.
- The economic information used in this model is used to help guide the model toward economically efficient management decisions. The model does not predict future timber prices, nor does it predict timber price responses to changes in MN DNR harvest levels.
- The watershed catchment indicator incorporated into the forest management model measures whether the Verry criteria for open land conditions (defined elsewhere in this report) are met on the MN DNR's fraction of priority catchments. It does not address whether the catchment as a whole meets the Verry criteria.
- This modeling effort represents MN DNR's first attempt at formalizing and modeling several different non-timber measures on a large scale. Further evaluation of these results may result in modifications to both the formulation and the set of non-timber measures to be used in future planning efforts.

## 5.2 Scenario Overview

In this analysis, we wanted to explore various management approaches to meeting the strategic goals that have been established. These goals were established through planning processes within the MN DNR, as well as outreach initiatives to external stakeholders. For the purposes of this study, these goals were distilled down to natural resource economies, water quality, biodiversity, and wildlife habitat. These scenarios spanned a wide range of management approaches and outcomes, and by comparing them we could analyze the range of possible outcomes as well as potential synergies and tradeoffs between goals.

To facilitate this analysis we had to compile a wide range of model scenarios, solve them with the model, and compare key parameters. Four scenarios were established for this project that explored the impact of the various goals, approaches to optimization, and assumptions on yield and returns. These scenarios are described in Table 21:

Table 21. Summary of Model Scenarios

Scenario	Name	Description
1	Timber Potential	Explored the impact of the strategic goals on timber production. This scenario followed a traditional approach to forest planning and harvest scheduling, by using timber harvest as the objective and non-timber values as the constraint. It, therefore, maximized the present stumpage revenue, subject to various constraints on water quality, diversity, and wildlife habitat.
2	Non-Timber Potential	Explored the potential to increase non-timber values while meeting a sustained timber harvest levels. This scenario reversed the traditional approach to forest planning and harvest scheduling, by using non-timber values as the objective, and timber harvest as the constraint. Therefore, it maximized non-timber values (forest-age diversity and old forest guild acres), subject to meeting various timber harvest levels.
3	Yield Analysis	Explored the impact of alternative assumptions on growth and yield. This scenario used the basic formulation from Scenario 1, but with different yield tables. The alternative yields were discussed in section 4.3.3. It, therefore, maximized timber harvest, using alternative yield tables, while adhering to regulatory requirements.
4	School Trust Land Analysis	Explored the impact of different assumptions on the returns that the School Trust should expect. This scenario used the basic formulation from Scenario 1, but with different discount rates. It, therefore, maximized timber harvest using higher discount rates, subject to regulatory requirements.

Each of the scenarios was subdivided into a series of sub-scenarios. This allowed us to analyze the solution space associated with each scenario in finer detail. These sub-scenarios are illustrated in Figure

18. In this figure, the four main scenarios are separated by the blue rows. Below each main scenario is the series of sub-scenarios, each introducing a unique element that is not modeled in another scenario. They are numbered with x.y.z format, with each layer of numbering distinguishing a different assumption. The columns in this figure illustrate a different model component, and they are color coded to show differences and trends. These columns contain the following information:

- **Name** – The name of the main scenario that the following sub-scenarios belong to. Sub-scenarios are listed and numbered in x.y.z format below.
- **Objective** – The objective function used in the scenario. Three types were used. “Stumpage Revenue” maximized the present stumpage revenues from timber harvest, “Diversity” maximized diversity by setting goals for the forest-age diversity index, and “Old Forest Guild” maximized the number of hexagons that met the criteria for the old forest guild.
- **Regimes** – Two sets of regimes were identified for this analysis. “Forestry Management Regimes” used the forestry orientated regimes on all lands, regardless of administrative authority. “Forestry & Wildlife Regimes” allocated regimes in accordance with administrator, i.e. forestry on forestry administered lands, and wildlife on wildlife administered lands.
- **Timber Harvest** – Changed how the allocation of timber harvest was controlled. Two approaches were used. “Evenflow 20%” promoted consistent timber harvest volumes, but allowed for a departure to reduce inventory beyond rotation age. This departure was limited to 20% up or down from the average harvest level. “1,000,000”, “800,000”, “700,00” and “600,000” fixed the harvest levels at 1,000,000, 800,000, 700,000 and 600,000 cords per year, allowing the model to maximize diversity.
- **Yields** – Specified the growth and yield assumptions used by the scenario. “DNR” used the yield tables supplied by the MN DNR, “Alt 1” used half of the yield adjustments suggested in 4.3.3, and “Alt 2” used the full adjustment suggested in 4.3.3.
- **Species Conversion** – Specified whether cover type conversions resulting from climate change and management focus were turned “On” or “Off”. Turned on through actions and transitions.
- **Water Quality** – A set of management options and constraints that preserved water quality:
  - **Riparian Management Zones** – Specified whether no harvest within RMZ’s was turned “On” or “Off”. This was implemented through a harvest volume adjustment on development types that overlapped RMZ’s.
  - **Cumulative Watershed Impacts** – Specified whether the constraints that controlled the amount of open land within each catchment were turned “On” or “Off”. This was implemented through catchments constraints.
- **Biodiversity** – A set of management options that increased diversity:
  - **Endangered & Threatened Species** - Specified whether controls on harvest actions within areas with endangered and threatened species were turned “On” or “Off”. This was implemented by preventing harvest on lands with these species present.
  - **Species of Special Concern** - Specified whether controls on harvest actions within areas with state species of concern were turned “On” or “Off”. This was implemented by preventing harvest on some lands or allowing only partial harvest on others.

- **Bald Eagle Nest** – Specified whether no harvest within eagle nest areas was turned “On” or “Off”. This was implemented through a harvest volume adjustment on development types that overlapped with eagle nesting areas.
- **Native Plant Community Class** – Specified whether the constraints that controlled the amount acres within each NPC growth stage were turned “On” or “Off”. This was implemented through the NPC constraints.
- **Wildlife Habitat** – A set of management options and constraints that protected wildlife habitat:
  - **5% Reduction for Leave Trees** – Specified whether the 5% reduction of harvest volumes to account for leave tree best management practices were turned “On” or “Off”. This was implemented through an adjustment of all harvest volumes.
  - **Old Forest** – Specified whether the constraints that controlled the amount of old forest guild acres within each wildlife hexagon were turned “On” or “Off”. This was implemented through the old forest guild constraints.
  - **Young Forest** – Specified whether the constraints that controlled the amount of young forest guild acres within each wildlife hexagon were turned “On” or “Off”. This was implemented through the young forest guild constraints.
- **Natural Resource Economies** – A set of reports on maintaining natural resource economies:
  - **Mill Distance** – Harvest volume from priority cover types within 75 miles of mills were reported on in all scenarios. No optimization, constraints or management controls were implemented.
  - **Physiographic Region** – Harvest volume from dry and wetlands were reported on in all scenarios. No optimization, constraints or management controls were implemented.

Scenarios marked with a dashed outline represent the regulatory requirements. All other scenarios either remove some of these requirements or adds additional assumptions. This establishes a baseline for comparison and helps us determine synergies and tradeoffs.

All of the sub-scenarios applied the ending inventory constraint. This ensured that the model did not draw down on standing inventory over the last few planning periods, and ensured that a consistent inventory was maintained.

Each scenario took approximately 24 to 48 hours to complete, depending on model complexity. We used three dedicated Remsoft licenses and modeling computers to run through all 22 scenarios. Total processing time was ±30 days.

Name Scenario 1 - Timber Potential	Objective Maximize	Regimes	Timber Harvest	Yields	Species Conversions	Water Quality		Biodiversity				Wildlife Habitat			Natural Resource Economies		
						Riparian Management Zones (RMZs)	Cumulative Watershed Impacts	Endangered & Threatened (ET) Species	Species of Special Concern (SPC)	Bald Eagle Nests	Native Plant Community (NPC) Class	5% reduction for Leave Trees/FMGs	Old Forest	Young Forest	Mill Distance	Physiographic Class	
1.1.1	Stumpage Revenue	Forestry Management Regimes	Evenflow 20%	DNR	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
1.1.2					On	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Report	Report
1.2.2	Stumpage Revenue	Forestry & Wildlife Management Regimes	Evenflow 20%	DNR	On	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
1.2.3					On	On	Off	On	On	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Report	Report
1.2.4.1					On	On	On	On	On	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Report	Report
1.2.4.2					On	On	Off	On	On	On	Off	On	On	Off	Off	Report	Report
1.2.4.3					On	On	Off	On	On	On	On	On	On	Off	Off	Report	Report
1.2.4.4					On	On	Off	On	On	On	On	On	On	Off	Off	On	Report
Name Scenario 2 - Non- Timber Potential	Objective Maximize	Regimes	Timber Harvest	Yields	Species Conversions	Water Quality		Biodiversity				Wildlife Habitat			Natural Resource Economies		
2.1.1	Diversity	Forestry & Wildlife Management Regimes	1,000,000	DNR	On	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
2.1.2			800,000		On	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
2.1.3			600,000		On	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
2.2.1	Old Forest Guild Acres	Forestry & Wildlife Management Regimes	1,000,000	DNR	On	On	Off	On	On	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
2.2.2			800,000		On	On	Off	On	On	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
2.2.3			700,000		On	On	Off	On	On	On	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report
Name Scenario 3 - Yield Analysis	Objective Maximize	Regimes	Timber Harvest	Yields	Species Conversions	Water Quality		Biodiversity				Wildlife Habitat			Natural Resource Economies		
3.1.1	Stumpage Revenue	Forestry Management Regimes	Evenflow - 20%	Alt 1	On	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
3.1.2				Alt 2	On	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
3.2.1	Stumpage Revenue	Forestry & Wildlife Management Regimes	Evenflow - 20%	Alt 1	On	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
3.2.2				Alt 2	On	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
Name Scenario 4 - School Trust Lands Analysis	Objective Maximize	Regimes	Timber Harvest	Yields	Species Conversions	Water Quality		Biodiversity				Wildlife Habitat			Natural Resource Economies		
4.1.1	Stumpage Revenue	Forestry & Wildlife Management Regimes	Evenflow - 20%	4	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
4.1.2				4	On	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	Off	Report	Report	
4.2.1				6	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Report	Report	
4.2.2				6	On	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	Report	Report

Figure 18. Summary of Sub-Scenarios

## 5.3 Discussion of Model Results

The following sections will describe the results from the four models in terms of:

- Present Stumpage Revenue
- Harvest Volume
- Clear-Cut Operable Acres
- Average Clear-Cut Age
- Priority Harvest Volume
- Inventory
- Trust Land Inventory
- Cover Type Conversions
- Planning Latitude
- Open Watershed Goals
- Old Forest Guild Goals
- Young Forest Guild Goals
- Native Plant Community Goals
- Forest-Age Diversity Index

### 5.3.1 Scenario 1 – Timber Potential

The following sub-scenarios were developed for Scenario 1:

- 1.1.1 Used forestry management regimes. Objective was to maximize stumpage revenue. Timber volume was controlled by an even-flow with 20% departure constraint. Turned off species conversion, all water quality, all diversity and all wildlife habitat components (except for 5% leave trees). The purpose of this scenario was to establish the maximum sustained harvest level.
- 1.1.2 Used the forestry management regimes. Enabled current MN DNR protocols (statutory requirements) by turning on species conversion, RMZ's, endangered and threatened species, bald eagle nests, and 5% leave tree requirement. The purpose of this scenario was to determine the maximum sustained harvest level using typically MN DNR management policies and forestry regimes only.
- 1.2.2 Same as 1.1.2, but using forestry and wildlife management regimes. The purpose of this scenario was to determine the maximum sustained harvest level using typically MN DNR management policies and both forestry and wildlife regimes.
- 1.2.3 Same as 1.2.2, but with state species of concern turned on. The purpose of this run was to examine the impact of state species of concern.
- 1.2.4.1 Same as 1.2.3, but with cumulative watershed impacts turned on. The purpose of this run was to examine the impact of watershed constraints.

- 1.2.4.2 Same as 1.2.3, but with old forest habitat goals turned on. The purpose of this run was to examine the impact of old forest constraints.
- 1.2.4.3 Same as 1.2.3, but with native plant community goals turned on. The purpose of this run was to examine the impact of NPC growth stage goals.
- 1.2.4.4. Same as 1.2.3, but with young forest habitat goals turned on. The purpose of this run was to examine the impact of young forest constraints.

We also selected a scenario from Phase 1 to include in the results shown below. Here we selected 1d – Species Even Flow. This scenario maximized present stumpage revenue, while adhering to non-declining inventory over the last 5 planning periods, even-flow with no departure at the planning area level, and even-flow with 30% departure at the species volume level. This scenario was the best comparison with the Phase 2 scenarios that modeled the statutory requirements (1.1.2 and 1.2.2).

The detailed results for each scenario are shown in Appendix H: Detailed Scenario Results. Please note that sub-scenarios are not always numbered consecutively since these scenarios were extracted from a larger pool of original scenarios.

#### *5.3.1.1 Present Stumpage Revenue*

Under an even-flow timber harvest with 20% departure and the objective to optimize present stumpage revenue (PSR), PSR ranged from a minimum of \$0.55 billion to a maximum of \$0.99 billion (Figure 19). The unconstrained scenario (1.1.1) yielded maximum PSR of \$0.99 billion. The scenario that includes regulatory requirements (1.1.2) has a marginally lower value of \$0.95 billion (Figure 19). Adding the NPC goal (1.2.4.3) minimized PSR to \$0.55 billion. Among the eight scenarios in this group, only the three scenarios with old forest (1.2.4.2), NPC (1.2.4.3), and young forest goals (1.2.4.4) limited PSR to below the \$0.90 billion level. Scenarios clustered into either the \$0.9 - \$0.99 billion range without the old forest, young forest and NPC goals, versus those with old forest, young forest and NPC goals that fell in the \$0.55 - \$0.75 billion range. As a general rule, increasing the number and complexity of goals resulted in a lower PSR.

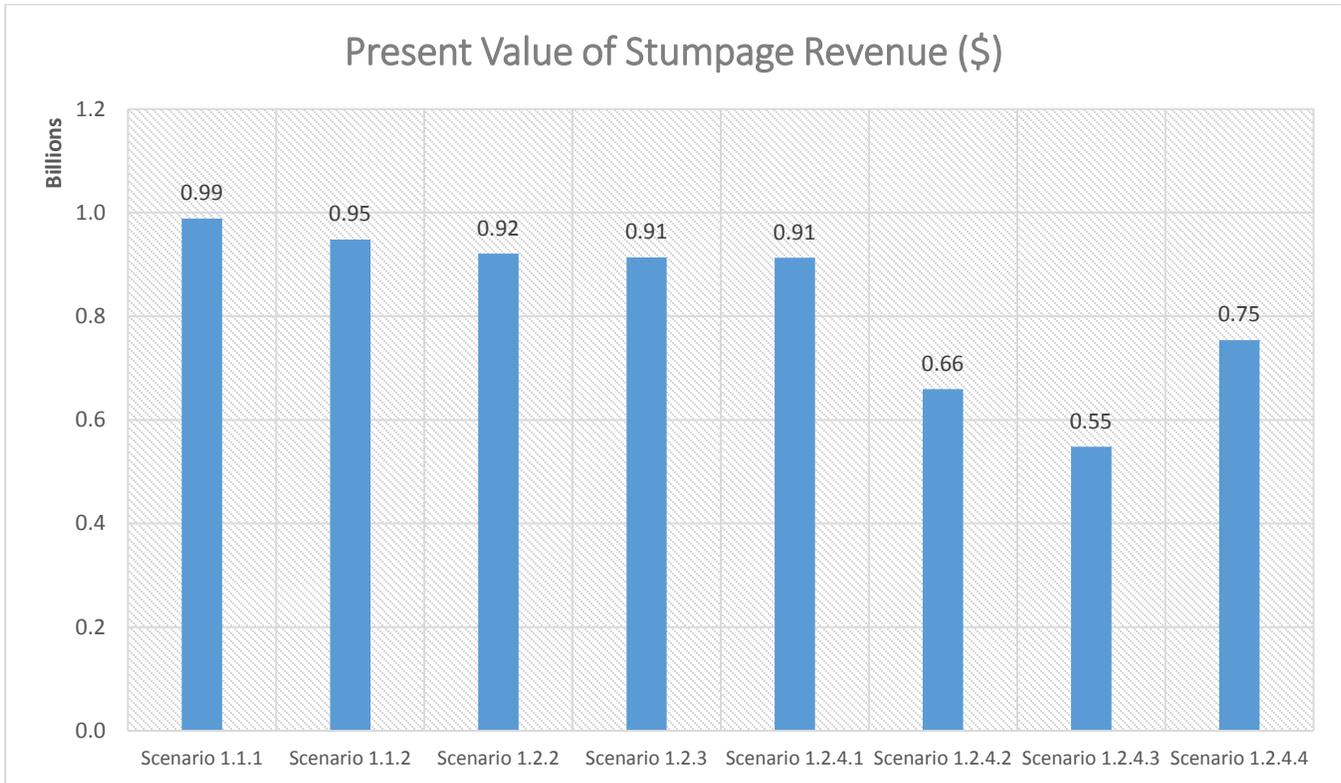


Figure 19. Scenario 1 – Present Value of Stumpage Revenue

### 5.3.1.2 Harvest Volume

Annual harvest rates varied largely by whether a scenario considered young forest, old forest or NPC goals. In scenario 1.1.1 the maximum harvest volume reached 1.16 million cords in the first 25 years but declined 20% to around 932,000 cords for the remainder of the planning horizon (Figure 20). Scenario 1.1.2 maintained a harvest level of  $\pm 1.13$  million cords for the first 15 years, before dropping down to a  $\pm 930,000$  cords (years 20 and 25 were close to 1 million cords). Scenario 1.2.2 began at a harvest level of 1.10 million cords and declined to 900,000 cords after 15 years. The results for scenarios 1.2.3 and 1.2.4.1 were almost identical to that of 1.2.2. Most of the model's flexibility occurred over the first 15 to 25 years where current inventory can be harvested at maximal rates because stand ages are beyond rotation age. Once the current standing inventory is depleted, scenarios 1.1.1 through 1.2.4.1 converge on a similar annual harvest rate between 870,000 and 930,000 cords. In contrast, the scenarios with NPC, young forest and old forest goals begin and end at similar points, and show lower levels of divergence over the planning horizon. With the old forest habitat goal, harvest averages 698,000 cords and varies from 6% below to 8% above the starting point. With the native plant community goal, harvest averages 584,000 cords, varying 14% below to 2% above the starting point. With the young forest habitat goal, harvest averages 805,000 cords and varies from 11% below to 4% above the starting point (Figure 20). These results showed that the young forest scenario occupied the middle ground between the lowest cluster (NPC and old forest) and the highest cluster (everything else). This was typically true across all the summary metrics reported.

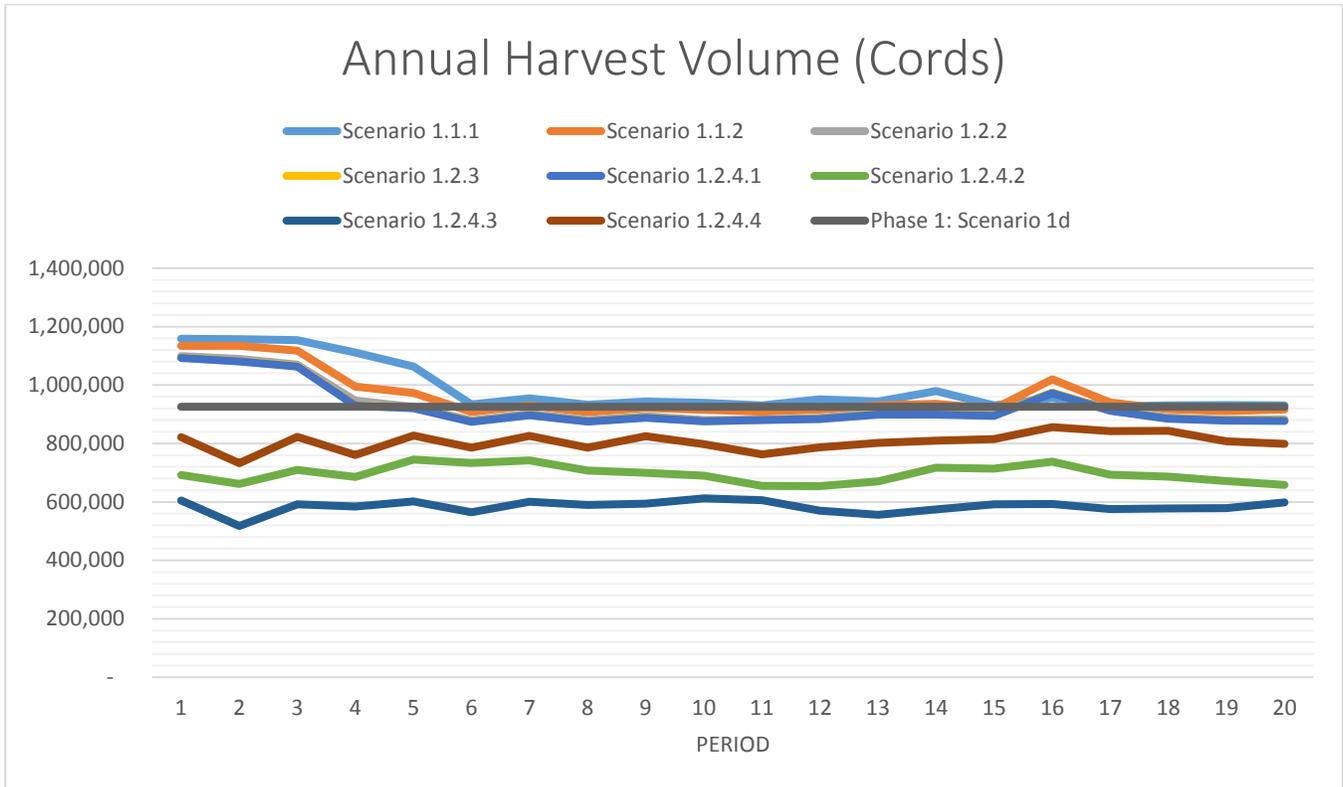


Figure 20. Scenario 1 - Annual Harvest Volumes

### 5.3.1.3 Clear-Cut Operable Acres

The clear-cut operable acres are the number of acres eligible for the clear-cut management action in a given period. Scenarios 1.1.1 through 1.2.4.1 all required essentially the same amount of land, reflecting the similar harvest rates achieved in these scenarios (Figure 20). Operable acres decreased over time until they settled at the sustained level of  $\pm 300,000$  acres. With the wildlife goals harvest levels were lower, so clear-cut operable areas were higher. In Scenario 1.2.4.2, the clear-cut operable acres were around 725,000 by year 100 (Figure 21). Similarly, scenario 1.2.4.4 was around 585,000 acres by year 100. The NPC scenario had the largest clear-cut operable area, ending at 1.13 million acres (Figure 21). The amount of land required to implement a scenario is also expressed as planning latitude, see section 5.3.1.9.

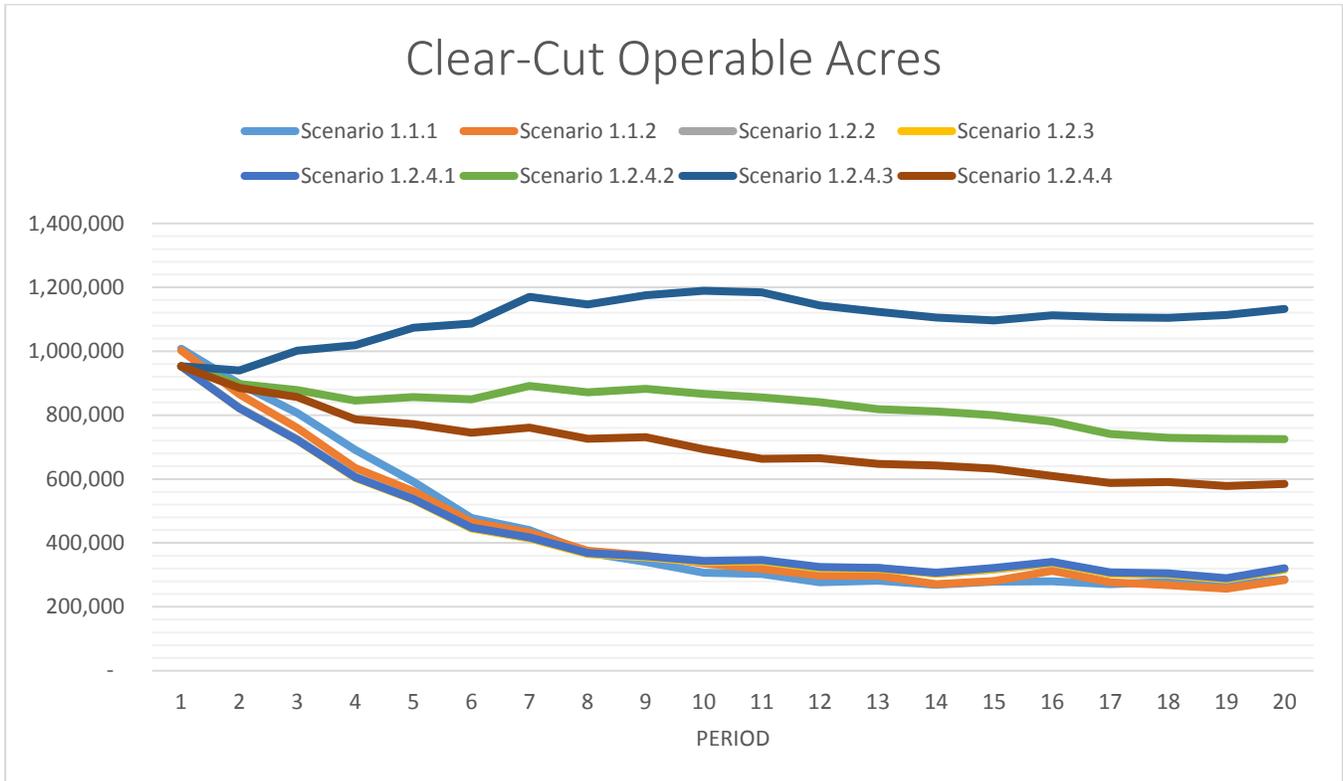


Figure 21. Scenario 1 - Clear-Cut Operable Acres

#### 5.3.1.4 Average Clear-Cut Age

During inventory review, we saw that the median stand age for many cover types was beyond the typical rotation age for most planning areas. We expected that clear-cut age would decrease over time as the forest approached a regulated state. In all Scenario 1 alternatives, we do see an initial decline in clear-cut age (Figure 22). For scenarios 1.1.1 through 1.2.4.1, average clear-cut age converges to 53 years at 100 years, varying by less than 8 years (12%) at any time, with the greatest divergence occurring at 45 years (Figure 22).

Average clear-cut age is lower in the old and young forest scenarios (1.2.4.2 & 1.2.4.4) than in the NPC scenario (1.2.4.3), although it increases quickly in the last period for old forest (Figure 22). We might expect an older clear-cut age for the old forest scenario, but the model has found an optimum solution that involves focusing clear-cuts within age classes that are outside of the old forest guild threshold. In contrast, the NPC scenario produces an older average clear-cut age in order to satisfy the age class distribution goals. At period 11 in particular for the NPC scenario 1.2.4.3, cutting in younger stands appears to be precluded, elevating average clear-cut age to 100 years for one period before declining again to the long-term average around 80 years (Figure 22). Although average clear-cut age is lower in the old forest scenario (Figure 22), representation of old forest guild is higher (Figure 30).

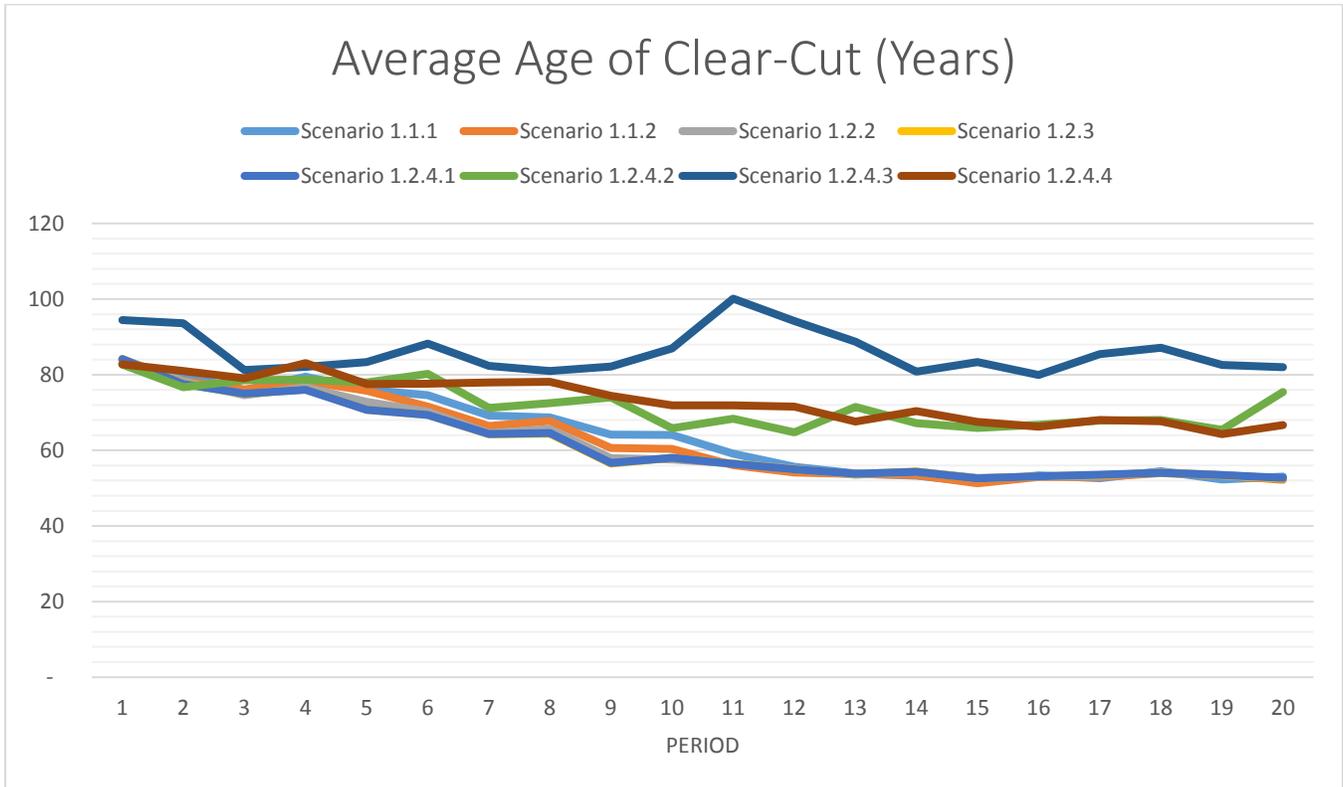


Figure 22. Scenario 1 - Average Clear-Cut Ages

### 5.3.1.5 Priority Harvest Volume

The percent of overall harvest volume that is sourced from commercial cover types that fall within 75 miles of any of the seven largest fiber consumers is termed priority harvest volume. In addition to being a geographic constraint, this volume also refers to the fraction that consists of species that are in demand by processors, which is chiefly aspen, pine, and spruce. Other species volumes are not reflected here.

The percentage priority harvest volume remained consistently between 60% and 70% over the long run. Scenarios 1.1.1 through 1.2.4.1 clustered together with slightly higher percentages. Scenarios 1.2.4.2 through 1.2.4.3 clustered together at lower levels, and also started off lower at between 50% and 60%. Scenario 1.2.4.4 trended the highest towards the end of the planning horizon.

These results show that only about 60% to 70% of the projected harvest volume is currently merchantable. It emphasizes the point that higher harvest levels will have to be supported by expanded operations (source timber from further) and markets (more volume from other species).

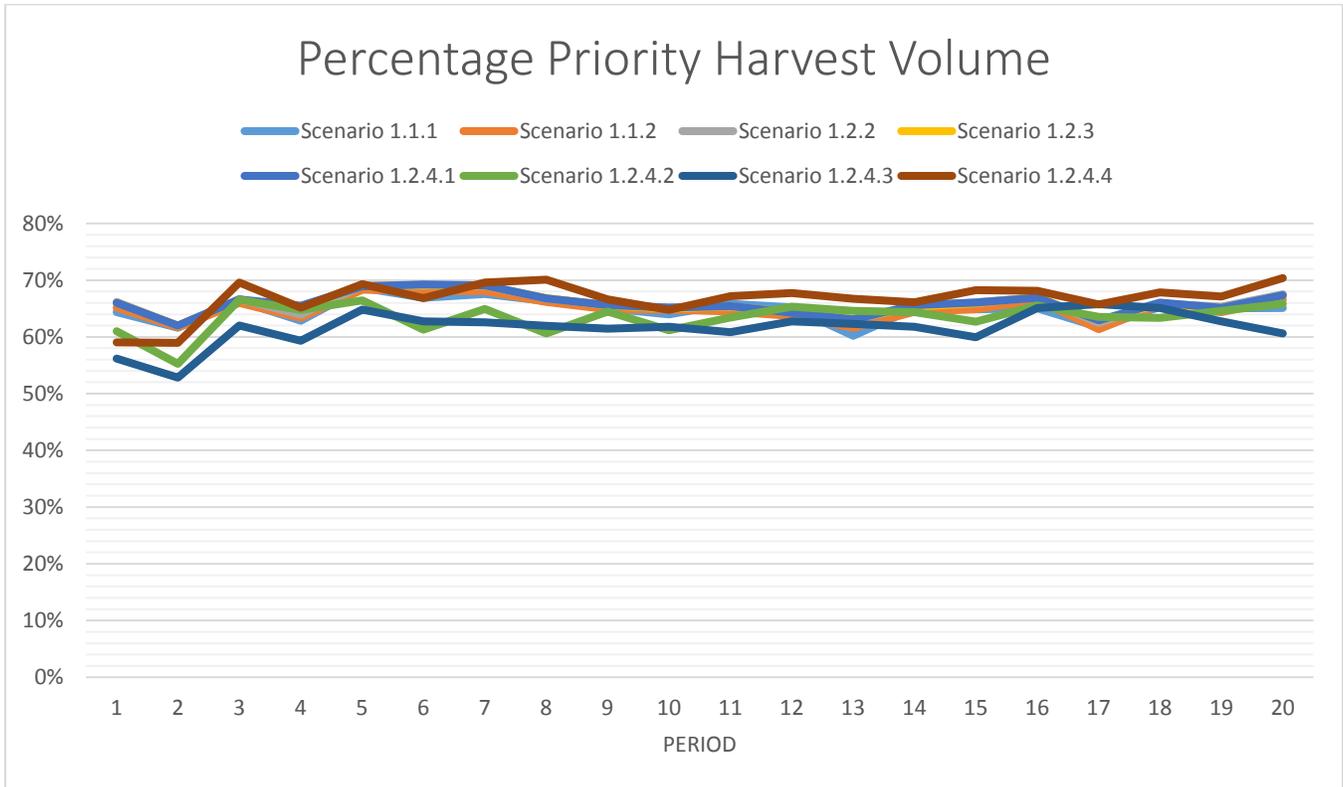


Figure 23: Scenario 1 – Percentage Priority Harvest Volume

### 5.3.1.6 Inventory

Long-term average annual harvest rates were very similar for scenarios 1.1.1 through 1.2.4.1, so we expect similar standing timber inventory levels across the planning horizon. Through at least period seven, standing timber inventory differs among scenarios 1.1.1 and 1.2.4.1 by less than one million cords (Figure 24). Divergence within this group of scenarios gradually increases to around 2.46 million cords by period 20, but this change represents just 7.8% of the period 20 maximum inventory. As a point of comparison, the Phase 1 output found a terminal inventory of 26.4 million cords, whereas scenario 1.1.1 terminates at 28.7 million cords. Scenario 1.2.2, which meets statutory requirements, terminates at 31.1 million cords, while the lowest harvest scenario in this group (1.2.4.1) ends at 31.2 million cords (Figure 24). The long-term inventory for scenarios with the old forest and NPC goals is comparatively higher, at 39.1 million cords and 43.2 million cords, respectively. Both of these scenarios had substantially lower annual harvest rates, so we should expect comparatively higher standing inventory to reflect this difference in harvest. The ending inventory for scenario 1.2.4.4 was within 2% of starting inventory, making it the scenario with the least change to inventory.

Growth rates can often be compared to harvest levels to determine if a forest management plan can be sustained. In such a case one would want to see that the total harvest level is lower than the growth rate (inventory is accumulating faster than it is depleted). This comparison is however not valid for the MN DNR, because residual inventory resulting from partial harvest, uneven-age harvest, regulated uneven-

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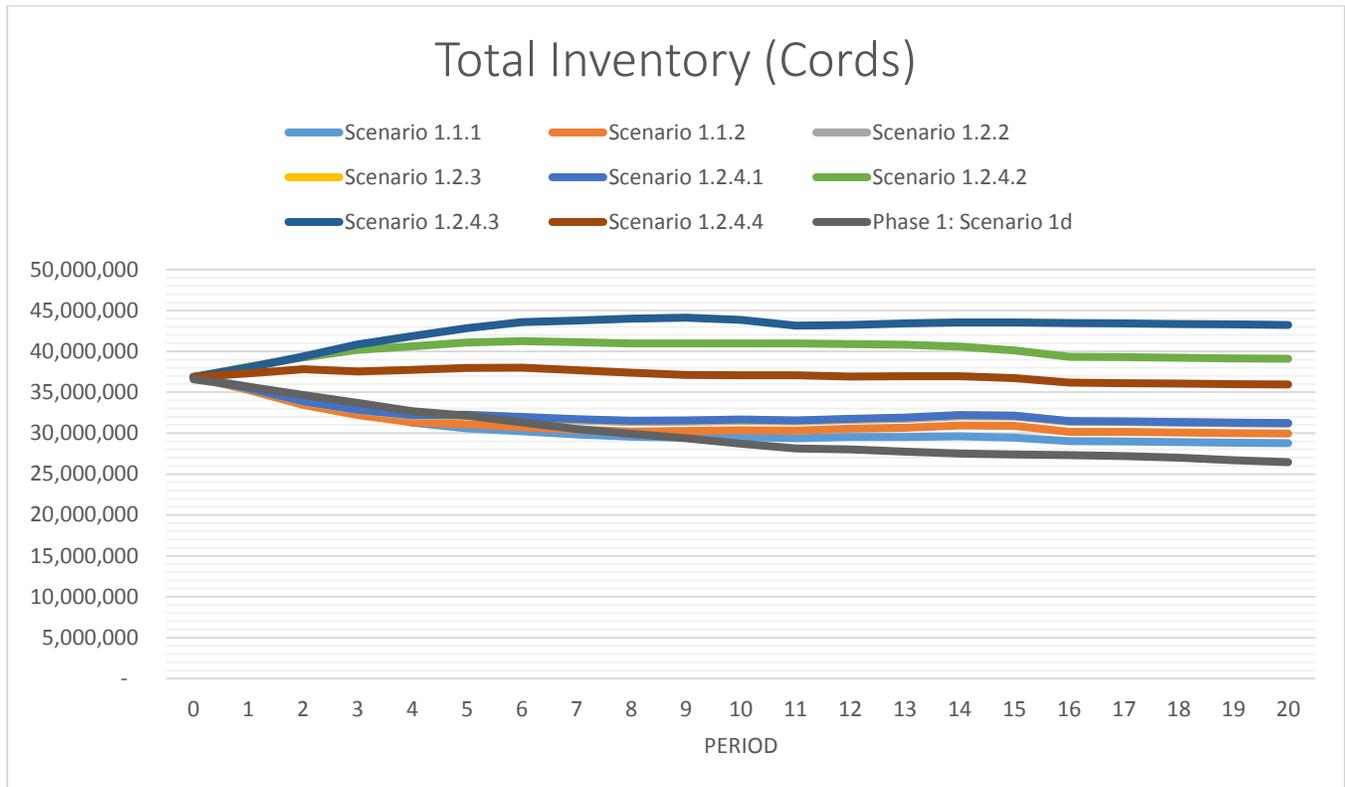


Figure 24. Scenario 1 - Inventory Volume by Period

Annual growth rates of forest stands are highest when the stands are young, and reach an asymptotic rate or net decline after the stand has matured. Given this growth trajectory, we expect that a forest plan featuring relatively high harvest rates — one that results in a greater number of young stands — should show a higher annual growth rate. Inversely, forest plans with low harvest rates that do not convert as many old stands to younger age classes should generate a lower annual growth rate.

These expectations are affirmed in the Scenario 1 (Figure 25). Scenarios 1.1.1 through 1.2.4.1 have higher annual harvest rates (Figure 20) and lower periodic inventory (Figure 24), meaning that more of the existing forest asset is harvested each year. The younger age class structure that results from these plans translates to faster annual growth rates (Figure 25). Throughout the planning horizon, these scenarios form a similar cluster by annual growth, differing by an average of 17,000 cords per year, and with a maximum difference of only 28,000 cords per year (Figure 25).

The old forest (1.2.4.2) and NPC (1.2.4.3) scenarios form a separate group in terms of annual growth rate, differing on average by 24,600 cords per year, and ending 100 years at 469,000 or 419,000 cords per year, respectively. Annual harvest in the NPC scenario (1.2.4.3) resulted in the highest inventory levels (Figure 24) and the lowest annual growth rate (Figure 25).

In general, certain sets of results are proportionally related: PSR is proportional to harvest rate growth but inversely proportional to inventory. Consequently, scenarios with higher PSR have higher harvest and growth but lower inventory, while scenarios with lower PSR have lower harvest and growth, but higher inventory.

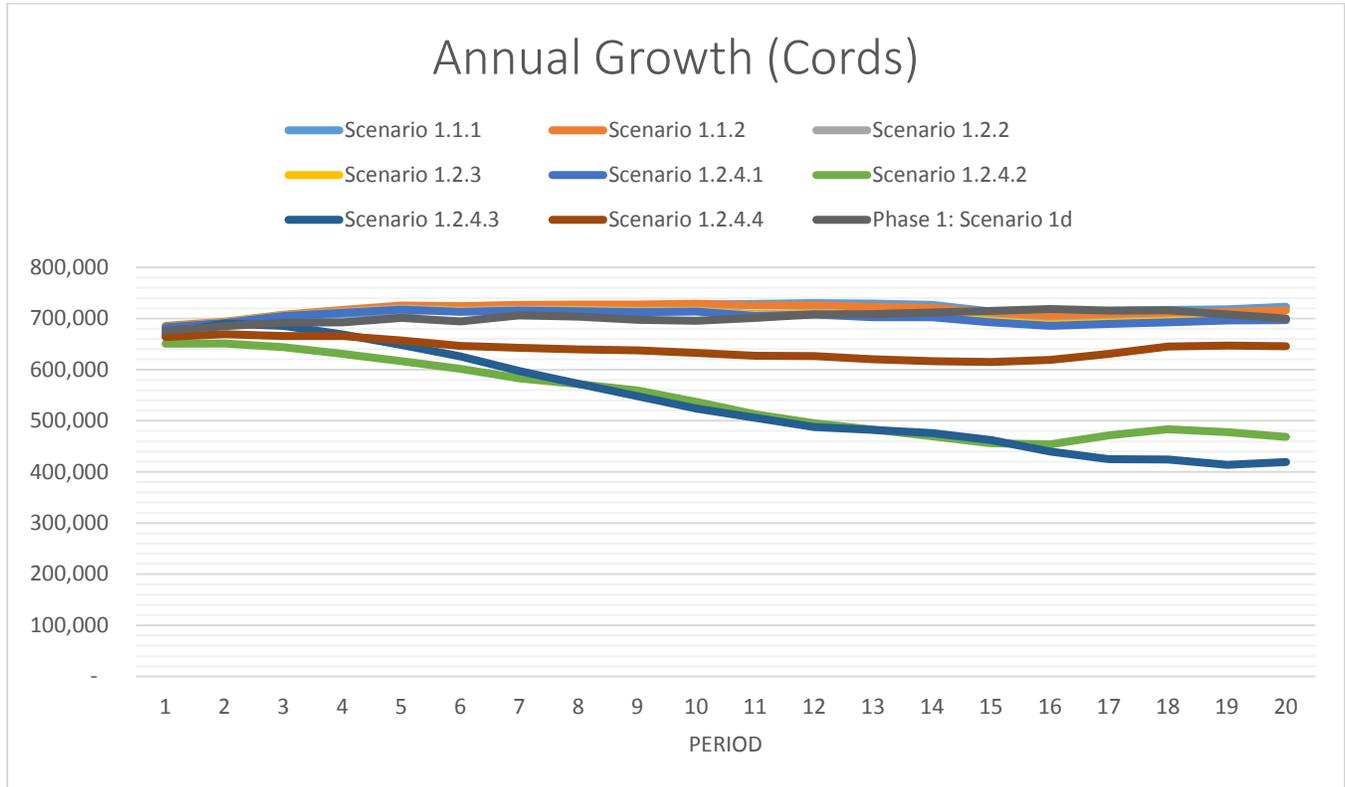


Figure 25. Scenario 1 - Annual Growth

### 5.3.1.7 Trust Land Inventory

The trust land inventory results show the inventory on trust lands only. These results followed a similar pattern to the statewide inventory results (Figure 24), with scenarios 1.1.1 through 1.2.4.1 clustered together, and scenarios 1.2.4.2, 1.2.4.3 and 1.2.4.4 deviating from the rest. In this case, the scenarios 1.1.1 through 1.2.4.1 ended the planning horizon at 13.6 million cords to 14.1 million cords. Scenario 1.2.4.2, 1.2.4.3 and 1.2.4.4 ended at 18.0, 20.8 and 16.7 million cords respectively. Scenarios 1.2.4.2 and 1.2.4.3 carried ± 40% more inventory than the rest.

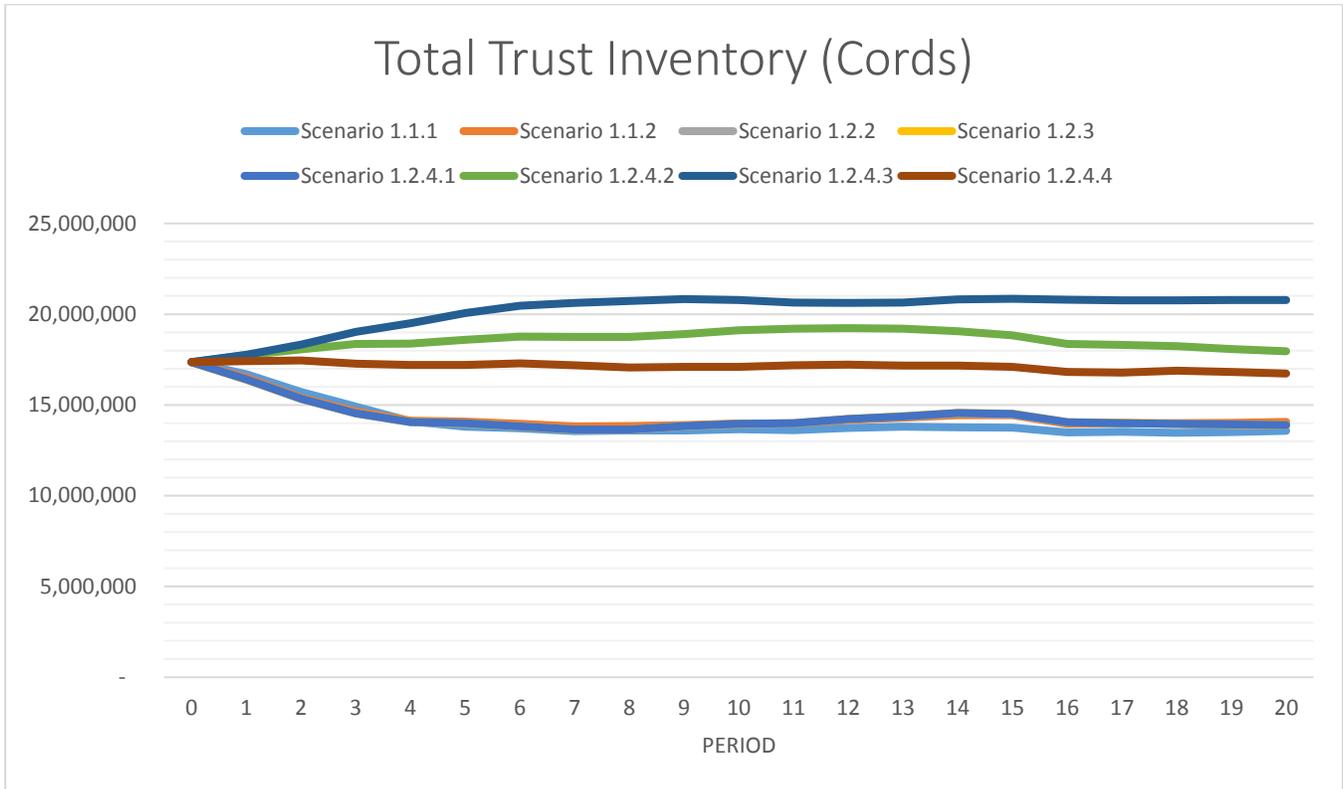


Figure 26. Scenario 1 - Trust Inventory

### 5.3.1.8 Cover Type Conversions

Certain cover types are given the option to convert to other cover types upon clear-cut. Scenario 1.1.1 had no conversions because the option was turned off. In the beginning, conversion ranges between 1,500 and 2,000 acres per year and declines to nearly the same rate of 1,100 acres per year for all scenarios after 100 years (Figure 27). The spike in cover type conversions occurring in period 7 is due to a large block of planted white spruce being harvested and converted to red pine and aspen. Conversion rates in scenarios 1.2.4.2, 1.2.4.3 and 1.2.4.4 are generally lower, due to lower harvest levels.

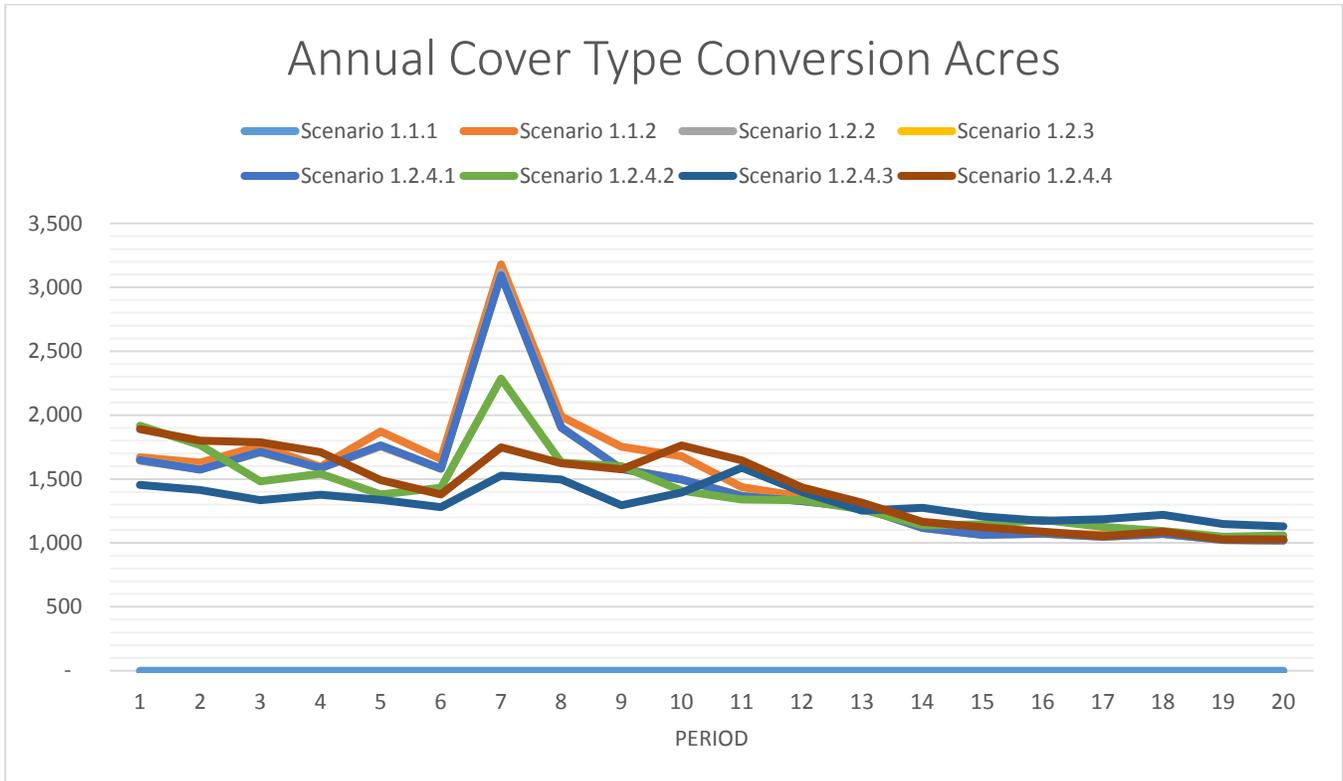


Figure 27. Scenario 1 - Cover Type Conversions

### 5.3.1.9 Planning Latitude

Harvest levels may be accomplished via a number of possible pathways, some requiring use of more acres under active management, while others require fewer actively managed acres. In this context, we define the term planning latitude to mean the proportion of acres clear-cut as a fraction of the clear-cut operable acres. A model result will be said to have high planning latitude (e.g. scenario 1.2.4.3, Figure 28) if it uses a smaller proportion of available acres. The higher the latitude, the lower the risk to operational implementation, because there are other options to select if the option selected by the model is not viable.

In the early years, all scenario 1 variants have a high degree of planning latitude, with between 12% and 25% of the operable clear-cut acres contributing to harvests. After 100 years, however, latitude diverges for several scenarios. Scenarios 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 have a low degree of planning latitude. After 100 years of management, these scenarios require around 82% of the operable area, meaning that 2.2 million out of 2.7 million operable acres must participate in the model to produce the reported harvest levels. In contrast, scenarios 1.2.2, 1.2.3, and 1.2.4.1 all achieve their harvest levels at around 66% clear-cut acreage, meaning these scenarios have more latitude or flexibility to reach these goals. These scenarios also have lower harvest rates, so there are more possible ways to manage the land base to reach these goals. Scenarios with the old forest, NPC and young forest goals, 1.2.4.2, 1.2.4.3 and 1.2.4.4, have the lowest harvest and therefore the most planning latitude, requiring 10% to 17% of the land base after 100 years (Figure 28).

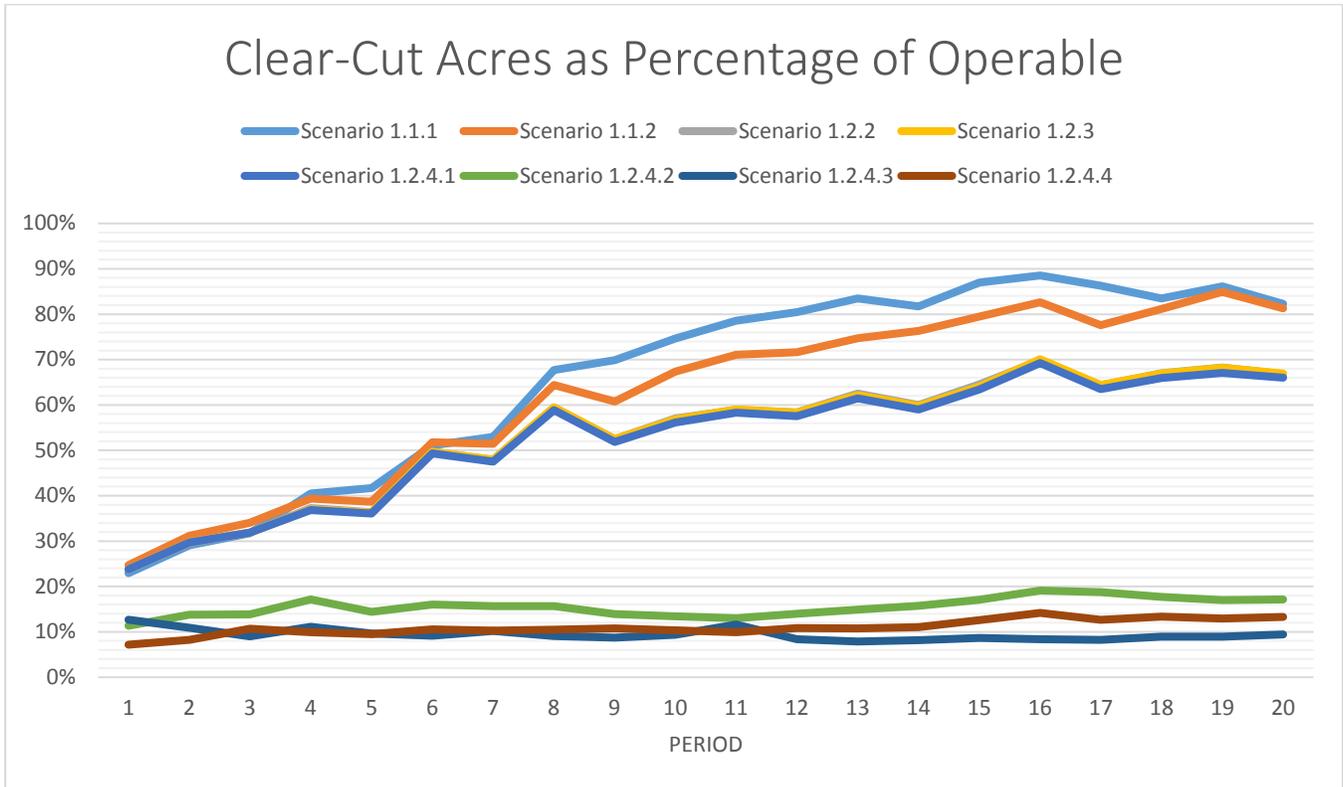


Figure 28. Scenario 1 - Planning Latitude

### 5.3.1.10 Open Watershed Goals

Scenario 1.2.4.1 included the goal to minimize cumulative watershed impacts in priority catchments by restricting the amount of open lands. This scenario reduced the number of priority catchments considered “open” to the greatest extent of any scenario and maintained 2.54% of the priority catchments in the open state after period four. Relative to scenario 1.1.1, which had a long-term average of 4.56% open priority catchments, the cumulative watershed impacts scenario (1.2.4.1) had a long-term average open catchments of 2.71% (Figure 29). Compared to the other scenarios, however, minimizing the watershed goal showed little difference, ending at exactly the same percent open priority catchments (2.54%) as the NPC scenario (1.2.4.3), and marginally lower than the old forest scenario (1.2.4.2), which had 2.9% open catchments. Scenarios without old forest or NPC goals did result in higher long-term average open watersheds (4.23% for all), and terminal open acreage ranged from 3.99% to 4.17% for 1.1.2 through 1.2.3 (Figure 29). The watershed scenario leads to outcomes more similar to the wildlife habitat alternatives from the perspective of open catchment percentage.

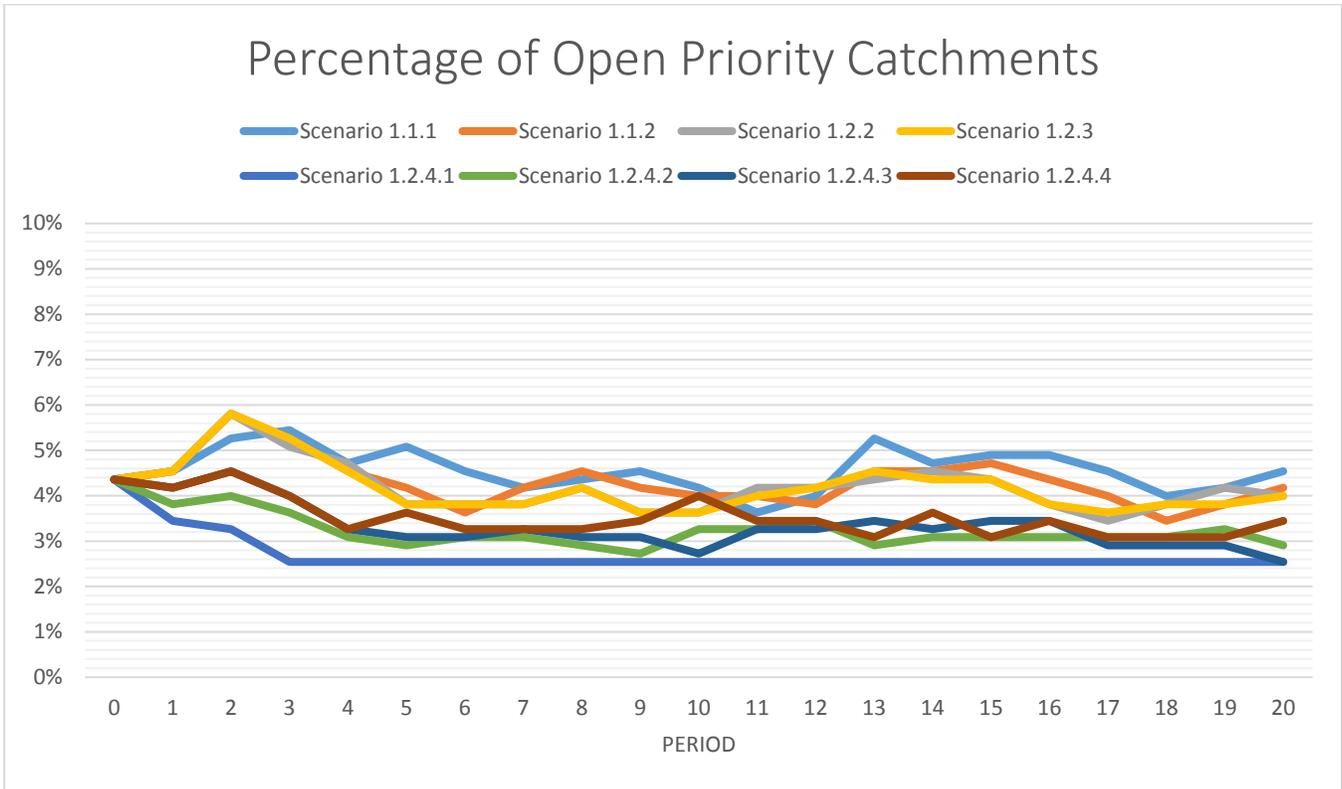


Figure 29. Scenario 1 - Open Watershed Prevalence

### 5.3.1.11 Old Forest Guild Goals

One of the greatest differences among the Scenario 1 alternatives emerged from the old forest goal. Although maximizing the spatial distribution of old forest habitat (1.2.4.2) was similar to the NPC scenario (1.2.4.3) in terms of PSR, harvest, inventory, and growth, there was a substantial difference in the number of hexagons that met habitat criteria for old forest-dependent wildlife. In period 20 of this scenario (Figure 30), 79% of hexagons met old forest habitat criteria. In contrast, the NPC scenario met old forest habitat criteria in 53% of hexagons, and the young forest scenario on 37%. All of the other scenarios met these criteria in 16 - 28% of hexagons. Adding the old forest goals increased the representation of old forest guilds by 52% relative to scenario 1.2.2 (Figure 30).

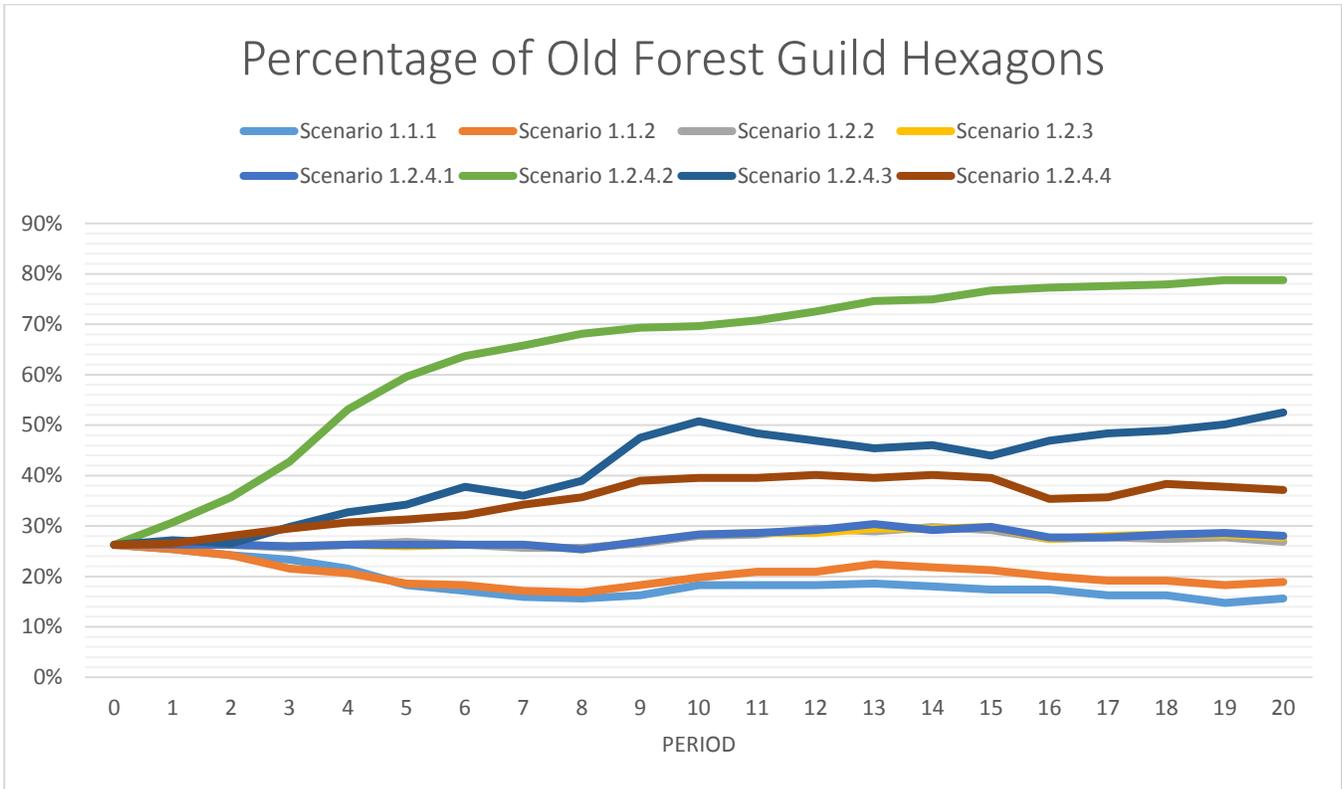


Figure 30. Scenario 1 - Old Forest Guild Proportion

### 5.3.1.12 Young Forest Guild Goals

Most of the scenarios had between 0 and 1% of their hexagons meeting the young forest conditions (Figure 31). The exception was scenario 1.2.4.4, which ended at 73% of hexagons in the young forest condition. This can be attributed to the fact that the criteria that were established for young forest guild required both young and older forest. These diverging criteria made it hard for the model to meet all the conditions for the young forest guild, and it could only do so if enough incentive was created through a goal (scenario 1.2.4.4).

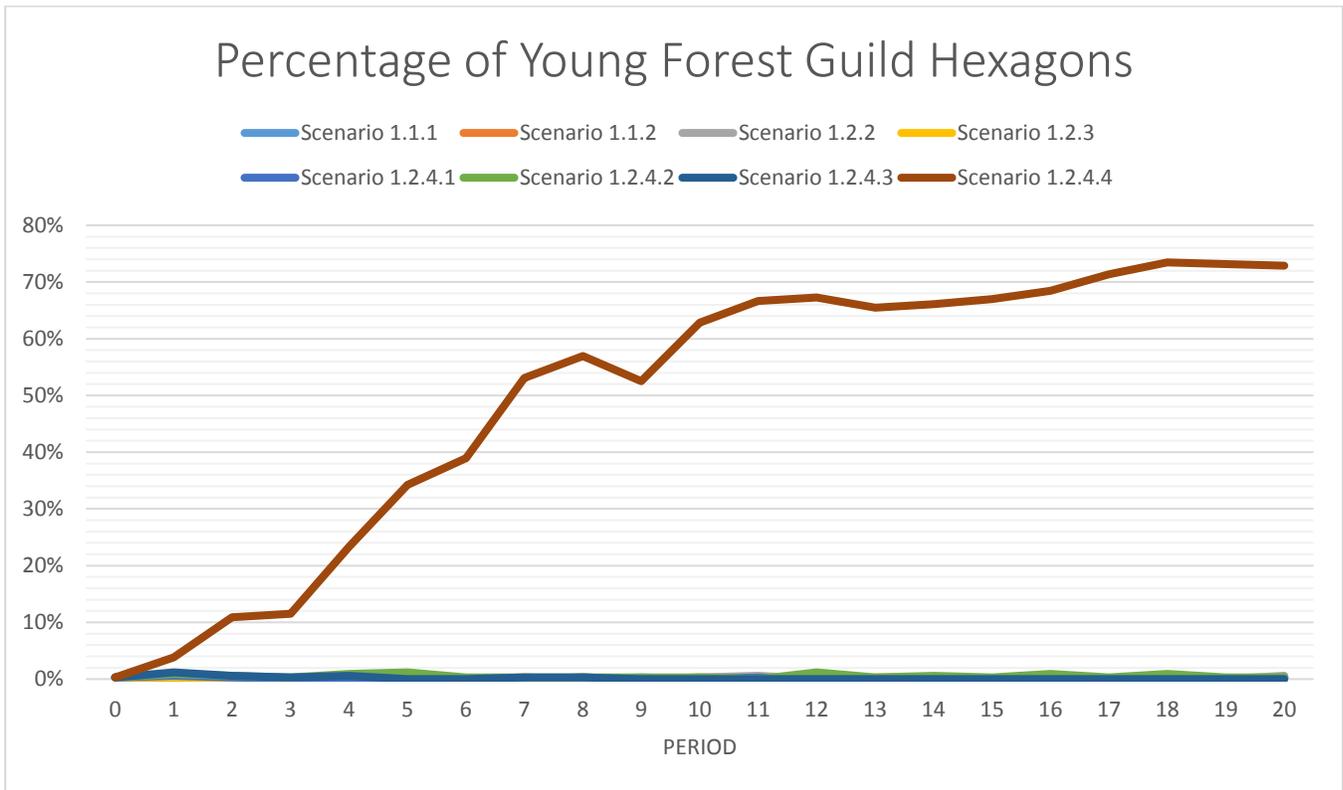


Figure 31. Scenario 1 – Young Forest Guild Proportion

### 5.3.1.13 Native Plant Community Goals

Model outcomes for NPC goals are measured as the absolute deviation in acres from the NPC growth stages goals. Therefore, the lower this number, the closer the landscape is to the desired NPC goals.

Old forest and NPC scenarios initially decrease NPC deviations (improved outcome), but after period seven, the NPC deviation increases for both 1.2.4.2 and 1.2.4.3. As we would expect, the lowest NPC deviations occurred in the NPC scenario (1.2.4.3), which attempted to optimize on NPC goals. Here, only 529,000 (11% of all NPC acres) acres are deviations (Figure 32). The old forest scenario ends period 20 with a higher NPC deviation than it began and is grouped closely with the other scenarios. The young forest scenario (1.2.4.4) followed a similar trajectory than the old forest scenario. At period 20, the NPC scenario forms its own single group (Figure 32), while the other scenarios are all within 10% of the maximum deviation.

Some scenarios arrive at partially improved outcomes for goals that were not optimized. For example, the NPC scenario achieves the lowest acreage deviation for NPCs (Figure 32), but also results in 27% old forest guild hexagons (Figure 30), even though this was not an explicit goal. In contrast, specifying an old forest goal produces the highest number of old forest hexagons, but fails to do very well in meeting NPC goals.

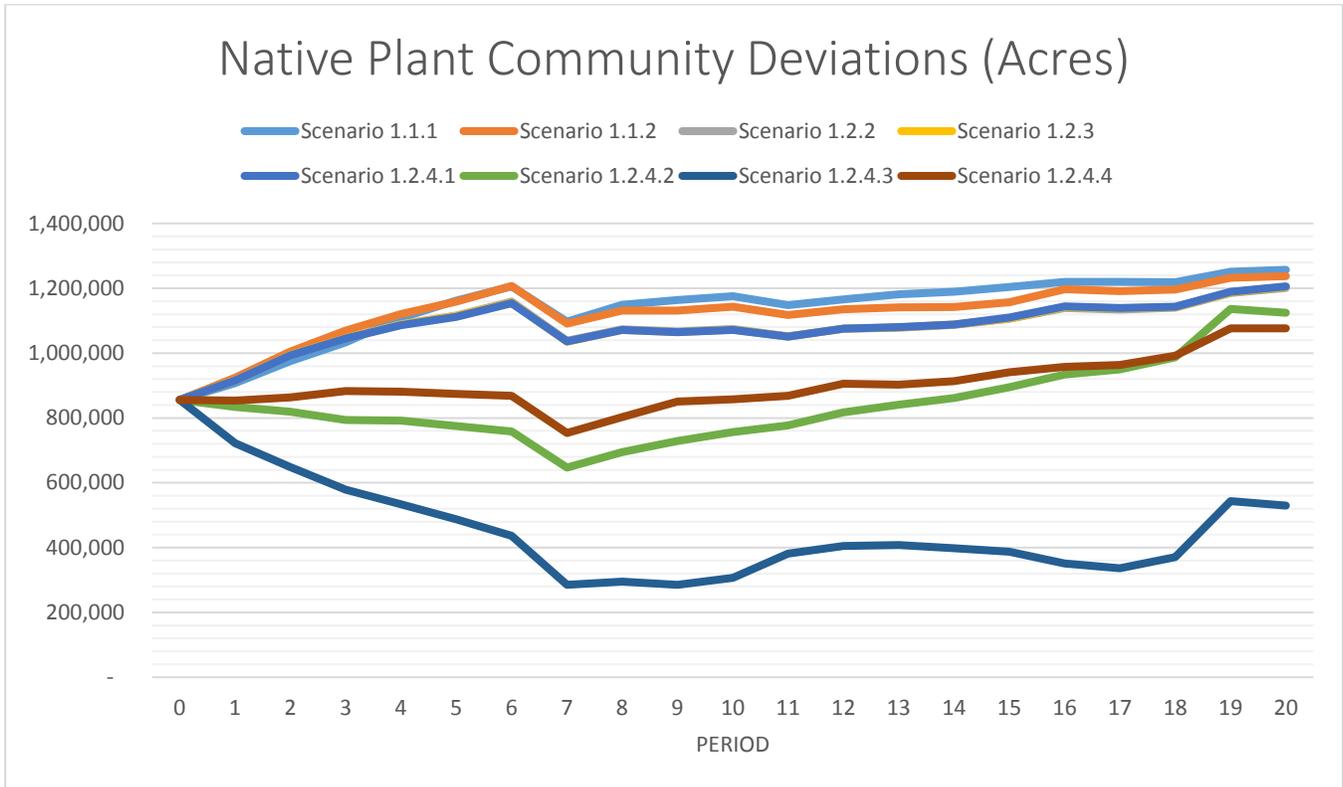


Figure 32. Scenario 1 - Native Plant Community Acreage Deviations

5.3.1.14 Forest-Age Diversity Goals

Adding NPC and old forest goals marginally improves forest age class diversity as measured by the forest-age diversity index. Scenario 1.2.4.3 (NPC goals) and 1.2.4.4 (young forest guild) yields the highest diversity index, ending period 20 at a value of 0.88 (Figure 22) (theoretical maximum is 0.90). Other scenarios are not substantially different, with the old forest goals scenario ending at 0.87, and the unconstrained scenario 1.1.1 at 0.85 (Figure 33). In percentage terms, the NPC scenario is 97.8% of the theoretical maximum, and scenario 1.2.2 is 95.6% of the maximum. Therefore, age class diversity is a relatively insensitive metric compared to others reported above.

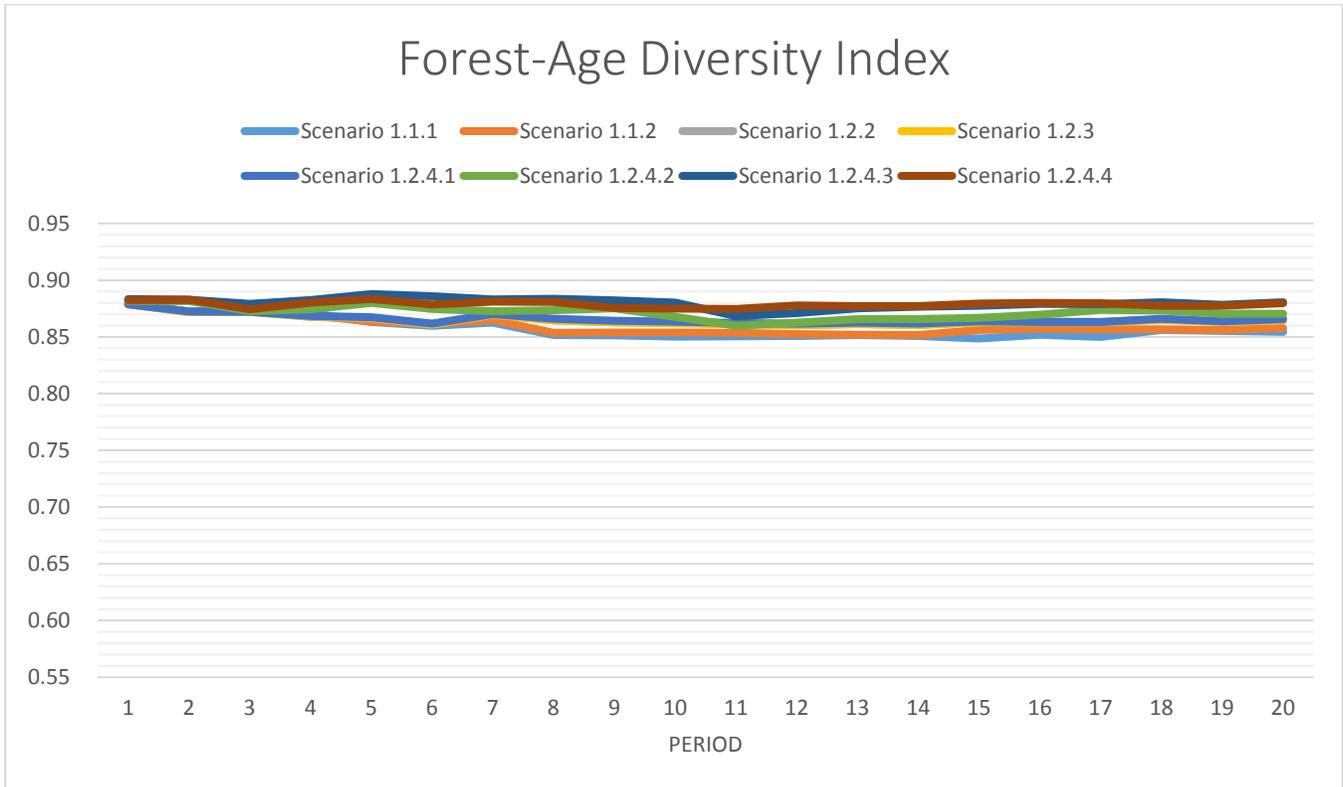


Figure 33. Scenario 1 – Forest-Age Diversity Index Range

### 5.3.2 Scenario 2 – Non-Timber Potential

In scenario 2 we reversed the traditional approach to forest planning and harvest scheduling, by using non-timber values as the objective, and timber harvest as the constraint. This scenario maximized non-timber values (forest-age diversity and old forest guild acres), subject to meeting various timber harvest levels. This provided an analysis of the potential to gain more non-timber values, while maintaining a predetermined harvest level. The following sub-scenarios were developed for Scenario 2:

- 2.1.1 Used forestry and wildlife management regimes. Objective was to maximize forest-age diversity. Timber volume was kept constant at 1 million cords per year. Enabled current MN DNR protocols (statutory requirements) by turning on species conversion, RMZ’s, endangered and threatened species, bald eagle nests, and 5% leave tree requirement. The purpose of this scenario was to determine if forest-age diversity can be maximized while maintaining a harvest level of 1 million cords per year. Following the completion of the Scenario 1 runs, we learned that a 1-million-cords-per-year harvest could not be sustained. We, therefore, elected to replace the 1 million cord harvest constraint with the harvest levels achieved in scenario 1.2.2.
- 2.1.2 Same as 2.1.1, but with a constant harvest level of 0.8 million cords per year. The purpose of this scenario was to determine if forest-age diversity can be maximized while maintaining a harvest level of 0.8 million cords per year.

- 2.1.3 Same as 2.1.1, but with a constant harvest level of 0.6 million cords per year. The purpose of this scenario was to determine if forest-age diversity can be maximized while maintaining a harvest level of 0.6 million cords per year.
- 2.2.1 Used forestry and wildlife management regimes. Objective was to maximize the old forest guild acres, keeping timber harvest volume constant at 1 million cords per year. Enabled current MN DNR protocols (statutory requirements) by turning on species conversion, RMZ's, endangered and threatened species, bald eagle nests, and 5% leave tree requirement. In addition we also turned on state species of special concern. The purpose of this scenario was to determine if the old forest guild hexagons can be maximized while maintaining a harvest level of 1 million cords per year. Following the completion of the Scenario 1 runs, we learned that a 1 million cords per year harvest could not be sustained. We, therefore, elected to replace the 1 million cord harvest constraint with the harvest levels achieved in scenario 1.2.3.
- 2.2.2 Same as 2.2.1, but with a constant harvest level of 0.8 million cords per year. The purpose of this scenario was to determine whether old forest guild hexagons can be maximized while maintaining a harvest level of 0.8 million cords per year.
- 2.2.3 Same as 2.2.1, but with a constant harvest level of 0.7 million cords per year. The purpose of this scenario was to determine if old forest guild hexagons can be maximized while maintaining a harvest level of 0.7 million cords per year.

In the results below we used scenarios 1.2.2 and 1.2.3 to compare back to Scenario 1 results. All of these scenarios used the forestry and wildlife management regimes, and the regulatory requirement constraints for watersheds, diversity, and wildlife. This allowed us to draw a comparison between Scenario 1 and 2 results, in order to assess the impact of the non-timber objective function.

The detailed results for each scenario are shown in Appendix H: Detailed Scenario Results. The rest of this section will be divided into two parts. Section 5.3.2.1 will report the results from the models with the forest-age diversity objective function, while 5.3.2.2 will report the results from the models with the old forest guild objective function.

### **5.3.2.1 Forest-Age Diversity Objective Function**

#### **5.3.2.1.1 Present Stumpage Revenue**

For scenario 2.1.1, present value of stumpage was \$0.91 billion (Figure 34). This was only marginally different from scenario 1.2.2. Annual harvest levels of 800,000 cords (2.1.2) and 600,000 cords (2.1.3) were sustained over the 100-year planning interval. The present stumpage values of these lower harvest scenarios were \$0.75 billion for scenario 2.1.2 and \$0.54 billion for scenario 2.1.3 (Figure 34), a reduction of 18% and 41% from scenario 1.2.2.

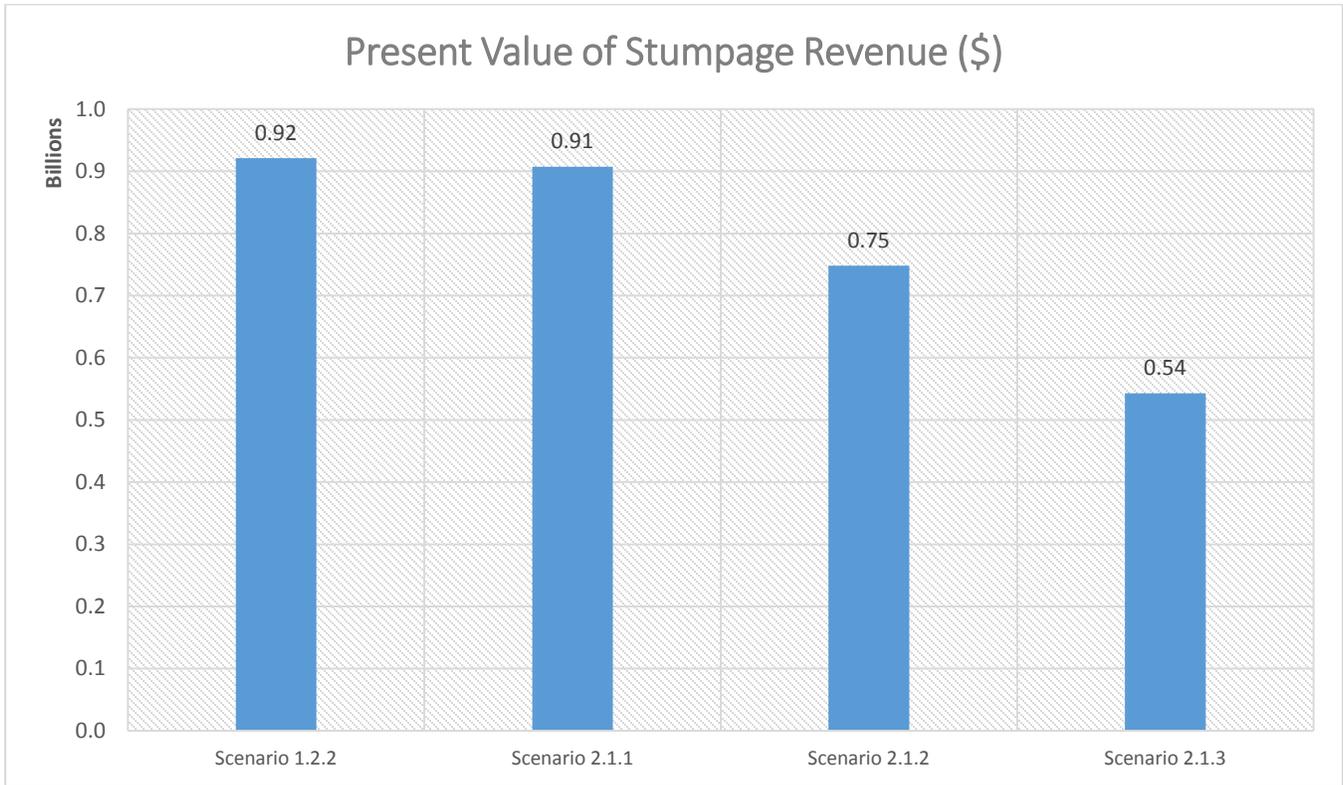


Figure 34. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Present Stumpage Revenue

#### 5.3.2.1.2 Harvest Volume

Scenario 2.1.1 harvest levels were identical to 1.2.2 (Figure 35), but also achieved higher forest-age diversity (5.3.2.1.14). This implies that there are opportunities to maximize diversity while maintaining optimal harvest levels. For scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3, the model was able to sustain both the 800,000 and 600,000 cords per year harvest level for the full planning horizon (Figure 35). Scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 encountered no difficulties in maintaining harvest levels, so their long-term average harvest stays constant (Figure 35), and is equal to the harvest objective.

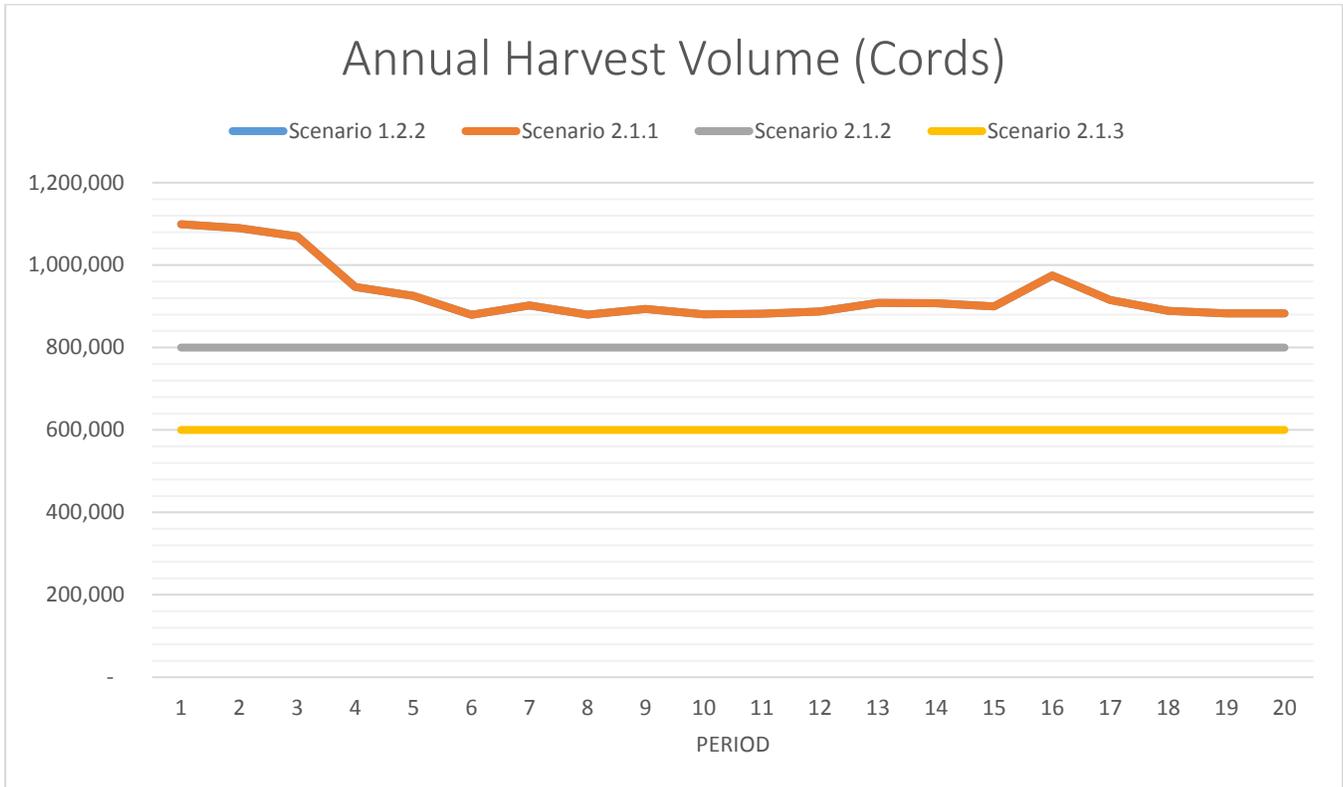


Figure 35. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Annual Harvest Volumes

#### 5.3.2.1.3 Clear-Cut Operable Acres

Recall that clear-cut operable acres represent the acres that are eligible for the clear-cut action. Scenarios with higher sustained harvest rates are defined by declining clear-cut operable acres (Figure 36) because these scenarios tend to harvest stands near to their minimum rotation age (Figure 37). After 100 years, clear-cut operable acreage in Scenario 2.1.1 is around 361,000 acres, only marginally higher than the baseline from scenario 1.1.2, which was 317,000 acres (Figure 36).

When biodiversity (stand age class diversity) was maximized under lower harvest levels, the clear-cut operable acres increased rapidly. For scenario 2.1.2, a harvest level of 800,000 cords per year resulted in 979,000 clear-cut operable acres by year 100; for scenario 2.1.3, a harvest level of 600,000 cords per year allowed for 1.07 million clear-cut operable acres by year 100 (Figure 36). The number of clear-cut operable acres are closely correlated with average clear-cut age (Figure 37).

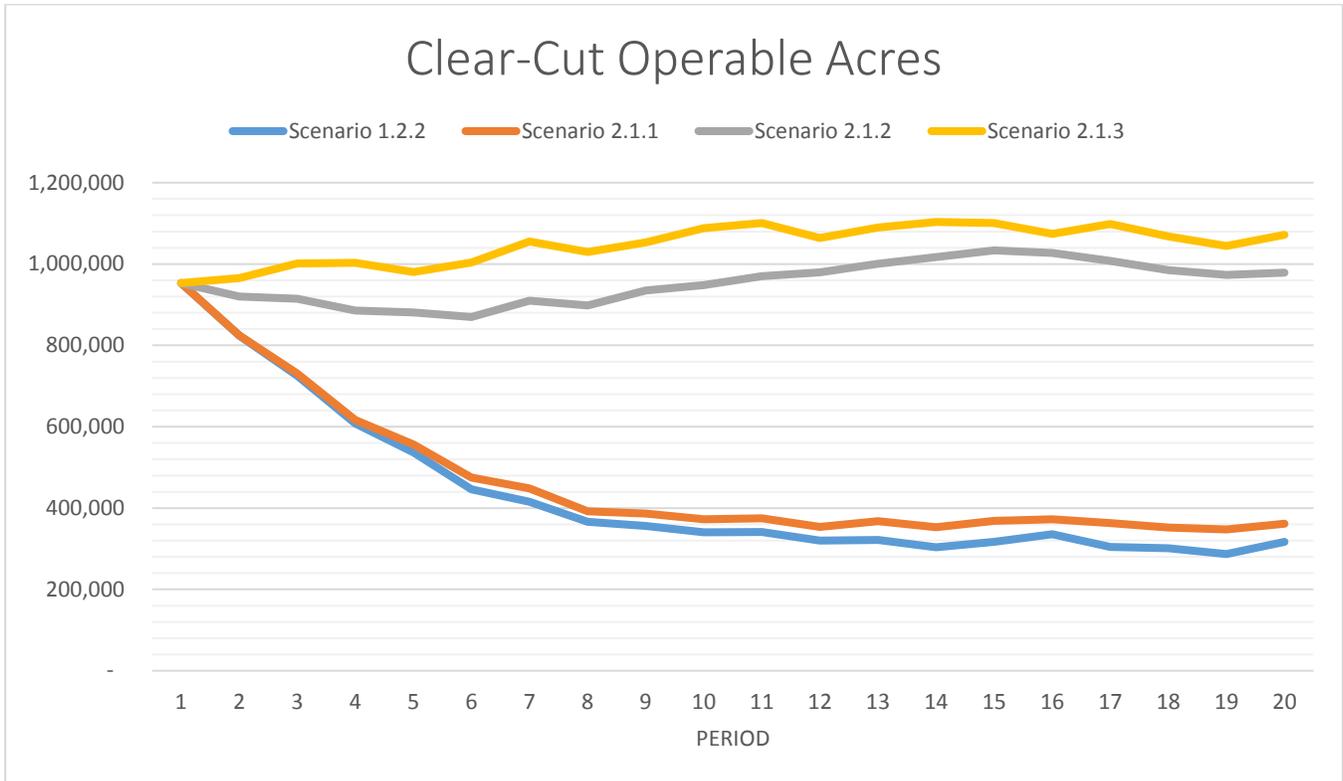


Figure 36. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Clear-Cut Operable Acres

#### 5.3.2.1.4 Average Clear-Cut Age

Through the first 20 years of the planning horizon, standing inventory contains adequate acreage that is already older than rotation age, so average clear-cut age is not substantially different among scenarios. After 20 years, however, scenario 2.1.1 began to require clear-cut of stands progressively closer to the rotation age. By approximately 75 years, scenario 2.1.1 (similar to 1.2.2) reaches an equilibrium average age of clear-cut around 55 years old, which can be thought of as the acre-weighted average rotation age across cover types in the planning areas. The result for scenario 2.1.1 is similar to the baseline scenario 1.2.2, but the models differed by the requirement to maximize biodiversity, so scenario 2.1.1 had a slightly higher average clear-cut age to increase biodiversity.

Scenario 2.1.2, which sustained an annual harvest level of 800,000 cords, had an intermediate average clear-cut age, averaging 75 years across the model interval, and ending near 70 years, 13 years older than scenario 2.1.1 (Figure 37). Sustaining a harvest level of only 600,000 cords per year, Scenario 2.1.3 had an average clear-cut age of 81 years and ended year 100 at an average clear-cut age of 81 years. Average clear-cut age in scenario 2.1.3 was 8% higher than Scenario 2.1.2 and 27% higher than Scenario 2.1.1.

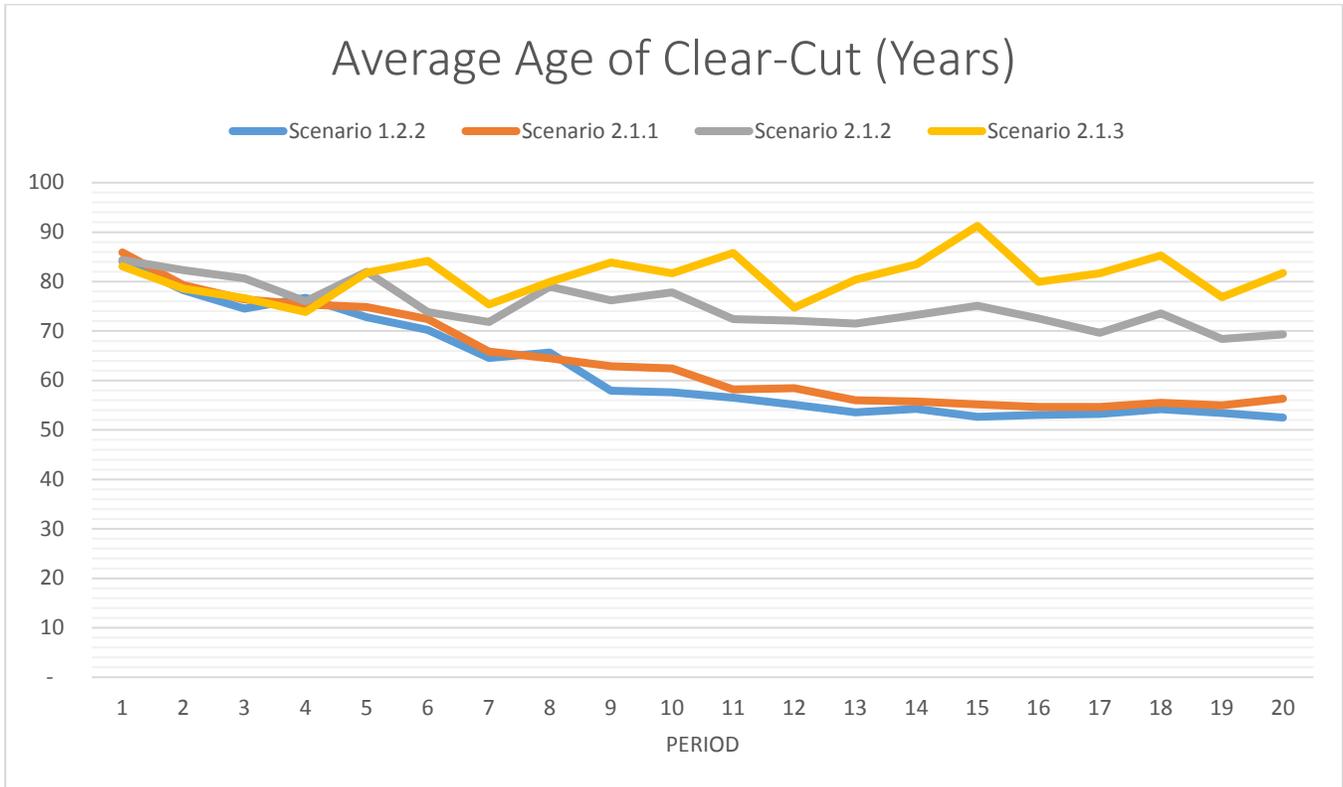


Figure 37. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Average Clear-Cut Ages

#### 5.3.2.1.5 Priority Harvest Volume

The fraction of total harvest volume that is within 75 miles of major processors and consists of preferred species—the priority harvest volume—is similar across each of the versions of Scenario 2. The 100-year average priority harvest volume ranges only a small amount, from a low of 63% in scenario 2.1.3 to 66% in scenario 2.1.1 (Figure 38). At a few times early in the planning horizon, scenarios 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 diverged to a limited extent from scenario 2.1.3, but not by more than 5% in a given period (Figure 38). Considering only the final 25 years, the priority harvest volume was 65% (2.1.1 and 2.1.2) or 64% (2.1.3) of the total. Compared to scenario 1.2.2, priority harvest volume is nearly identical for scenario 2.1.1 (Figure 38).

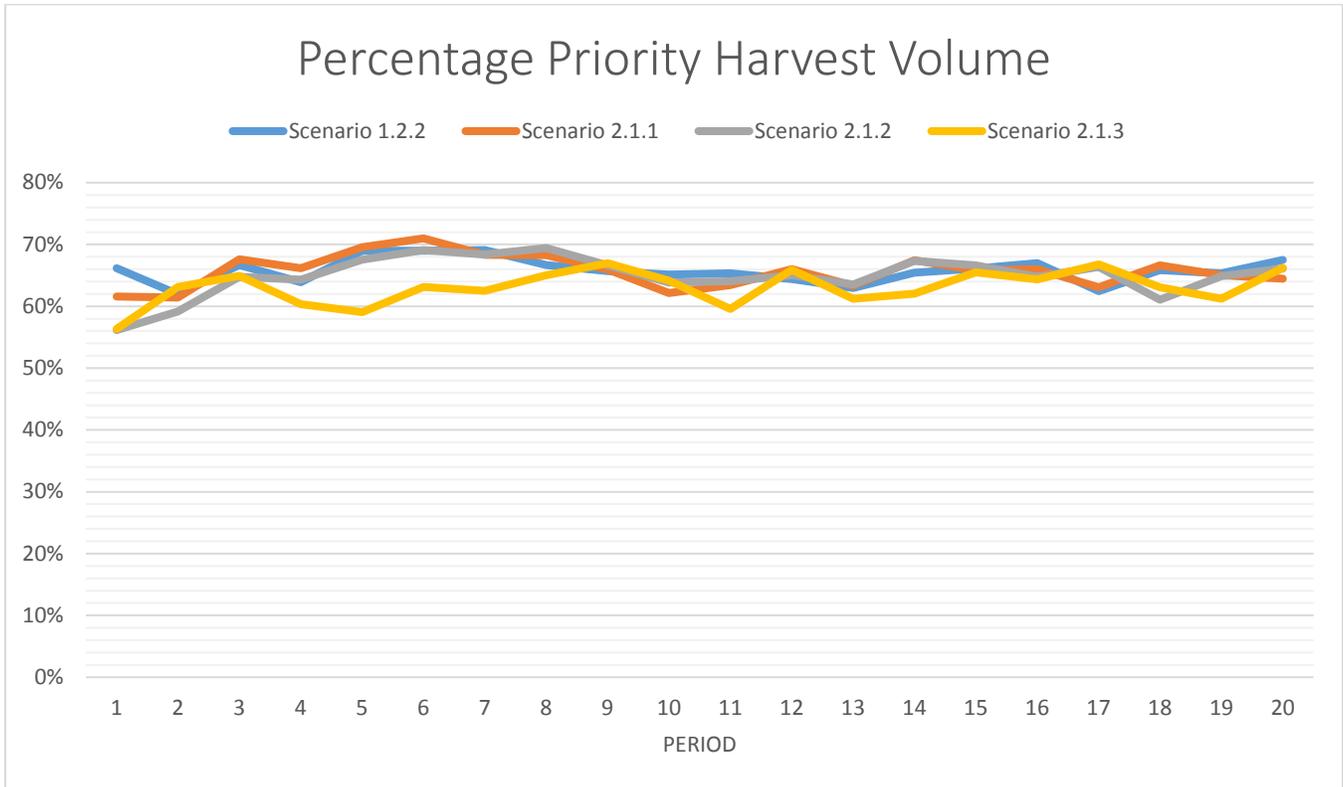


Figure 38. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Priority Harvest Volume

#### 5.3.2.1.6 Inventory

We should expect scenario 2.1.1 inventory to be similar to the baseline inventory from scenario 1.2.2 since harvest levels were nearly identical. Scenario 2.1.1 inventory began at 36.8 million cords, but after 20 years dropped to a steady long-term average of 32.1 million cords (Figure 39). Scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 had lower harvest levels, resulting in higher inventory. Again after 20 years, the long-term average inventory shows minimal fluctuation, staying at 38.6 million cords for scenario 2.1.2 and 41.3 million cords for scenario 2.1.3 (Figure 39).

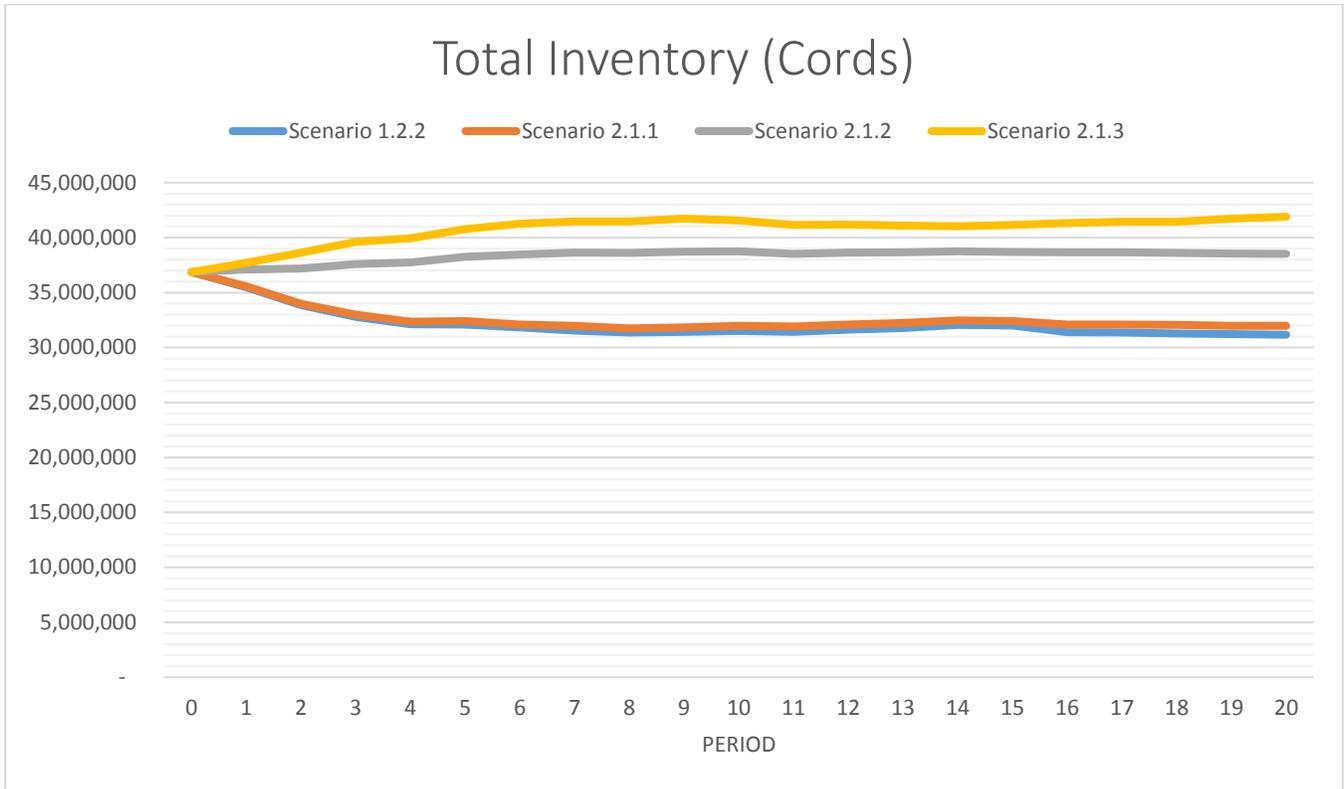


Figure 39. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Inventory Volume by Period

Where inventory is high, stand turnover is low; stands reach more advanced ages, so annual growth rates are lower. With the smallest inventory (Figure 39) and the lowest average clear-cut age (Figure 37), scenario 2.1.1 should show the largest annual growth increment (Figure 40). Over 100 years, scenario 2.1.1 growth averages 712,000 cords per year. Scenario 2.1.2 has intermediate harvest levels and inventory, as well as intermediate annual growth, averaging 660,000 cords per year (Figure 40). Scenario 2.1.3 averages only 586,000 cords per year.

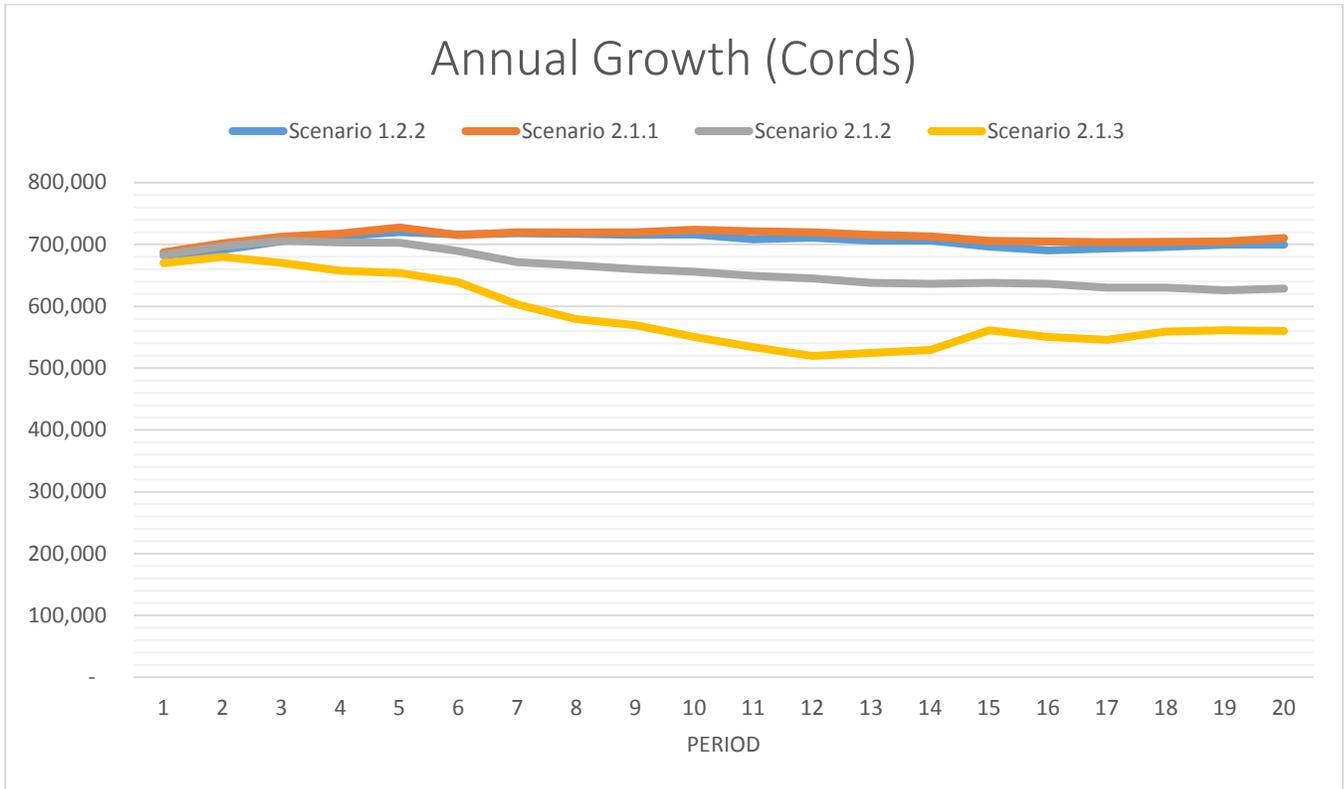


Figure 40. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Annual Growth

#### 5.3.2.1.7 Trust Land Inventory

Inventory located on school trust land is proportional to total inventory for each case of Scenario 2 (Figure 41). Scenario 2.1.3 total inventory increases from 36.8 million cords to a long-term average over the last 80 years (from year 20 to year 100) of 41.3 million cords, an increase of 12%. On trust lands, scenario 2.1.3 behaves in a similar way, starting at 17.3 million cords and increasing 13% to 19.7 million cords. Inventory build-up in scenario 2.1.2, again comparing the long-term average over the last 80 years, is 4.6% in total compared to 3.5% for trust lands. For scenario 2.1.1, inventory draw-down is 12.9% for the total inventory, but 17.4% for trust lands. In this scenario, inventory is reduced on trust lands by about 5% more than the total land base for scenario 2.1.1.

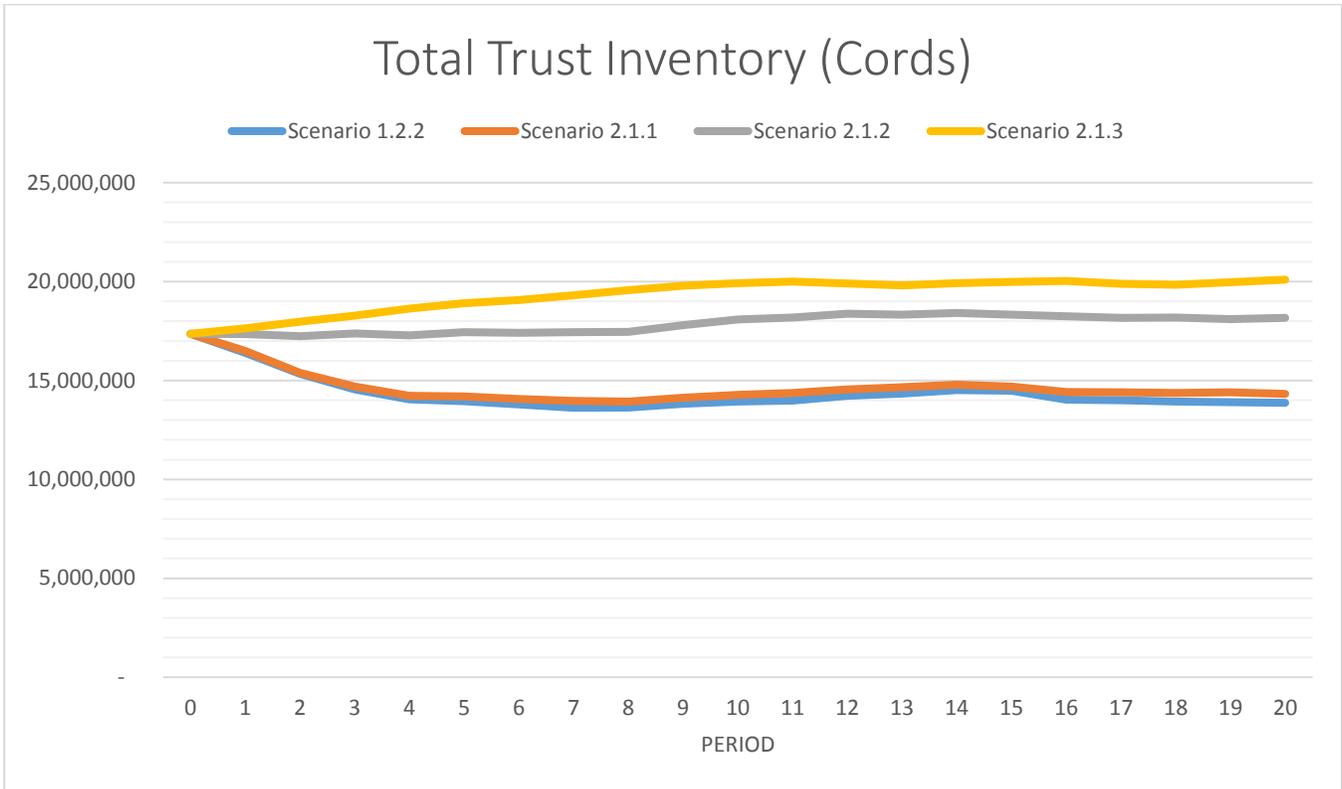


Figure 41. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Inventory on Trust Land

#### 5.3.2.1.8 Cover Type Conversions

Conversion among cover types typically proceeds at an average rate of 1,330 acres per year, although there is a single time point at 35 years in which conversions for scenario 2.1.1 more than double (Figure 42). Overall, the relative magnitude of cover type conversion (1,000 to 3,250 acres) to operable acres (approximately 2.7 million acres) is small, ranging from 0.04% to 0.12%. The temporary spike (Figure 42) in cover type conversion in scenario 2.1.1 (also occurs in scenario 1.2.2) is driven by the conversion of planted white spruce to aspen and red pine. In scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3, lower harvest levels would not necessitate cover type conversions because harvest requirements can be met with existing inventory and cover type distributions.

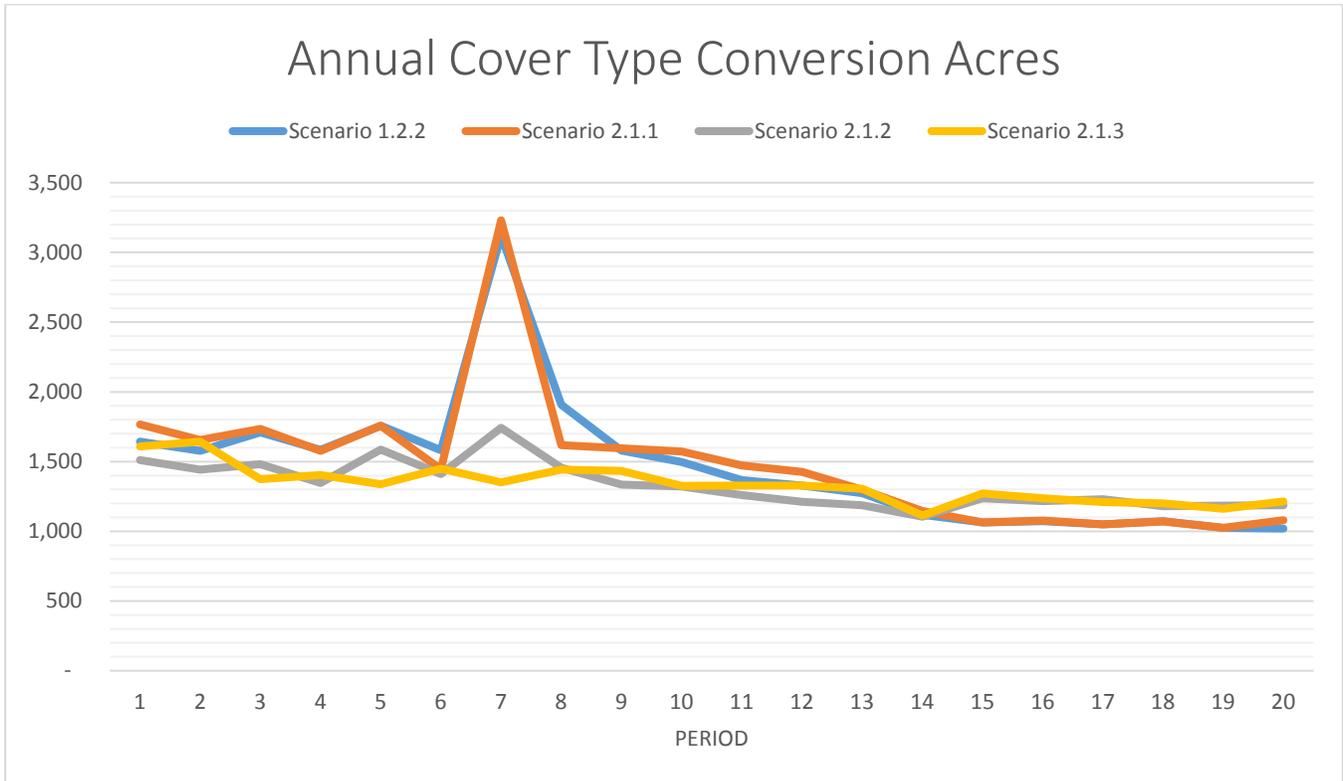


Figure 42. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Cover Type Conversions

#### 5.3.2.1.9 Planning Latitude

In Scenario 1, we defined planning latitude as the ratio of clear-cut acres to clear-cut operable acres, which was a measure of operational flexibility in the scenario. When clear-cut acres constitute a high percentage of operable acres, there is less latitude for implementing planning options. We would expect planning latitude to be highest at the beginning of the planning interval when the entire current standing inventory is available for decision making. Under scenarios with high harvest levels, planning latitude would tend to decrease because rotation lengths are reduced (Figure 37) and more acres must participate in active management (Figure 43). In scenario 2.1.1, the proportion of clear-cut acres begins at 24%, when existing inventory beyond rotation age can provide larger yields per acres. The proportion of clear-cut acres increases steadily to a long-term average of 54% during the final 50 years of the plan (Figure 43). In comparison, scenario 1.2.2 used a higher proportion of acres, suggesting that the diversity objective had a positive impact on latitude. Scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 had substantially lower proportions, which ranged between 9% and 18%.

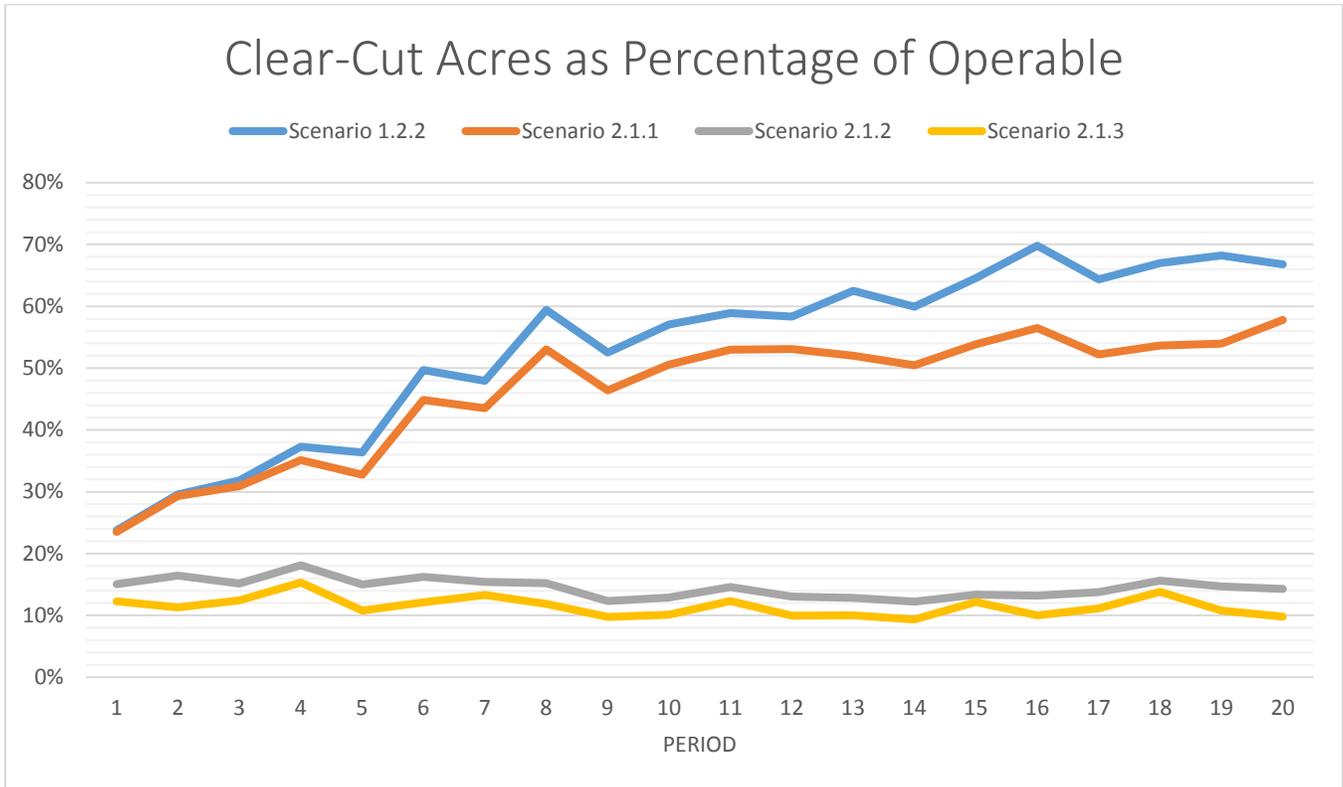


Figure 43. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Planning Latitude

#### 5.3.2.1.10 Open Watershed Goals

Whereas scenario 1.2.4.1 had the goal to minimize the impacts of harvesting on priority catchments, this goal was not applied on scenario 1.2.2, nor on any of the Scenario 2 cases. The prevalence of open watersheds in these scenarios would not be a consequence of actively attempting to minimize open watersheds. We see little difference in the percentage of open watersheds (minimum 3.48% for scenario 2.1.2, maximum 4.15% for scenario 2.1.1), and the percentage at 100 years is essentially identical, either 3.8% or 4% (Figure 44). In that scenario 1.2.4.1 (Figure 29) open watersheds were reduced to 2.54% of the area after 20 years. Scenarios 2.1.1 and 2.1.3 were each 3.8% at 100 years, or 1.27% higher than scenario 1.2.4.3; scenario 2.1.2 was 4.0% at 100 years, or 1.45% higher. The outcome in terms of open watersheds does not improve substantially when the quantity is a target for optimization, nor does it suffer when watersheds are not explicitly optimized.

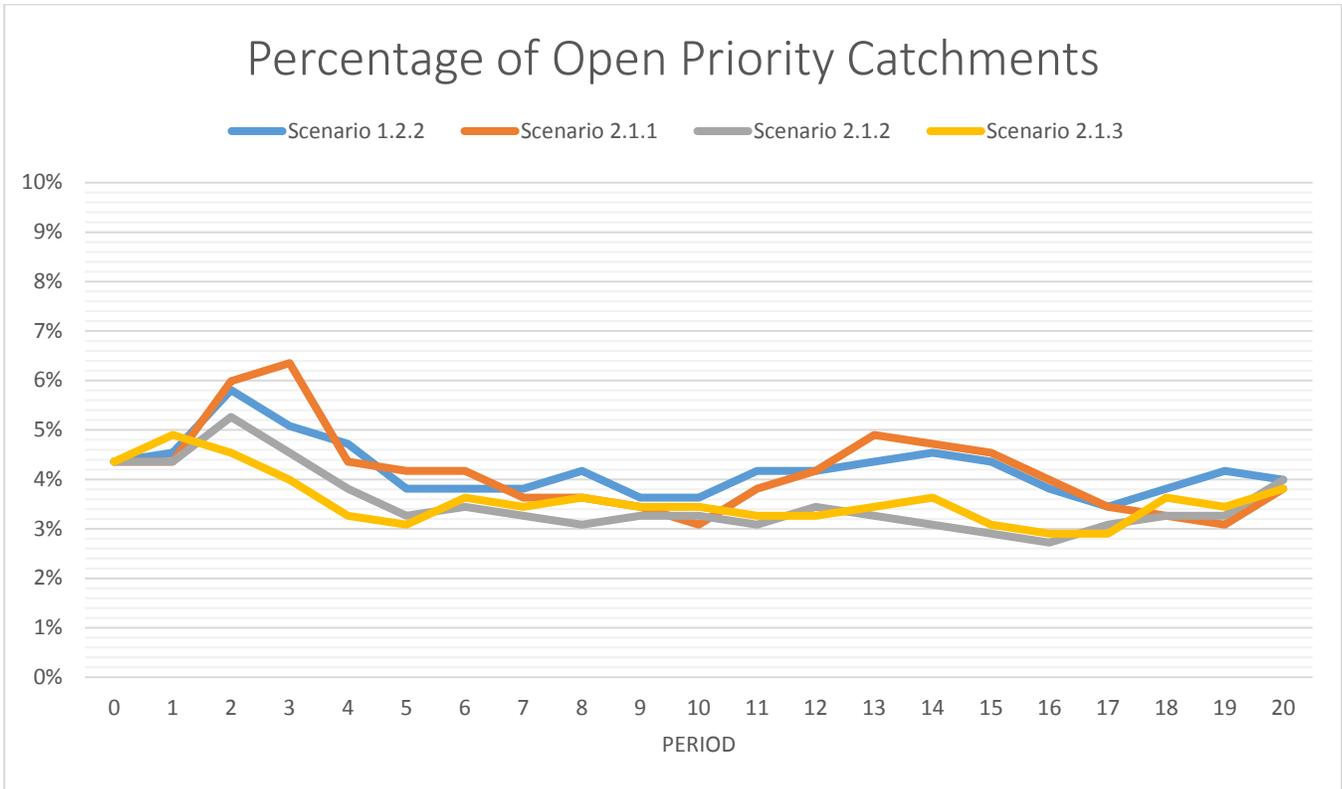


Figure 44. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Open Watershed Prevalence

#### 5.3.2.1.11 Old Forest Guild Goals

The objective of each case in Scenario 2 was to maximize forest-age diversity. This should result in an increase of every age class that happens to be underrepresented in the existing inventory. The current inventory has 5.0% of hexagons that have old forest guilds represented (Figure 45). When harvest levels are high (e.g. scenarios 2.1.1 and 1.2.2, for comparison), stands must be harvested at or not much beyond rotation age to maximize yields, preventing many stands from aging into the old forest guild. Scenario 2.1.1 initially loses old forest through about 35 years but manages to rebuild the old forest component until around 75 years (Figure 45). By year 100, however, hexagons with old forest declined to 2.95%. In contrast, after 40 years, both scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 increased old forest guild representation (Figure 45). In the latter 50 years, scenario 2.1.2 averaged 6.8% of hexagons with old forest and ended year 100 with 8.9%; scenario 2.1.3 averaged 9.0% and ended year 100 with 9.44% of hexagons containing old forest.

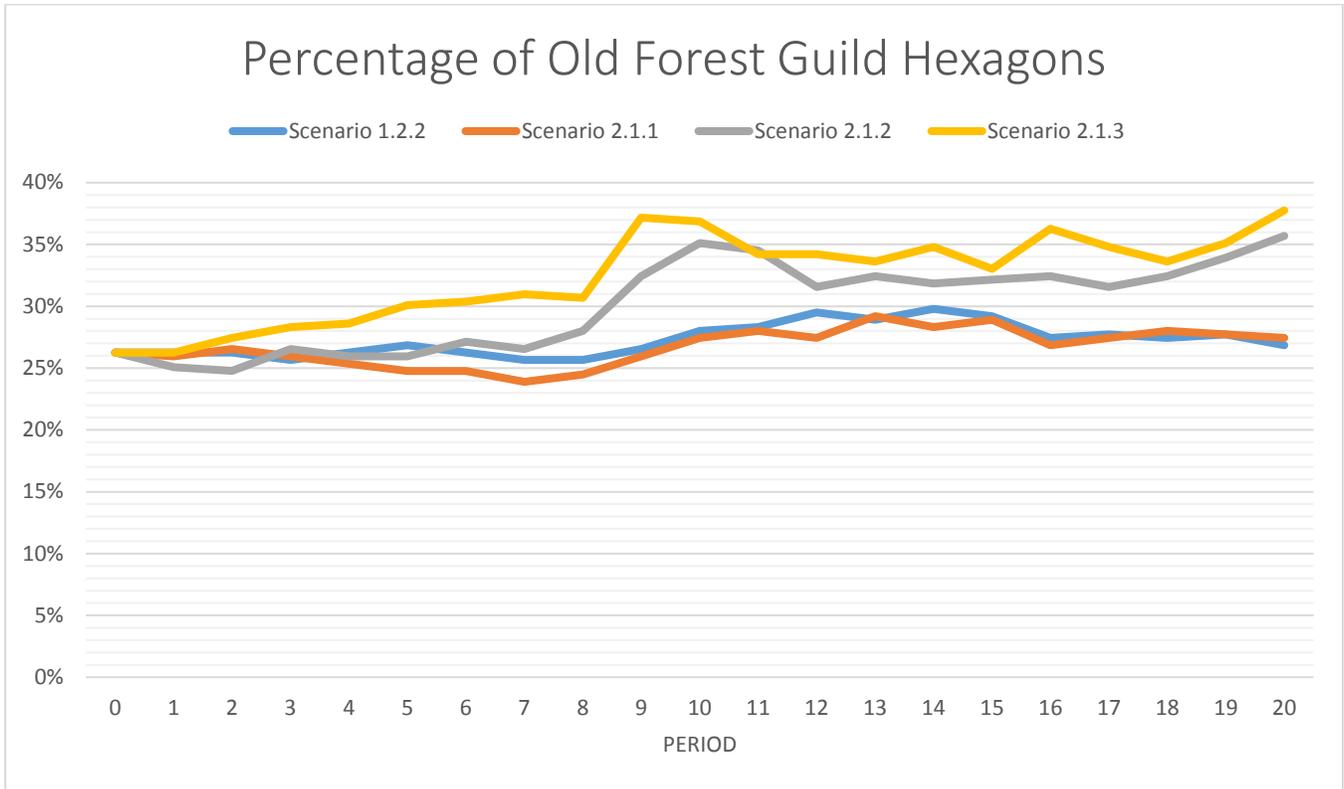


Figure 45. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Old Forest Guild Proportion

#### 5.3.2.1.12 Young Forest Guild Goals

None of the scenarios optimized for young forest guild goals, so the results reported here are artifacts of other management assumptions. The results show that lower the harvest level had the greatest impact on the percentage of young forest guild hexagons. Scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 ended at 12% and 16% respectively. In comparison, scenario 2.1.1 ended at 7%.

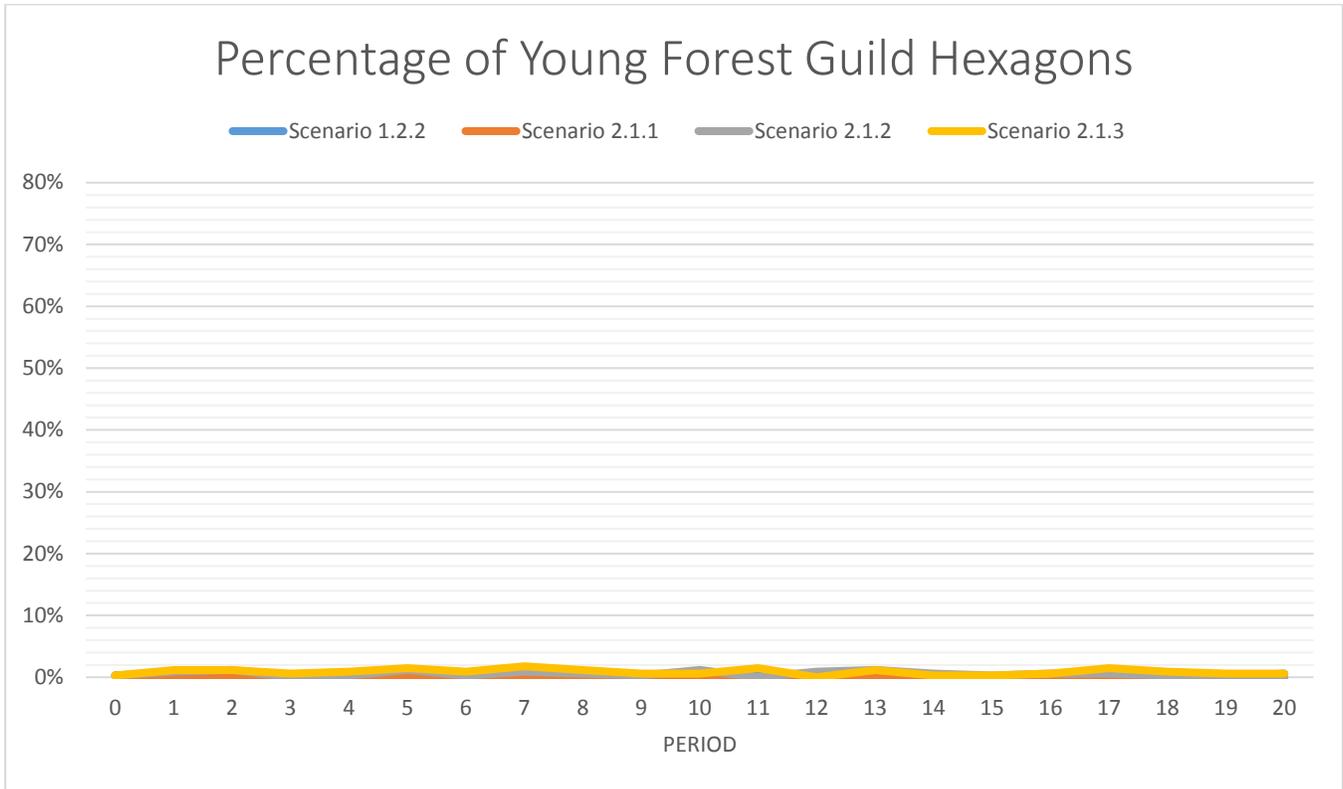


Figure 46. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Young Forest Guild Proportion

#### 5.3.2.1.13 Native Plant Community Goals

Both scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 were able to reach maximum diversity (see 5.3.2.1.14) and were also able to substantially reduce deviations from NPC goals (but not as much as applying NPC goals with the stumpage revenue objective) ( $\pm 400,000$  acres of deviations, Figure 32). The deviations for scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 are similar, ending at 997,000 acres and 925,000 acres, respectively (Figure 47). Scenario 2.1.1 attempted to maximize diversity while meeting a maximized harvest level (Figure 35). At 100 years, the NPC deviation for scenario 2.1.1 was 1.18 million acres, only slightly different from the 1.2 million acres in scenario 1.2.2. None of the Scenario 2 cases explicitly attempted to optimize NPC goals. In maximizing diversity, average NPC deviations for scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 were maintained over the long term at levels similar to the initial inventory. With the higher harvest requirement in scenario 2.1.1, NPC deviations increased.

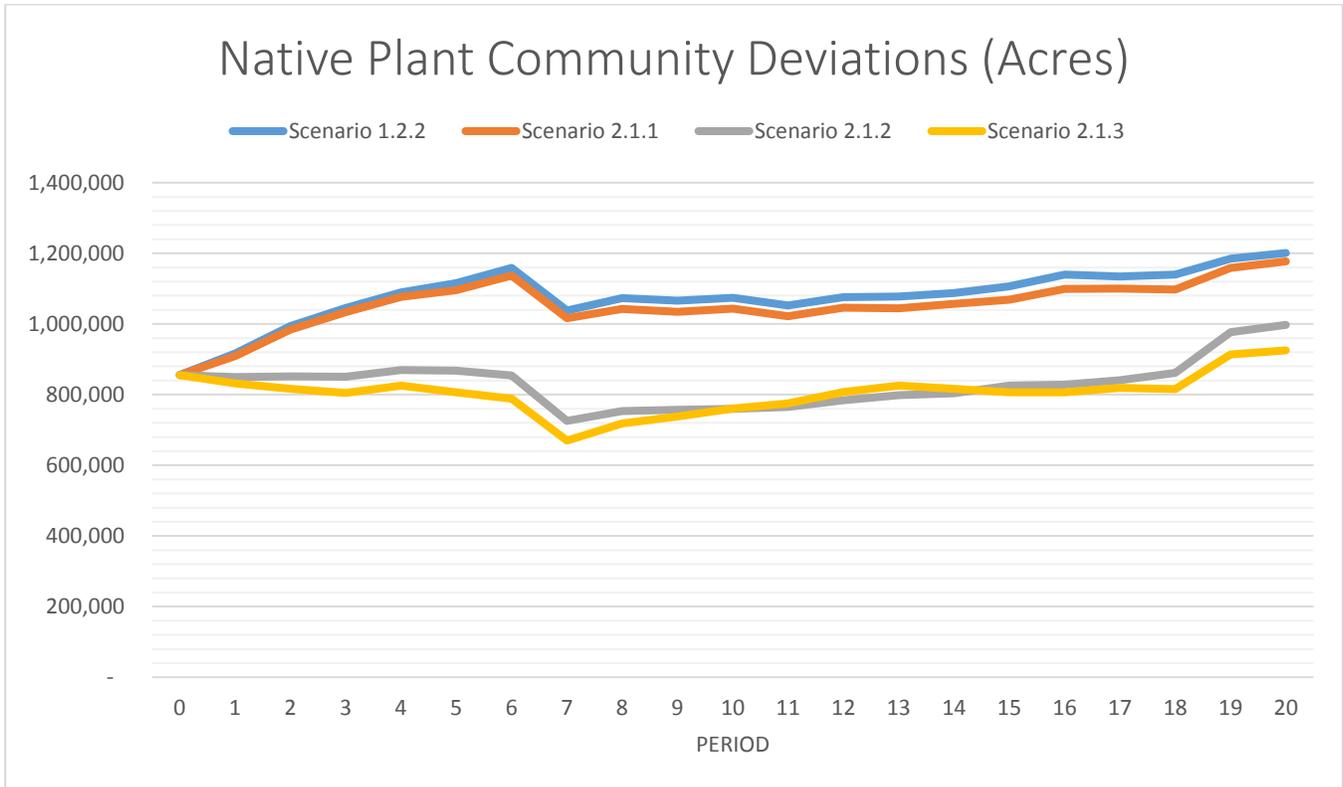


Figure 47. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Native Plant Community Acreage Deviations

#### 5.3.2.1.14 Forest-Age Diversity Goals

Maximizing forest age class diversity was the chief difference between Scenario 2 and 1.2.2, so we expect higher forest age class diversity index in these alternatives. In attempting to meet the maximized annual harvest, scenario 2.1.1 did not differ appreciably from Scenario 1.2.2 in terms of inventory, harvest, or average stand age, nor was there a substantial difference in forest-age diversity (Figure 48). Each scenario converges on a stable long-term value of forest-age diversity, with scenario 2.1.1 slightly higher (0.86 vs. 0.87 in period 20).

The theoretical range of the diversity index is 0.62 to 0.90, so a difference of 0.01 diversity index unit represents 3.57% of the diversity index scale. At year 100, forest age class diversity for scenario 2.1.1 was 0.87 index units, compared to 0.86 units for the baseline scenario 1.2.2. Translated to normalized percentage units, optimizing forest-age diversity in scenario 2.1.1 led to an increase in the diversity index of 1.11%.

Both scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 successfully maximized forest-age diversity while still sustaining annual harvest level requirements, so both scenarios reached close to the highest theoretical level of 0.9 on the forest-age diversity index (Figure 48). In index percentage terms compared to scenario 1.2.2, scenario 2.1.2 was 11.2% higher and scenario 2.1.3 was 11.3% higher.

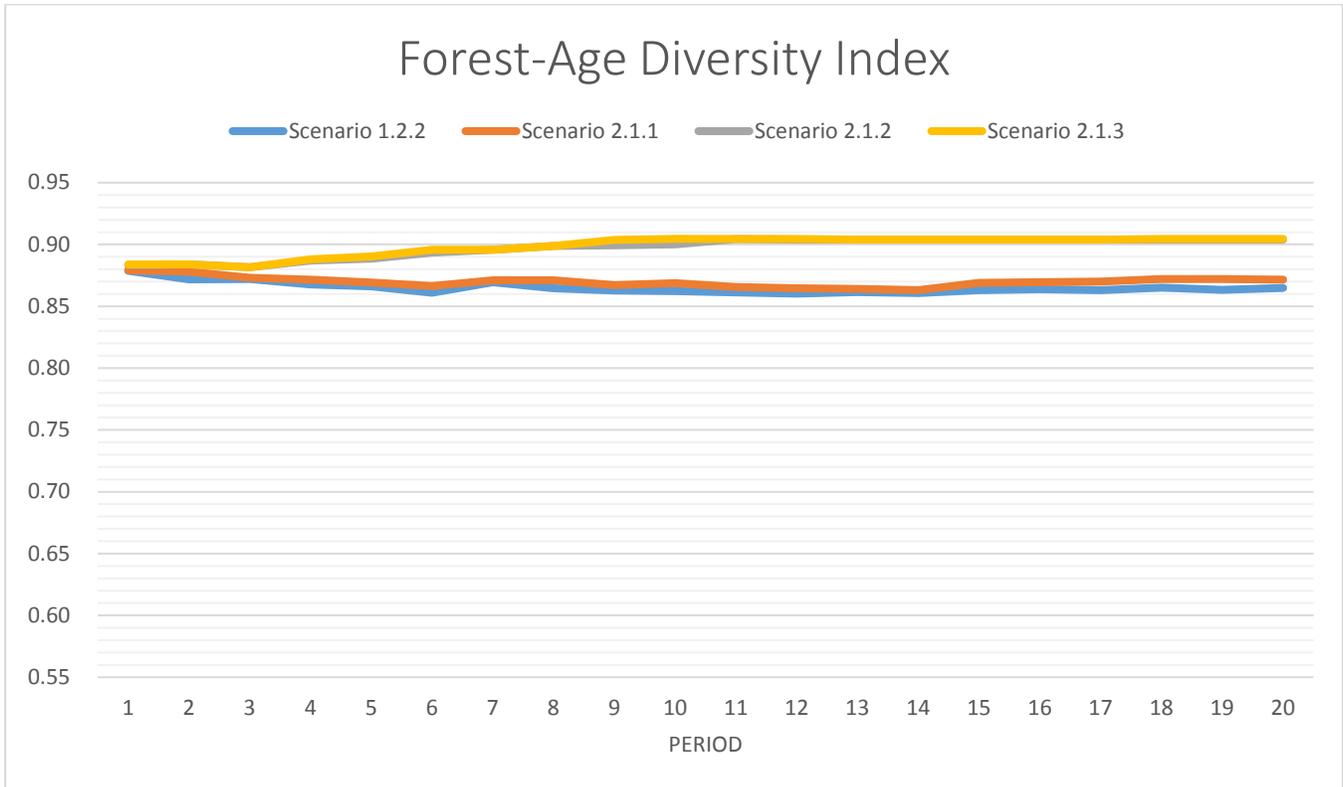


Figure 48. Scenario 2 Forest-Age Diversity - Forest Age Class Diversity Index Range

### 5.3.2.2 Old Forest Guild Objective Function

#### 5.3.2.2.1 Present Stumpage Revenue

For scenario 2.2.1 present value of stumpage was \$0.90 billion (Figure 49), or just \$10 million lower than scenario 1.2.3. Annual harvest levels of 800,000 cords (2.2.2) and 700,000 cords (2.2.3) were sustained over the 100-year planning interval. The present stumpage values of these lower harvest scenarios were \$0.73 billion for scenario 2.2.2 and \$0.62 billion for scenario 2.2.3 (Figure 34), a reduction of 20% and 32%, respectively, from scenario 1.2.3.

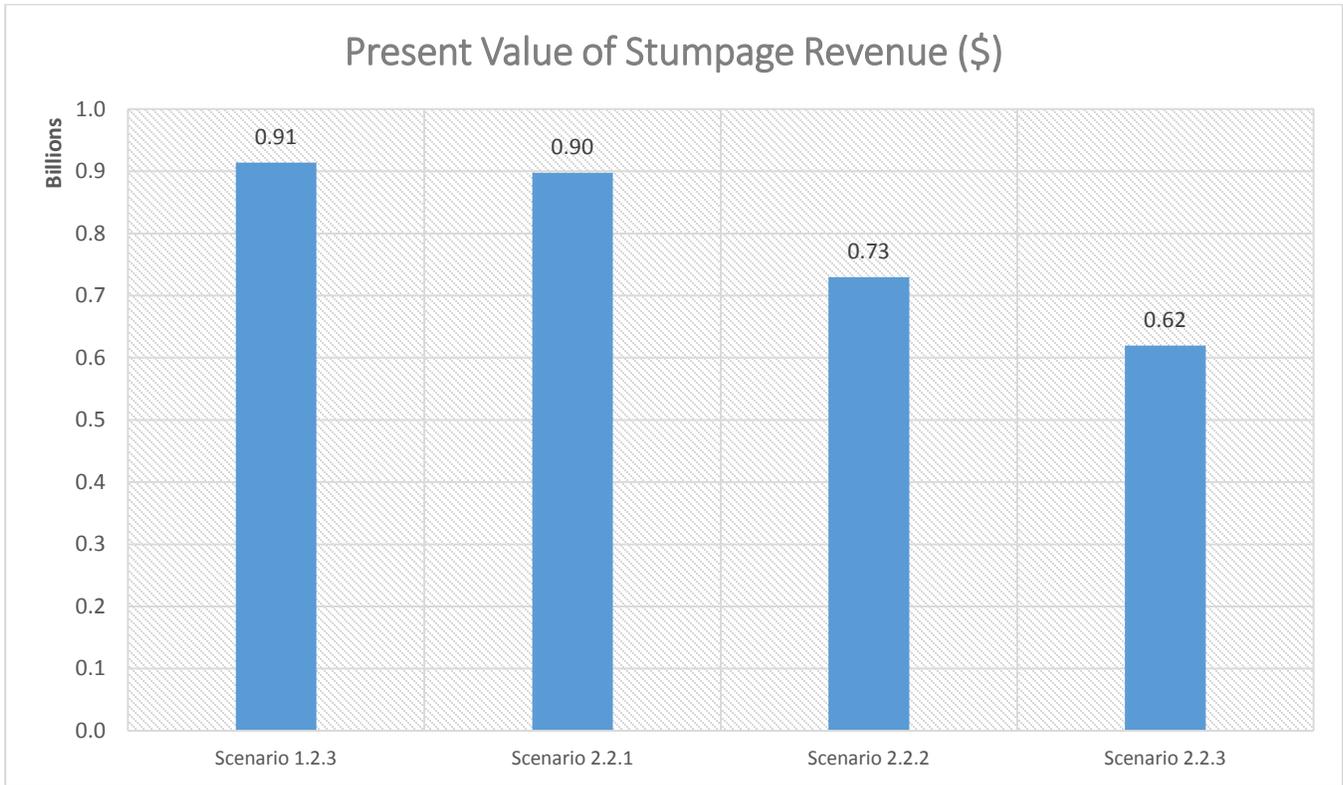


Figure 49. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Present Stumpage Revenue

#### 5.3.2.2.2 Harvest Volume

Scenario 2.2.1 harvest levels were identical to 1.2.3 (Figure 50), but achieved a higher proportion of the old forest guild (5.3.2.2.11), implying opportunities to increase old forest representation and optimize harvest levels. For scenarios 2.2.2 and 2.2.3, the model was able to sustain both the 800,000 and 700,000 cords per year harvest level for the full planning horizon (Figure 50).

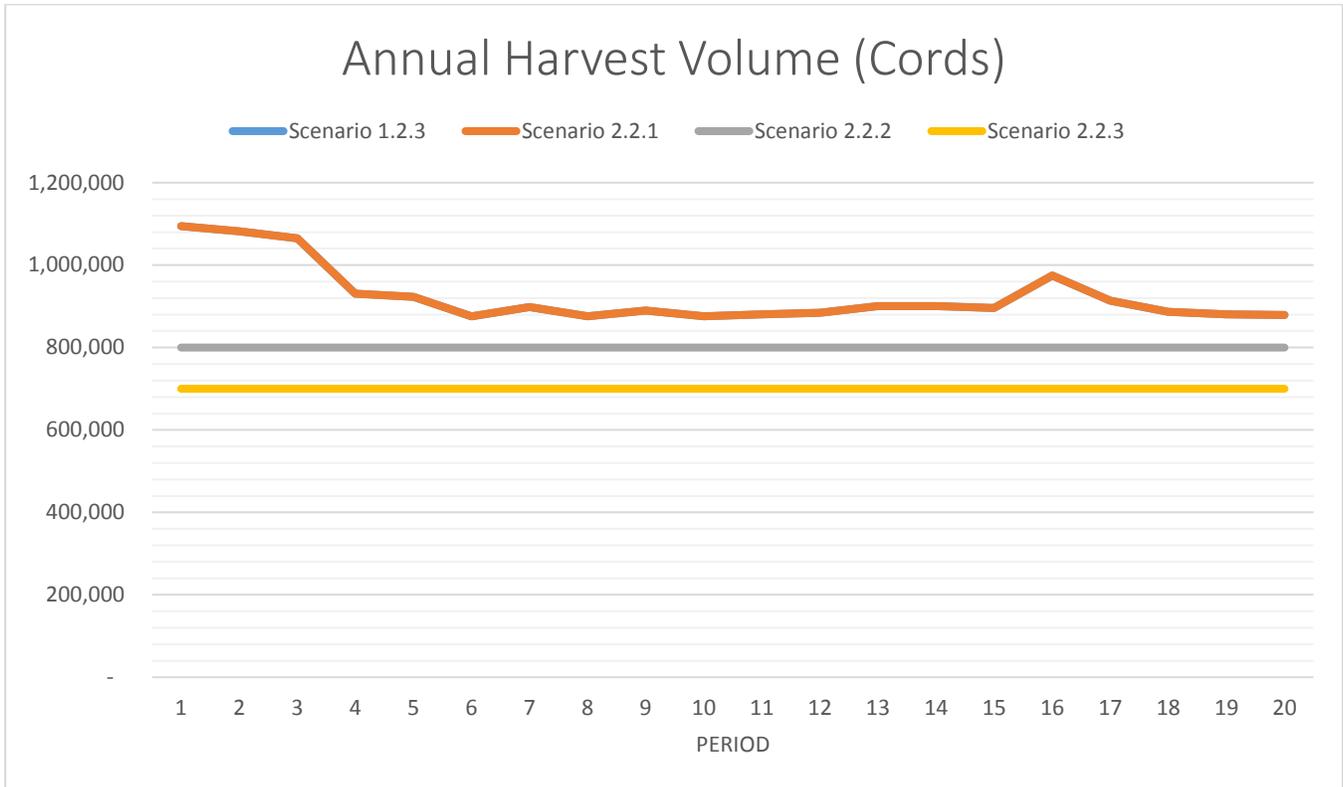


Figure 50. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Annual Harvest Volumes

### 5.3.2.2.3 Clear-Cut Operable Acres

Scenarios with higher harvest rates show a decline in clear-cut operable acres (Figure 51, and see 5.3.2.1.3 above) because stands are harvested close to their lowest allowable rotation age (Figure 52). After 100 years, clear-cut operable acreage in Scenario 2.2.1 is around 336,000 acres, only about 20,000 acres higher than Scenario 1.2.3, which was 317,000 acres (Figure 51).

For scenario 2.2.2 clear-cut operable acres depleted more slowly, ending around 691,000 acres (374,000 acres above Scenario 1.2.3) after 100 years (Figure 51). At the lowest harvest level of 600,000 cords, the terminal clear-cut operable area was 732,000 acres, or 415,000 acres higher than Scenario 1.2.3 (Figure 51). As before, the number of clear-cut operable acres are closely correlated with average clear-cut age.

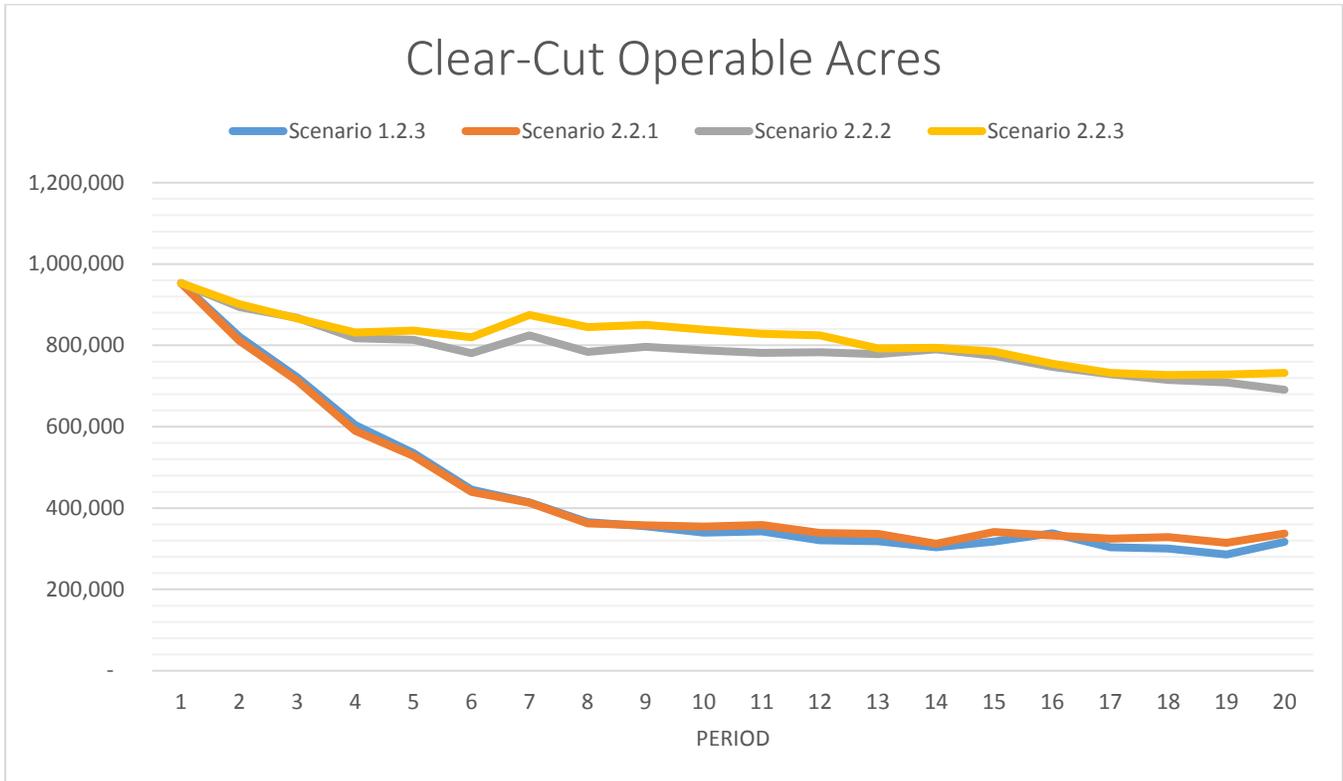


Figure 51. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Clear-Cut Operable Acres

#### 5.3.2.2.4 Average Clear-Cut Age

During planning periods one through four, the existing inventory is sufficient to support clear-cut operations on stands that are currently older than the minimum rotation age, so scenarios 2.2.1 through 2.2.3 show a declining clear-cut age parallel to Scenario 1.2.3 (Figure 52). Scenario 2.2.1 mirrors the clear-cut age of scenario 1.2.3, which is expected since they have the same harvest levels. Scenario 2.2.2 averaged 71 years across the whole planning interval, but averaged 65 years old during the latter 10 periods. On an average basis, Scenario 2.2.2 resulted in clear-cut age nine years older than Scenario 2.2.1, but the clear-cut age in the final model period was 13 years older than scenario 1.2.3 (Figure 52). Scenario 2.2.3 had an average clear-cut age of 74 years and ended year 100 at a clear-cut age of 75 years (Figure 52). Average clear-cut age in scenario 2.2.3 was 4% higher than Scenario 2.2.2 and 17% higher than Scenario 2.2.1.

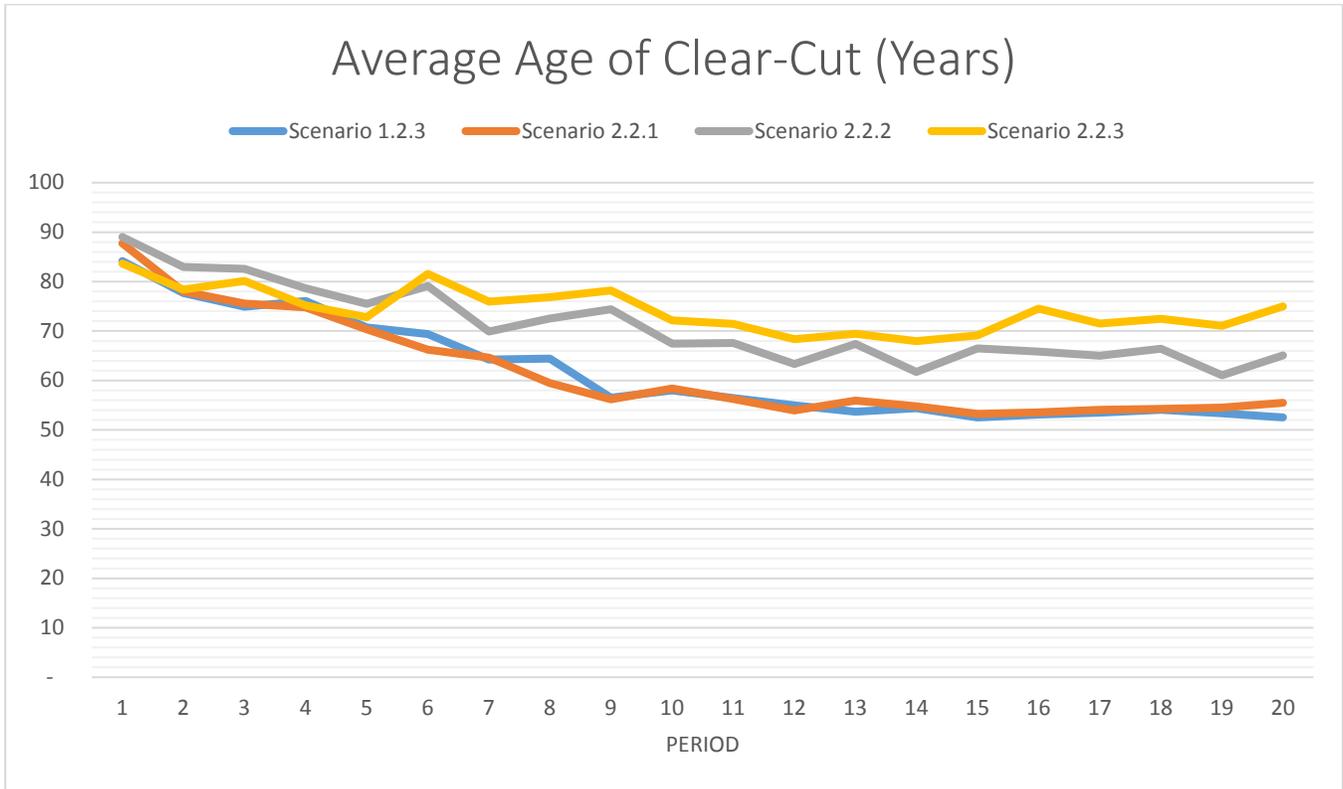


Figure 52. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Average Clear-Cut Ages

#### 5.3.2.2.5 Priority Harvest Volume

Priority harvest volume is defined as the percentage of total harvest volume comprising preferred species and located less than 75 miles away from major processors. Priority volume fractions hold relatively steady across the planning interval and are similar for each of the scenarios. The range of terminal average priority harvest is 64% (for Scenarios 2.2.1 and 2.2.3) and slightly higher at 66% for Scenario 2.2.2 (Figure 53). Between 30 and 40 years, Scenario 2.2.3 diverged from the others, showing about 6% lower priority harvest for that decade, but after 45 years, all three scenarios were similar to each other and also similar to Scenario 1.2.3 (Figure 53).

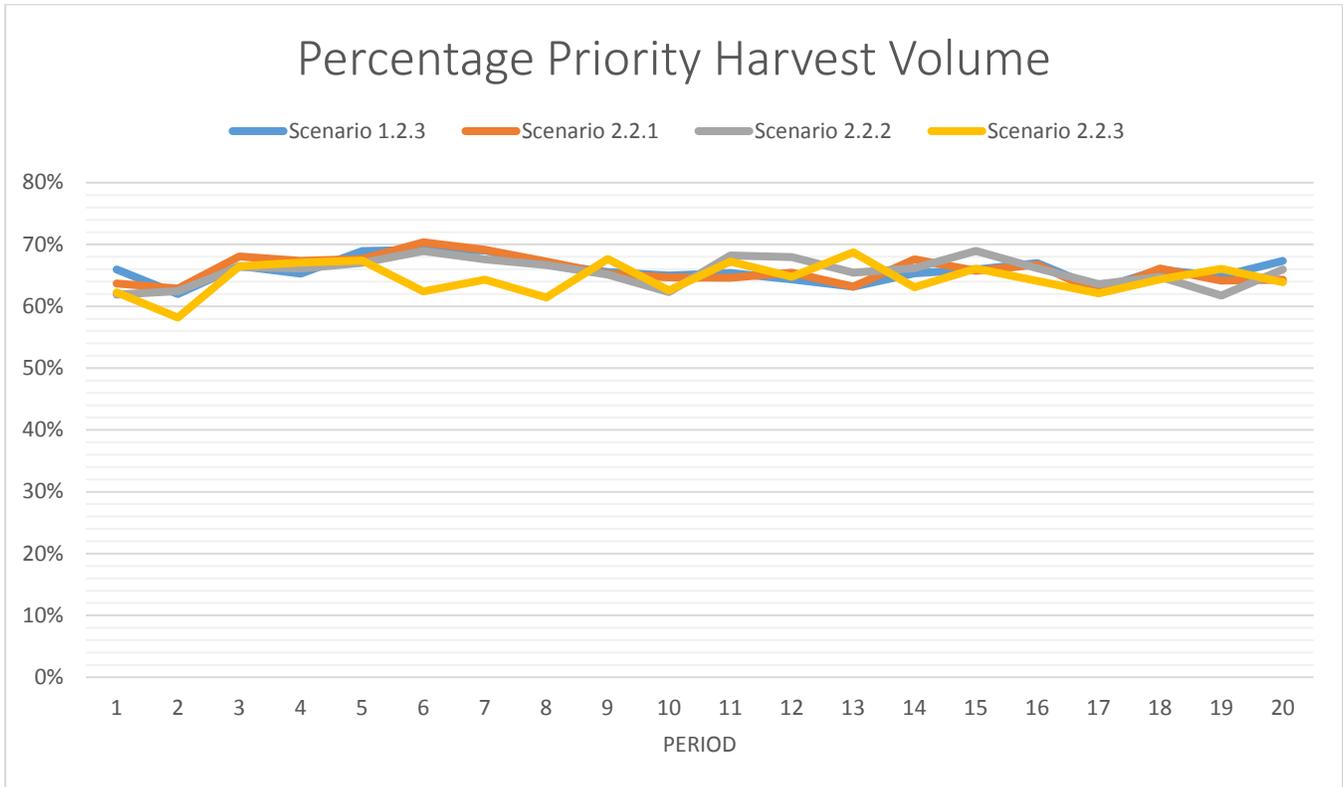


Figure 53. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Priority Harvest Volume

#### 5.3.2.2.6 Inventory

Harvest levels in Scenario 2.2.1 were identical to the baseline scenario 1.2.3, so inventory should be similar. Across the planning interval, the Scenario 2.2.1 inventory averaged less than 2% higher than the baseline inventory from scenario 1.2.3 (Figure 54). Scenario 2.2.1 inventory began at 36.8 million cords, but after 20 years dropped to a steady long-term average of 31.6 million cords (Figure 54). Scenarios 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 had lower harvest levels (Figure 50), resulting in higher inventory. During the first 20 years, inventory in Scenario 2.2.2 increased around 5%, while inventory in Scenario 2.2.3 increased 10% (Figure 54). Both scenarios sustained these higher inventory levels through about period 15, then declined slightly in the last four periods to levels 1.2% and 6.4% above the starting inventory. In contrast, Scenario 2.2.1 resulted in a decline of 12.5% at the final period, compared to a drop of 15.3% for the reference Scenario 1.2.3.

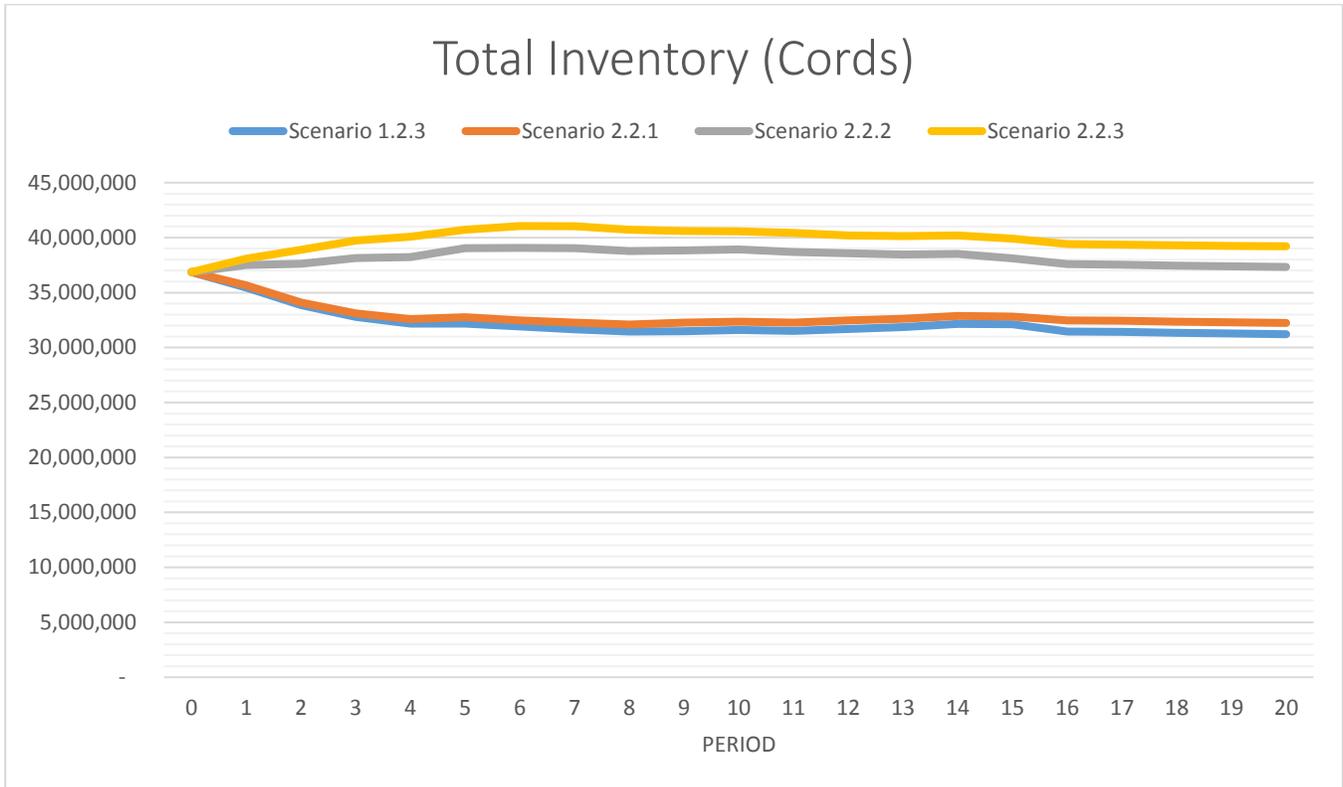


Figure 54. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Inventory Volume by Period

Higher sustained inventory tends to reflect lower harvest levels and higher average stand ages, so we should expect slower growth rates in the scenarios with reduced harvest. Scenario 2.2.1 had the smallest terminal inventory (Figure 54) and the lowest average clear-cut age (Figure 52), implying higher expected growth rates, which we see as parallel to reference Scenario 1.2.3 (Figure 55), averaging 696,000 cords per year. Averaged over 100 years, the lower harvest level from Scenario 2.2.2 resulted in slower growth rates of 614,000 cords per year, and Scenario 2.2.3 averaged 561,000 cords per year. The long-term peak in standing inventory from Scenarios 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 between periods five and 14 is reflected in declining growth rates over that time interval, but the reduction in inventory in the final six periods contributed to the slight uptick in growth rates in these scenarios (Figure 55).

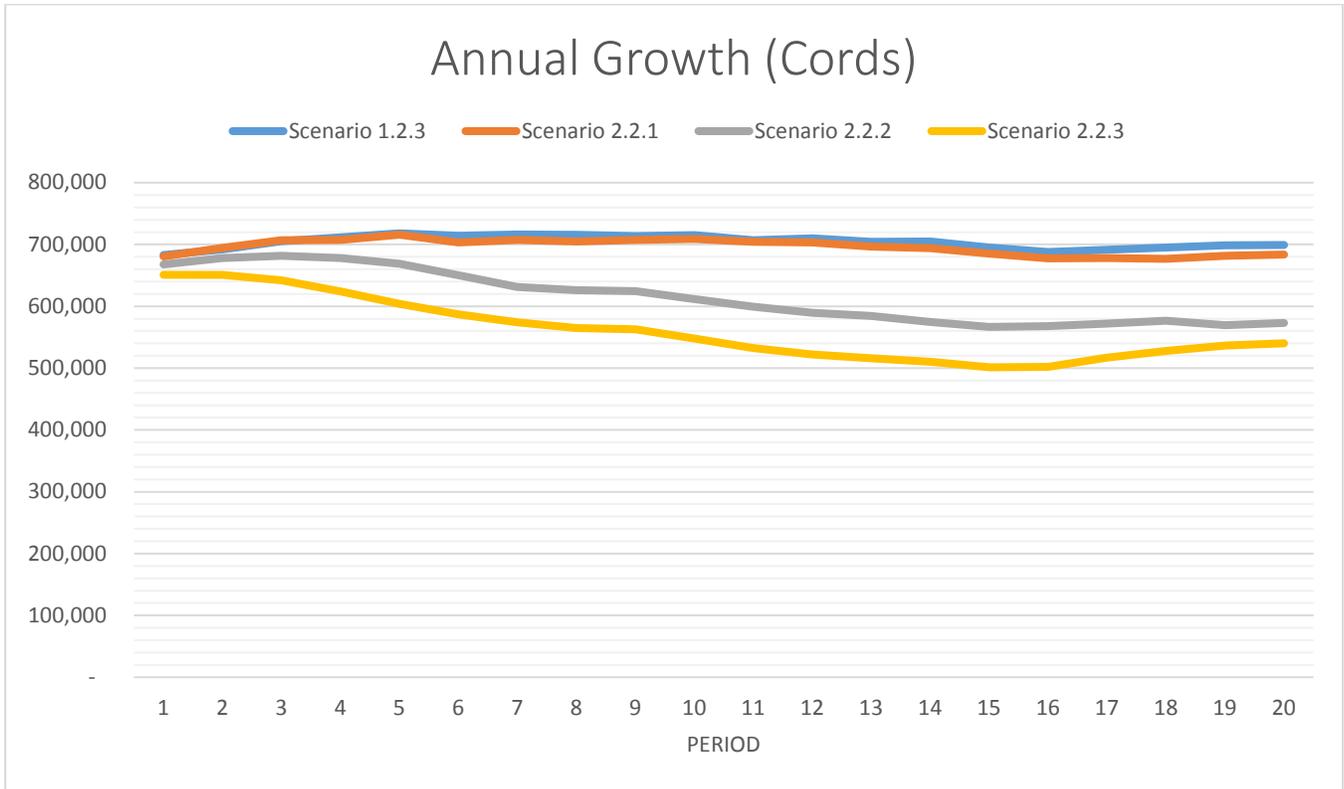


Figure 55. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Annual Growth

### 5.3.2.2.7 Trust Land Inventory

Scenario 2.2.1 trust land inventory (Figure 56) was similar to 1.2.3. Scenarios 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 resulted in substantially more trust land inventory. Scenario 2.2.2 ended at 17.1 million cords, 1.1% lower than the starting inventory. Scenario 2.2.3 ended at 18.3 million cords, an increase of 6% over the initial inventory.

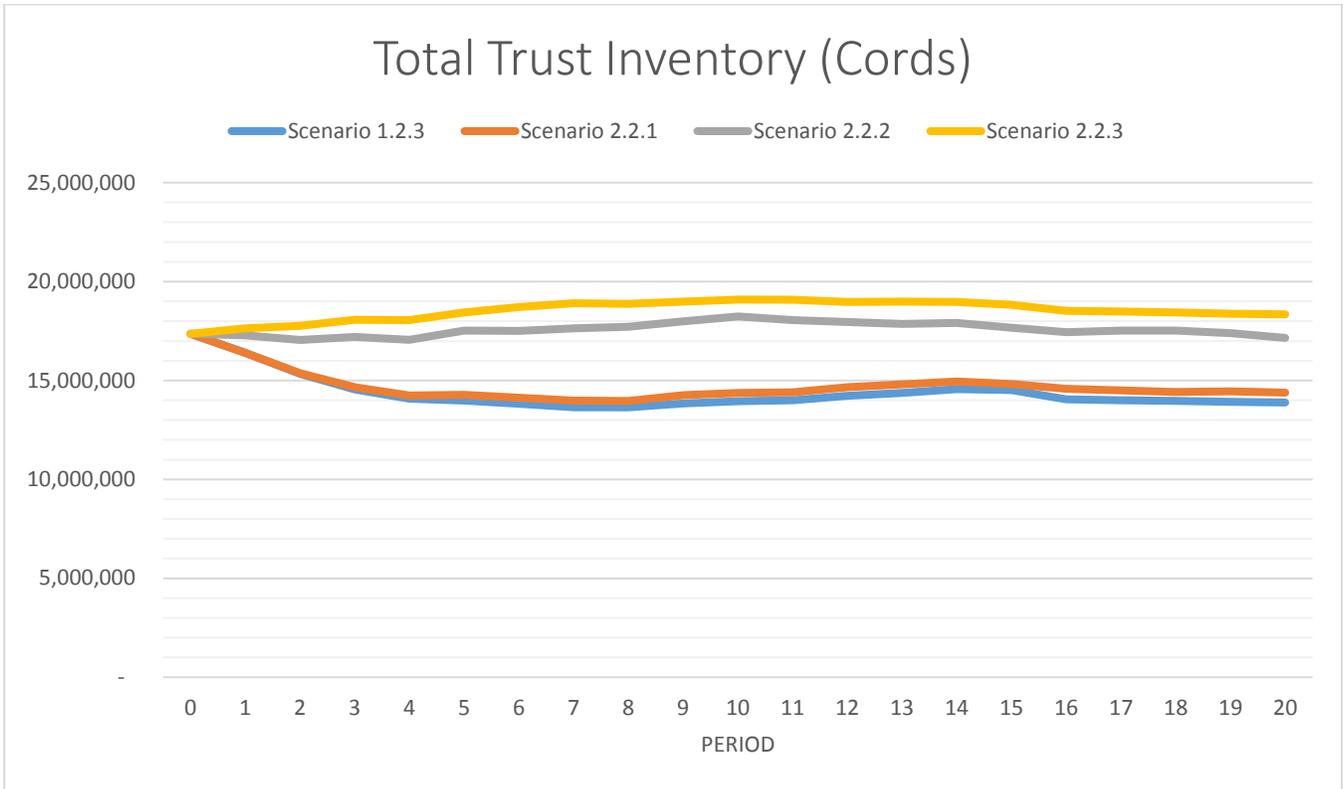


Figure 56. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Inventory on Trust Land

#### 5.3.2.2.8 Cover Type Conversions

The conversion rate of cover types began at around 1,800 acres per year and ended at just over 1,000 acres per year after 100 years. There was one anomalous period at year 35, where the conversion rate increased to more than 3,500 acres per year for Scenario 2.2.1, and more than 2,000 acres per year for Scenario 2.2.2 (Figure 57). A nominal increase occurred at the same period for Scenario 2.2.3. The temporary increase in conversion was likely driven by the transition from planted white spruce to aspen and red pine.

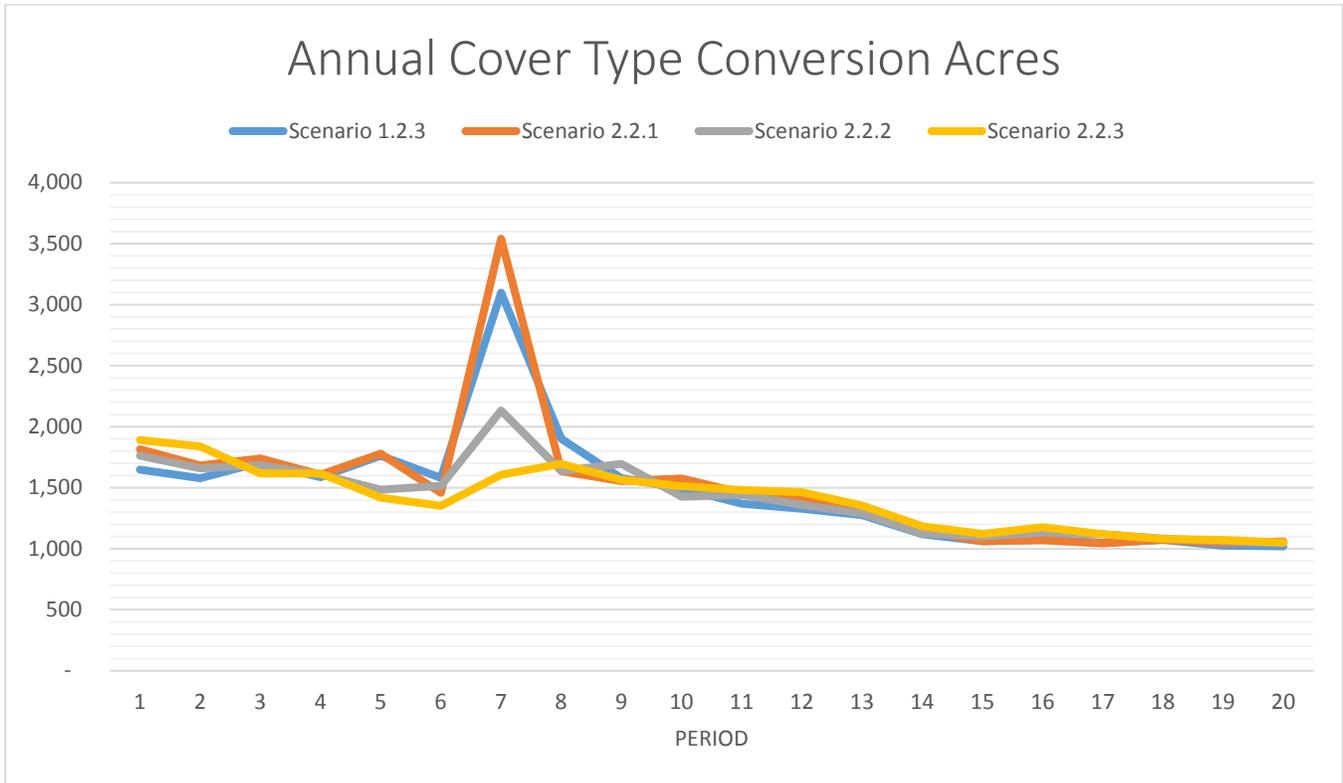


Figure 57. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Cover Type Conversions

#### 5.3.2.2.9 Planning Latitude

Continuing with the definition of planning latitude (flexibility) as the ratio of clear-cut acres to clear-cut operable acres, optimizing old forest guild typically increased planning latitude. Scenario 2.2.2 had the highest harvest level, and therefore utilized the most operable acres. It did however utilize less operable acres than scenario 1.2.3, which can be attributed to introducing the old forest goals into the optimization. Under Scenarios 2.2.2 and 2.2.3, lower harvest volume objectives resulted in smaller clear-cut areas at each period, increasing from 12% (Scenario 2.2.3) and 14% (2.2.2) to 19% and 22% respectively (Figure 58). In these scenarios, the proportion of acreage available for alternative management choices — the planning latitude — is larger than in Scenario 2.2.1, where clear-cut activity had to be higher in order to meet the larger harvest volume target.

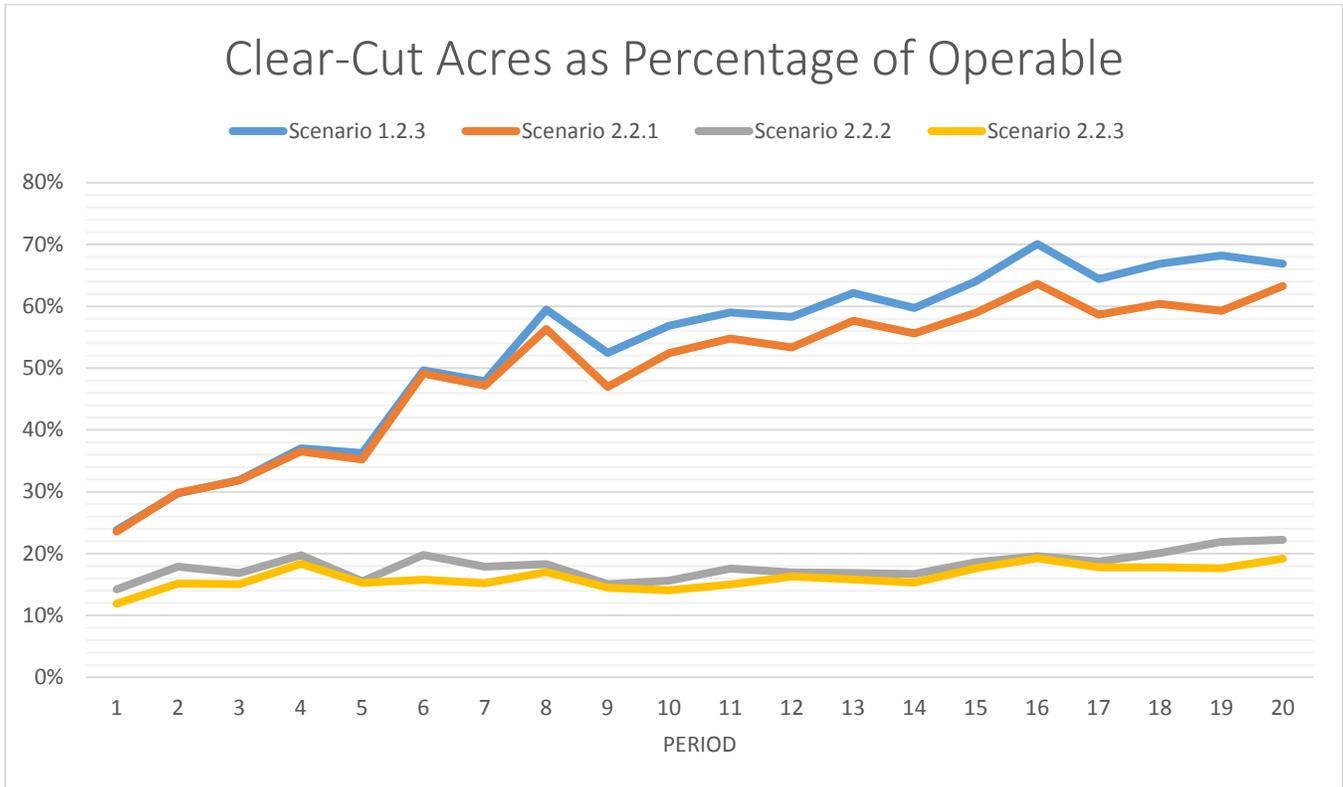


Figure 58. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Planning Latitude

#### 5.3.2.2.10 Open Watershed Goals

Scenario 2.2.1 through 2.2.3 did not apply any watershed constraints. Scenario 2.2.1 followed a similar trajectory to the reference scenario 1.2.3, briefly increasing the open watershed fraction from around 4.4% to 5.3% by period 3 (Figure 59), but then the open watershed fraction decreased to 4% after 100 years. Scenarios 2.2.2 and 2.2.3, with lower harvest levels, were able to maintain open watersheds typically below 4% after the initial period, both ending the planning interval around 3.2% (Figure 59).

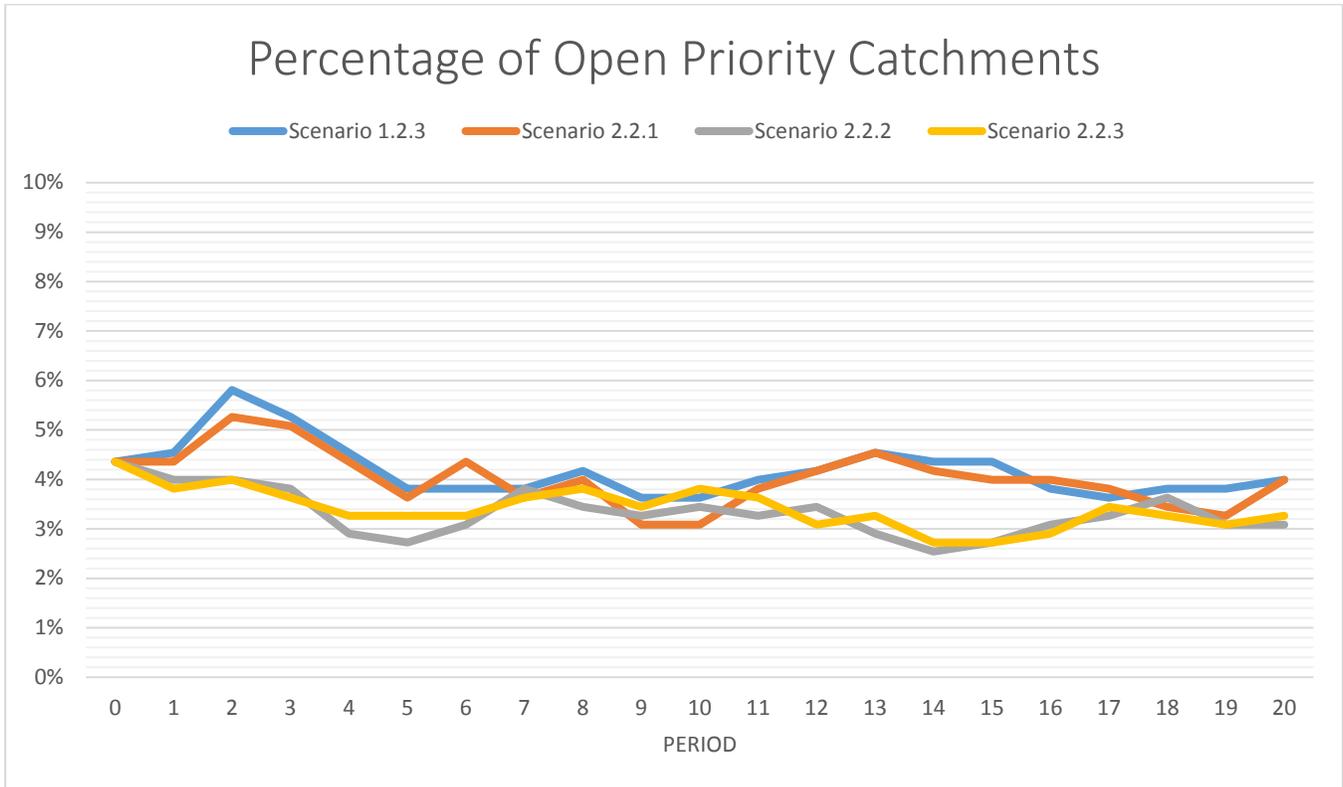


Figure 59. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Open Watershed Prevalence

#### 5.3.2.2.11 Old Forest Guild Goals

The principal objective of this set of scenarios was to maximize the number of old forest hexagons across the planning landscape. For Scenario 2.2.1, where harvest levels were highest, the old forest guild averaged 35% across the last ten planning periods (Figure 60). This is about 7% higher than the reference scenario 1.2.3, and shows that the model has the capacity to increase non-timber values while keeping harvest levels constant. Scenarios 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 resulted in even higher percentages of old forest hexagons. Both ended the planning horizon at 79%, averaging 75% and 76%, respectively, over the last ten planning periods. In fact, 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 were essentially synchronized by planning period nine, differing by less than 1% in the years thereafter. Prior to that point, however, scenario 2.2.2 showed a mostly concave approach to 70% representation, while scenario 2.2.3 showed a mostly convex approach to that point (Figure 60). Since scenario 2.2.2 required harvest of 100,000 more cords than scenario 2.2.3, the difference in old forest guild representation can be attributed to the lower harvest level. In the first half of the planning horizon, scenario 2.2.3 could afford to increase old forest guild representation at a more rapid pace because fewer acres needed to be harvested, and existing older age classes could be retained for longer. In contrast, scenario 2.2.2 could not retain as much old forest acres, resulting in lower average clear-cut age (Figure 52), higher annual growth (Figure 55), and lower inventory levels (Figure 54, Figure 56). By period 9, scenario 2.2.2 had accumulated enough old forest guild area to realign with scenario 2.2.3 (Figure 60) despite continuing to maintain the higher levels of harvest.

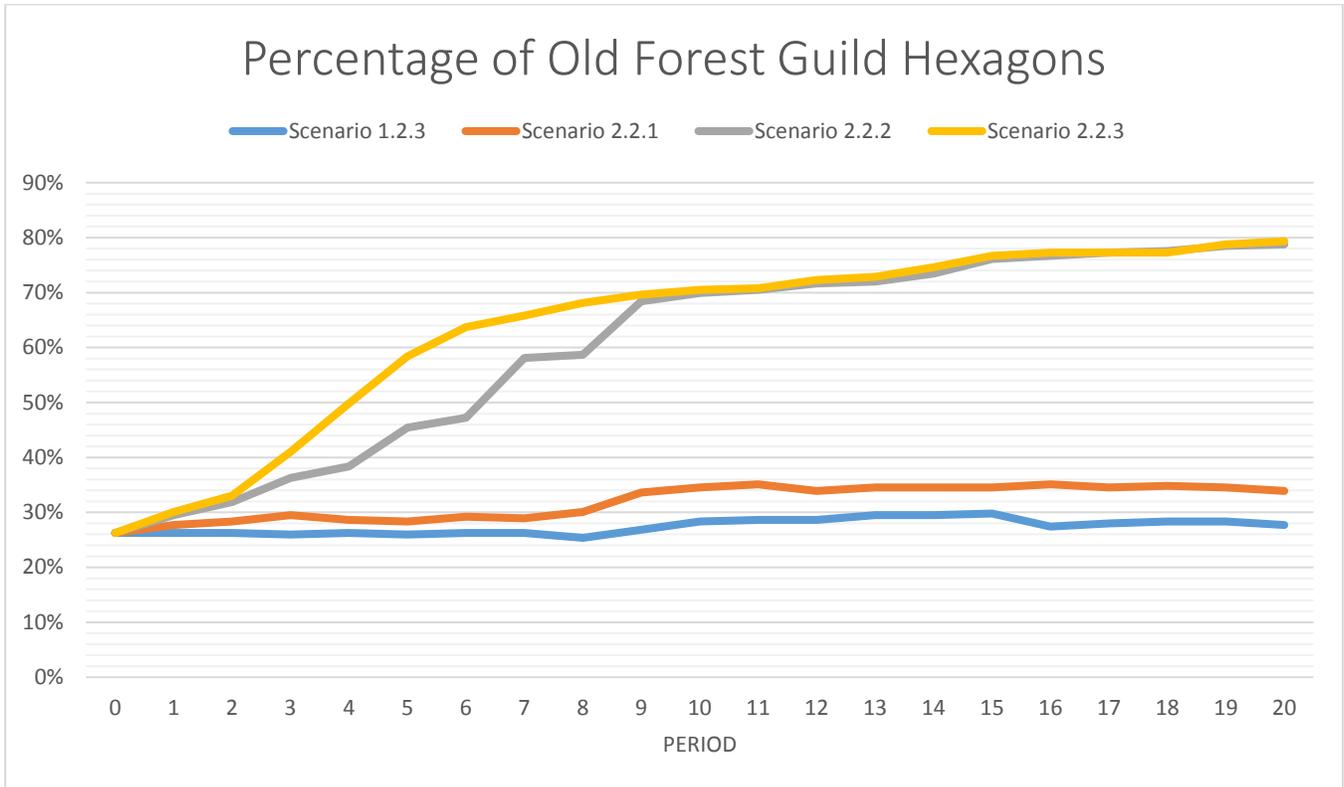


Figure 60. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Old Forest Guild Proportion

#### 5.3.2.2.12 Young Forest Guild Goals

As before, these scenarios did not explicitly optimize young forest guild goals, so the results reported here are incidental. The young forest guild hexagons rarely exceeded 3%, and ended the planning horizon at less than 2% for all scenarios (Figure 61).

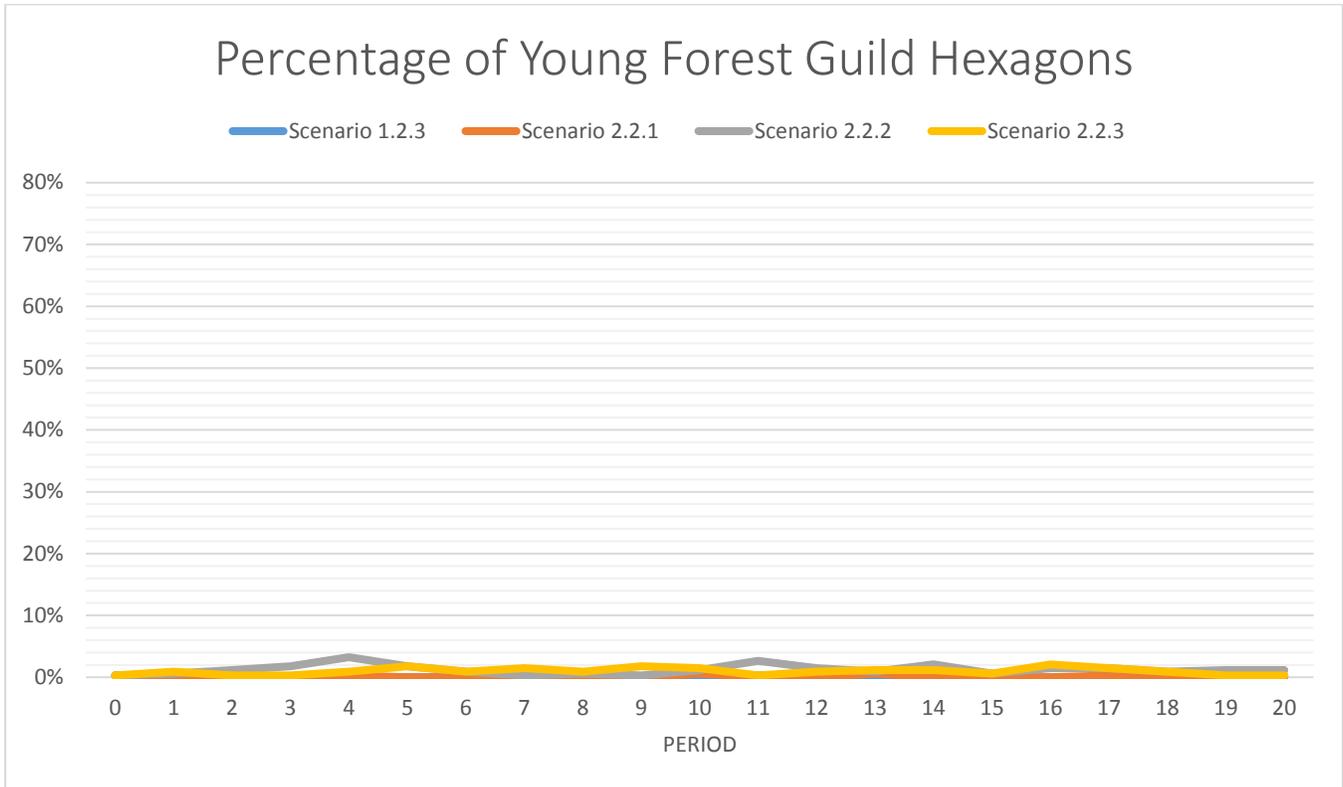


Figure 61. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Young Forest Guild Proportion

#### 5.3.2.2.13 Native Plant Community Goals

Both scenarios 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 reduced native plant community deviations to a greater extent than Scenario 2.2.1 (Figure 62), but the final period deviations were not as different as in scenarios specifically designed to reduce deviations (e.g. 5.3.1.13). The high harvest levels in Scenario 2.2.1 precluded further reductions to NPC deviation beyond the current inventory, and indeed final NPC deviation was 1.22 million acres (Figure 62). For approximately the first ten planning periods, both Scenarios 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 showed reductions in NPC deviation, reaching a minimum in period seven of 689,000 and 674,000 acres respectively (Figure 62). From that point onward NPC deviation gradually increased for both scenarios, ending at 1.1 million acres. The scenarios were designed to increase old forest guild representation, but not necessarily to simultaneously reduce NPC deviations.

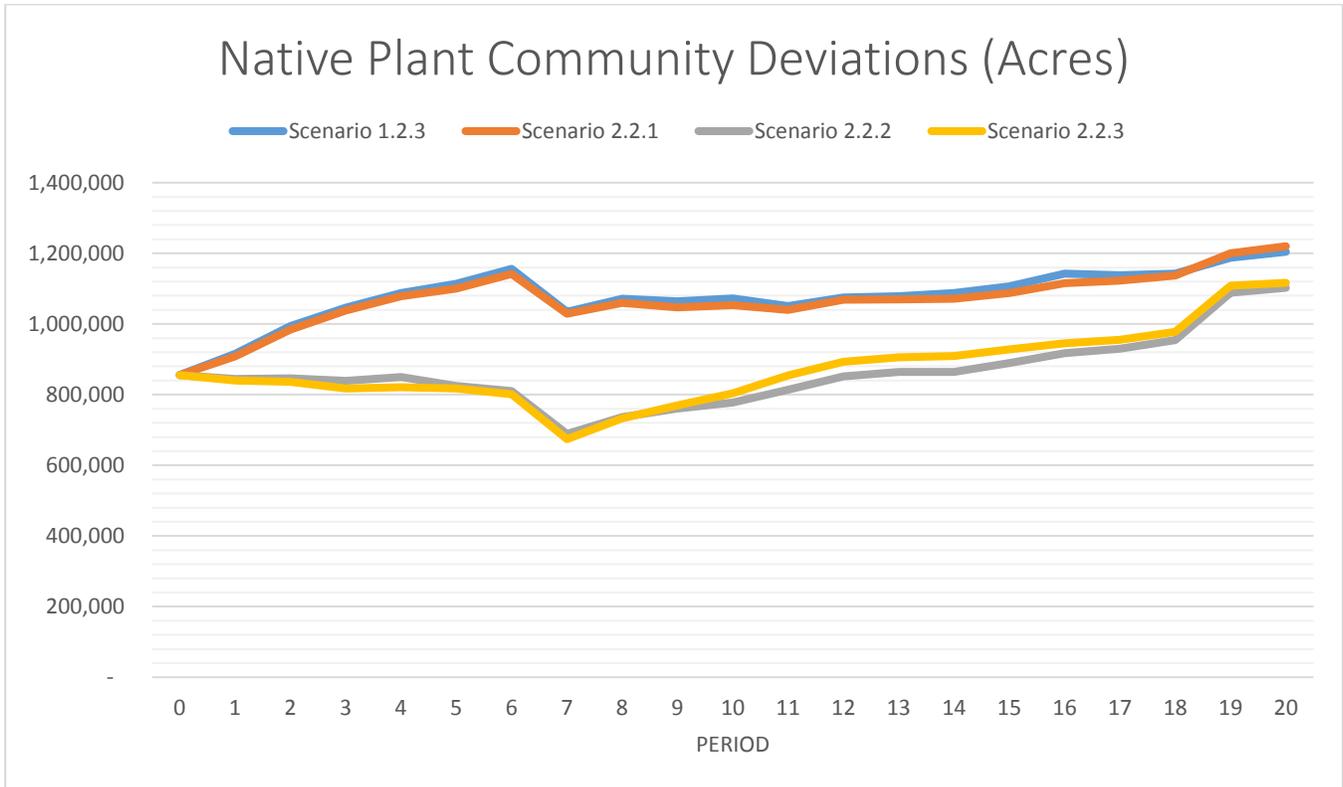


Figure 62. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Native Plant Community Acreage Deviations

#### 5.3.2.2.14 Forest-Age Diversity Goals

These scenarios were not tasked with optimizing diversity across all age classes. We would not expect a strong improvement in forest age diversity here, although we would expect scenarios with more old forest guild representation to show higher age class diversity. Scenario 2.2.1 is nearly the same as 1.2.3, declining nominally from a diversity index of 0.88 in the first period to 0.87 in the final period (Figure 63). Both reduced-harvest scenarios ended the planning interval with virtually no change in forest age diversity index (0.88 and 0.87, Figure 63). In contrast, when Scenario 2.1.1 through 2.2.3 was constructed to maximize forest age class diversity (see 5.3.2.1.14), the index reached values of 0.9 for both Scenarios 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 (Figure 48) by the final planning period.

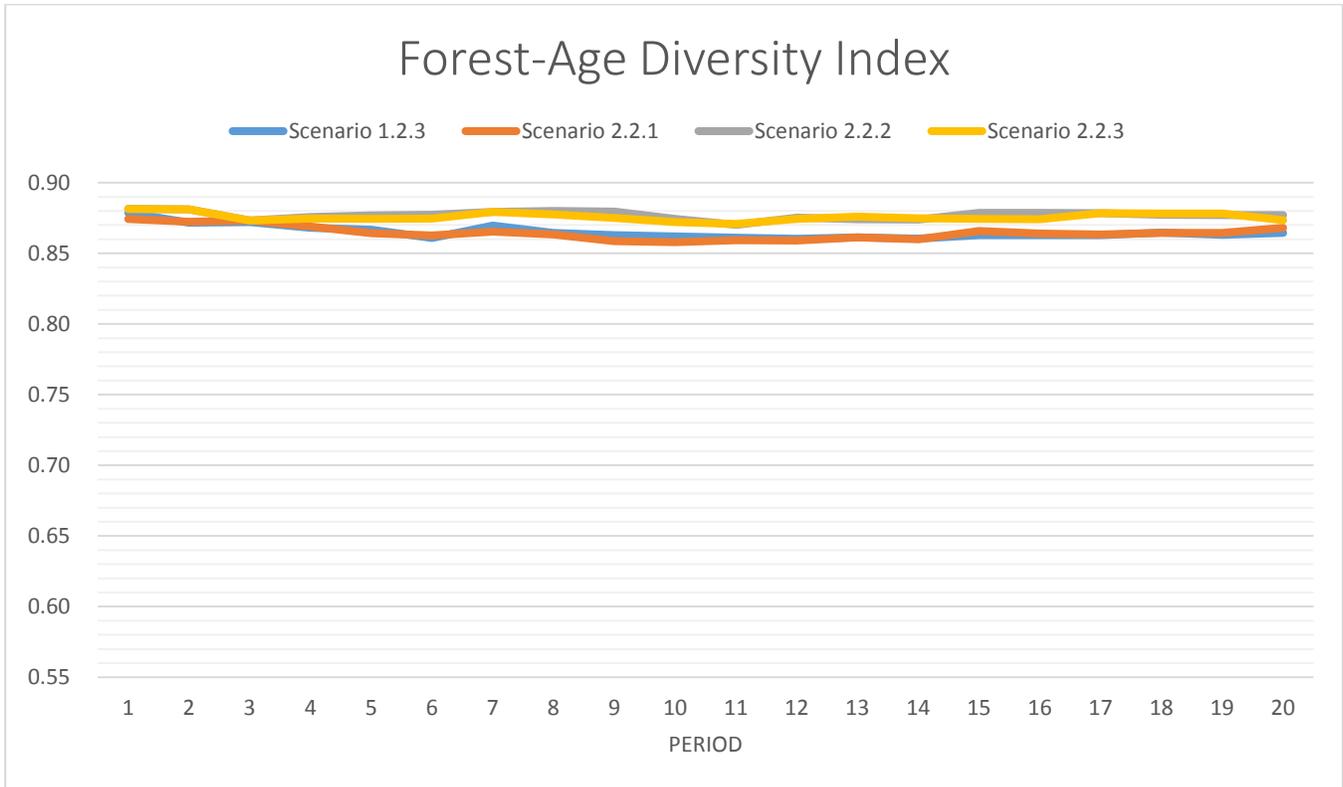


Figure 63. Scenario 2 Old Forest Guild - Forest Age Class Diversity Index Range

### 5.3.3 Scenario 3 – Yield Analysis

The following sub-scenarios were developed for Scenario 3:

- 3.1.1 Used the forestry management regimes only. Objective was to maximize stumpage revenue. Timber volume was controlled by an even-flow with 20% departure constraint. Enabled current MN DNR protocols (statutory requirements) by turning on species conversion, RMZ’s, endangered and threatened species, bald eagle nests, and 5% leave tree requirement. Used the “Alt 1” yield tables, which allowed half of the yield adjustment calculated in 4.3.3. The purpose of this scenario was to examine the impact of half the yield adjustment while using the forestry management regimes.
- 3.1.2 Same as 3.1.1, but using the “Alt 2” yield tables, which allowed the full adjustment calculated in 4.3.3. The purpose of this scenario was to examine the impact of the full yield adjustment while using the forestry management regimes.
- 3.2.1 Essentially the same as 3.1.1, but using both the forestry and wildlife management regimes. Objective was to maximize stumpage revenue. Timber volume was controlled by an even-flow with 20% departure constraint. Enabled current MN DNR protocols (statutory requirements) by turning on species conversion, RMZ’s, endangered and threatened species, bald eagle nests, and 5% leave tree requirement. Used the “Alt 1”

yield tables, which allowed half of the yield adjustment calculated in 4.3.3. The purpose of this scenario was to examine the impact of half the yield adjustment while using the forestry and wildlife management regimes.

Same as 3.2.1, but using the “Alt 2” yield tables, which allowed the full adjustment calculated in 4.3.3. The purpose of this scenario was to examine the impact of the full yield adjustment while using the forestry and wildlife management regimes.

In the results below we used scenarios 1.1.2 and 1.2.2 to compare back to Scenario 1 results. All of these regimes used a stumpage revenue objective function, even-flow with 20% departure, and the regulatory requirement constraints for watersheds, biodiversity, and wildlife. Scenario 1.1.2 was used in comparison with scenario 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 because they all used the forestry only regimes. Similarly, scenario 1.2.2 was used to compare with scenarios 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 because they all used both forestry and wildlife regimes. This allowed us to draw a comparison between Scenario 1 and 3 results, in order to assess the impact of the yield adjustment.

The detailed results for each scenario are shown in Appendix H: Detailed Scenario Results.

#### *5.3.3.1 Present Stumpage Revenue*

Scenarios 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 result in higher stumpage than 3.2.1 or 3.2.2, due to the exclusion of the wildlife management regimes. Alternative yield set “Alt 1”, with 50% of the alternative yield increase, forms the foundation of scenarios 3.1.1 (forestry only regimes) and 3.2.1 (forestry and wildlife regimes), resulting in present stumpage values of \$1.04 billion and \$1.01 billion respectively. The maximum alternative yield, “Alt 2”, results in \$1.13 billion for 3.1.2 (forestry only regimes) and \$1.10 billion for 3.2.2 (forestry and wildlife regimes, Figure 64).

Compared to scenario 1.1.2, with “Alt 1” yields there was an increase of 9% for forestry-only regimes (3.1.1) and an increase of 10% for forestry and wildlife regimes (3.1.2). In contrast, compared to scenario 1.2.2, with “Alt 2” yields, forestry-only regimes increased stumpage value by 19% (3.2.1) and by 20% for forestry and wildlife regimes (3.2.2, Figure 64).

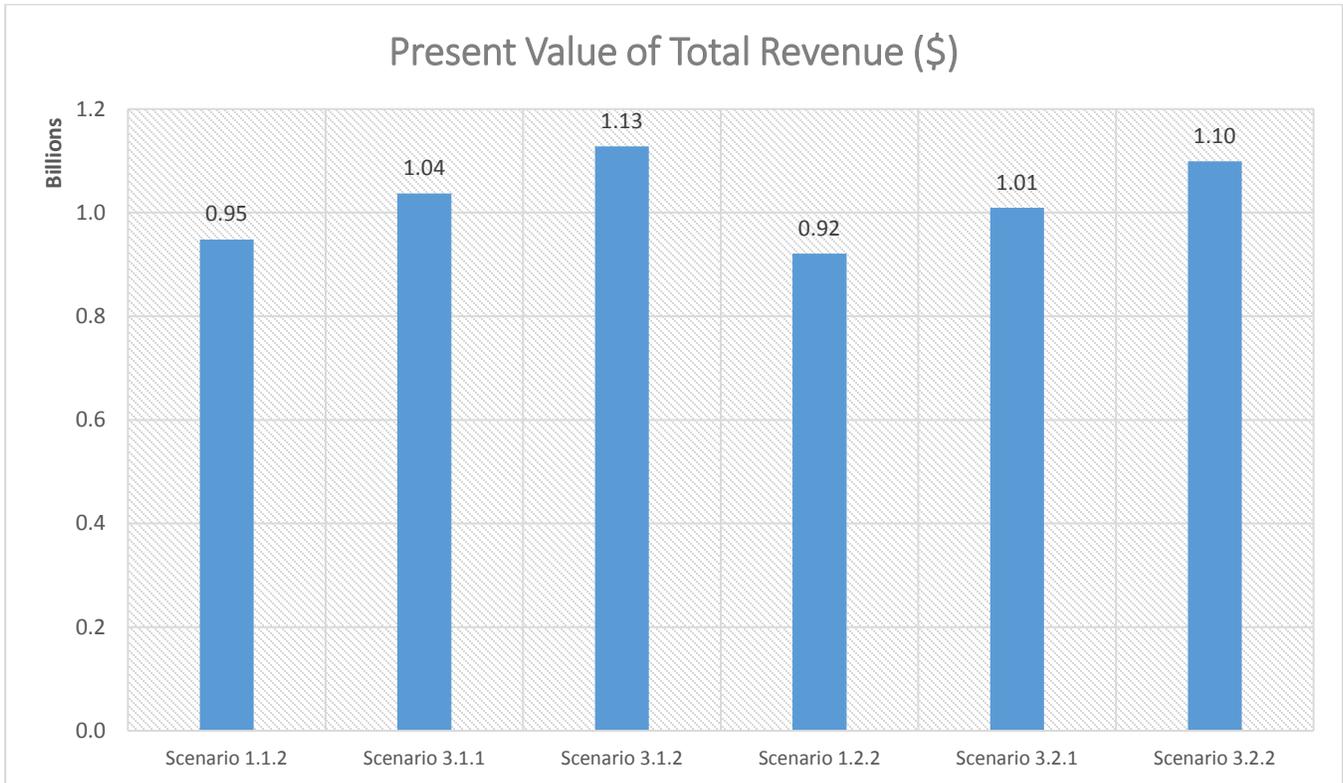


Figure 64. Scenario 3 - Present Value of Stumpage

### 5.3.3.2 Harvest Volume

All scenarios in the current comparison are required to maintain even flow of timber, fluctuating not more than 20% above or below an average value. We can rank scenarios from most to least restrictive: any x.2.z scenario is more restrictive than a corresponding x.1.z scenario because the x.2.z cases use regimes that use both forestry and wildlife regimes, while x.1.z cases use forestry only regimes. We expect scenarios with wildlife regimes to attain lower harvest levels. For example, scenario 3.2.1 harvest levels (forestry and wildlife) average 3.2% lower than 3.1.1 harvest levels (forestry only) using “Alt 1” yields (Figure 65). Using the higher yields from “Alt 2,” we find that scenario 3.2.2 generates harvest levels that are 3.1% lower than scenario 3.1.2 across the 100 year planning time frame. All of the “Alt 2” scenarios delivered harvest levels in excess of 1 million cords per year for the whole planning horizon.

All of the alternative scenarios follow a similar trajectory in harvest levels, beginning around or above 1.2 million cords per year, but ending year 100 at or below 1 million cords per year. The extent of decline in harvest rate over time is nearly equal for all Scenario 3 cases, between 19.4% and 19.6%. The alternative yields simply shift the baseline yield curve to a higher harvest level without changing the way that harvests are configured at each time point. For evidence supporting this observation, compare the way in which harvest levels spike temporarily at year 80 (Figure 65). The curve for 3.1.1 is the same shape as the curve for 3.1.2, except displaced on the vertical axis (Figure 65).

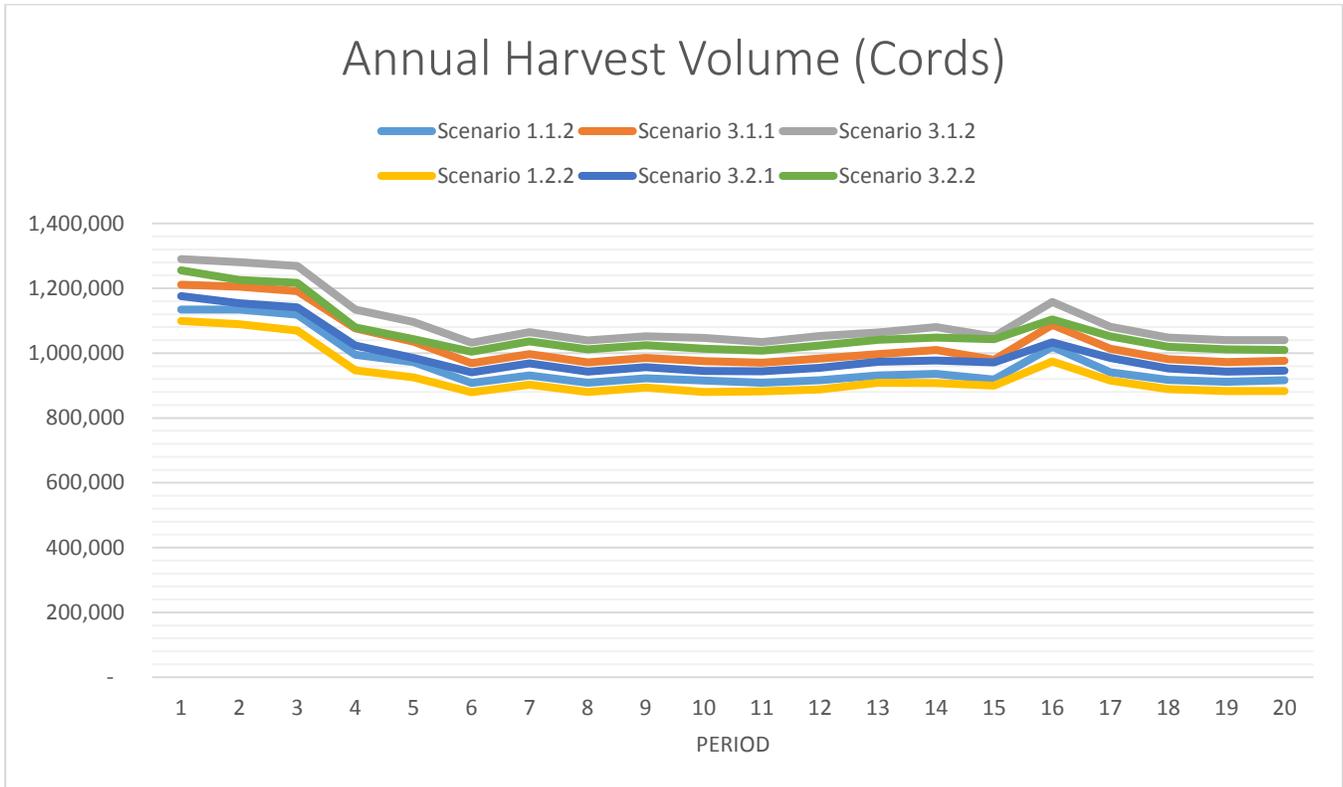


Figure 65. Scenario 3 - Annual Harvest Volumes

### 5.3.3.3 Clear-Cut Operable Acres

Scenarios 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 began at one million clear-cut operable acres, but this sum declined to 280,000 clear-cut operable acres, a 72% drop, by year 100 (Figure 66). Similarly, scenarios 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 began at 953,000 clear-cut operable acres but declined 66% to 318,000 clear-cut operable acres by year 100 (Figure 66).

Inventory and harvest volume differences among these scenarios are governed by “Alt 1” and “Alt 2” yield alternatives, but the underlying land use decisions within an alternative are nearly identical. Scenarios 1.1.2, 3.1.1, and 3.1.2 are the same in terms of land base — note that these clear-cut operable acres are virtually identical (Figure 66), differing by an average of 0.6%. In the same way, scenarios 1.2.2, 3.2.1, and 3.2.2 (Figure 66) are based on the same set of acres, differing on average by only 0.004%. When “Alt 1” and “Alt 2” yields are applied, however, two different harvest levels can result from the same set of source acres (Figure 65).

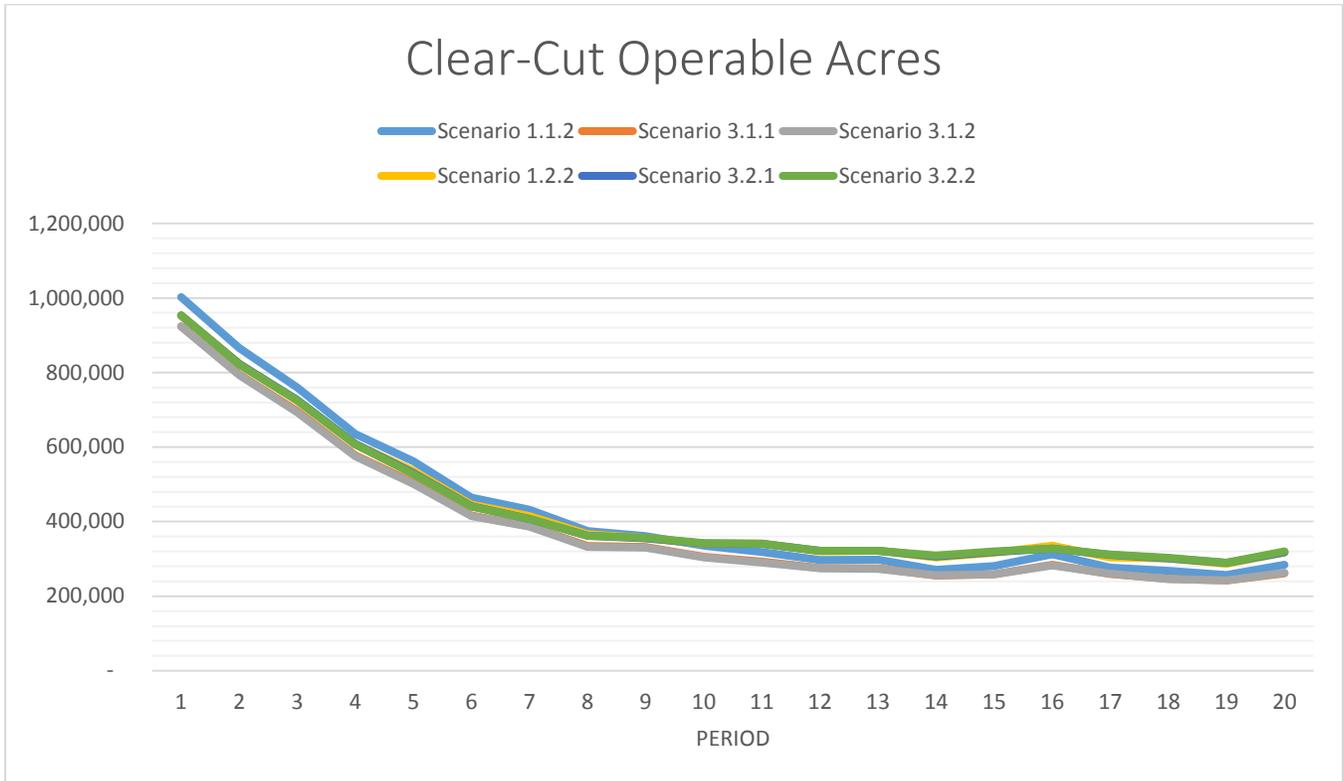


Figure 66. Scenario 3 - Clear-Cut Operable Acres

#### 5.3.3.4 Average Clear-Cut Age

Clear-cut operable acres declined substantially after 100 years for all scenario 3 cases (Figure 66), largely as a consequence of reducing average stand age at harvest (Figure 67). At the beginning of the modeling period, a large fraction of stands in the current inventory exceeded the minimum rotation age. The average age of clear-cut is an integrated measure of the average stand age across cover types and planning areas. In the early years, stands are clear-cut around age 85 (Figure 67). As these older stands are harvested, the proportion of younger stands being clear-cut increases. By the last third of the planning horizon, stands are being clear-cut soon after they reach rotation age, averaging 52 years old over the final 30 years of the plan (Figure 67).

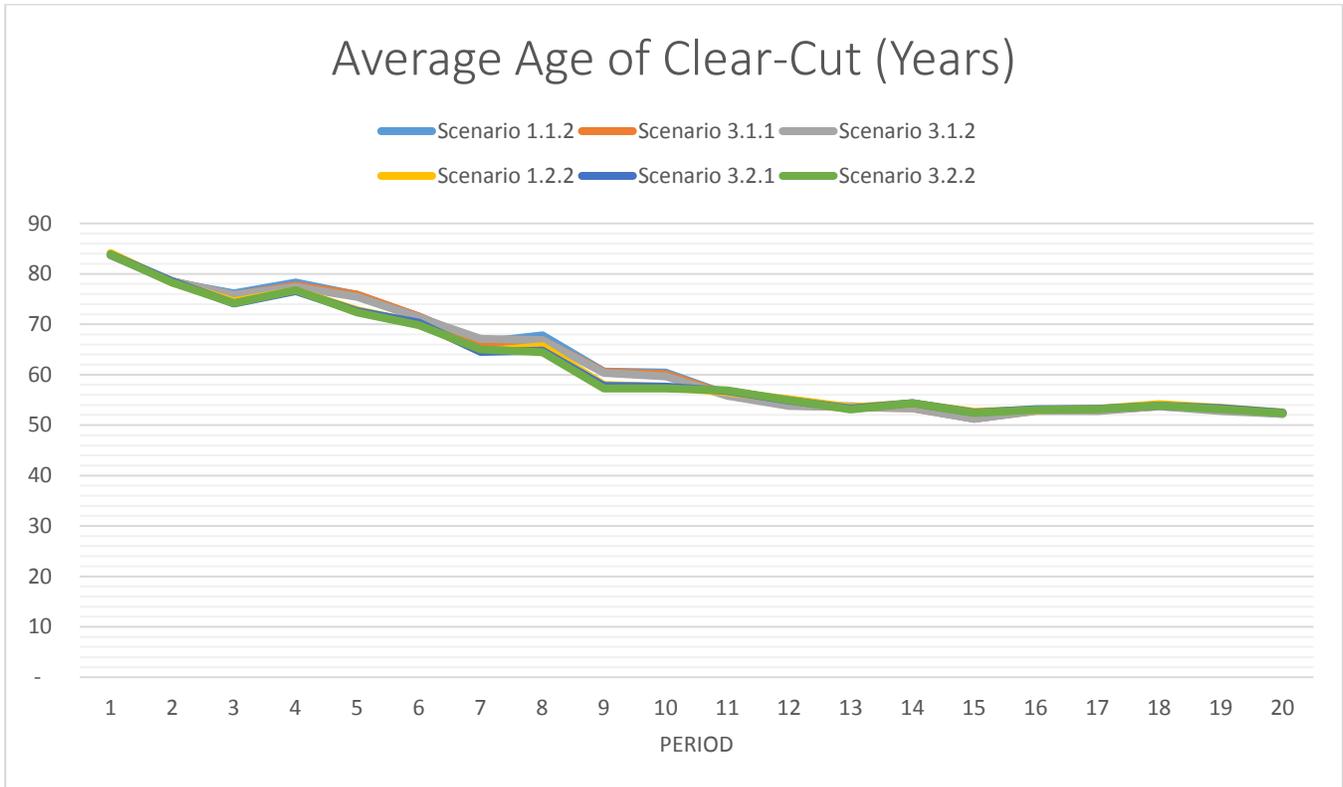


Figure 67. Scenario 3 - Average Clear-Cut Age

### 5.3.3.5 Priority Harvest Volume

Priority harvest volume is the amount of timber harvested from land within 75 miles of the seven largest timber processors, excluding volume from species that are not commercially viable for these facilities. On average, the fraction of priority harvest volume is maintained at around 67% merging all of the Scenario 3 cases. Each scenario may differ slightly from this average, but the most substantial negative deviation in relation to the average was just 5% (from scenario 3.1.1), while the largest positive deviation was 4% (from scenario 3.2.2, Figure 68). Note that the graph showing percent priority harvest volume is presented with a truncated vertical axis ranging from 56% to 72% (Figure 68), magnifying the apparent fluctuations. On a 100% scale, this quantity has low volatility over time.

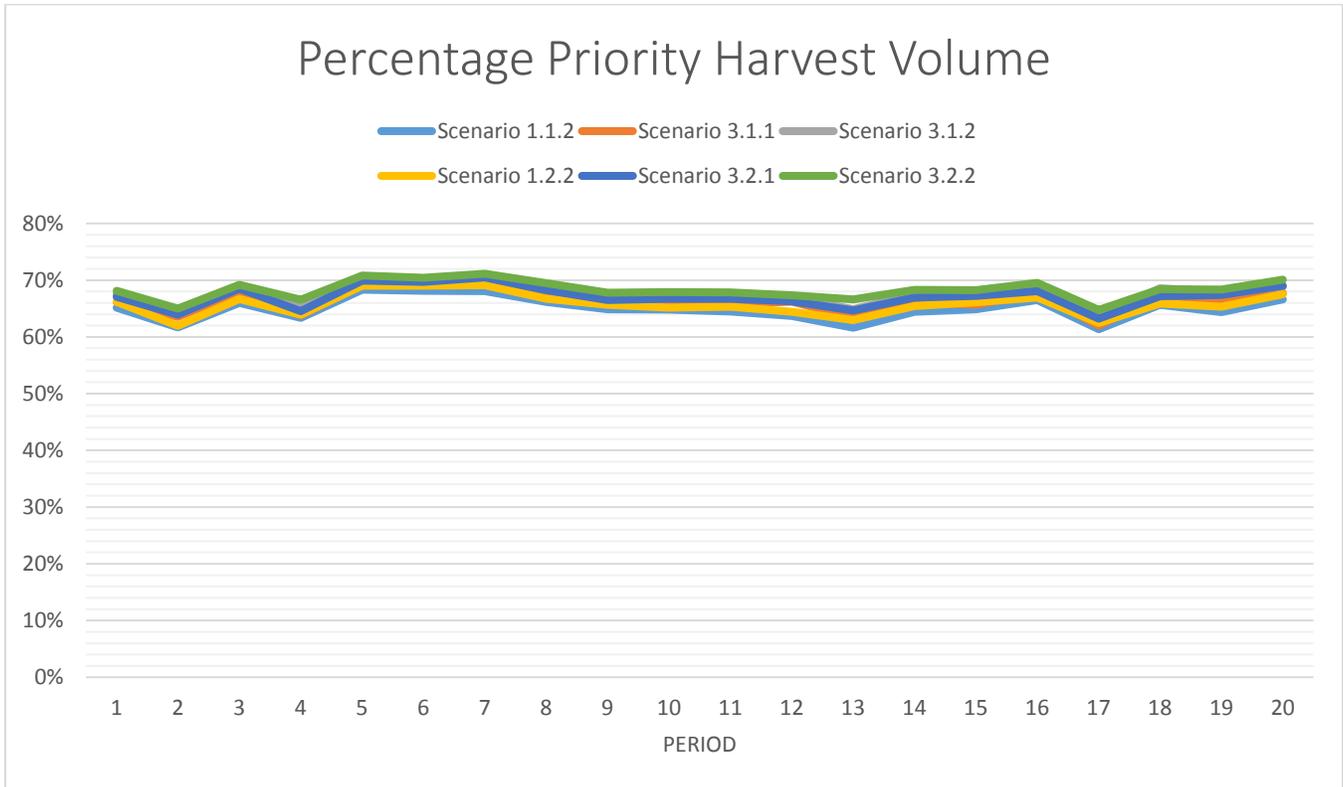


Figure 68. Scenario 3 - Priority Harvest Volume

### 5.3.3.6 Inventory

Maximal harvest levels occur within the first 20 to 25 years of the planning period (Figure 65), depleting inventory during the same period (Figure 69). At those early harvest levels above 1.2 million cords per year, inventory declined an average of 4.1% in each 5-year planning period for scenarios with forestry-only regimes, and 3.4% for scenarios with forestry-wildlife regimes. After 20 years, for all yield alternatives, inventory was approximately six million cords lower (Figure 69). Note that scenarios 3.2.2 and 3.1.2 started at the same position of 39.9 million cords—both of these scenarios used “Alt 2” yield tables, the largest alternative set. By year 100, inventory declined to 33 million cords for scenario 3.1.2 (Figure 69), a drop of 17%. For scenario 3.2.2 (Figure 69), using forestry and wildlife regimes, that decline was 14%, to a final inventory of 34.2 million cords.

Alternative yield “Alt 1” scenarios (3.1.1 and 3.2.1) also started at the same inventory level of 38.4 million cords (Figure 69). Early inventory depletions were in exact proportion to the “Alt 2” cases, a larger decline of 17% for 3.1.1, ending at 31.2 million cords (orange, Figure 69), and a smaller decline of 14% for 3.2.1 with forestry and wildlife regimes, ending at 32.5 million cords (Figure 69). The same divergence occurred between scenarios 1.1.2 and 1.2.2, using the original MN DNR yield tables. With forestry-only regimes, inventory declined 17% to 30 million cords (Figure 69), but the decline was only 14% using both forestry and wildlife regimes, resulting in a final inventory of 31.2 million (Figure 69).

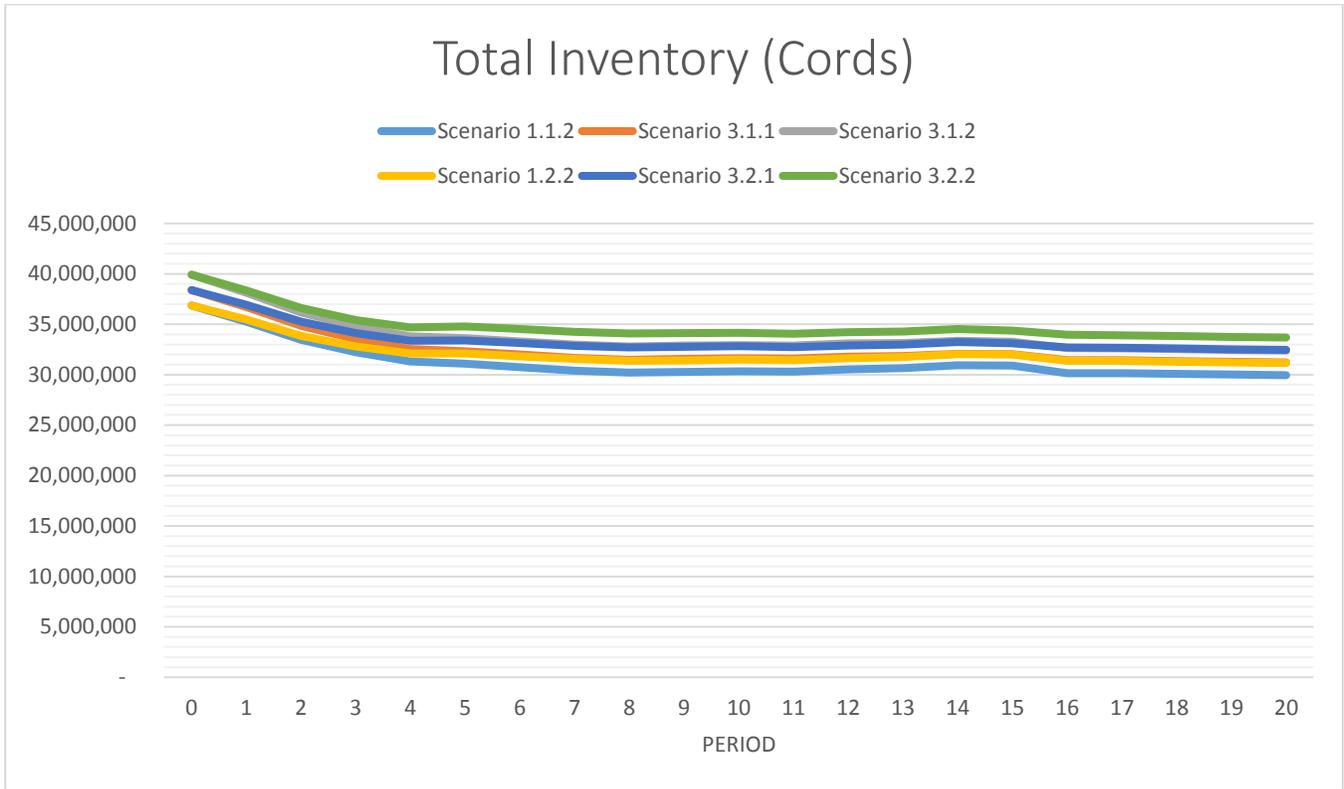


Figure 69. Scenario 3 - Inventory Volume by Period

### 5.3.3.7 Trust Land Inventory

Forest land managed for the school trust had a starting inventory of 18.1 million for scenarios 3.1.1 and 3.2.1, and 18.8 million cords for scenarios 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 (Figure 70). Trust land inventory constitutes 47% of the total volume. Whereas total inventory declined either 17% (forestry-only) or 14% (forestry-wildlife) by the end of the planning period, trust inventory declined 19%. Harvest levels on trust land forests are slightly higher than for the whole MN DNR land base.

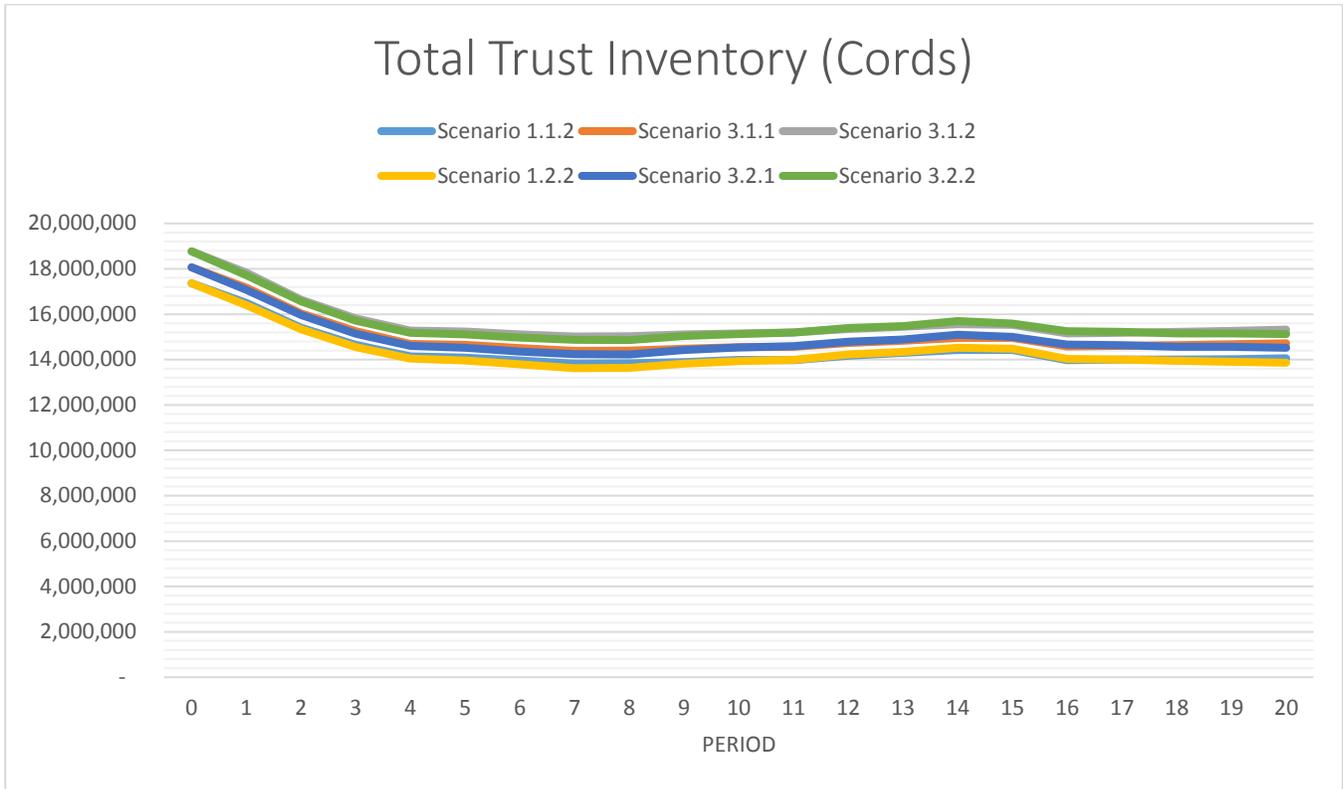


Figure 70. Scenario 3 - Inventory on Trust Land

### 5.3.3.8 Cover Type Conversions

As with Scenarios 1 and 2, in Scenario 3 we saw a gradual decline in cover type conversion rates with the exception of years 35 and 40 (Figure 71) when conversions almost doubled during one five-year period. Also similar to the other scenarios, the reason for this temporary increase in conversion appears to be the opportunity to shift some acreage out of planted white spruce into aspen and planted red pine. The relative proportion of new cover types changes somewhat in Scenario 3. Recalling scenarios 1.2.2 and 2.1, the fraction of acres converted to aspen or to planted red pine was roughly equal. Here, the conversion increase consisted of around 50% more planted red pine than aspen. Based on the alternative yields, this is a reasonable result. The alternatives involve increasing aspen yields only for site index >50 by a factor of 1.175 (Table 3). In contrast, planted red pine yields increase by a factor of 1.58 for all site index values (Table 3).

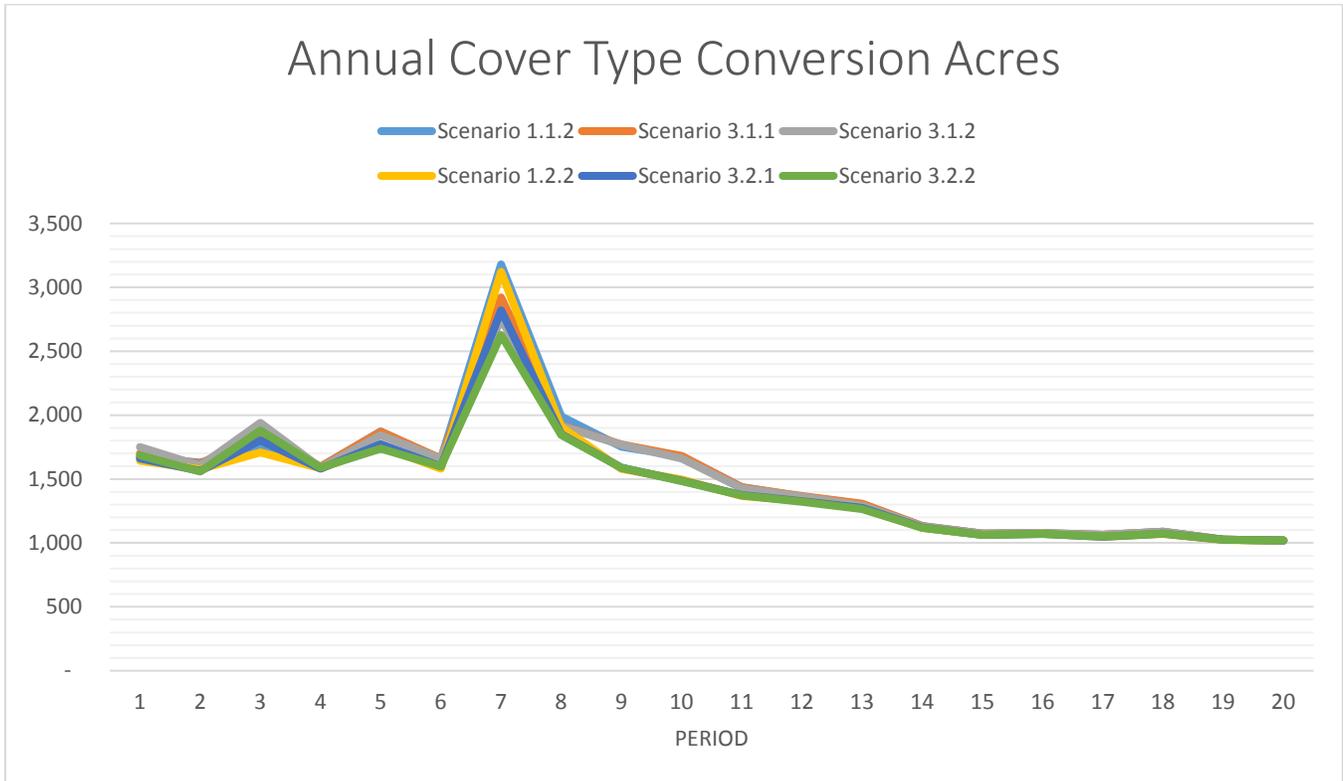


Figure 71. Scenario 3 - Cover Type Conversions

### 5.3.3.9 Planning Latitude

Scenarios 1.1.2, 3.1.1, and 3.1.2 were based on forestry-only regimes, and these three scenarios cluster together in terms of the fraction of clear-cut acres as a percentage of total operable acres (Figure 72). Although all Scenario 3 cases start from the same amount of clear-cut acres (25%), by year 100 the forestry-only scenarios increase the fraction of clear-cut acres to 80% (Figure 72). In contrast, scenarios 1.2.2, 3.2.1, and 3.2.2, based on both forestry and wildlife regimes, use a lower proportion of clear-cut acres, ending year 100 at 65% of operable area (Figure 72). It's interesting to note here that scenarios 1.2.2, 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 (forestry and wildlife) clustered together, while scenarios 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 (forestry only) diverged from their scenario 1 counterpart (1.1.2). The conclusion here is that alternative yields coupled with the forestry regimes allowed the model to take advantage of acres that it could not under the original yields.

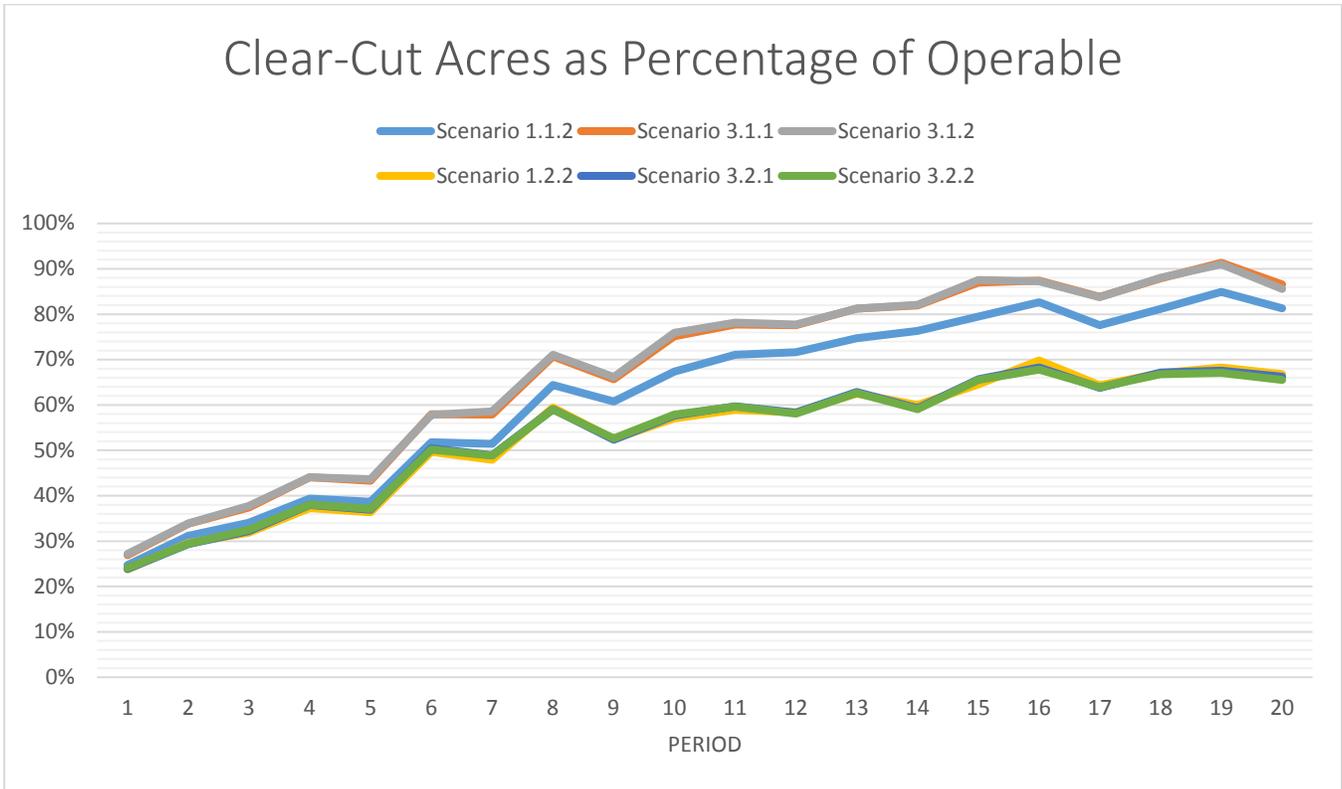


Figure 72. Scenario 3 - Planning Latitude

### 5.3.3.10 Open Watershed Goals

The variations in Scenario 3 were designed to test effects of alternative yields (“Alt 1”, “Alt 2”) on stumpage, harvest volume, inventory, and clear-cut acres. These scenarios also tested the difference between forestry-only regimes and combined forestry-wildlife regimes but imposed no constraints relating to watersheds, old forest guild, NPC, or diversity. In 5.3.3.10 through 5.3.3.14, we report the results for these parameters but emphasize that Scenario 3 was not designed to alter their outcomes.

With no constraints imposed to minimize open watershed acreage, we found that this quantity did not change appreciably for any Scenario 3 model, starting at 4.4% and ending at 4.0% (Figure 73), with a long-term average for all cases of 4.24%. In contrast, scenario 1.2.4.1, which was constrained to minimize open watersheds, reduced the percentage of open watersheds to 2.54% by 15 years and maintained that level through year 100 (Figure 29). Without the watershed constraint, the amount of open watersheds was 2.24% higher than scenario 1.2.4.2 at year 100 and 1.7% higher on average for all Scenario 3 cases.

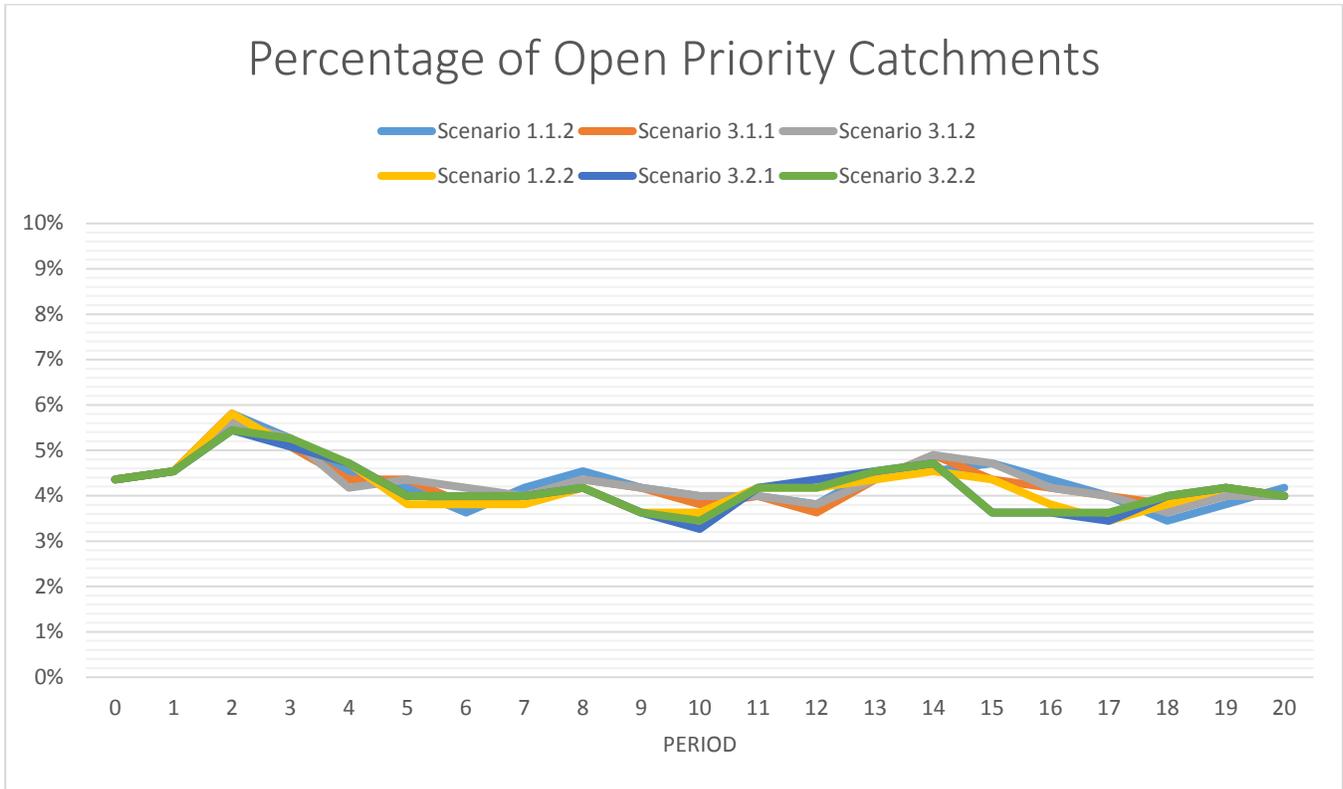


Figure 73. Scenario 3 - Open Watershed Prevalence

### 5.3.3.11 Old Forest Guild Goals

Scenario 1.2.4.2 was constrained to maximize the number of hexagons that contained stands in the old forest guild. With this constraint in place, scenario 1.2.4.2 increased old forest from a starting point of 26% to an endpoint of 79% (Figure 30). Although scenario 1.2.4.3 was designed to minimize NPC deviations, it also managed to increase old forest to about 53% (Figure 30). In contrast, without the old forest or NPC constraints, Scenario 3 models reduced old forest representation from 26% to between 19% and 27% (Figure 74).

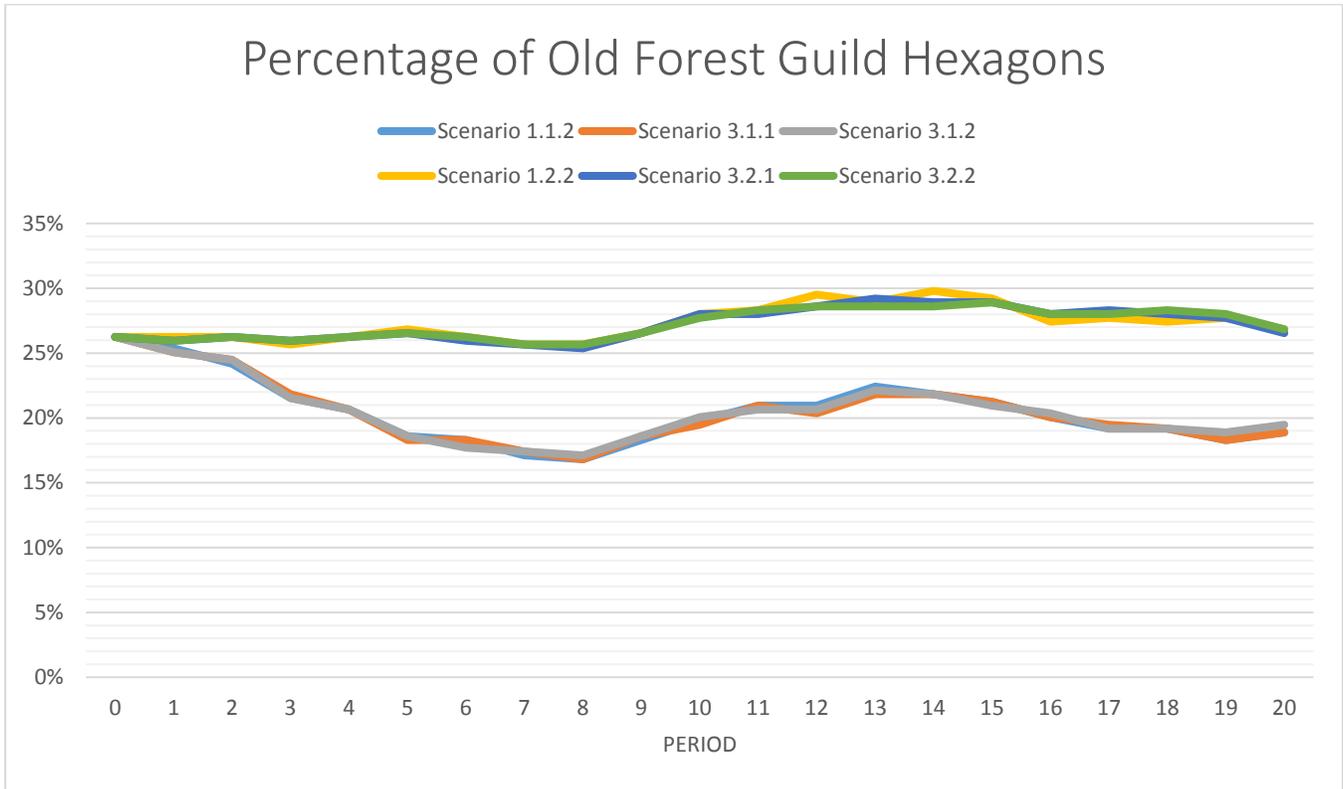


Figure 74. Scenario 3 - Old Forest Guild Proportion

### 5.3.3.12 Young Forest Guild Goals

None of the scenarios optimized for young forest guild goals, so the results reported here are artifacts of other management assumptions. The results show that all ended the planning interval at less than 1% young forest guild representation.

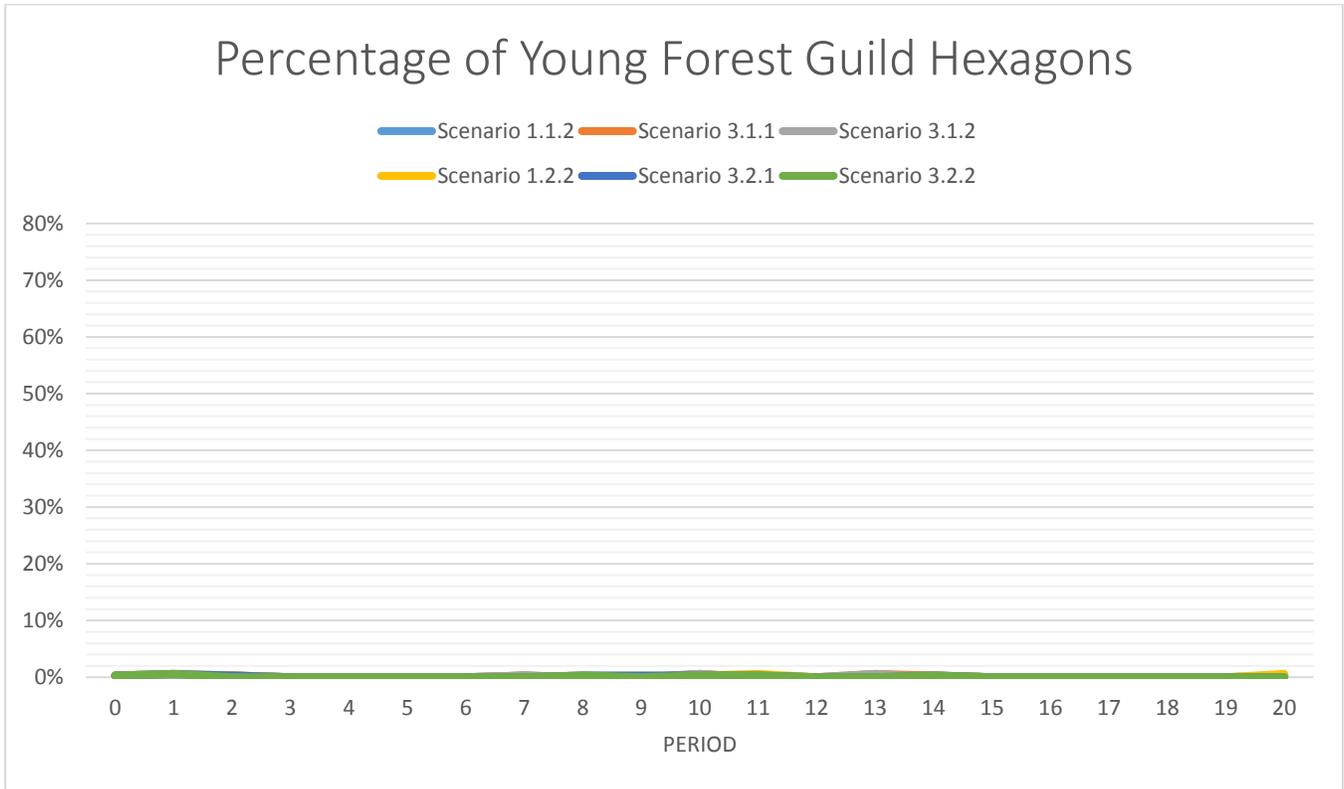


Figure 75. Scenario 3 - Young Forest Guild Proportion

### 5.3.3.13 Native Plant Community Goals

The only scenario designed to minimize NPC deviations was 1.2.4.3, and it reduced the deviation to 524,000 acres (Figure 32). The next lowest scenario, 1.2.4.2, only reduced NPC deviation to 1.12 million acres (Figure 32). Scenario 3 was not configured to reduce NPC deviations, and indeed we found that the lowest NPC deviation was scenario 3.2.2 or 3.2.1, at 1.2 million acres (Figure 76). Without the constraint to minimize NPC deviation the model has no incentive to do so.

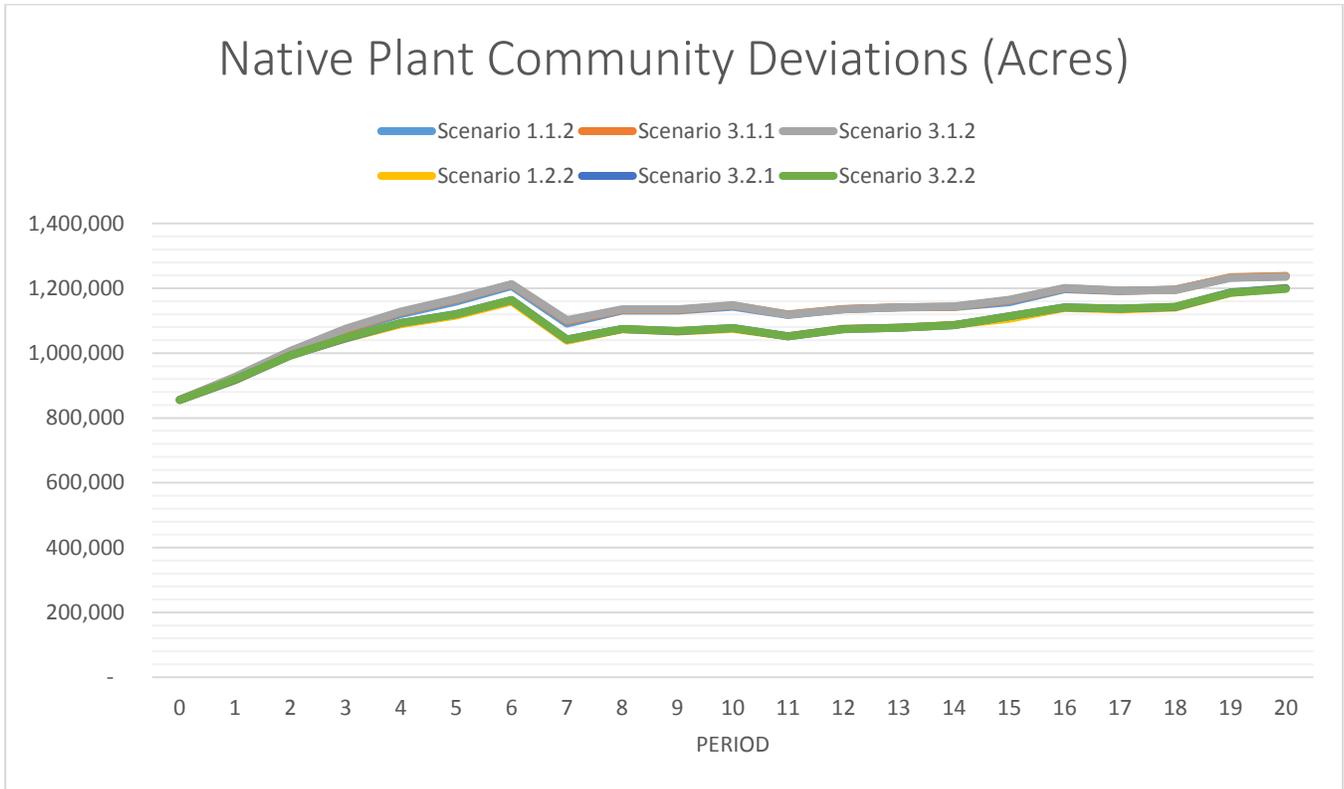


Figure 76. Scenario 3 - Native Plant Community Acreage Deviations

#### 5.3.3.14 Forest-Age Diversity Goals

A similar result occurs for forest age class diversity index in Scenario 3 (Figure 77). These scenarios were not required to maximize diversity, so we saw a decline in the diversity index from 0.87 to 0.86 for 3.1.2, and from 0.88 to 0.87 for 3.2.2. In percentage terms, following the normalization where 0.01 index unit is equivalent to 3.57% of the theoretical index scale (5.3.1.14), Scenario 3 resulted in a decline of 3.57% in forest age class diversity.

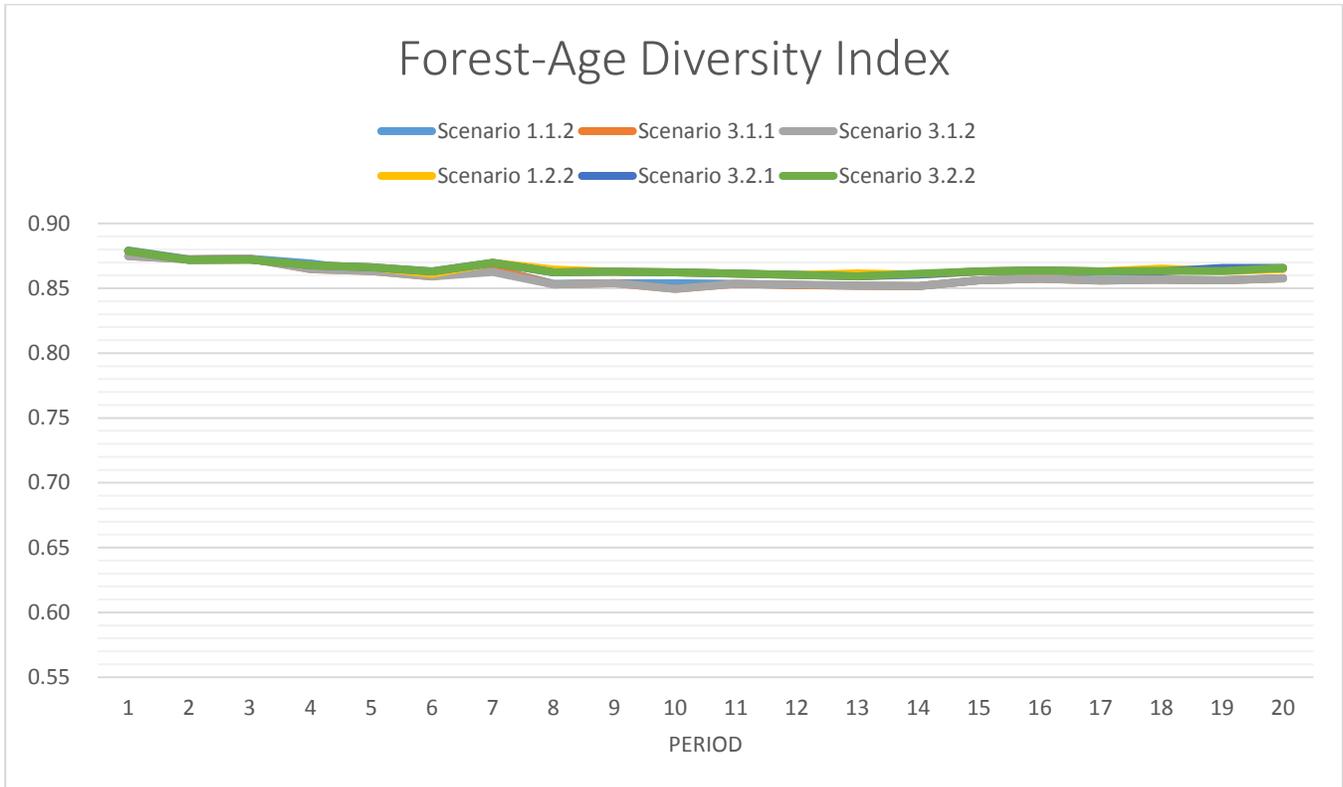


Figure 77. Scenario 3 – Forest-Age Diversity Index Range

### 5.3.4 Scenario 4 – School Trust Lands Analysis

The following sub-scenarios were developed for Scenario 4:

- 4.1.1 Used the forestry and wildlife management regimes. Objective was to maximize stumpage revenue with a discount rate of 4%. Timber volume was controlled by an even-flow with 20% departure constraint. Turned off species conversion, all water quality, all diversity and all wildlife habitat components (except for 5% leave trees). The purpose of this scenario was to establish the impact of the 4% discount rate on a maximum harvest scenario.
- 4.1.2 Used the forestry and wildlife management regimes. Objective was to maximize stumpage revenue with a discount rate of 4%. Timber volume was controlled by an even-flow with 20% departure constraint. Enabled current MN DNR protocols (statutory requirements) by turning on species conversion, RMZ's, endangered and threatened species, bald eagle nests, and 5% leave tree requirement. The purpose of this scenario was to establish the impact of the 4% discount rate with statutory requirements.
- 4.2.1 Used the forestry and wildlife management regimes. Objective was to maximize stumpage revenue with a discount rate of 6%. Timber volume was controlled by an even-flow with 20% departure constraint. Turned off species conversion, all water quality, all diversity and

all wildlife habitat components (except for 5% leave trees). The purpose of this scenario was to establish the impact of the 6% discount rate on a maximum harvest scenario.

- 4.2.2 Used the forestry and wildlife management regimes. Objective was to maximize stumpage revenue with a discount rate of 6%. Timber volume was controlled by an even-flow with 20% departure constraint. Enabled current MN DNR protocols (statutory requirements) by turning on species conversion, RMZ's, endangered and threatened species, bald eagle nests, and 5% leave tree requirement. The purpose of this scenario was to establish the impact of the 6% discount rate with statutory requirements.

In the results below we used scenario 1.1.1 and 1.2.2 to compare back to Scenario 1 results. All of these regimes used a stumpage revenue objective function, even-flow with 20% departure. These scenarios differed by the application of management regimes, discount rates, and the application of statutory requirements. This allowed us to draw a comparison between Scenario 1 and 4 results, in order to assess the impact of the discount rate assumptions.

The detailed results for each scenario are shown in Appendix H: Detailed Scenario Results.

#### *5.3.4.1 Present Stumpage Revenue*

Comparing the differences directly between scenarios would be irrelevant because different discount rates were used (Figure 78). This is evident in the fact that 1.1.1 and 1.2.2 (3% discount rate) is higher than 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 (4% discount rate), which is higher than 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 (6% discount rate). What is of interest is the relative difference between 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 (4.1%), as well as 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 (5.9%), since it is driven by the application of the regulatory requirements. Here we see that the higher discount rate resulted in a sharper decrease in present stumpage revenue.

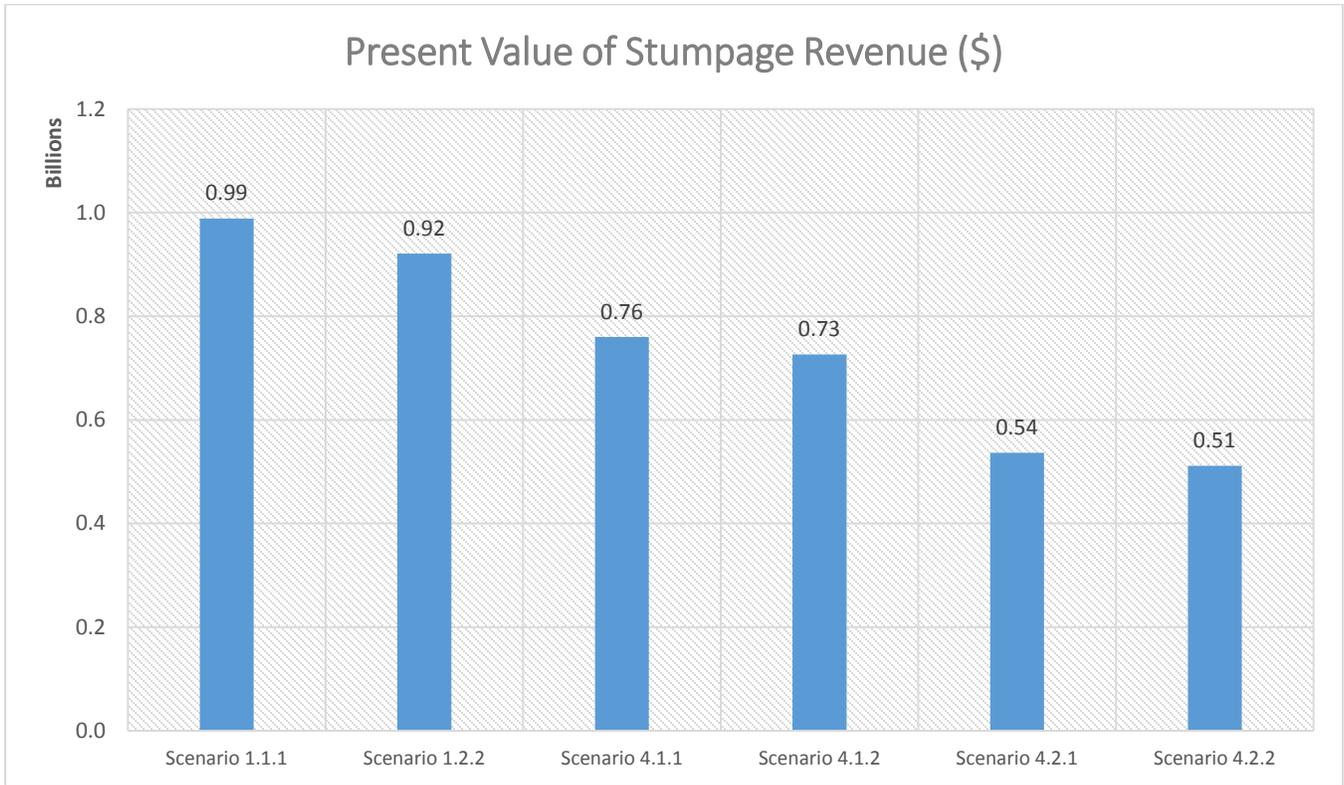


Figure 78. Scenario 4 - Present Value of Stumpage

#### 5.3.4.2 Harvest Volume

In terms of harvest volume, we saw no response to the increase in discount rate. Scenarios 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 were higher than 4.1.2 and 4.2.2, but this increase was driven by the regulatory requirements rather than the discount rate.

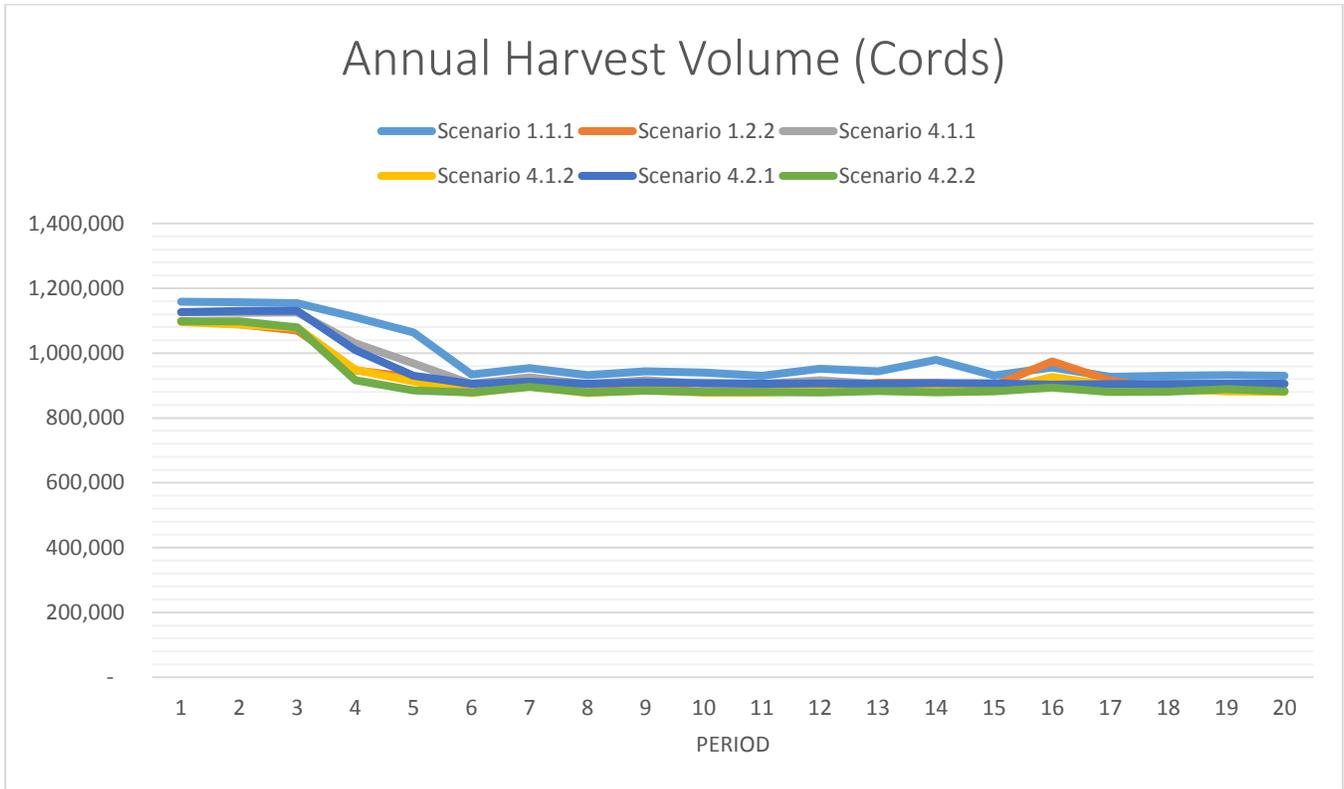


Figure 79. Scenario 4 - Annual Harvest Volumes

### 5.3.4.3 Clear-Cut Operable Acres

There was no change in the clear-cut operable acres that could be attributed to higher discount rates (Figure 80). Scenario 1.1.1 had more operable acres than the rest, but this is attributable to the fact that this scenario used only the forestry regimes (lower rotation ages make more acres available).

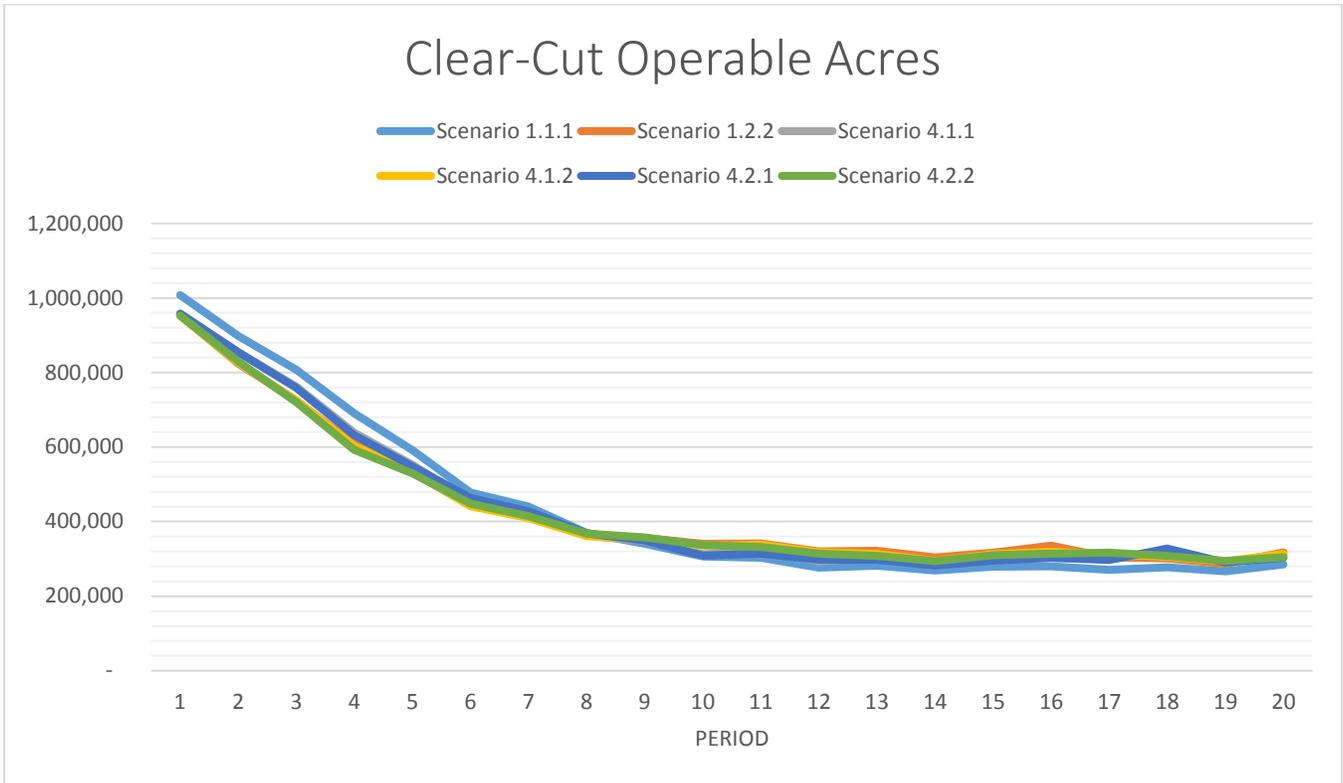


Figure 80. Scenario 4 - Clear-Cut Operable Acres

#### 5.3.4.4 Average Clear-Cut Age

Average clear-cut age followed along the results previously observed, with discernable effect from the higher discount rates (Figure 81). Scenario 1.1.1 followed a slightly different trajectory, but this is primarily due to the fact that it used only the forestry regimes. Scenarios 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 were higher in some periods, but this difference can be accounted for by the regulatory requirement constraints.

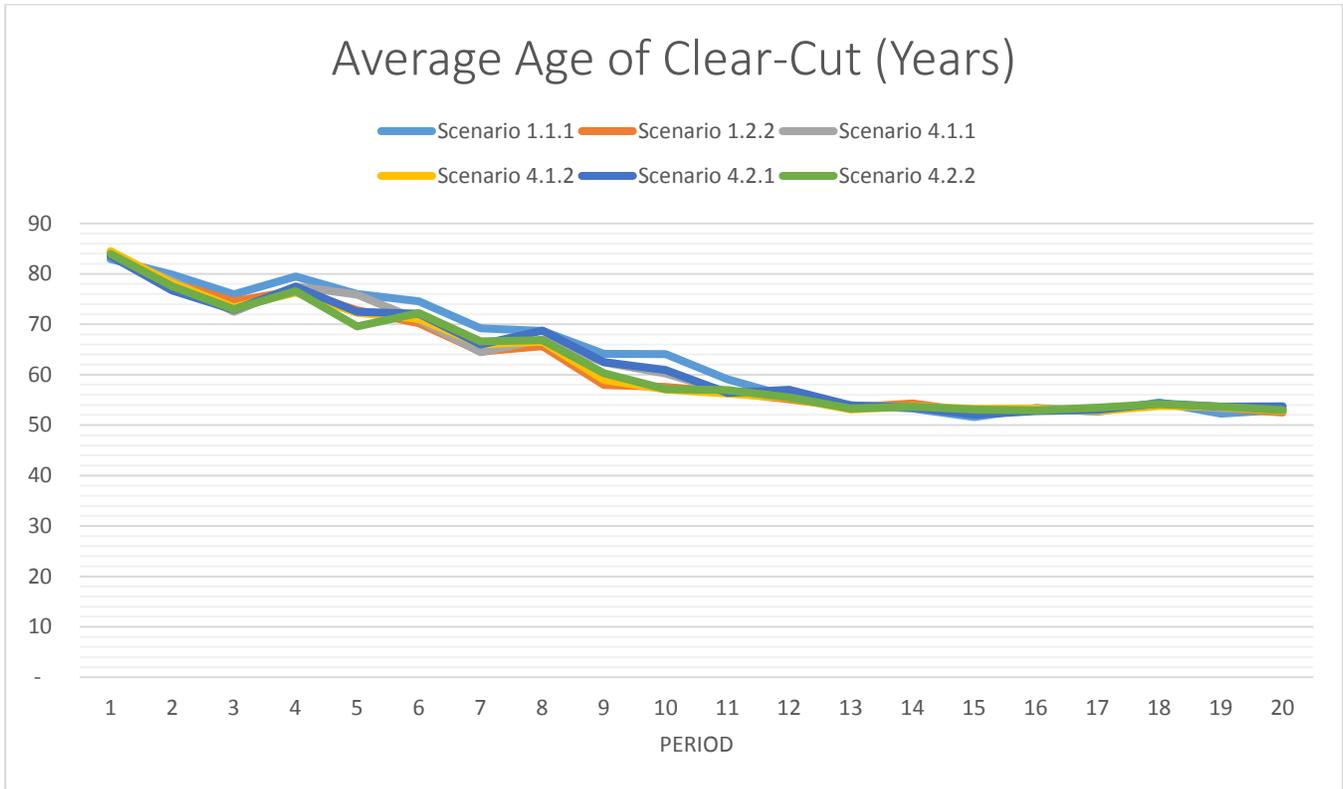


Figure 81. Scenario 4 - Average Clear-Cut Age

#### 5.3.4.5 Priority Harvest Volume

Priority harvest volume is the amount of timber harvested from land within 75 miles of the seven largest timber processors, excluding volume from species that are not commercially viable for these facilities. On average, the fraction of priority harvest volume is maintained at around 66% merging all of the Scenario 4 cases (Figure 82).

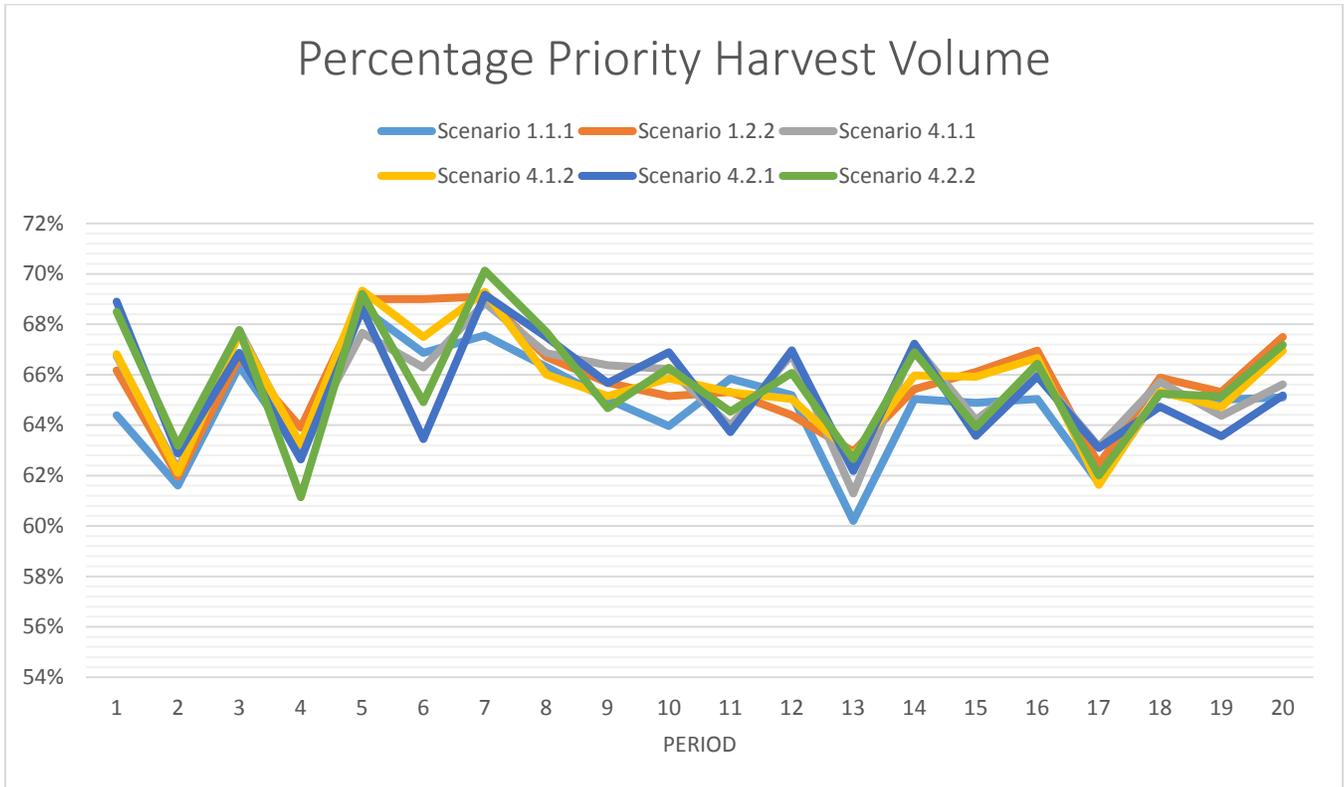


Figure 82. Scenario 4 - Priority Harvest Volume

### 5.3.4.6 Inventory

All of the scenarios exhibit a steady decline in inventory over the first 20 years, reflecting the accelerated harvest in that period (Figure 83). Scenario 1.1.1 ends at 28.8 million cords, 1.2.2, and 4.1.2, 4.2.2 at ±31.4 million cords, and 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 at ±30.2 million cords. The difference in these ending inventories are however driven by the assumptions on management regimes and regulatory requirements, and not by changes in discount rate.

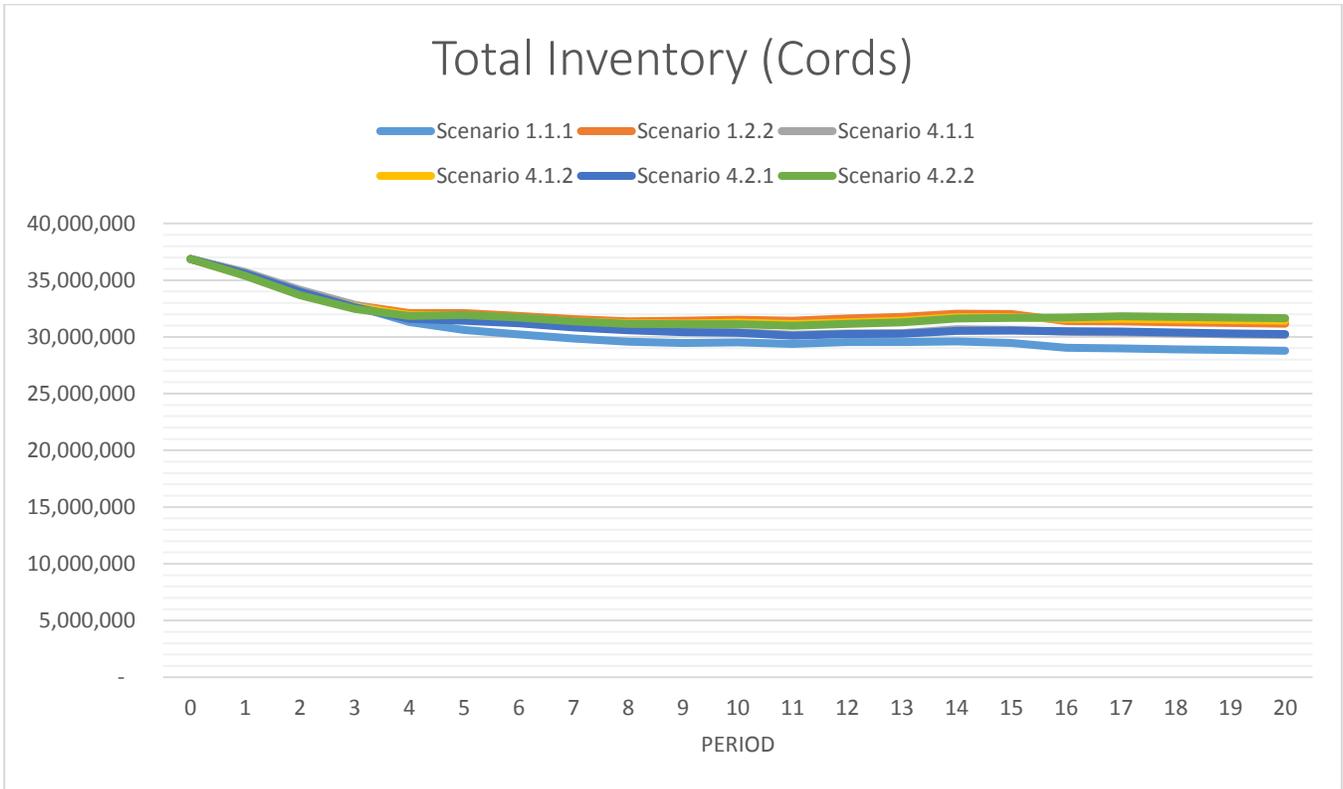


Figure 83. Scenario 4 - Inventory Volume by Period

#### 5.3.4.7 Trust Land Inventory

The inventory on trust lands followed almost identical trajectories across all scenarios (Figure 84). The ending inventory was  $\pm 13.7$  million acres, which is roughly 44% of the total inventory.

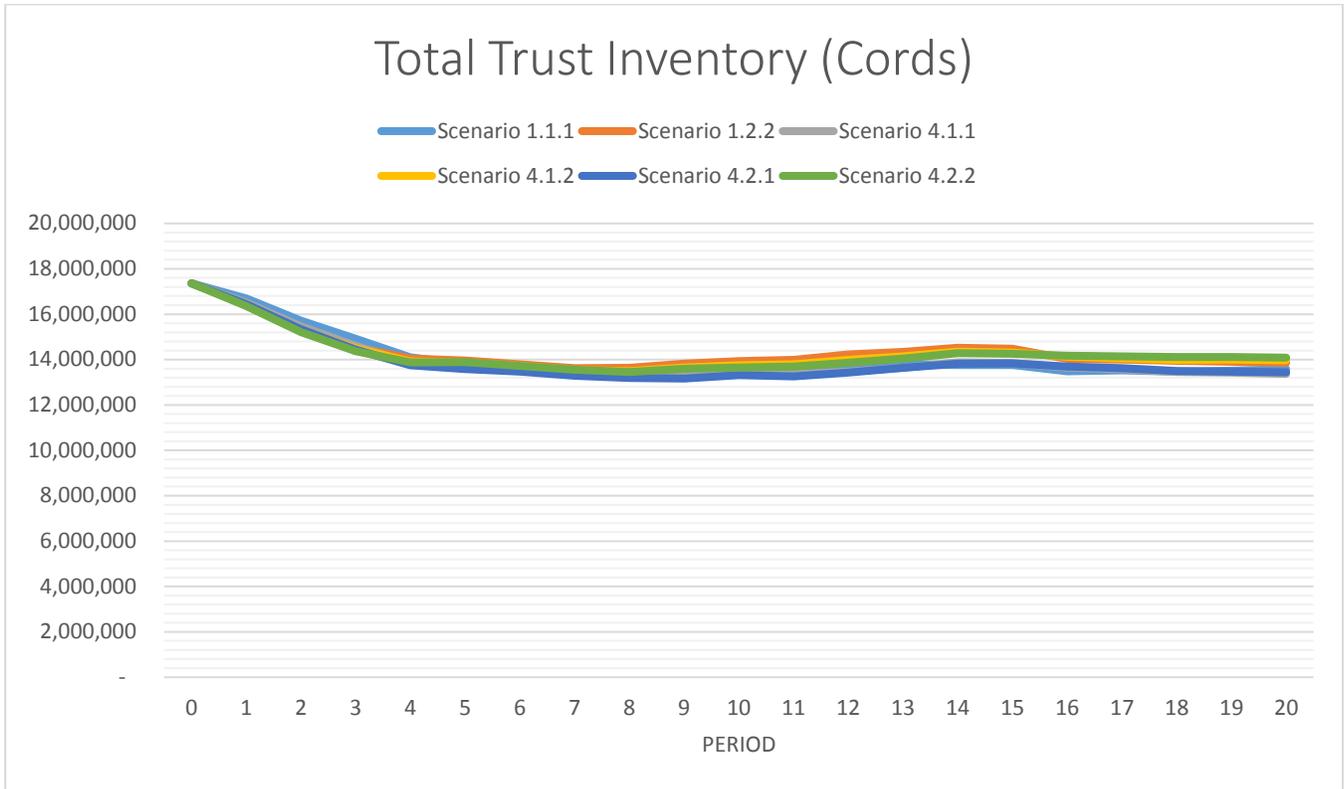


Figure 84. Scenario 4 - Inventory on Trust Land

#### 5.3.4.8 Cover Type Conversions

There was no discernable difference in cover type conversions between scenarios 1.2.2, 4.1.2, and 4.2.2 (Figure 85). For scenarios 1.1.1, 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 cover type conversions were not available.

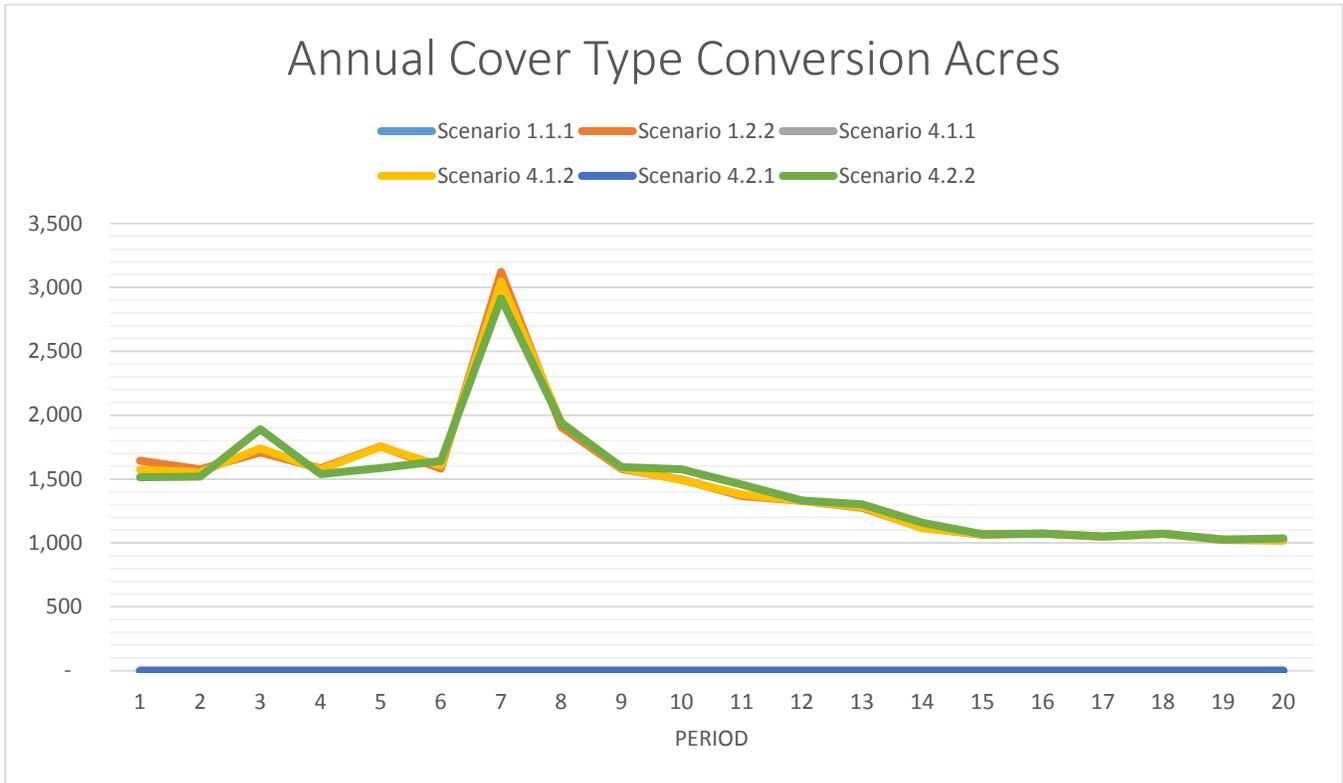


Figure 85. Scenario 4 - Cover Type Conversions

#### 5.3.4.9 Planning Latitude

Scenario 1.1.1 ended at 82% of operable clear-cut acres utilized, while scenarios 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 ended at  $\pm 73\%$ , and 1.2.2, 4.1.2 and 4.2.2 ended at  $\pm 68\%$  (Figure 86). This difference was driven by the assumptions on management regimes and regulatory requirements, and not by the changes in discount rate.

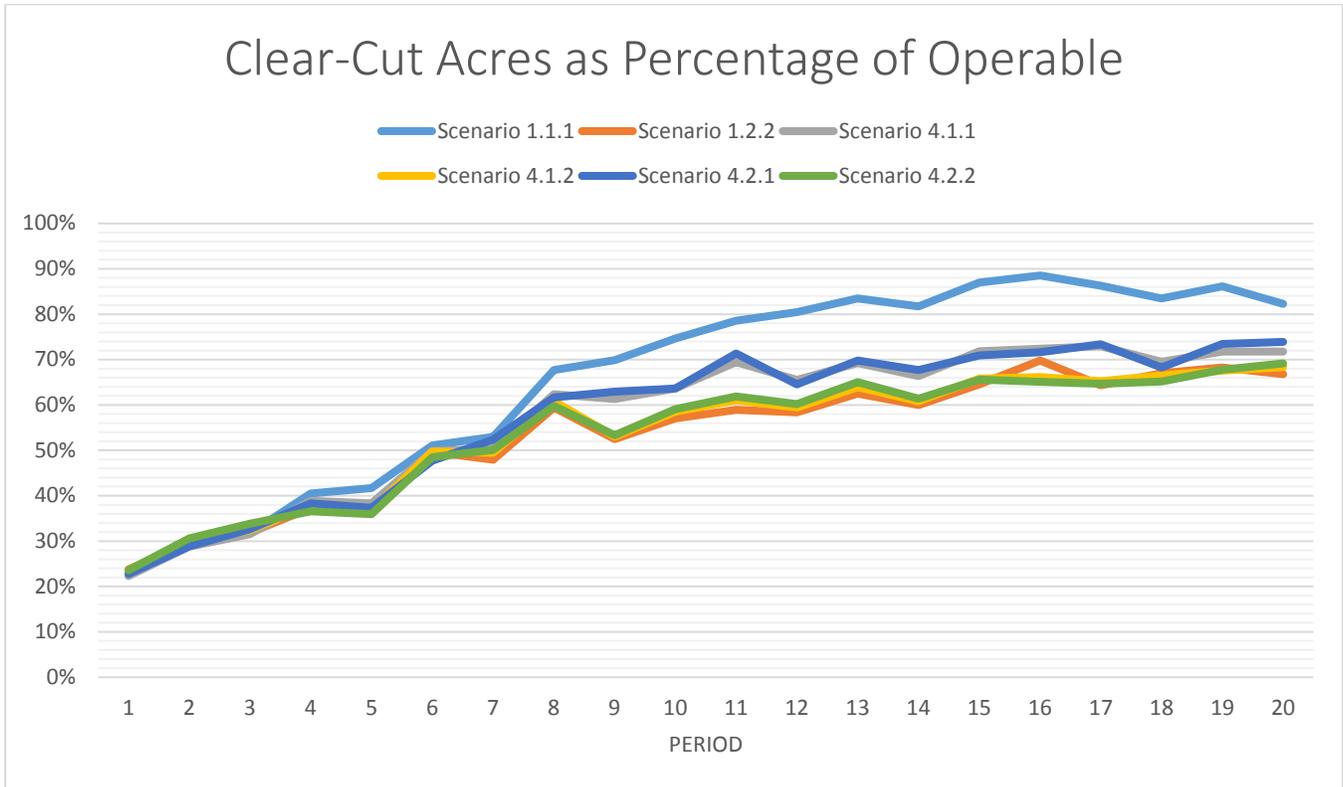


Figure 86. Scenario 4 - Planning Latitude

#### 5.3.4.10 Open Watershed Goals

The scenarios in Scenario 4 were designed to test effects of alternative discount rates on stumpage, harvest volume, inventory, and clear-cut acres. These scenarios imposed no constraints relating to watersheds, old forest guild, NPC, or diversity. In the following sections we report the results for these parameters, but emphasize that Scenario 4 was not designed to alter their outcomes.

With no constraints imposed to minimize open watershed acreage, we found that this quantity did not change appreciably for any Scenario 4 model, starting at 4.4% and ending at 4.5% (Figure 87), with a long-term average for all cases of 4.3%. In contrast, scenario 1.2.4.1, which was constrained to minimize open watersheds, reduced the percentage of open watersheds to 2.54% by 15 years and maintained that level through year 100 (Figure 29). Without the watershed constraint, the amount of open watersheds was 1.96% higher than scenario 1.2.4.2 at year 100.

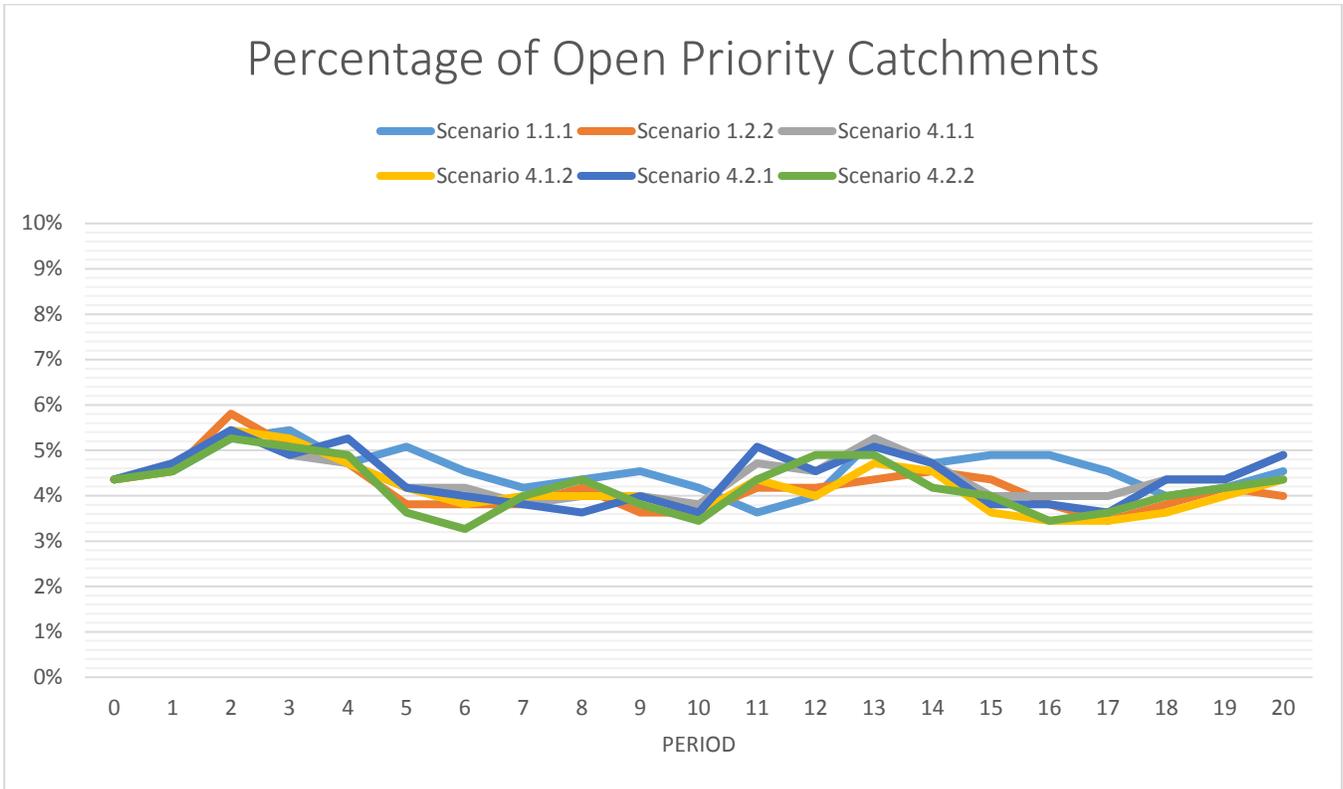


Figure 87. Scenario 4 - Open Watershed Prevalence

#### 5.3.4.11 Old Forest Guild Goals

Scenario 1.2.4.2 was constrained to maximize the number of hexagons that contained stands in the old forest guild. With this constraint in place, scenario 1.2.4.2 increased old forest from a starting point of 26% to an endpoint of 79% (Figure 30). Although scenario 1.2.4.3 was designed to minimize NPC deviations, it also managed to increase old forest to about 53% (Figure 30). In contrast, without the old forest or NPC constraints, scenario 4 models returned old forest representation between 25% and 27% (Figure 88).

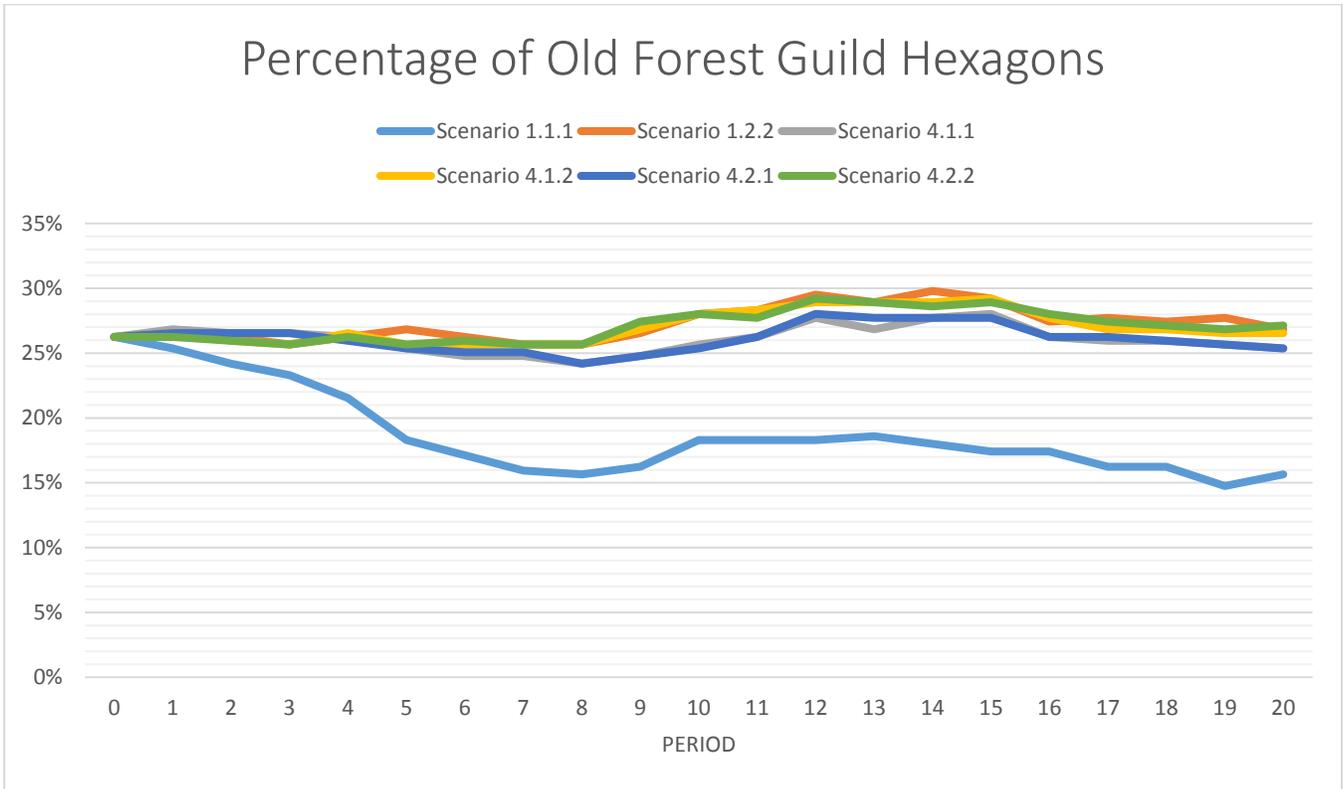


Figure 88. Scenario 4 - Old Forest Guild Proportion

#### 5.3.4.12 Young Forest Guild Goals

None of the scenarios optimized for young forest guild goals, so the results reported here are artifacts of other management assumptions. The results show that all scenarios clustered together and ended the planning horizon at  $\pm 1\%$ .

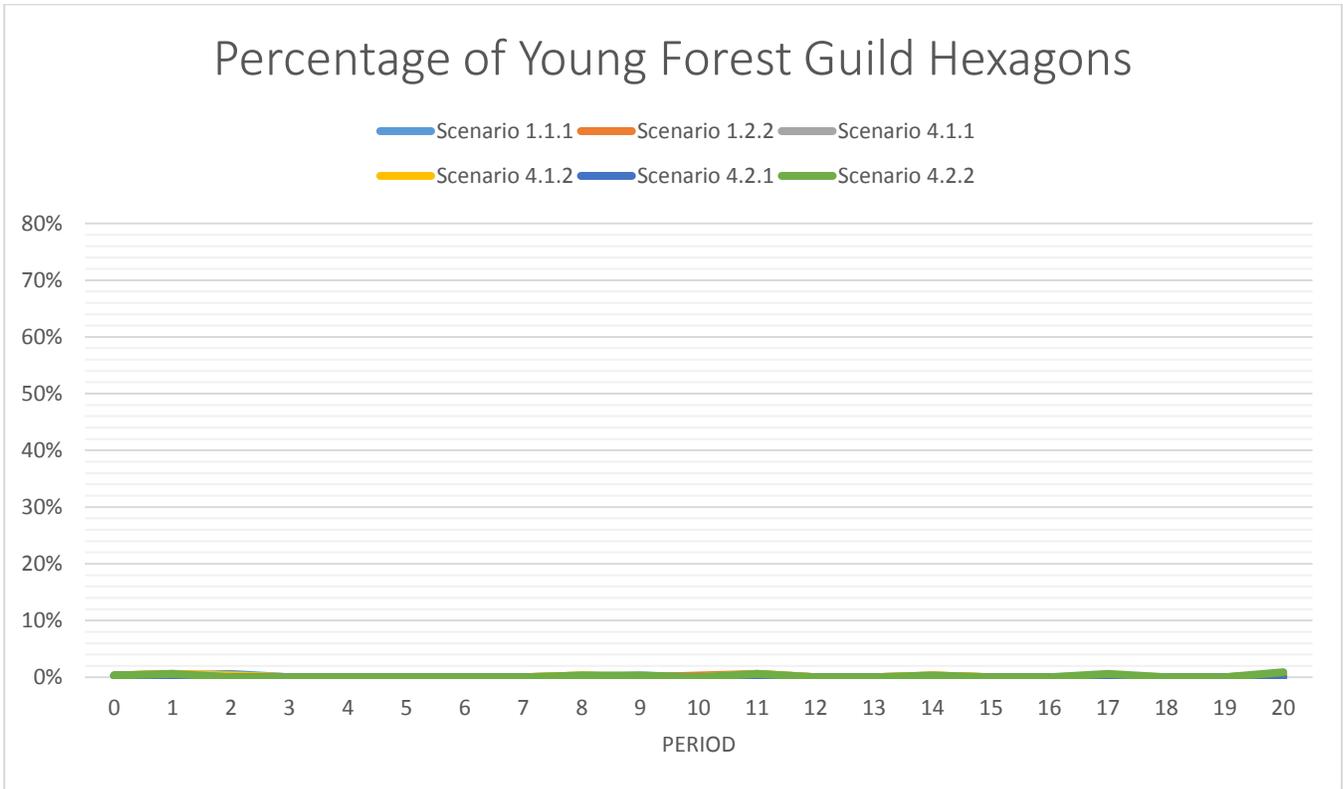


Figure 89. Scenario 4 - Young Forest Guild Proportion

#### 5.3.4.13 Native Plant Community Goals

The only scenario designed to minimize NPC deviations was 1.2.4.3, and it reduced the deviation to 524,000 acres (Figure 32). The next lowest scenario, 1.2.4.2, only reduced NPC deviation to 1.12 million acres (Figure 32). Scenario 4 was not configured to reduce NPC deviations, and indeed we found that the lowest NPC deviation was at 1.2 million acres (Figure 90). Without the constraint to minimize NPC deviation the model has no incentive to do so.

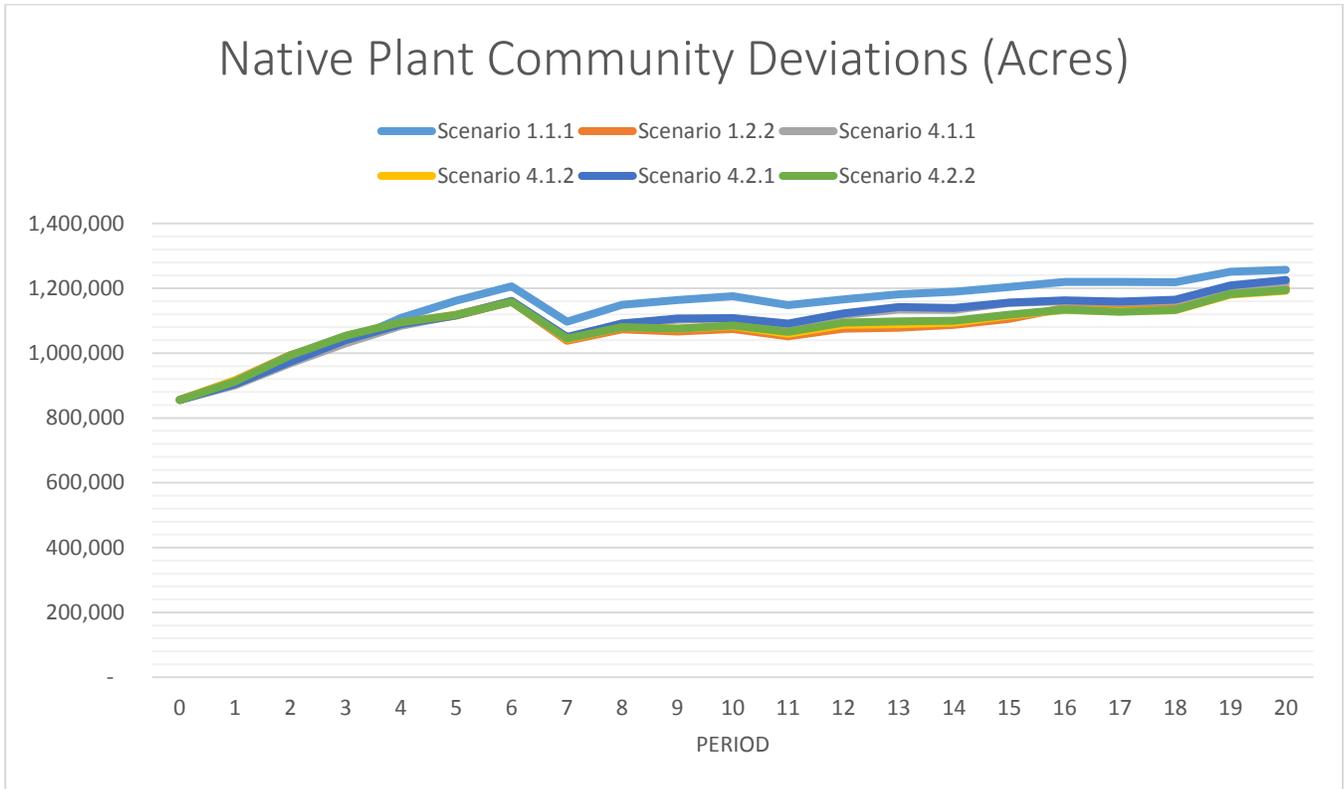


Figure 90. Scenario 4 - Native Plant Community Acreage Deviations

#### 5.3.4.14 Forest-Age Diversity Goals

A similar result occurs for forest age class diversity index in Scenario 4 (Figure 91). These scenarios were not required to maximize diversity, so we saw a decline in the diversity index from 0.88 to 0.86 for 4.1.1 and 4.2.1, and from 0.88 to 0.87 for 4.1.2 and 4.2.2. In percentage terms, following the normalization where 0.01 index unit is equivalent to 3.57% of the theoretical index scale (5.3.1.14), Scenario 4 resulted in a decline of 3.57% to 7.14% in forest age class diversity.

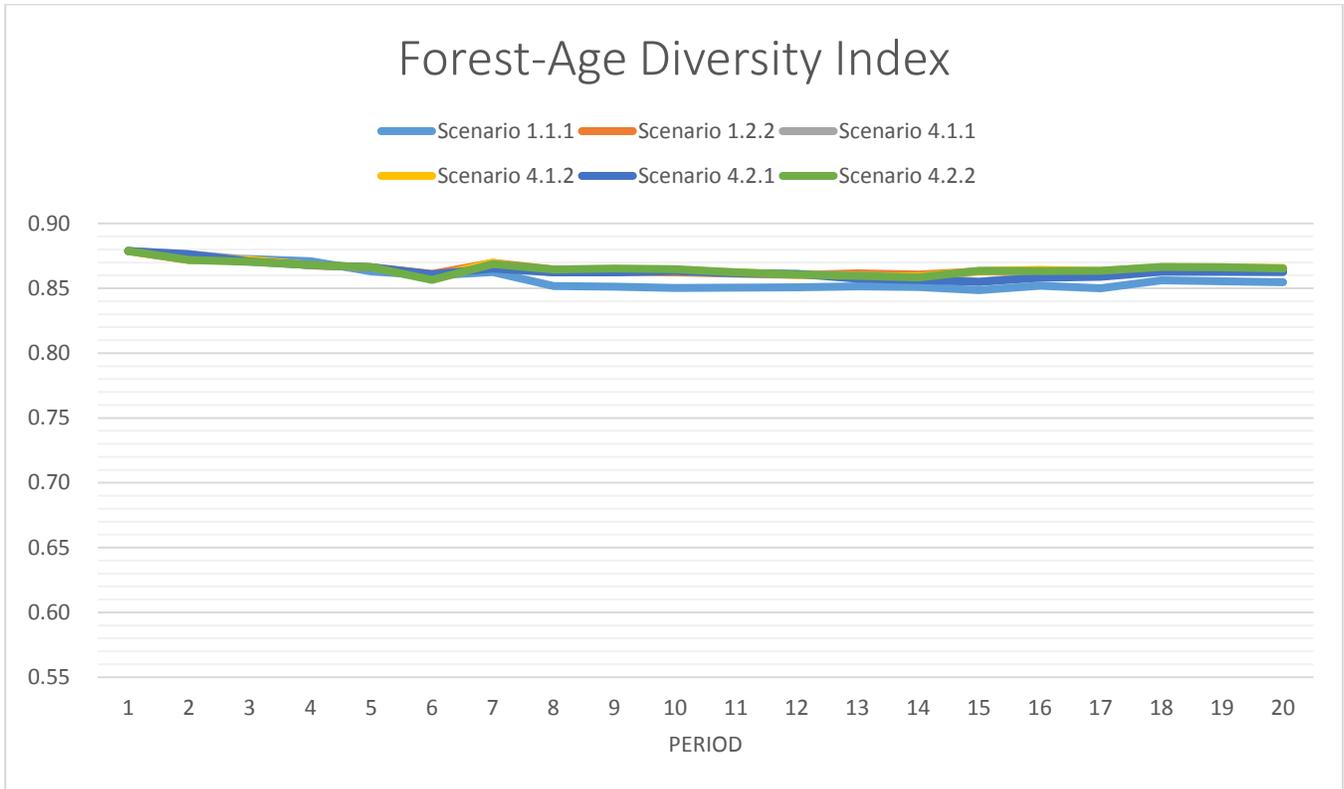


Figure 91. Scenario 4 – Forest-Age Diversity Index Range

## 6.0 KEY OBSERVATIONS

The purpose of this project was to explore the potential for a harvest level of 1 million cords per year on a sustainable basis. Sustainability was defined by the MN DNR and its stakeholders as meeting a wide range of objectives, which included maintaining natural resource economies, preserving water quality, increasing biodiversity, and protecting wildlife habitat.

Key to this study is the fact that the MN DNR forests have a large number of acres beyond the minimum rotation age. The existence of these mature and older forest acres provides MN DNR with a great deal of flexibility in terms of harvest over the next 20 years. These forest acres also provide opportunities to move more quickly toward achieving some non-timber objectives than if the forest was regulated to current rotation ages. Our objectives were to quantify the opportunities for both timber harvest and other resources and to delineate the interactions between timber and the other resource objectives.

### 6.1 Sustainable Harvest Levels

Current annual DNR harvest is about 800,000 cords. We found that the long-term sustained harvest that utilizes all of the acres available under current legal and regulatory restrictions could be between 880,000 and 910,000 cords per year (scenarios 1.1.2 and 1.2.2). This includes site-level considerations for water quality, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity, but does not include marketability factors nor wildlife considerations mentioned below. In the short term, harvests above 1 million cords could be sustained for 15 to 20 years, without ever falling below the long-term sustained level.

However, our analysis went on to incorporate values other than timber. The sustained harvest level is most sensitive to resource objectives that target wildlife habitat and required the development of mature and older forests:

- **Old Forest Guilds** – Currently, 26% of the hexagons have forest conditions that meet the criteria for old-forest dependent species. Scenario 1.2.4.2 was designed to get as many hexagons as possible into the desired condition. After 100 years, the model found that 42% of the hexagons met the old-forest guild criteria.

Emphasizing the old-forest conditions had a substantial impact on the sustainable harvest level. Harvest levels averaged about 696,000 cords and the model did not find an opportunity to depart from even-flow in the early periods. Given that meeting the old-forest conditions requires longer rotation ages, the negative correlation between harvest and old-forest is expected.

- **Young Forest Guilds** – Similarly, scenario 1.2.4.4 was designed to get as many hexagons as possible to the young forest condition. Currently, 0.3% of the hexagons meet the desired condition. After 100 years the model found that 73% of the hexagons met the desired condition.

Harvest levels for this scenario averaged about 805,000 cords per year, with no departure from even-flow in the early periods. This scenario provided the highest harvest level of the scenarios that targeted wildlife habitat and plant communities. The model was unable to develop young forest conditions in the other scenarios, and we attribute this to the fact that this criteria requires both young and old forest, and the model will not develop both of these conditions without an incentive to do so.

- **Native Plant Communities** – A set of NPC goals describes a desired age class distribution based on pre-settlement conditions and natural disturbance regimes. The current forest misses the desired distribution by some 855,000 acres. Scenario 1.2.4.3 seeks to minimize deviations from these targets by managing how acres age. By harvesting less, the model gets within about 300,000 acres of the desired distribution. Harvest levels for Run 1.2.4.3 averaged about 584,000 cords, and there is no near-term departure from even flow.

Run 1.2.4.3 suggests a positive correlation between meeting the NPC goals and the old-forest guild goals. While our analysis was not designed to test the strength of the correlation, it is clear that the two objectives are at least somewhat complementary.

Two of the strategic goals, on the other hand, had little impact on harvest levels:

- **Priority Catchments in an Open Condition** – Currently, about 4.4% of the priority catchments on MN DNR lands are considered to be in an “open” condition—having an excess of younger forest and open land than is desirable from a water quality standpoint. By formulating the model to minimize the number of priority catchments considered open (scenario 1.2.4.1), we found that the model could get that number down to and hold at 2.5% over time. This had very little impact on the total harvest level.

When we did not explicitly include watershed objectives, the number of open priority catchments within MN DNR lands ranged from 4-5%. This may be an artifact of our modeling procedure. Given the results of Run 1.2.4.1, we expect that nearly any scenario could be formulated to approach the 2.5% figure.

- **Forest-Age Diversity** – In this analysis, a forest-age diversity index is based on an objective of having an equal number of acres in each of four age groups. Scenarios 2.2.2 through 2.2.4 explore the impact of three different harvest levels on the forest-age diversity index. At harvest of 600,000 or 800,000 cords, the index is generally at the theoretical maximum. With harvest at 1 million cords, the index is very close to the theoretical maximum, suggesting that the age class structure never strays far from the desired range, regardless of harvest.

## 6.2 Yield Projections

Projections of future timber yields are fundamental to the harvest projections included in this report. DNR generates yields based on observations from the current timber inventory – an approach sometimes called empirical yields. While questions have been raised about the MN DNR’s yield projections, our scope of work did not include developing independent yield projections. We did test the sensitivity of the model results to the yields and found that a change in the yields resulted in a proportionate change in the projected harvest. Within a reasonable range of adjustment, there are no disproportionate impacts on harvest levels.

## 6.3 Discount Rates

Assumptions on discount rates can result in different management plans since forest planning models will aim to harvest stands before their growth rate falls below the discount rate. In this analysis, we examined the impact of higher discount rates and found that it had no impact on the model results. This is most likely due to the slower growth rates in MN, resulting in the model having no opportunity to beat the discount rate.

## 6.4 Going Forward

This assessment of the capabilities and opportunities of MN DNR’s commercial forest land suggests that the MN DNR could contemplate increasing timber harvest levels in the short term, without falling below sustained harvest levels in the long term. However, maintaining current harvest levels, or increasing above current harvest levels, will impact the agency’s ability to move the forest toward goals for biodiversity and habitat for both young and old forest-dependent wildlife. This assessment should help MN DNR understand the opportunities for finding the right balance between these objectives.

The results also showed that only 60% to 70% of the harvest volumes projected by the model is merchantable under current assumptions. To raise the operational harvest levels to those predicted by the model, the MN DNR will have to find markets for species that are not currently considered merchantable.

## Appendix A: Clear-Cut Management Regime

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age
01Ash	AP	All	F	55
01Ash	BRP	All	F	75
01Ash	MNIAM	All	F	55
01Ash	NMNDLP	55minus	F	45
01Ash	NMNDLP	60plus	F	75
01Ash	NMNOP	All	F	55
01Ash	NSU	All	F	80
01Ash	WSU	70minus	F	115
01Ash	WSU	75plus	F	145
09LowHrdw	AP	All	F	55
09LowHrdw	BRP	All	F	75
09LowHrdw	MNIAM	All	F	55
09LowHrdw	NMNDLP	55minus	F	45
09LowHrdw	NMNDLP	60plus	F	75
09LowHrdw	NMNOP	All	F	55
09LowHrdw	NSU	All	F	80
09LowHrdw	WSU	70minus	F	115
09LowHrdw	WSU	75plus	F	145
12Aspen	AP	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	AP	60minus	W	45
12Aspen	AP	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	AP	65plus	W	35
12Aspen	BRP	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	BRP	60minus	W	50
12Aspen	BRP	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	BRP	65plus	W	40
12Aspen	MNIAM	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	MNIAM	60minus	W	50
12Aspen	MNIAM	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	MNIAM	65plus	W	40
12Aspen	NMNDLP	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	NMNDLP	60minus	W	50
12Aspen	NMNDLP	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	NMNDLP	65plus	W	50

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age
12Aspen	NMNOP	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	NMNOP	60minus	W	60
12Aspen	NMNOP	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	NMNOP	65plus	W	60
12Aspen	NSU	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	NSU	60minus	W	60
12Aspen	NSU	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	NSU	65plus	W	55
12Aspen	WSU	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	WSU	60minus	W	50
12Aspen	WSU	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	WSU	65plus	W	45
13Birch	AP	All	F	40
13Birch	AP	All	W	45
13Birch	BRP	All	F	55
13Birch	MNIAM	All	F	40
13Birch	MNIAM	All	W	45
13Birch	NMNDLP	All	F	45
13Birch	NMNDLP	All	W	50
13Birch	NMNOP	All	F	45
13Birch	NMNOP	All	W	50
13Birch	NSU	55minus	F	50
13Birch	NSU	55minus	W	55
13Birch	NSU	60plus	F	55
13Birch	NSU	60plus	W	60
13Birch	WSU	All	F	45
13Birch	WSU	All	W	50
14BlmGil	AP	60minus	F	45
14BlmGil	AP	60minus	W	40
14BlmGil	AP	65plus	F	35
14BlmGil	AP	65plus	W	30
14BlmGil	BRP	60minus	F	45
14BlmGil	BRP	65plus	F	35
14BlmGil	MNIAM	60minus	F	45
14BlmGil	MNIAM	60minus	W	45
14BlmGil	MNIAM	65plus	F	35
14BlmGil	MNIAM	65plus	W	35

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age
14BlmGil	NMNDLP	60minus	F	45
14BlmGil	NMNDLP	60minus	W	45
14BlmGil	NMNDLP	65plus	F	35
14BlmGil	NMNDLP	65plus	W	45
14BlmGil	NMNOP	60minus	F	45
14BlmGil	NMNOP	60minus	W	55
14BlmGil	NMNOP	65plus	F	35
14BlmGil	NMNOP	65plus	W	55
14BlmGil	NSU	60minus	F	45
14BlmGil	NSU	60minus	W	55
14BlmGil	NSU	65plus	F	35
14BlmGil	NSU	65plus	W	50
14BlmGil	WSU	60minus	F	45
14BlmGil	WSU	60minus	W	45
14BlmGil	WSU	65plus	F	35
14BlmGil	WSU	65plus	W	40
20NorthHrdw	AP	All	F	55
20NorthHrdw	BRP	All	F	75
20NorthHrdw	BRP	All	W	80
20NorthHrdw	MNIAM	All	F	55
20NorthHrdw	NMNDLP	55minus	F	45
20NorthHrdw	NMNDLP	60plus	F	75
20NorthHrdw	NMNOP	All	F	55
20NorthHrdw	NMNOP	All	W	80
20NorthHrdw	NSU	All	F	80
20NorthHrdw	WSU	70minus	F	115
20NorthHrdw	WSU	75plus	F	145
30oak	AP	All	F	55
30oak	BRP	All	F	75
30oak	BRP	All	W	80
30oak	MNIAM	All	F	55
30oak	NMNDLP	55minus	F	45
30oak	NMNDLP	60plus	F	75
30oak	NMNOP	All	F	55
30oak	NMNOP	All	W	80
30oak	NSU	All	F	80
30oak	WSU	70minus	F	115

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age
30oak	WSU	75plus	F	145
40CentHrdw	AP	All	F	55
40CentHrdw	BRP	All	F	75
40CentHrdw	BRP	All	W	80
40CentHrdw	MNIAM	All	F	55
40CentHrdw	NMNDLP	55minus	F	45
40CentHrdw	NMNDLP	60plus	F	75
40CentHrdw	NMNOP	All	F	55
40CentHrdw	NSU	All	F	80
40CentHrdw	WSU	70minus	F	115
40CentHrdw	WSU	75plus	F	145
51WhiPinePlt	BRP	50minus	W	65
51WhiPinePlt	BRP	55-60	W	60
51WhiPinePlt	BRP	65plus	W	55
52RedPine	AP	All	F	115
52RedPine	BRP	All	F	110
52RedPine	MNIAM	All	F	110
52RedPine	NMNDLP	All	F	95
52RedPine	NMNOP	All	F	95
52RedPine	NSU	All	F	110
52RedPine	WSU	All	F	115
52RedPinePlt	AP	50minus	F	65
52RedPinePlt	AP	50minus	W	70
52RedPinePlt	AP	55-60	F	60
52RedPinePlt	AP	55-60	W	65
52RedPinePlt	AP	65plus	F	55
52RedPinePlt	AP	65plus	W	60
52RedPinePlt	BRP	50minus	F	65
52RedPinePlt	BRP	50minus	W	70
52RedPinePlt	BRP	55-60	F	60
52RedPinePlt	BRP	55-60	W	65
52RedPinePlt	BRP	65plus	F	55
52RedPinePlt	BRP	65plus	W	60
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	50minus	F	65
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	50minus	W	70
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	55-60	F	60
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	55-60	W	65

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	65plus	F	55
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	65plus	W	60
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	50minus	F	65
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	50minus	W	70
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	55-60	F	60
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	55-60	W	65
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	65plus	F	55
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	65plus	W	60
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	50minus	F	65
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	50minus	W	70
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	55-60	F	60
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	55-60	W	65
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	65plus	F	55
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	65plus	W	60
52RedPinePlt	NSU	50minus	F	65
52RedPinePlt	NSU	50minus	W	70
52RedPinePlt	NSU	55-60	F	60
52RedPinePlt	NSU	55-60	W	65
52RedPinePlt	NSU	65plus	F	55
52RedPinePlt	NSU	65plus	W	60
52RedPinePlt	WSU	50minus	F	65
52RedPinePlt	WSU	50minus	W	70
52RedPinePlt	WSU	55-60	F	60
52RedPinePlt	WSU	55-60	W	65
52RedPinePlt	WSU	65plus	F	55
52RedPinePlt	WSU	65plus	W	60
53JacPine	AP	All	F	45
53JacPine	AP	All	W	50
53JacPine	BRP	All	F	55
53JacPine	MNIAM	All	F	30
53JacPine	MNIAM	All	W	40
53JacPine	NMNDLP	All	F	40
53JacPine	NMNDLP	All	W	45
53JacPine	NMNOP	All	F	45
53JacPine	NMNOP	All	W	50
53JacPine	NSU	All	F	55
53JacPine	NSU	All	W	60

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age
53JacPine	WSU	All	F	35
53JacPine	WSU	All	W	40
54ScotPine	BRP	All	W	60
54ScotPine	MNIAM	All	W	40
54ScotPine	NMNDLP	All	W	45
54ScotPine	NSU	All	W	60
54ScotPine	WSU	All	W	40
61WhitSprPlt	AP	All	F	45
61WhitSprPlt	AP	All	W	50
61WhitSprPlt	BRP	All	F	45
61WhitSprPlt	BRP	All	W	50
61WhitSprPlt	MNIAM	All	F	45
61WhitSprPlt	MNIAM	All	W	50
61WhitSprPlt	NMNDLP	All	F	45
61WhitSprPlt	NMNOP	All	F	45
61WhitSprPlt	NMNOP	All	W	50
61WhitSprPlt	NSU	All	F	45
61WhitSprPlt	NSU	All	W	50
61WhitSprPlt	WSU	All	F	45
61WhitSprPlt	WSU	All	W	50
62BalFir	AP	All	F	45
62BalFir	AP	All	W	50
62BalFir	BRP	All	F	40
62BalFir	MNIAM	All	F	40
62BalFir	MNIAM	All	W	45
62BalFir	NMNDLP	All	F	40
62BalFir	NMNDLP	All	W	50
62BalFir	NMNOP	All	F	40
62BalFir	NMNOP	All	W	55
62BalFir	NSU	All	F	45
62BalFir	NSU	All	W	55
62BalFir	WSU	All	F	55
62BalFir	WSU	All	W	55
71BlaSprLow	AP	25Minus	F	115
71BlaSprLow	AP	25Minus	W	120
71BlaSprLow	AP	30-35	F	95
71BlaSprLow	AP	30-35	W	100

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age
71BlaSprLow	AP	40Plus	F	75
71BlaSprLow	AP	40Plus	W	80
71BlaSprLow	BRP	25Minus	F	115
71BlaSprLow	BRP	30-35	F	95
71BlaSprLow	BRP	40Plus	F	75
71BlaSprLow	MNIAM	25Minus	F	115
71BlaSprLow	MNIAM	25Minus	W	120
71BlaSprLow	MNIAM	30-35	F	95
71BlaSprLow	MNIAM	30-35	W	100
71BlaSprLow	MNIAM	40Plus	F	75
71BlaSprLow	MNIAM	40Plus	W	80
71BlaSprLow	NMNDLP	25Minus	F	115
71BlaSprLow	NMNDLP	25Minus	W	120
71BlaSprLow	NMNDLP	30-35	F	95
71BlaSprLow	NMNDLP	30-35	W	100
71BlaSprLow	NMNDLP	40Plus	F	75
71BlaSprLow	NMNDLP	40Plus	W	80
71BlaSprLow	NMNOP	25Minus	F	115
71BlaSprLow	NMNOP	25Minus	W	120
71BlaSprLow	NMNOP	30-35	F	95
71BlaSprLow	NMNOP	30-35	W	100
71BlaSprLow	NMNOP	40Plus	F	75
71BlaSprLow	NMNOP	40Plus	W	100
71BlaSprLow	NSU	25Minus	F	115
71BlaSprLow	NSU	25Minus	W	120
71BlaSprLow	NSU	30-35	F	95
71BlaSprLow	NSU	30-35	W	100
71BlaSprLow	NSU	40Plus	F	75
71BlaSprLow	NSU	40Plus	W	80
71BlaSprLow	WSU	25Minus	F	115
71BlaSprLow	WSU	25Minus	W	120
71BlaSprLow	WSU	30-35	F	95
71BlaSprLow	WSU	30-35	W	100
71BlaSprLow	WSU	40Plus	F	75
71BlaSprLow	WSU	40Plus	W	80
72TamPine	AP	35Minus	F	95
72TamPine	AP	35Minus	W	100

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age
72TamPine	AP	40Plus	F	75
72TamPine	AP	40Plus	W	80
72TamPine	BRP	All	F	80
72TamPine	MNIAM	All	F	80
72TamPine	MNIAM	All	W	85
72TamPine	NMNDLP	35Minus	F	70
72TamPine	NMNDLP	35Minus	W	75
72TamPine	NMNDLP	40Plus	F	60
72TamPine	NMNDLP	40Plus	W	65
72TamPine	NMNOP	35Minus	F	90
72TamPine	NMNOP	35Minus	W	95
72TamPine	NMNOP	40Plus	F	65
72TamPine	NMNOP	40Plus	W	70
72TamPine	NSU	35Minus	F	95
72TamPine	NSU	35Minus	W	100
72TamPine	NSU	40Plus	F	70
72TamPine	NSU	40Plus	W	75
72TamPine	WSU	35Minus	F	95
72TamPine	WSU	35Minus	W	100
72TamPine	WSU	40Plus	F	55
72TamPine	WSU	40Plus	W	60
74BlaSprUpl	AP	All	F	45
74BlaSprUpl	BRP	All	F	30
74BlaSprUpl	MNIAM	All	F	30
74BlaSprUpl	MNIAM	All	W	50
74BlaSprUpl	NMNDLP	All	F	40
74BlaSprUpl	NMNDLP	All	W	50
74BlaSprUpl	NMNOP	All	F	55
74BlaSprUpl	NMNOP	All	W	60
74BlaSprUpl	NSU	All	F	60
74BlaSprUpl	NSU	All	W	65
74BlaSprUpl	WSU	All	F	35
74BlaSprUpl	WSU	All	W	50
79Offoak	BRP	All	W	80

## Appendix B: Thin Management Regime

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Thin Number	Minimum Thin Age	Maximum Thin Age
01Ash	All	All	F	Unthinned	40	70
01Ash	All	All	F	Thin 1	55	70
01Ash	All	All	F	Thin 2	70	70
09LowHrdw	All	All	F	Unthinned	40	70
09LowHrdw	All	All	F	Thin 1	55	70
09LowHrdw	All	All	F	Thin 2	70	70
20NorthHrdw	All	60Plus	F	Unthinned	30	70
20NorthHrdw	All	60Plus	F	Thin 1	45	70
20NorthHrdw	All	60Plus	F	Thin 2	60	70
20NorthHrdw	MNIAM	60Plus	W	Unthinned	30	70
20NorthHrdw	MNIAM	60Plus	W	Thin 1	45	70
20NorthHrdw	MNIAM	60Plus	W	Thin 2	60	70
20NorthHrdw	NSU	60Plus	W	Unthinned	30	70
20NorthHrdw	NSU	60Plus	W	Thin 1	45	70
20NorthHrdw	NSU	60Plus	W	Thin 2	60	70
20NorthHrdw	WSU	60Plus	W	Unthinned	30	70
20NorthHrdw	WSU	60Plus	W	Thin 1	45	70
20NorthHrdw	WSU	60Plus	W	Thin 2	60	70
30Oak	All	60Plus	F	Unthinned	30	70
30Oak	All	60Plus	F	Thin 1	45	70
30Oak	All	60Plus	F	Thin 2	60	70
30Oak	MNIAM	60Plus	W	Unthinned	30	70
30Oak	MNIAM	60Plus	W	Thin 1	45	70
30Oak	MNIAM	60Plus	W	Thin 2	60	70
30Oak	NSU	60Plus	W	Unthinned	30	70
30Oak	NSU	60Plus	W	Thin 1	45	70
30Oak	NSU	60Plus	W	Thin 2	60	70
30Oak	WSU	60Plus	W	Unthinned	30	70
30Oak	WSU	60Plus	W	Thin 1	45	70
30Oak	WSU	60Plus	W	Thin 2	60	70
40CentHrdw	All	60Plus	F	Unthinned	30	70
40CentHrdw	All	60Plus	F	Thin 1	45	70
40CentHrdw	All	60Plus	F	Thin 2	60	70
40CentHrdw	MNIAM	60Plus	W	Unthinned	30	70
40CentHrdw	MNIAM	60Plus	W	Thin 1	45	70
40CentHrdw	MNIAM	60Plus	W	Thin 2	60	70

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Thin Number	Minimum Thin Age	Maximum Thin Age
40CentHrdw	NSU	60Plus	W	Unthinned	30	70
40CentHrdw	NSU	60Plus	W	Thin 1	45	70
40CentHrdw	NSU	60Plus	W	Thin 2	60	70
40CentHrdw	WSU	60Plus	W	Unthinned	30	70
40CentHrdw	WSU	60Plus	W	Thin 1	45	70
40CentHrdw	WSU	60Plus	W	Thin 2	60	70
51WhiPinePlt	All	All	F	Unthinned	25	100
51WhiPinePlt	All	All	F	Thin 1	35	100
51WhiPinePlt	All	All	F	Thin 2	45	100
51WhiPinePlt	All	All	F	Thin 3	55	100
51WhiPinePlt	All	All	F	Thin 4	65	100
51WhiPinePlt	All	All	F	Thin 5	75	100
51WhiPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
51WhiPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
51WhiPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100
51WhiPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
51WhiPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
51WhiPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
51WhiPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
51WhiPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
51WhiPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100
51WhiPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
51WhiPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
51WhiPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
51WhiPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
51WhiPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
51WhiPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100
51WhiPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
51WhiPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
51WhiPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
51WhiPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
51WhiPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
51WhiPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100
51WhiPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
51WhiPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
51WhiPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
51WhiPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
51WhiPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
51WhiPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Thin Number	Minimum Thin Age	Maximum Thin Age
51WhiPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
51WhiPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
51WhiPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
51WhiPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
51WhiPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
51WhiPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100
51WhiPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
51WhiPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
51WhiPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
52RedPine	All	All	F	Unthinned	25	100
52RedPine	All	All	F	Thin 1	35	100
52RedPine	All	All	F	Thin 2	45	100
52RedPine	All	All	F	Thin 3	55	100
52RedPine	All	All	F	Thin 4	65	100
52RedPine	All	All	F	Thin 5	75	100
52RedPine	AP	45Plus	W	Unthinned	40	150
52RedPine	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 1	55	150
52RedPine	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 2	70	150
52RedPine	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 3	85	150
52RedPine	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 4	100	150
52RedPine	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 5	115	150
52RedPine	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Unthinned	40	150
52RedPine	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 1	55	150
52RedPine	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 2	70	150
52RedPine	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 3	85	150
52RedPine	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 4	100	150
52RedPine	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 5	115	150
52RedPine	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Unthinned	40	150
52RedPine	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 1	55	150
52RedPine	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 2	70	150
52RedPine	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 3	85	150
52RedPine	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 4	100	150
52RedPine	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 5	115	150
52RedPine	NSU	45Plus	W	Unthinned	40	150
52RedPine	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 1	55	150
52RedPine	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 2	70	150
52RedPine	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 3	85	150
52RedPine	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 4	100	150
52RedPine	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 5	115	150

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Thin Number	Minimum Thin Age	Maximum Thin Age
52RedPine	WSU	45Plus	W	Unthinned	40	150
52RedPine	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 1	55	150
52RedPine	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 2	70	150
52RedPine	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 3	85	150
52RedPine	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 4	100	150
52RedPine	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 5	115	150
52RedPinePlt	All	All	F	Unthinned	25	100
52RedPinePlt	All	All	F	Thin 1	35	100
52RedPinePlt	All	All	F	Thin 2	45	100
52RedPinePlt	All	All	F	Thin 3	55	100
52RedPinePlt	All	All	F	Thin 4	65	100
52RedPinePlt	All	All	F	Thin 5	75	100
52RedPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
52RedPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
52RedPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100
52RedPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
52RedPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
52RedPinePlt	AP	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
52RedPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
52RedPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
52RedPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100
52RedPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
52RedPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
52RedPinePlt	BRP	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
52RedPinePlt	MNIAM	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
52RedPinePlt	NMNDLP	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Thin Number	Minimum Thin Age	Maximum Thin Age
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
52RedPinePlt	NMNOP	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
52RedPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
52RedPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
52RedPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100
52RedPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
52RedPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
52RedPinePlt	NSU	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
52RedPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Unthinned	25	100
52RedPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 1	35	100
52RedPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 2	45	100
52RedPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 3	55	100
52RedPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 4	65	100
52RedPinePlt	WSU	45Plus	W	Thin 5	75	100
53JacPine	NMNDLP	All	W	Unthinned	25	100
53JacPine	NMNDLP	All	W	Thin 1	35	100
54ScotPine	BRP	All	W	Unthinned	25	100
54ScotPine	BRP	All	W	Thin 1	35	100
61WhitSprPlt	All	All	F	Unthinned	25	80
61WhitSprPlt	All	All	F	Thin 1	35	80
61WhitSprPlt	All	All	F	Thin 2	45	80
61WhitSprPlt	AP	All	W	Unthinned	25	80
61WhitSprPlt	AP	All	W	Thin 1	35	80
61WhitSprPlt	AP	All	W	Thin 2	45	80
61WhitSprPlt	BRP	All	W	Unthinned	25	80
61WhitSprPlt	BRP	All	W	Thin 1	35	80
61WhitSprPlt	BRP	All	W	Thin 2	45	80
61WhitSprPlt	MNIAM	All	W	Unthinned	25	80
61WhitSprPlt	MNIAM	All	W	Thin 1	35	80
61WhitSprPlt	MNIAM	All	W	Thin 2	45	80
61WhitSprPlt	NMNDLP	All	W	Unthinned	25	80
61WhitSprPlt	NMNDLP	All	W	Thin 1	35	80
61WhitSprPlt	NMNDLP	All	W	Thin 2	45	80
61WhitSprPlt	NMNOP	All	W	Unthinned	25	80
61WhitSprPlt	NMNOP	All	W	Thin 1	35	80
61WhitSprPlt	NMNOP	All	W	Thin 2	45	80
61WhitSprPlt	NSU	All	W	Unthinned	25	80
61WhitSprPlt	NSU	All	W	Thin 1	35	80

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Thin Number	Minimum Thin Age	Maximum Thin Age
61WhitSprPlt	NSU	All	W	Thin 2	45	80
61WhitSprPlt	WSU	All	W	Unthinned	25	80
61WhitSprPlt	WSU	All	W	Thin 1	35	80
61WhitSprPlt	WSU	All	W	Thin 2	45	80
79OffOak	BRP	All	W	Unthinned	30	70
79OffOak	BRP	All	W	Thin 1	45	70
79OffOak	BRP	All	W	Thin 2	60	70

## Appendix C: Partial Harvest Management Regime

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age	Maximum Rotation Age
12Aspen	AP	60minus	W	45	60
12Aspen	AP	65plus	W	35	50
12Aspen	MNIAM	60minus	W	50	70
12Aspen	MNIAM	65plus	W	40	70
12Aspen	NMNDLP	60minus	W	50	80
12Aspen	NMNDLP	65plus	W	50	80
12Aspen	NMNOP	60minus	W	60	90
12Aspen	NMNOP	65plus	W	60	90
12Aspen	NSU	60minus	W	60	90
12Aspen	NSU	65plus	W	55	90
12Aspen	WSU	60minus	W	50	60
12Aspen	WSU	65plus	W	45	65
13Birch	AP	All	W	45	55
13Birch	MNIAM	All	W	45	70
13Birch	NMNDLP	All	W	50	80
13Birch	NMNOP	All	W	50	80
13Birch	NSU	55minus	W	55	90
13Birch	NSU	60plus	W	60	100
13Birch	WSU	All	W	50	60
14BlmGil	AP	60minus	W	45	60
14BlmGil	AP	65plus	W	35	50
14BlmGil	MNIAM	60minus	W	50	70
14BlmGil	MNIAM	65plus	W	40	70
14BlmGil	NMNDLP	60minus	W	50	80
14BlmGil	NMNDLP	65plus	W	50	80
14BlmGil	NMNOP	60minus	W	60	90
14BlmGil	NMNOP	65plus	W	60	90
14BlmGil	NSU	60minus	W	60	90
14BlmGil	NSU	65plus	W	55	90
14BlmGil	WSU	60minus	W	50	60
14BlmGil	WSU	65plus	W	45	65
20NorthHrdw	AP	All	W	60	180
20NorthHrdw	MNIAM	All	W	80	200
20NorthHrdw	NMNDLP	55minus	W	80	180
20NorthHrdw	NMNDLP	60plus	W	80	180
20NorthHrdw	NSU	All	W	120	240

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age	Maximum Rotation Age
20NorthHrdw	WSU	70minus	W	120	175
20NorthHrdw	WSU	75plus	W	150	200
30oak	AP	All	W	60	180
30oak	MNIAM	All	W	80	200
30oak	NMNDLP	55minus	W	80	180
30oak	NMNDLP	60plus	W	80	180
30oak	NSU	All	W	120	240
30oak	WSU	70minus	W	120	175
30oak	WSU	75plus	W	150	200
40CentHrdw	AP	All	W	60	180
40CentHrdw	MNIAM	All	W	80	200
40CentHrdw	NMNDLP	55minus	W	80	180
40CentHrdw	NMNDLP	60plus	W	80	180
40CentHrdw	NSU	All	W	120	240
40CentHrdw	WSU	70minus	W	120	175
40CentHrdw	WSU	75plus	W	150	200
53JacPine	MNIAM	All	W	40	60
53JacPine	NMNDLP	All	W	45	65
53JacPine	NSU	All	W	60	90
53JacPine	WSU	All	W	40	65
61WhitSprPlt	AP	All	W	50	80
61WhitSprPlt	NMNDLP	All	W	50	80
61WhitSprPlt	NSU	All	W	50	80
61WhitSprPlt	WSU	All	W	50	80
62BalFir	AP	All	W	50	60
62BalFir	MNIAM	All	W	45	60
62BalFir	NMNDLP	All	W	50	70
62BalFir	NMNOP	All	W	55	70
62BalFir	NSU	All	W	55	70
62BalFir	WSU	All	W	55	70
71BlaSprLow	AP	25Minus	W	120	200
71BlaSprLow	AP	30-35	W	100	200
71BlaSprLow	AP	40Plus	W	80	175
71BlaSprLow	MNIAM	25Minus	W	120	170
71BlaSprLow	MNIAM	30-35	W	100	145
71BlaSprLow	MNIAM	40Plus	W	80	130
71BlaSprLow	NMNDLP	25Minus	W	120	200
71BlaSprLow	NMNDLP	30-35	W	100	200
71BlaSprLow	NMNDLP	40Plus	W	80	175

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age	Maximum Rotation Age
71BlaSprLow	NMNOP	25Minus	W	120	200
71BlaSprLow	NMNOP	30-35	W	100	200
71BlaSprLow	NMNOP	40Plus	W	100	200
71BlaSprLow	NSU	25Minus	W	120	200
71BlaSprLow	NSU	30-35	W	100	200
71BlaSprLow	NSU	40Plus	W	80	175
71BlaSprLow	WSU	25Minus	W	120	180
71BlaSprLow	WSU	30-35	W	100	150
71BlaSprLow	WSU	40Plus	W	80	130
74BlaSprUpl	NMNDLP	All	W	50	80
74BlaSprUpl	NSU	All	W	65	100

## Appendix D: Uneven Age Management Regime

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Age	Minimum Basal Area	Minimum Inventory Volume
01Ash	All	All	F	70	None	None
01Ash	All Except BRP	45plus	W	None	90	15
09LowHrdw	All	All	F	70	None	None
09LowHrdw	All Except BRP	45plus	W	None	90	21
20NorthHrdw	All	All	F	30	110	None
20NorthHrdw	All	All	W	30	110	None
30oak	All	55minus	F	80	None	None
30oak	All	55minus	W	80	None	None
30oak	All	60plus	F	50	None	None
30oak	All	60plus	W	50	None	None
40CentHrdw	All Except BRP	All	F	30	100	None
40CentHrdw	BRP	All	W	30	100	None
40CentHrdw	MNIAM	All	W	30	100	None
40CentHrdw	NMNDLP	All	W	30	100	None
40CentHrdw	NSU	All	W	30	100	None
40CentHrdw	WSU	All	W	30	100	None
51WhiPine	All	All	F	45	None	None
51WhiPine	All	All	F	45	None	None
51WhiPine	All Except BRP	All	W	45	None	None
51WhiPine	All Except BRP	All	W	45	None	None
51WhiPinePlt	All	All	F	30	None	None
51WhiPinePlt	All Except BRP	All	W	30	None	None
61WhitSpr	All	All	F	80	None	None
61WhitSpr	All	All	F	80	None	None
61WhitSpr	All Except BRP	All	W	35	None	None
61WhitSpr	All Except BRP	All	W	35	None	None
73WhiCed	All	All	F	80	None	None
73WhiCed	All	All	F	80	None	None

## Appendix E: Regulated Uneven-Age Management Regime

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Age	First Planning Period
01Ash	All	All	F	90	None
01Ash	All Except BRP	All	W	None	5
09LowHrdw	All	All	F	90	None
09LowHrdw	All Except BRP	All	W	None	5
20NorthHrdw	All	All	F	50	None
20NorthHrdw	All	All	W	50	None
30oak	All	55minus	F	100	None
30oak	All	55minus	W	100	None
30oak	All	60plus	F	70	None
30oak	All	60plus	W	70	None
40CentHrdw	All Except BRP	All	F	50	None
40CentHrdw	BRP	All	W	50	None
40CentHrdw	MNIAM	All	W	50	None
40CentHrdw	NMNDLP	All	W	50	None
40CentHrdw	NSU	All	W	50	None
40CentHrdw	WSU	All	W	50	None
51WhiPine	All	All	F	65	None
51WhiPine	All Except BRP	All	W	150	None
51WhiPinePlt	All	All	F	50	None
51WhiPinePlt	All Except BRP	All	W	150	None
61WhitSpr	All	All	F	100	None
61WhitSpr	All Except BRP	All	W	80	None
73WhiCed	All	All	F	100	None

## Appendix F: Aspen Conversion Management Regime

Cover Type	Planning Area	Site Index	Forestry or Wildlife Land	Minimum Rotation Age
12Aspen	MNIAM	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	MNIAM	60minus	W	50
12Aspen	MNIAM	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	MNIAM	65plus	W	40
12Aspen	NMNDLP	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	NMNDLP	60minus	W	50
12Aspen	NMNDLP	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	NMNDLP	65plus	W	50
12Aspen	NMNOP	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	NMNOP	60minus	W	60
12Aspen	NMNOP	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	NMNOP	65plus	W	60
12Aspen	NSU	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	NSU	60minus	W	60
12Aspen	NSU	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	NSU	65plus	W	55
12Aspen	WSU	60minus	F	45
12Aspen	WSU	60minus	W	50
12Aspen	WSU	65plus	F	35
12Aspen	WSU	65plus	W	45

## Appendix G: Inventory Summary Supplementary Tables (NMOP, MDLP, NSU, WSU)

Table 22. NMOP Area (acres) by age class.

Planning area	Cover Type	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40	41 to 45	46 to 50	51 to 55	56 to 60
<b>NMOP</b>	<b>01Ash</b>	517.7	354.8	457.7	429.6	622.0	1,084.0	769.0	933.7	843.2	1,051.8	760.2	710.2
	<b>09LHD</b>		9.5	26.1	15.2	6.6			114.3	14.2	17.3	40.4	30.0
	<b>12Asp</b>	56,789.2	41,067.4	34,643.1	36,410.2	31,446.8	31,293.7	22,016.2	17,024.9	15,127.5	12,234.6	7,858.3	8,023.7
	<b>13Bir</b>	483.2	396.8	104.4	41.3	100.0	141.8	198.0	205.9	374.1	935.4	865.0	194.3
	<b>14BGL</b>	3,460.9	3,489.7	1,668.8	1,669.3	751.2	970.6	1,079.6	1,313.1	896.7	970.0	743.0	916.7
	<b>20NHH</b>			33.5	32.6	89.7	9.1	32.7	82.6	64.6	24.0	19.7	122.4
	<b>30Oak</b>			12.7	14.6	45.9	13.2	12.2			6.9		4.3
	<b>51WPN</b>	20.8	7.8	1.2	30.3	13.4			7.9		4.4	18.1	39.4
	<b>51WPP</b>		67.5	32.0	138.6	142.2		38.0				25.8	29.8
	<b>52RPN</b>	91.3	26.4	50.1			73.0	35.9	52.6	94.2	188.7	95.6	21.0
	<b>52RPP</b>	1,099.7	870.3	623.2	361.1	491.2	1,258.8	2,453.0	1,336.4	1,671.9	1,966.6	1,591.9	1,190.0
	<b>53JPN</b>	7,969.0	5,220.8	4,100.7	3,695.6	4,070.8	5,205.0	5,140.1	1,854.7	1,751.0	1,720.3	1,405.2	831.1
	<b>61WSP</b>	409.1	487.5	515.2	531.1	346.0	1,730.0	2,725.7	1,391.0	844.0	1,257.0	1,155.6	809.7
	<b>62BFR</b>	2,345.6	864.1	461.8	446.9	385.3	440.5	624.3	1,073.6	2,304.9	2,022.6	2,219.9	1,157.3
	<b>71BSL</b>	23,382.2	12,384.2	10,256.4	12,721.9	10,173.4	8,414.5	8,815.4	11,675.8	12,781.4	12,393.3	12,430.3	8,472.9
	<b>72TPN</b>	12,005.6	9,161.0	8,867.9	5,818.5	4,223.7	8,956.6	9,036.4	9,510.7	17,987.0	18,328.2	17,012.9	13,123.9
	<b>73WCD</b>	384.5	74.9	202.8	227.4	203.3	516.5	580.3	373.6	1,055.2	1,623.1	1,306.8	1,008.4
	<b>74BSU</b>	101.0	48.7	41.4	45.8	130.2	114.8	152.3	34.8	10.0	63.4	74.2	24.9
<b>NMOP Total</b>		<b>109,059.6</b>	<b>74,531.1</b>	<b>62,098.9</b>	<b>62,629.9</b>	<b>53,241.9</b>	<b>60,222.1</b>	<b>53,709.0</b>	<b>46,985.8</b>	<b>55,820.0</b>	<b>54,807.8</b>	<b>47,622.9</b>	<b>36,709.9</b>

Planning area	Cover Type	61 to 65	66 to 70	71 to 75	76 to 80	81 to 85	86 to 90	91 to 95	96 to 100	101 to 105	106 to 110	111 to 115	116 to 120	120+
<b>NMOP</b>	<b>01Ash</b>	901.5	1,208.4	1,630.1	2,139.3	2,007.8	2,955.8	2,979.6	3,064.8	3,335.7	2,866.2	2,469.1	2,549.6	13,734.3
	<b>09LHD</b>	64.3	64.4	76.2	460.5	265.6	361.1	406.5	185.3	126.8	651.2	144.8	251.9	1,472.6
	<b>12Asp</b>	7,336.9	6,647.9	4,561.6	3,832.4	2,658.8	1,426.5	765.5	372.7	326.2	187.1	69.4	75.7	63.0
	<b>13Bir</b>	177.2	315.0	376.5	313.4	273.6	254.7	58.5	78.7	35.5	60.6	28.7	96.9	6.4
	<b>14BGL</b>	948.9	781.7	818.2	576.9	608.2	242.1	81.6	86.5	8.0	13.8	15.5	4.4	22.9
	<b>20NHH</b>	104.4	75.0	335.7	109.3	162.6	315.3	231.7	89.4	95.2	11.4	93.2	42.7	127.6
	<b>30Oak</b>	20.3		41.5	9.2	19.4	94.0	5.3	14.9	14.7		26.0		11.3
	<b>51WPN</b>	7.7	10.3	61.7		3.2			21.4	33.4		17.5	17.2	108.1
	<b>51WPP</b>		20.8	56.3	13.5	17.5							5.2	
	<b>52RPN</b>	25.1	107.0	87.1	113.2	135.4	171.2	297.5	109.1	133.8	229.0	45.6	49.2	75.8
	<b>52RPP</b>	316.1	251.1	568.2	477.2	135.4	78.2	17.7		4.4		15.6		9.4
	<b>53JPN</b>	682.7	372.5	232.5	81.7	96.0	106.9	74.1	15.5					6.2
	<b>61WSP</b>	452.4	393.2	248.3	222.3	154.2	144.2	80.2	35.7	22.3	30.3	38.9	25.4	75.1
	<b>62BFR</b>	1,055.7	740.9	686.5	621.9	517.4	654.6	554.8	168.7	352.5	72.9	78.1	47.8	84.5
	<b>71BSL</b>	8,213.8	9,445.9	7,192.2	9,489.0	9,468.8	8,405.3	8,976.1	7,613.5	8,886.2	10,239.3	9,205.0	7,969.4	44,272.7
	<b>72TPN</b>	10,318.8	5,312.2	5,777.9	4,065.7	5,836.7	6,910.3	10,526.6	9,903.9	6,346.2	7,303.0	4,848.5	4,617.6	35,222.7
	<b>73WCD</b>	2,056.1	1,052.3	979.6	1,087.9	2,118.9	1,596.1	1,723.2	3,447.0	3,864.0	4,111.8	4,991.8	6,002.2	58,391.8
	<b>74BSU</b>	56.1	80.1	39.0	69.7	255.3	66.6	93.6	25.0	31.4		18.5		33.9
<b>NMOP Total</b>		<b>32,737.9</b>	<b>26,878.7</b>	<b>23,768.9</b>	<b>23,683.3</b>	<b>24,734.8</b>	<b>23,782.7</b>	<b>26,872.3</b>	<b>25,232.2</b>	<b>23,616.3</b>	<b>25,776.6</b>	<b>22,106.2</b>	<b>21,755.3</b>	<b>153,718.5</b>

Table 23. NMOP volume (cords) by age class.

Planning area	Cover Type	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40	41 to 45	46 to 50	51 to 55	56 to 60		
NMOP	01Ash	384.4	597.2	1,461.8	2,075.1	3,764.4	7,949.9	5,834.5	7,746.1	7,859.5	10,023.2	8,421.3	7,801.3		
	09LHD		29.2	60.1	57.1	36.1			701.7	118.4	103.5	499.2	372.4		
	12Asp	22,436.4	58,106.3	109,990.0	198,890.0	249,146.6	327,494.6	276,593.1	259,949.1	258,558.0	232,402.2	168,647.1	185,532.5		
	13Bir	809.2	1,223.5	488.3	254.0	723.6	1,198.2	1,957.3	2,077.5	4,465.5	11,527.3	12,205.6	2,762.2		
	14BGL	1,459.3	4,267.7	4,987.7	9,962.3	5,956.9	8,631.3	10,301.9	14,342.8	11,594.6	12,557.8	11,334.2	13,245.4		
	20NHH			290.4	287.2	1,063.9	97.5	423.9	1,101.6	936.2	333.4	310.8	1,993.5		
	30Oak			128.5	148.9	511.3	165.7	155.2			103.0		66.5		
	51WPN	147.5	78.2	13.9	406.6	199.5				142.6		87.5	373.0	827.8	
	51WPP		665.9	378.8	1,876.4	2,101.7			645.9				526.1	641.3	
	52RPN	468.4	235.8	546.9			1,552.4	830.1	1,191.6	2,333.4	4,906.5	2,406.8	595.6		
	52RPP	2,422.4	4,427.5	5,211.9	3,760.9	7,041.0	22,056.0	49,270.3	33,206.7	48,267.1	63,865.7	56,744.5	46,690.9		
	53JPN	5,749.8	11,392.1	16,173.3	22,220.9	32,492.1	54,654.5	68,994.1	29,577.9	30,590.9	34,829.3	30,117.2	18,921.6		
	61WSP	362.2	838.8	1,445.4	2,715.6	2,631.3	18,695.4	36,792.8	21,976.3	16,001.2	26,114.3	24,432.7	16,353.0		
	62BFR	614.6	1,094.3	1,116.1	1,607.6	2,355.4	3,194.0	4,798.5	10,471.1	23,341.6	18,136.9	23,855.5	11,658.2		
	71BSL	1,479.0	3,931.0	7,951.4	17,689.6	21,135.7	26,011.3	36,336.1	59,855.5	70,984.1	87,880.3	89,510.6	81,367.0		
	72TPN	3,581.5	8,488.1	14,974.3	12,649.6	12,324.8	35,769.6	47,569.1	60,820.7	121,514.1	171,467.1	157,337.2	141,481.7		
	73WCD	359.3	185.6	581.0	1,289.6	1,362.5	4,293.7	4,992.5	3,718.0	11,145.7	19,199.5	17,556.5	16,315.9		
74BSU	54.1	88.6	181.2	245.7	562.4	845.7	1,388.7	432.9	127.3	833.9	1,008.5	345.8			
NMOP Total		40,328.1	95,649.5	165,981.0	276,137.1	343,409.1	512,609.9	546,884.0	507,312.0	607,837.8	694,371.5	605,286.9	546,972.4		
Planning area	Cover Type	61 to 65	66 to 70	71 to 75	76 to 80	81 to 85	86 to 90	91 to 95	96 to 100	101 to 105	106 to 110	111 to 115	116 to 120	120+	
NMOP	01Ash	10,656.7	14,763.0	21,137.9	29,341.4	28,469.1	44,218.5	44,035.6	46,216.9	49,619.8	41,220.7	35,753.2	39,271.6	163,292.1	
	09LHD	925.9	1,026.8	1,188.4	7,780.3	4,681.8	5,280.5	6,762.6	2,888.2	2,001.2	10,058.2	2,614.6	3,797.2	21,158.3	
	12Asp	176,204.5	174,344.0	112,575.5	93,795.1	65,002.4	34,307.8	19,370.6	7,834.7	7,562.8	3,532.8	1,340.5	571.2	340.4	
	13Bir	2,877.6	5,366.9	6,206.6	5,397.3	4,832.5	4,045.0	983.1	1,247.2	559.3	792.6	394.8	1,321.1		
	14BGL	15,165.2	12,488.3	13,393.3	10,098.9	8,516.0	3,658.6	1,057.2	808.7	27.3	41.4	46.6	13.3	44.1	
	20NHH	1,828.5	1,142.8	6,118.0	2,237.3	3,304.0	6,844.6	4,926.3	1,751.3	2,009.4	240.9	2,099.3	941.5	995.7	
	30Oak	311.8		630.3	155.6	292.9	1,549.0	80.5	230.1	235.0		400.0		110.3	
	51WPN	169.6	229.9	1,418.1		74.2				537.3	840.7		447.6	441.0	2,772.5
	51WPP		467.5	1,307.0	318.1	412.7								133.3	
	52RPN	806.9	3,255.9	2,604.9	3,702.6	4,252.5	5,816.4	9,545.8	3,584.8	4,588.7	7,896.3	1,352.4	1,635.8	2,447.0	
	52RPP	12,967.2	9,725.1	25,140.3	21,281.1	6,143.9	4,288.4	798.5		212.1		718.2		633.6	
	53JPN	15,780.6	8,201.2	5,065.0	1,869.6	2,011.8	1,701.6	836.6	61.9						
	61WSP	9,727.0	7,215.5	4,238.6	4,217.2	2,913.2	2,414.0	1,067.0	363.8	199.2	147.5	155.4	101.8	300.2	
	62BFR	7,143.6	2,963.5	2,746.0	2,487.6	2,069.8	2,618.4	2,219.3	674.9	1,409.9	291.5	312.3	191.1	242.3	
	71BSL	88,417.0	121,955.9	101,846.2	138,543.6	155,843.3	145,398.7	145,870.4	132,683.1	142,702.5	159,282.0	145,516.2	116,695.9	578,539.5	
	72TPN	114,002.9	63,579.4	72,862.2	50,635.8	69,783.2	80,688.5	117,273.2	102,761.2	72,827.9	73,371.6	49,576.5	45,218.5	334,962.4	
	73WCD	35,792.1	18,464.8	17,346.5	21,349.6	41,960.7	33,326.5	35,902.6	72,504.0	81,841.5	85,497.9	109,595.5	127,756.3	1,214,923.6	
74BSU	1,072.4	1,379.4	692.6	1,198.3	4,115.2	899.9	817.7	99.8	125.4		73.8		135.6		
NMOP Total		493,849.4	446,569.9	396,517.2	394,409.1	404,679.2	377,056.1	391,547.0	374,247.9	366,762.9	382,373.4	350,397.1	338,089.6	2,320,897.6	

Table 24. MDLP Area (Acres) by Age Class.

Planning area	Cover Type	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40	41 to 45	46 to 50	51 to 55	56 to 60	
<b>MDLP</b>	<b>01Ash</b>	136.6	135.0	93.4	89.0	204.9	1,046.0	547.7	442.5	508.1	406.4	384.6	443.3	
	<b>09LHD</b>	6.2			3.7	26.0	4.5		21.8		29.0	39.1	62.2	
	<b>12Asp</b>	44,196.1	30,847.5	26,435.2	26,108.3	25,130.3	31,080.1	33,823.6	21,231.2	18,319.3	11,864.7	6,417.8	4,735.5	
	<b>13Bir</b>	1,173.3	1,318.4	429.7	389.0	388.3	631.7	290.8	261.5	130.4	165.9	325.2	635.9	
	<b>14BGL</b>	269.4	263.3	275.7	340.7	185.0	205.2	206.6	211.8	188.7	155.3	113.8	114.6	
	<b>20NHH</b>	1,282.0	1,115.4	720.7	766.9	608.3	1,262.0	1,515.1	590.6	463.4	686.0	889.8	1,015.1	
	<b>30Oak</b>	1,038.1	462.9	216.7	185.7	162.6	544.6	702.1	452.4	245.3	254.8	364.4	676.2	
	<b>51WPN</b>	38.5	34.0	15.1	33.6	24.3	32.0	16.6	6.5	10.8		98.7	63.9	
	<b>51WPP</b>	63.0	143.7	131.6	445.6	74.6	40.1	46.0	19.5	3.4	43.5	62.7	32.8	
	<b>52RPN</b>	373.5	193.6	30.8	108.2	22.4	70.6	264.5	121.3	144.4	217.1	226.4	344.5	
	<b>52RPP</b>	1,355.5	2,081.9	2,654.2	1,465.6	2,170.0	3,052.9	6,425.1	4,849.8	2,021.4	3,642.6	3,979.3	1,531.5	
	<b>53JPN</b>	3,367.8	3,369.6	1,305.7	922.0	999.7	1,006.0	1,647.5	1,000.7	658.5	337.9	609.0	360.3	
	<b>61WSP</b>	285.2	431.1	957.2	548.2	377.6	1,077.2	1,864.6	1,124.2	757.7	752.2	821.8	381.0	
	<b>62BFR</b>	761.7	202.8	189.1	255.0	319.0	254.3	302.1	316.8	190.4	328.0	550.8	697.0	
	<b>71BSL</b>	4,014.2	1,974.3	1,616.2	1,878.0	1,703.8	1,370.7	781.9	1,299.7	2,661.2	2,763.3	2,121.4	2,743.8	
	<b>72TPN</b>	5,857.7	4,099.2	3,040.6	2,101.8	1,310.7	1,373.6	1,315.2	2,783.7	3,702.0	4,051.2	4,448.9	4,470.3	
	<b>73WCD</b>	147.3	5.5		129.2	7.5	57.8	42.9	106.8	96.5	42.1	61.6	127.0	
	<b>74BSU</b>	44.0	52.7	77.0	14.1	9.2	9.9	66.3	21.3			34.4		
<b>MDLP Total</b>		<b>64,410.3</b>	<b>46,731.0</b>	<b>38,188.9</b>	<b>35,784.7</b>	<b>33,724.2</b>	<b>43,119.4</b>	<b>49,858.5</b>	<b>34,862.0</b>	<b>30,101.5</b>	<b>25,740.2</b>	<b>21,549.7</b>	<b>18,435.0</b>	
Planning area	Cover Type	61 to 65	66 to 70	71 to 75	76 to 80	81 to 85	86 to 90	91 to 95	96 to 100	101 to 105	106 to 110	111 to 115	116 to 120	120+
<b>MDLP</b>	<b>01Ash</b>	817.2	811.4	1,029.1	2,413.3	2,525.1	2,457.9	3,357.8	2,790.3	2,394.9	2,509.0	1,854.4	1,741.4	6,542.1
	<b>09LHD</b>	43.2	69.4	182.4	295.5	846.5	641.0	469.4	588.4	401.6	573.2	357.8	391.1	648.7
	<b>12Asp</b>	4,225.0	3,760.8	3,921.8	3,272.7	1,811.6	1,582.7	784.1	244.0	54.9	192.1	22.6	23.2	57.4
	<b>13Bir</b>	362.1	769.7	655.9	934.0	840.6	593.1	482.1	176.2	201.9	109.0	30.8	42.8	27.1
	<b>14BGL</b>	91.9	52.3	61.4	150.7	211.7	27.5	90.5	17.4	16.4	10.1	19.5	5.5	
	<b>20NHH</b>	1,924.3	2,111.2	2,697.1	4,212.3	3,951.3	3,470.8	2,753.3	1,820.7	1,208.9	737.7	643.5	258.5	750.3
	<b>30Oak</b>	836.8	1,229.3	1,906.5	3,416.3	3,428.1	3,049.3	2,055.1	1,594.3	547.7	646.8	164.6	182.0	457.4
	<b>51WPN</b>	239.7	74.8	54.1	72.2	139.9	51.6	58.8	40.7	22.4	63.2	59.0	139.4	404.4
	<b>51WPP</b>	80.8	132.8	31.3	37.9					13.2	23.8			30.8
	<b>52RPN</b>	208.1	214.9	158.4	516.0	356.2	628.9	334.0	908.4	1,098.5	1,191.7	1,091.1	815.5	1,110.0
	<b>52RPP</b>	868.1	447.9	514.1	370.7	124.6	140.8	27.9	71.6	59.8	42.9	30.7		30.5
	<b>53JPN</b>	450.8	141.2	213.6	68.2	48.7	23.3	15.0	21.6	38.0	5.6	8.3		
	<b>61WSP</b>	142.9	56.7	28.9	47.5	10.5		48.0			2.6	19.2		
	<b>62BFR</b>	333.4	515.9	250.7	491.6	548.6	250.7	180.9	86.1	60.4	96.7	17.8	29.6	8.6
	<b>71BSL</b>	1,981.8	1,660.0	2,085.9	1,779.1	2,131.1	2,335.9	3,293.4	3,009.2	2,274.4	2,229.8	2,542.6	1,996.7	8,975.8
	<b>72TPN</b>	3,037.0	4,903.7	3,678.9	4,068.4	3,417.0	3,459.1	4,284.2	3,749.2	3,879.5	3,782.8	3,805.8	3,175.1	10,794.6
	<b>73WCD</b>	467.8	209.2	144.0	410.2	337.3	657.5	792.4	1,607.2	1,560.5	1,845.5	2,321.6	2,586.9	14,147.1
	<b>74BSU</b>	29.3					10.2			7.7				
<b>MDLP Total</b>		<b>16,140.1</b>	<b>17,161.1</b>	<b>17,614.1</b>	<b>22,556.6</b>	<b>20,728.8</b>	<b>19,380.5</b>	<b>19,027.0</b>	<b>16,725.4</b>	<b>13,840.8</b>	<b>14,062.6</b>	<b>12,989.5</b>	<b>11,387.7</b>	<b>43,984.7</b>

Table 25. MDLP Volume (Cords) by Age Class.

Planning area	Cover Type	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40	41 to 45	46 to 50	51 to 55	56 to 60	
MDLP	01Ash	97.4	262.4	343.3	387.5	1,456.3	9,907.2	5,455.2	4,145.1	5,074.2	4,363.7	4,620.2	5,281.0	
	09LHD	0.9			15.9	142.2	33.6		191.6		536.4	679.0	947.8	
	12Asp	19,714.5	46,121.6	84,414.2	136,793.8	191,069.4	313,482.7	436,212.0	323,125.0	329,207.5	244,533.4	146,050.7	112,035.4	
	13Bir	1,254.5	3,240.4	1,637.3	2,374.8	2,956.9	6,354.9	3,081.7	3,131.7	1,816.8	2,440.4	5,734.1	10,442.0	
	14BGL	130.5	416.3	886.9	1,688.8	1,206.7	1,915.7	2,049.5	2,460.4	2,237.2	2,196.0	1,974.7	2,048.0	
	20NHH	2,706.8	4,819.6	3,987.7	7,272.0	6,447.8	16,818.7	20,071.3	9,411.1	7,238.0	11,751.3	15,656.8	19,181.1	
	30Oak	3,277.0	2,412.4	1,510.2	1,481.5	1,735.5	6,484.7	9,341.9	6,008.5	3,575.9	3,764.7	5,709.6	11,416.2	
	51WPN	460.8	448.7	208.2	473.9	357.8	475.6	249.4	98.9	172.1		1,541.2	1,029.1	
	51WPP	787.3	1,893.8	1,813.8	6,299.2	1,084.9	580.1	682.6	297.0	52.2	700.2	1,002.7	524.1	
	52RPN	2,707.3	1,683.1	306.8	1,220.2	270.1	920.3	3,547.2	1,690.9	2,121.9	3,214.5	3,511.5	5,461.6	
	52RPP	5,198.7	14,497.4	26,719.6	19,440.9	35,176.1	58,308.9	142,036.7	120,785.9	53,425.4	105,954.7	122,619.7	49,935.0	
	53JPN	1,809.3	5,827.0	4,624.5	5,177.5	7,591.2	10,205.8	20,848.2	15,242.4	10,742.4	5,955.7	11,974.3	7,170.5	
	61WSP	271.0	1,462.1	6,925.0	5,636.4	5,223.1	17,841.9	35,410.1	25,767.4	17,461.4	19,800.3	24,300.0	10,394.4	
	62BFR	456.7	364.3	577.0	1,195.3	2,160.3	2,027.6	3,032.9	3,224.1	2,254.1	3,736.2	6,215.0	7,353.7	
	71BSL	237.0	662.5	1,126.1	2,093.7	3,743.3	3,976.7	3,367.2	5,353.7	11,865.9	15,472.4	15,550.0	22,054.9	
	72TPN	2,306.8	4,541.8	5,668.9	5,633.1	5,211.5	6,666.0	7,902.4	18,468.5	26,999.6	34,402.1	43,963.3	48,348.4	
	73WCD	427.5	33.9		1,347.6	73.9	836.6	845.1	1,560.8	1,305.7	543.3	796.6	2,054.4	
74BSU	19.6	104.4	163.1	61.3	49.3	80.3	600.8	287.9			500.7			
<b>MDLP Total</b>		<b>41,863.6</b>	<b>88,791.5</b>	<b>140,912.6</b>	<b>198,593.4</b>	<b>265,956.3</b>	<b>456,917.4</b>	<b>694,734.1</b>	<b>541,251.0</b>	<b>475,550.3</b>	<b>459,365.4</b>	<b>412,400.4</b>	<b>315,677.7</b>	
Planning area	Cover Type	61 to 65	66 to 70	71 to 75	76 to 80	81 to 85	86 to 90	91 to 95	96 to 100	101 to 105	106 to 110	111 to 115	116 to 120	120+
MDLP	01Ash	11,241.1	11,215.5	15,071.8	37,398.6	39,895.5	39,152.2	54,969.2	45,735.9	39,573.6	40,496.0	29,919.5	28,543.9	83,837.2
	09LHD	702.1	999.6	3,436.2	5,698.2	16,822.4	12,228.8	8,727.1	10,635.9	8,326.1	10,212.3	6,196.8	6,886.9	10,187.1
	12Asp	101,653.2	95,168.8	104,829.4	89,184.8	48,501.1	42,767.8	19,452.9	5,940.7	1,190.1	3,373.2	287.3	335.9	121.6
	13Bir	6,950.2	15,620.8	14,646.4	20,276.6	18,134.9	12,728.8	10,013.3	3,784.8	4,000.4	2,076.5	611.4	715.3	135.9
	14BGL	1,643.5	1,059.8	1,219.1	2,802.9	3,876.4	529.0	1,655.8	332.1	262.6	145.2	188.6	68.5	
	20NHH	38,686.8	44,565.2	58,696.8	92,456.7	93,109.2	81,806.6	62,758.6	43,273.9	28,367.4	18,321.8	15,614.8	6,327.2	18,643.4
	30Oak	14,934.4	23,050.0	36,150.6	68,052.0	70,142.7	63,721.8	42,150.5	32,317.6	11,509.0	13,878.2	3,507.4	3,735.1	8,942.6
	51WPN	3,874.9	1,230.2	883.7	1,161.9	2,275.7	853.3	956.9	670.4	376.3	1,041.6	987.1	2,322.2	6,567.0
	51WPP	1,305.2	2,136.1	515.2	618.1						221.7	364.6		507.8
	52RPN	3,335.5	3,557.0	2,682.3	8,861.7	6,201.6	10,934.1	5,900.9	16,249.9	19,767.0	21,396.5	19,773.7	14,901.5	20,021.2
	52RPP	29,178.9	15,455.1	19,070.8	13,746.7	4,405.1	5,134.8	1,042.4	2,823.4	2,381.6	1,670.2	1,203.9		1,181.7
	53JPN	8,838.1	2,845.3	4,668.0	1,225.5	961.9	281.4	126.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
	61WSP	3,481.9	1,521.1	713.9	1,404.9	138.8		619.7				12.7		
	62BFR	2,569.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	71BSL	18,523.0	19,086.3	23,952.6	23,973.0	31,945.0	33,395.8	44,825.5	42,027.1	35,421.7	30,406.0	35,821.8	27,215.1	104,511.7
	72TPN	32,082.8	57,424.7	43,904.7	45,822.3	42,830.3	45,420.6	45,604.3	46,872.8	48,376.9	41,698.9	40,349.5	37,291.8	117,999.7
	73WCD	6,477.1	3,512.1	2,823.2	7,050.7	5,763.0	11,152.2	13,438.8	28,027.0	25,899.9	29,978.0	36,726.4	40,629.8	232,129.1
74BSU	498.4						106.4							
<b>MDLP Total</b>		<b>285,976.3</b>	<b>298,447.6</b>	<b>333,264.5</b>	<b>419,734.6</b>	<b>385,003.5</b>	<b>360,213.5</b>	<b>312,242.6</b>	<b>278,691.4</b>	<b>225,674.2</b>	<b>215,071.9</b>	<b>191,188.2</b>	<b>168,973.3</b>	<b>604,786.0</b>

Table 26. NSU Area (Acres) by Age Class.

Planning area	Cover Type	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40	41 to 45	46 to 50	51 to 55	56 to 60	
<b>NSU</b>	<b>01Ash</b>	44.1	104.1	50.8	79.8	188.4	398.9	230.3	110.5	103.3	103.4	105.7	176.5	
	<b>09LHD</b>			17.3						7.7			25.6	
	<b>12Asp</b>	24,590.5	15,226.9	20,456.9	16,198.9	22,403.1	24,326.9	14,381.6	11,029.9	10,686.5	6,461.9	4,669.9	3,262.1	
	<b>13Bir</b>	4,938.8	1,280.6	558.9	231.3	255.8	244.6	332.3	201.3	280.1	343.5	599.0	719.6	
	<b>14BGL</b>	324.3	256.2	531.2	627.1	464.6	296.6	127.2	288.0	471.9	91.2	34.7	35.3	
	<b>20NHH</b>	383.4	512.6	549.2	388.7	275.1	338.7	381.4	285.4	147.6	246.9	247.4	514.4	
	<b>30Oak</b>		12.6	15.7	10.4		13.5			22.4	17.6			
	<b>51WPN</b>	378.0	149.7	104.3	151.3	148.6	183.9	225.3	66.3	73.7	11.6	57.1	143.9	
	<b>51WPP</b>	396.3	564.3	203.3	766.4	666.9	209.8	61.6	62.1					
	<b>52RPN</b>	150.1		2.4	50.1	38.2	77.6	28.0	15.2	46.2	73.1	23.0	168.5	
	<b>52RPP</b>	2,778.3	3,823.9	3,343.9	3,087.6	2,793.8	2,939.4	3,148.3	2,292.2	1,254.2	1,393.0	1,195.8	509.4	
	<b>53JPN</b>	1,843.8	2,668.6	1,807.0	2,079.6	1,806.9	2,352.5	2,406.0	2,478.0	1,625.7	1,123.8	266.3	651.4	
	<b>61WSP</b>	485.2	1,893.7	2,472.6	1,622.6	1,547.3	1,920.4	3,235.7	2,532.6	1,569.8	1,798.3	1,029.0	401.3	
	<b>62BFR</b>	1,045.6	660.8	443.7	819.8	472.4	881.7	1,549.9	1,216.1	1,003.1	898.0	916.0	1,065.0	
	<b>71BSL</b>	4,386.6	2,900.8	2,944.9	1,977.7	1,779.7	1,313.5	1,099.9	1,461.3	948.2	2,189.5	2,214.5	1,742.7	
	<b>72TPN</b>	764.4	460.0	488.1	268.5	378.9	332.0	172.9	432.6	320.8	528.8	223.5	550.9	
	<b>73WCD</b>	60.1	1.8	25.4	102.9	95.5	268.2	95.4	88.5	106.6	22.8	289.4	106.6	
	<b>74BSU</b>	784.3	187.4	77.4	248.9	65.1	120.9	144.6	118.6	397.2	204.3	179.2	196.2	
<b>NSU Total</b>		<b>43,353.7</b>	<b>30,703.9</b>	<b>34,093.0</b>	<b>28,711.7</b>	<b>33,380.3</b>	<b>36,219.2</b>	<b>27,620.1</b>	<b>22,678.5</b>	<b>19,065.1</b>	<b>15,507.8</b>	<b>12,050.4</b>	<b>10,269.5</b>	
Planning area	Cover Type	61 to 65	66 to 70	71 to 75	76 to 80	81 to 85	86 to 90	91 to 95	96 to 100	101 to 105	106 to 110	111 to 115	116 to 120	120+
<b>NSU</b>	<b>01Ash</b>	207.4	255.0	361.6	476.5	412.3	1,013.6	1,124.4	1,410.8	1,248.5	996.8	698.0	801.0	4,970.5
	<b>09LHD</b>	43.8	60.7	28.0	47.4	121.4	127.1	29.0	28.9	13.9	134.3	34.1	12.9	241.5
	<b>12Asp</b>	2,877.6	2,827.5	3,658.3	3,315.4	3,187.8	2,430.8	2,250.3	702.0	638.6	195.2	240.8	48.5	160.6
	<b>13Bir</b>	951.9	1,680.7	1,635.4	2,209.1	2,541.7	2,200.1	986.6	1,371.1	1,087.6	285.4	99.2	192.7	531.3
	<b>14BGL</b>	54.8		60.5	137.1	158.3	152.2	44.0	17.7	8.2	84.4			13.8
	<b>20NHH</b>	653.0	503.6	1,112.6	1,431.4	925.5	864.4	941.5	390.9	500.6	466.9	932.4	306.6	374.4
	<b>30Oak</b>			92.2			57.8		36.8	142.4	4.7	9.0		
	<b>51WPN</b>	57.6	227.1	26.1	177.6	202.7	259.5	466.7	197.5	246.3	623.1	355.1	374.8	1,283.3
	<b>51WPP</b>			50.9	67.7	141.2	7.2	25.9				52.5	5.5	96.9
	<b>52RPN</b>	122.5	132.7	77.3	189.2	214.8	165.7	317.4	301.1	398.6	407.9	450.0	624.6	741.8
	<b>52RPP</b>	143.5	88.8	58.2	270.1	275.1	159.5	218.9	68.3	49.5	33.9	16.7	23.3	37.3
	<b>53JPN</b>	401.8	514.9	433.5	185.5	288.0	331.5	249.8	181.0	113.9	175.9	56.7	94.9	58.2
	<b>61WSP</b>	214.7	243.5	205.5	255.1	173.4	334.5	158.4	71.1	18.9	29.3		52.2	261.5
	<b>62BFR</b>	795.4	302.5	665.3	867.1	605.2	541.9	317.2	442.2	231.7	101.4	5.5	11.2	175.7
	<b>71BSL</b>	1,783.6	2,276.7	2,186.2	2,720.2	2,933.7	3,232.8	2,933.4	2,495.8	3,064.6	2,107.2	2,048.7	2,026.2	7,017.5
	<b>72TPN</b>	330.7	392.2	307.3	560.6	581.3	438.0	767.6	514.5	450.0	421.4	186.8	157.2	1,020.5
	<b>73WCD</b>	227.7	365.3	305.4	273.9	640.2	587.0	571.1	1,364.1	975.8	1,309.0	1,780.4	1,752.9	20,650.4
	<b>74BSU</b>	412.3	301.8	292.8	452.0	322.0	254.9	221.1	130.2	182.4	156.5	88.4	39.1	140.1
<b>NSU Total</b>		<b>9,278.4</b>	<b>10,173.0</b>	<b>11,557.0</b>	<b>13,636.2</b>	<b>13,724.7</b>	<b>13,158.5</b>	<b>11,623.4</b>	<b>9,723.9</b>	<b>9,371.6</b>	<b>7,533.4</b>	<b>7,054.1</b>	<b>6,523.6</b>	<b>37,775.3</b>

Table 27. NSU Volume (Cords) by Age Class.

Planning area	Cover Type	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40	41 to 45	46 to 50	51 to 55	56 to 60	
NSU	01Ash	31.4	219.0	151.3	375.9	1,045.5	3,164.3	1,797.7	776.1	1,005.2	1,048.2	1,293.7	1,910.2	
	09LHD			76.8						57.3			387.4	
	12Asp	14,312.4	30,056.9	78,857.0	91,035.4	177,898.7	256,770.3	178,614.4	163,328.8	175,088.0	119,456.1	90,307.4	63,301.1	
	13Bir	10,066.7	5,286.5	3,264.4	1,664.0	2,450.6	2,745.9	4,669.5	2,402.6	3,692.6	4,966.7	9,130.8	11,189.2	
	14BGL	106.8	321.9	1,832.4	3,276.6	3,580.9	2,675.7	1,469.4	3,742.0	7,690.9	1,535.8	585.5	625.6	
	20NHH	471.0	1,537.2	2,559.7	2,590.7	2,101.7	3,109.9	4,295.3	3,304.0	1,933.6	3,429.8	2,916.4	8,243.9	
	30Oak		44.6	88.3	83.3		157.2			326.9	252.4			
	51WPN	1,116.5	733.3	693.8	1,185.5	1,390.4	1,860.2	2,548.5	800.8	95.2	158.6	798.7	2,069.2	
	51WPP	1,128.0	2,825.4	1,355.2	6,175.3	6,186.6	2,143.4	691.9	810.0					
	52RPN	316.2		14.3	453.9	426.1	917.0	453.1	224.5	1,006.4	1,299.0	556.3	3,559.0	
	52RPP	3,286.3	12,748.0	18,771.1	25,892.4	32,880.7	41,815.8	56,584.9	49,473.2	28,980.3	36,484.7	36,844.5	16,655.3	
	53JPN	1,469.6	5,870.3	7,010.7	12,723.3	13,878.3	21,477.6	26,866.4	30,770.8	22,452.8	16,030.7	4,207.4	10,941.9	
	61WSP	82.1	1,986.8	6,144.3	6,827.5	11,217.3	17,425.0	40,382.8	35,857.2	21,834.8	27,928.1	18,397.9	7,127.6	
	62BFR	649.6	1,115.5	1,446.6	3,475.6	2,424.8	5,728.4	11,143.3	9,126.7	8,648.5	8,014.7	8,364.6	8,288.1	
	71BSL	738.9	1,887.6	3,944.4	4,399.0	5,176.2	5,097.0	5,462.3	7,504.6	6,927.5	16,088.4	20,907.4	21,024.5	
	72TPN	202.7	401.3	733.8	644.9	1,296.7	1,584.2	1,092.9	2,666.2	2,362.4	4,471.0	1,819.2	5,939.3	
	73WCD	141.4	6.0	131.0	852.0	998.2	3,269.5	882.8	1,136.5	1,687.8	360.8	3,770.0	1,751.4	
	74BSU	406.0	332.6	196.1	1,016.8	395.0	941.6	1,064.7	1,296.8	4,254.2	3,096.9	2,592.1	2,112.1	
NSU Total		34,525.6	65,372.9	127,271.2	162,672.0	263,347.5	370,883.1	338,019.8	313,220.8	288,901.3	244,621.8	202,492.1	165,125.7	
Planning area	Cover Type	61 to 65	66 to 70	71 to 75	76 to 80	81 to 85	86 to 90	91 to 95	96 to 100	101 to 105	106 to 110	111 to 115	116 to 120	120+
NSU	01Ash	2,698.4	3,330.9	4,840.4	5,784.8	5,802.9	13,160.4	15,236.3	19,021.3	17,141.5	13,444.8	10,115.3	11,344.5	57,891.7
	09LHD	571.7	873.2	476.8	663.7	1,893.3	2,106.3	549.7	427.3	177.5	2,198.1	530.1	194.3	3,255.5
	12Asp	56,734.4	59,524.4	83,137.7	75,887.7	73,963.5	58,908.5	51,221.7	14,825.3	11,994.7	3,557.1	3,998.0	651.7	457.5
	13Bir	16,012.3	28,828.0	30,087.5	42,841.0	50,011.1	39,816.0	17,969.1	24,284.3	18,267.1	4,416.1	1,458.6	2,251.0	2,224.0
	14BGL	763.7		761.7	3,064.5	2,306.6	2,242.7	696.1	233.4	42.3	253.3			41.3
	20NHH	10,360.5	9,200.7	21,021.5	26,521.1	19,058.3	17,814.8	19,408.2	8,770.0	11,074.5	11,157.6	21,593.1	6,927.2	8,635.0
	30Oak			1,995.9			1,232.2		828.9	3,265.6	94.3	232.9		
	51WPN	882.8	3,583.7	418.3	3,034.3	3,602.1	4,545.1	8,256.5	3,622.2	4,575.6	11,694.3	6,661.4	7,206.9	24,791.2
	51WPP			864.1	1,189.1	2,583.8	127.2	467.3				1,062.8	112.2	1,971.2
	52RPN	3,006.1	2,915.1	2,002.7	5,241.2	5,508.2	4,682.3	9,258.0	9,247.5	12,096.1	12,549.6	13,438.2	17,879.1	22,780.1
	52RPP	5,557.9	3,365.6	2,669.1	12,365.8	12,547.6	8,156.7	12,053.1	3,029.6	1,429.4	1,453.7	695.2	1,095.8	1,826.6
	53JPN	7,099.8	9,331.3	7,504.0	2,995.7	4,325.6	4,340.7	1,814.9	723.9	455.8	703.6	226.7	379.4	226.6
	61WSP	3,346.6	3,601.2	3,305.3	3,454.0	2,578.1	4,231.3	1,919.1	660.4	124.9	106.2		208.8	968.1
	62BFR	4,381.9	1,210.0	2,661.0	3,468.5	2,420.7	2,167.6	1,268.7	1,768.7	926.8	405.7	21.9	44.8	702.9
	71BSL	20,024.1	28,199.6	31,641.3	38,315.1	46,053.2	56,099.3	47,824.7	40,424.9	48,867.0	31,577.4	31,360.8	30,605.1	88,999.7
	72TPN	2,588.3	5,529.9	2,902.2	5,857.7	5,330.2	4,771.1	8,671.8	6,454.9	4,428.3	4,413.5	2,030.9	1,643.2	9,946.1
	73WCD	4,507.5	7,258.8	6,653.0	5,345.5	12,351.2	12,261.9	11,709.0	29,936.3	18,954.2	27,015.9	38,314.5	35,544.9	415,856.9
	74BSU	5,697.6	4,340.8	3,799.7	5,817.8	3,779.7	2,249.9	1,168.6	520.7	729.6	626.0	353.8	156.4	560.6
NSU Total		144,233.7	171,093.3	206,742.3	241,847.6	254,116.1	238,914.1	209,492.9	164,779.3	154,550.9	125,667.0	132,094.1	116,245.3	641,134.9

Table 28. WSU area (acres) by age class.

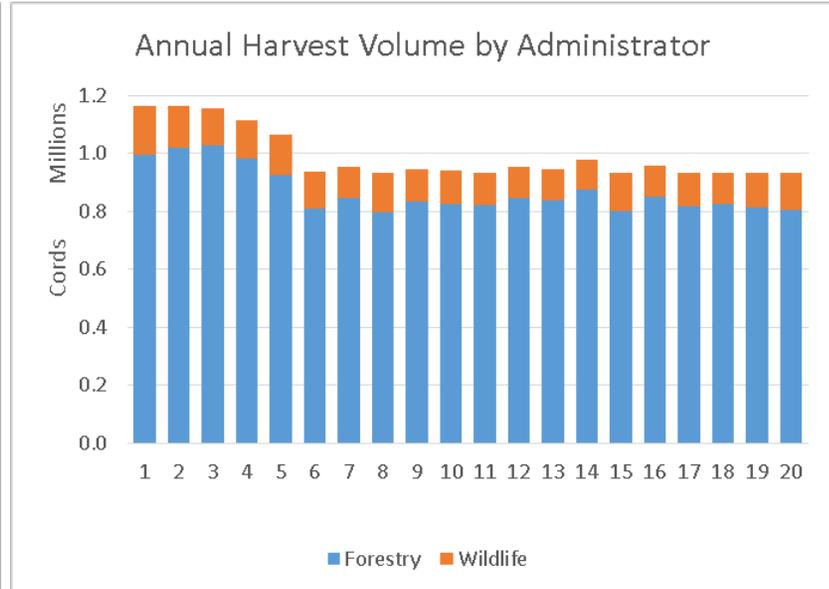
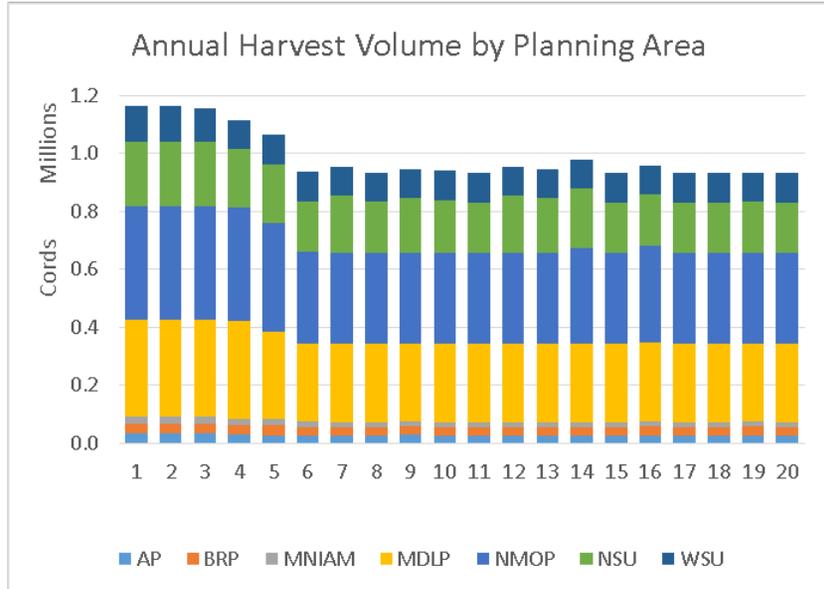
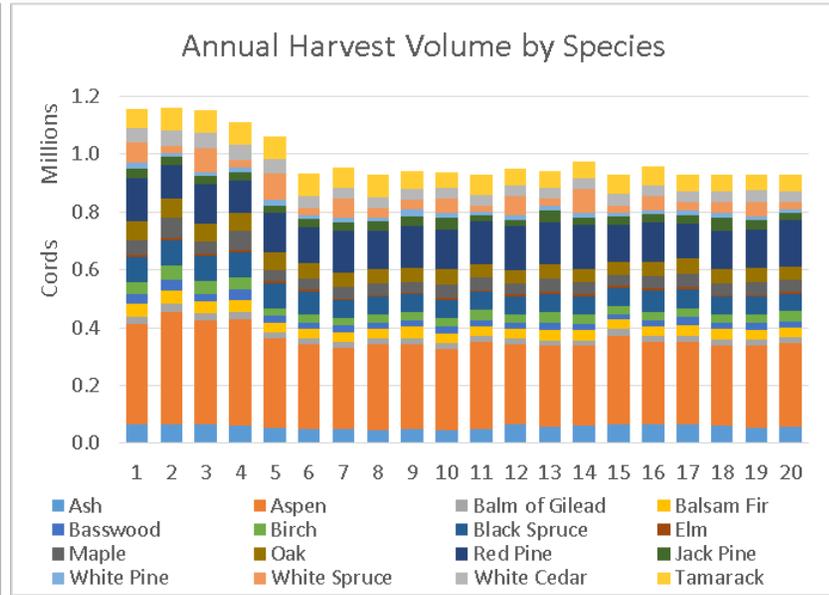
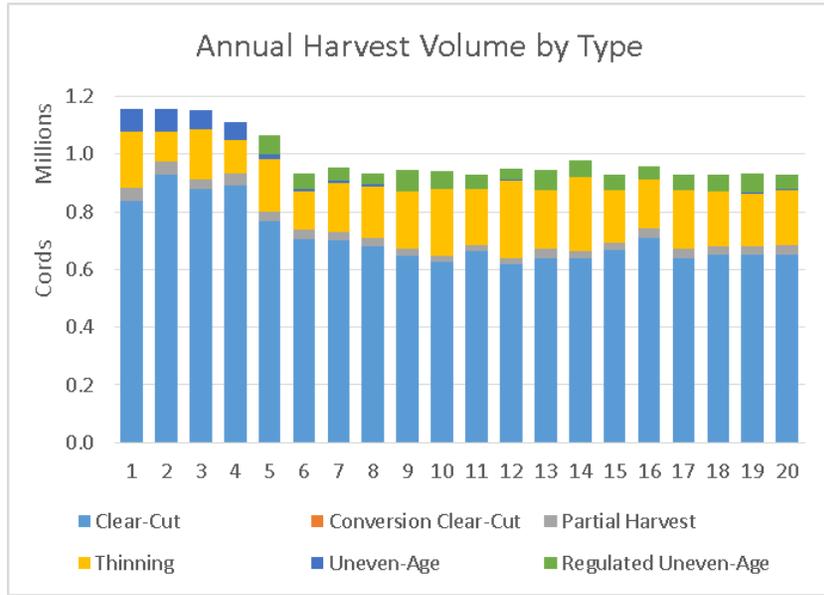
Planning area	Cover Type	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40	41 to 45	46 to 50	51 to 55	56 to 60	
<b>WSU</b>	<b>01Ash</b>	18.8	88.7	70.8	21.5	35.6	110.8	51.1	111.7	132.0	216.9	278.2	259.8	
	<b>09LHD</b>			6.9				9.7	67.5			3.6		
	<b>12Asp</b>	16,957.3	13,196.2	9,872.4	10,456.6	10,817.0	7,539.1	7,517.9	7,267.2	4,610.4	3,051.2	2,172.7	1,674.0	
	<b>13Bir</b>	1,510.1	1,295.4	403.7	15.0	172.6	74.3	40.5	68.2	13.5	14.7	81.7	150.3	
	<b>14BGL</b>		20.7		18.1				6.9			21.9	3.2	
	<b>20NHH</b>	2,175.6	2,062.2	699.1	540.8	462.8	457.9	568.8	633.3	450.8	351.0	964.7	1,611.3	
	<b>30Oak</b>	551.1	556.3	58.7	12.3	116.5	422.8	139.7	82.0	250.0	323.1	518.3	653.8	
	<b>40CHR</b>									9.9				
	<b>51WPN</b>	13.2	15.7		22.6	5.1							14.1	
	<b>51WPP</b>	9.8	76.2	86.5	54.0	35.0	2.6		3.4	14.0	2.0	21.5		
	<b>52RPN</b>	175.8	42.5		3.2	53.1	6.7	96.5	5.1	8.6	21.1	23.5	81.5	
	<b>52RPP</b>	762.4	676.8	280.0	209.4	291.0	302.1	624.1	532.6	411.4	420.2	1,286.8	738.7	
	<b>53JPN</b>	18.7	283.4	161.5	73.8	89.8	119.5	59.3	82.8	78.9	29.1	21.8	14.5	
	<b>61WSP</b>		49.2	28.4	153.8	54.4	185.0	125.0	262.0	313.1	416.4	222.1	163.7	
	<b>62BFR</b>	140.7		35.3	2.0	283.9	56.0		55.8	9.8	17.1	70.9	90.8	
	<b>71BSL</b>	416.6	47.5		64.7		54.8	133.7	194.1	558.8	757.2	472.8	247.2	
	<b>72TPN</b>	218.1	54.0	341.4	75.8	29.0	160.1	138.5	131.1	690.2	336.5	424.0	192.1	
	<b>73WCD</b>							16.4						
	<b>74BSU</b>							3.3	4.8			8.6	6.6	
<b>WSU Total</b>		<b>22,968.3</b>	<b>18,464.9</b>	<b>12,044.7</b>	<b>11,723.5</b>	<b>12,445.8</b>	<b>9,491.8</b>	<b>9,524.6</b>	<b>9,508.5</b>	<b>7,551.5</b>	<b>5,956.6</b>	<b>6,593.1</b>	<b>5,901.7</b>	
Planning area	Cover Type	61 to 65	66 to 70	71 to 75	76 to 80	81 to 85	86 to 90	91 to 95	96 to 100	101 to 105	106 to 110	111 to 115	116 to 120	120+
<b>WSU</b>	<b>01Ash</b>	200.8	288.5	701.4	814.9	571.1	990.9	1,698.1	1,386.5	1,913.6	1,628.6	1,182.6	1,194.7	4,600.9
	<b>09LHD</b>		19.5	20.1	25.5	78.6	36.6	18.0	33.6	100.2	12.4		66.6	146.3
	<b>12Asp</b>	1,573.8	1,776.8	1,810.0	900.9	530.3	289.4	8.9	87.3	56.9	41.0			
	<b>13Bir</b>	129.4	379.6	308.3	201.2	652.0	154.8	21.6	180.7		4.4	3.1		8.4
	<b>14BGL</b>					5.0	1.1							
	<b>20NHH</b>	2,020.6	2,805.9	3,076.2	3,856.1	3,614.1	3,532.2	3,021.7	1,488.3	787.4	834.7	367.0	187.4	687.6
	<b>30Oak</b>	1,745.9	2,577.4	3,767.5	4,299.4	6,663.5	4,501.0	2,708.6	2,101.7	720.9	71.9	33.9	50.5	56.0
	<b>40CHR</b>													
	<b>51WPN</b>	14.3		3.4			4.6	36.8	3.7	12.0	45.3			106.9
	<b>51WPP</b>	10.8	6.6		12.7									
	<b>52RPN</b>	103.6	4.0	6.8	20.7	13.1	9.7	27.9	10.6	16.5	28.2	6.6		
	<b>52RPP</b>	257.2	93.4	119.6	80.3		26.4							
	<b>53JPN</b>	6.3	2.9	4.1	10.2		14.6							
	<b>61WSP</b>	30.6	122.1	18.6	29.5		8.7	59.6	51.8					37.9
	<b>62BFR</b>	54.3	76.0	164.1	217.7	133.6	29.5	15.9	15.7	8.0	19.5			
	<b>71BSL</b>	378.7	500.4	689.3	546.3	440.4	430.5	680.4	855.9	380.0	412.0	251.1	504.1	1,206.9
	<b>72TPN</b>	284.6	544.1	665.0	1,032.7	927.5	613.4	383.6	507.4	213.1	367.8	185.7	248.1	1,189.4
	<b>73WCD</b>				18.0		15.9	28.9	18.7	30.9	72.7		29.2	198.1
	<b>74BSU</b>	15.5	19.2			7.7	2.1		2.9	6.6		4.7		
<b>WSU Total</b>		<b>6,826.6</b>	<b>9,216.4</b>	<b>11,354.6</b>	<b>12,066.0</b>	<b>13,636.8</b>	<b>10,661.5</b>	<b>8,710.0</b>	<b>6,744.9</b>	<b>4,246.4</b>	<b>3,538.6</b>	<b>2,034.7</b>	<b>2,280.4</b>	<b>8,238.4</b>

Table 29. WSU volume (cords) by age class.

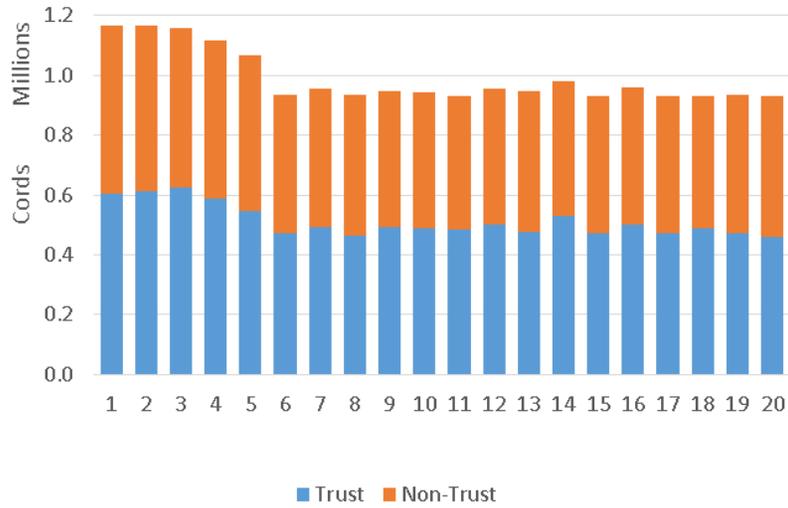
Planning area	Cover Type	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40	41 to 45	46 to 50	51 to 55	56 to 60	
WSU	01Ash	3.4	164.8	258.6	159.2	262.6	1,095.3	431.7	904.4	1,237.8	2,630.9	3,258.8	3,342.6	
	09LHD			20.3				94.2	314.6			49.2		
	12Asp	15,970.5	36,671.5	51,523.7	87,805.4	117,103.0	106,431.2	119,083.1	135,821.9	94,113.2	68,068.6	51,518.0	40,865.3	
	13Bir	2,240.4	3,654.9	1,844.9	87.2	1,477.2	801.4	491.2	902.5	150.5	227.6	1,950.2	3,424.5	
	14BGL		0.2		113.0				66.2			250.5	37.0	
	20NHH	5,847.2	9,125.1	4,705.7	5,497.3	5,469.5	6,480.0	8,475.8	10,778.0	8,056.7	6,881.1	19,070.0	33,502.6	
	30Oak	3,479.1	5,263.4	688.4	176.0	1,831.0	6,880.2	2,555.4	1,553.9	4,630.9	6,688.1	10,999.6	14,045.0	
	40CHR									171.3				
	51WPN	6.5	17.1		121.8	23.4							203.6	
	51WPP	4.8	72.3	236.1	357.8	298.6	12.6		42.3	371.9	63.2	866.4		
	52RPN	382.1	204.5		38.1	761.2	110.8	1,797.2	122.5	202.8	647.9	821.7	2,496.3	
	52RPP	2,891.8	5,506.6	3,182.2	3,071.2	5,816.0	7,470.4	17,310.3	18,133.3	15,560.5	17,843.6	55,862.8	34,158.0	
	53JPN	14.9	578.4	603.2	420.8	662.4	1,543.3	875.7	1,478.4	1,435.8	717.2	594.8	340.9	
	61WSP		72.7	194.0	1,441.1	695.3	3,137.3	2,356.2	5,963.6	6,799.4	10,648.6	5,702.8	4,580.4	
	62BFR	152.6		109.8	7.1	2,682.3	651.9		498.8	65.8	202.8	1,073.6	1,200.8	
	71BSL	14.6	19.0		74.4			126.4	381.3	671.0	2,358.7	3,385.4	2,366.9	1,661.8
	72IPN	149.5	83.3	630.4	247.7	289.6	1,192.9	580.3	670.6	3,648.8	2,545.6	2,981.0	2,266.6	
	73WCD								58.1					
	74BSU								25.7	26.3		162.6	52.4	
<b>WSU Total</b>		<b>31,157.4</b>	<b>61,434.0</b>	<b>63,997.1</b>	<b>99,618.1</b>	<b>137,371.9</b>	<b>135,933.6</b>	<b>154,516.1</b>	<b>177,948.4</b>	<b>138,804.2</b>	<b>120,550.5</b>	<b>157,528.7</b>	<b>142,177.7</b>	
Planning area	Cover Type	61 to 65	66 to 70	71 to 75	76 to 80	81 to 85	86 to 90	91 to 95	96 to 100	101 to 105	106 to 110	111 to 115	116 to 120	120+
WSU	01Ash	2,833.2	3,995.5	10,231.2	12,093.5	8,933.0	15,743.7	24,721.0	20,642.0	27,107.1	25,281.4	17,832.1	18,281.0	59,327.2
	09LHD		357.4	375.4	517.0	1,506.6	724.8	293.1	576.1	1,859.3	245.9		1,116.3	3,230.6
	12Asp	42,712.4	47,183.0	48,620.3	24,852.6	14,191.9	7,479.4	235.5	2,697.7	1,233.7	740.1			
	13Bir	2,531.6	8,326.7	7,517.2	4,527.6	15,157.7	3,454.7	507.2	3,741.7		87.4	55.9		26.0
	14BGL					62.3	11.1							
	20NHH	43,061.0	64,628.0	74,487.9	96,196.8	90,472.1	90,707.6	79,184.9	38,341.7	19,840.4	23,338.0	9,869.8	5,278.8	13,609.8
	30Oak	40,018.9	60,149.1	90,058.0	104,581.8	166,088.3	112,426.4	68,169.4	53,277.7	18,014.6	1,913.9	859.2	1,348.8	1,386.7
	40CHR													
	51WPN	373.4		85.4			44.2	1,401.1	55.8	255.6	899.7			2,533.0
	51WPP	283.2	235.5		424.3									
	52RPN	3,792.1	141.9	241.0	719.4	503.5	410.5	1,277.6	452.2	752.8	1,229.1	256.4		
	52RPP	11,497.9	4,243.7	5,207.9	4,046.3		1,506.2							
	53JPN	142.6	88.3	147.9	251.7		240.2							
	61WSP	803.9	3,032.9	370.1	668.4		141.7	863.0	680.9					-
	62BFR	430.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	71BSL	3,454.2	4,820.2	6,323.0	7,995.8	5,260.1	8,003.0	9,104.8	12,319.8	6,012.5	3,973.9	3,992.5	4,761.4	12,293.4
	72IPN	2,984.7	7,543.5	7,069.8	11,681.9	10,460.5	8,134.5	4,209.4	5,700.9	2,264.3	3,876.7	1,926.8	1,833.6	10,301.3
	73WCD				659.8		366.7	937.2	375.4	639.0	1,384.1		386.9	2,979.5
	74BSU	393.4	295.7			91.7	23.4							
<b>WSU Total</b>		<b>155,312.6</b>	<b>205,041.3</b>	<b>250,735.1</b>	<b>269,217.0</b>	<b>312,727.6</b>	<b>249,417.9</b>	<b>190,904.3</b>	<b>138,861.9</b>	<b>77,979.3</b>	<b>62,970.3</b>	<b>34,792.8</b>	<b>33,006.7</b>	<b>105,687.6</b>

# Appendix H: Detailed Scenario Results

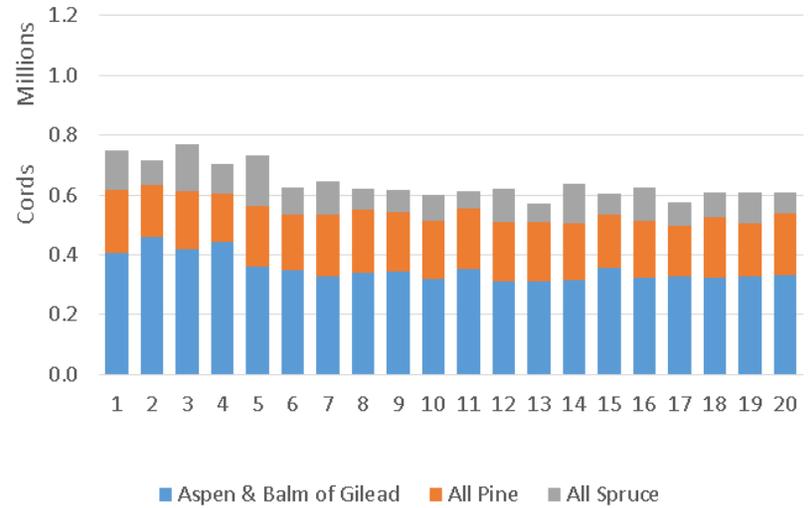
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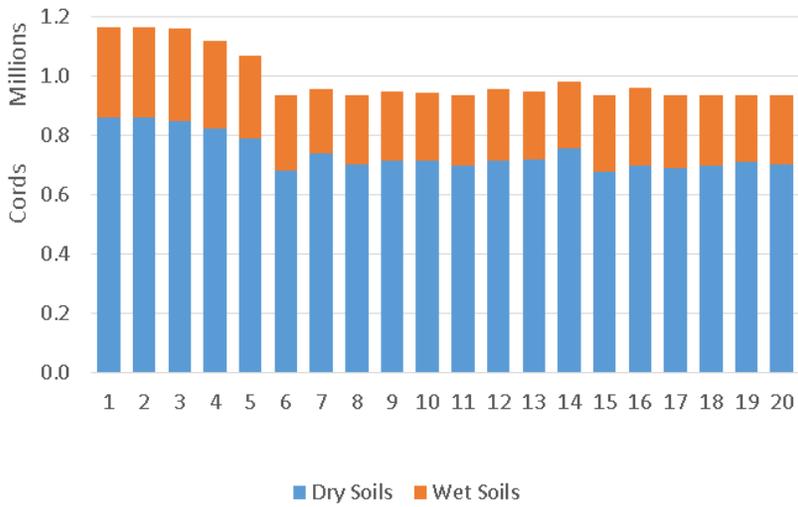
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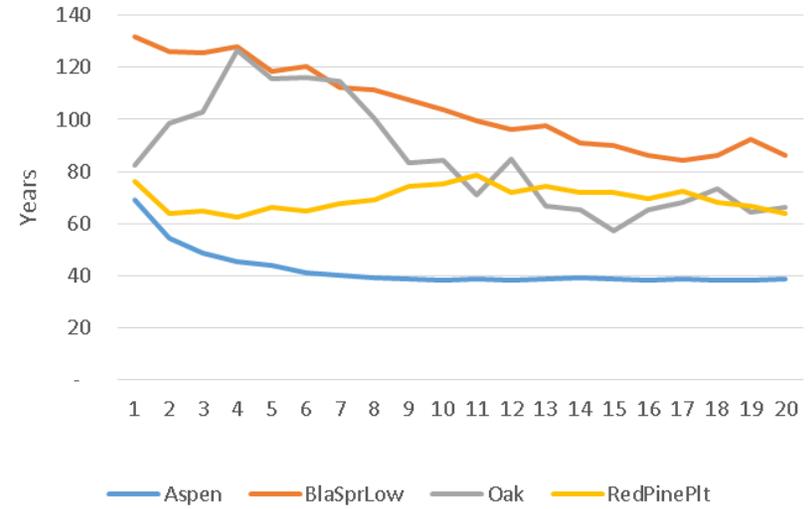
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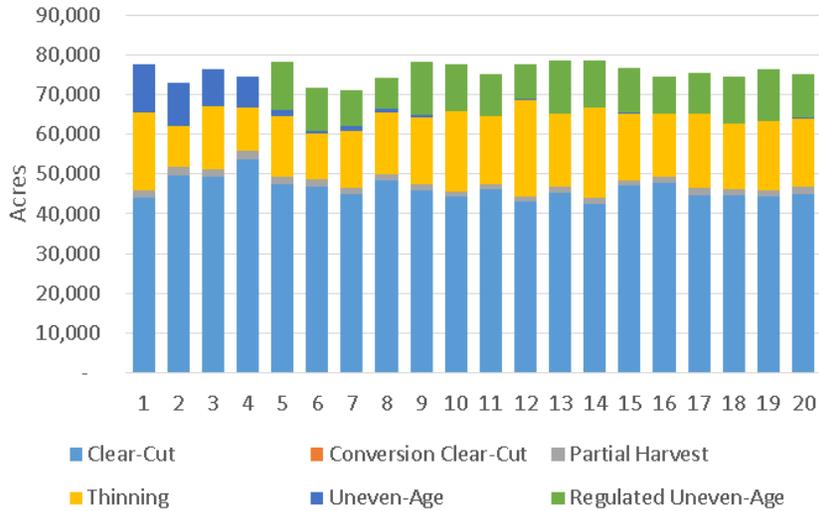
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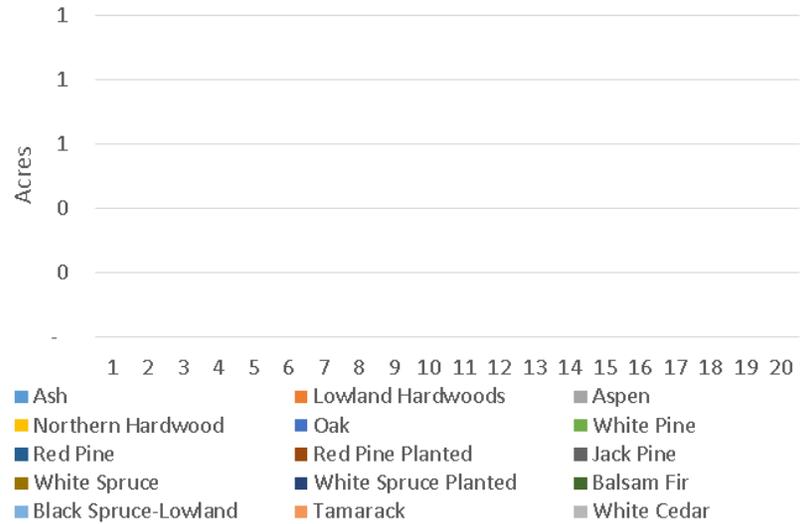
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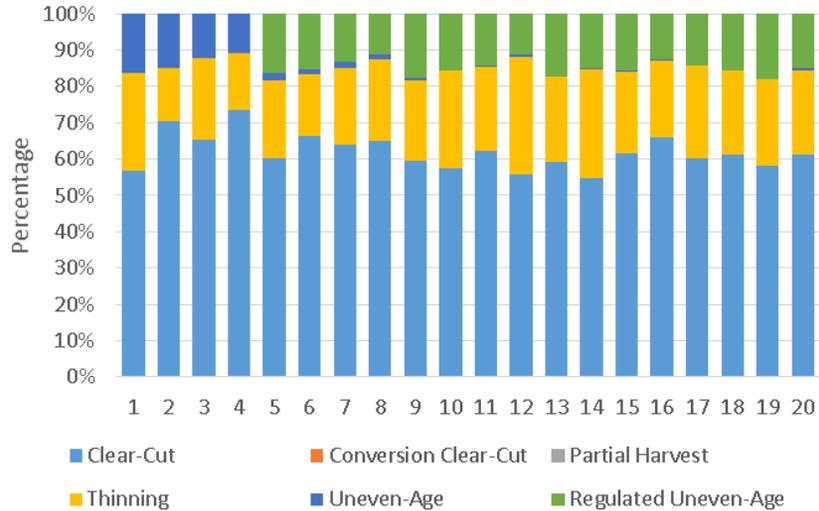
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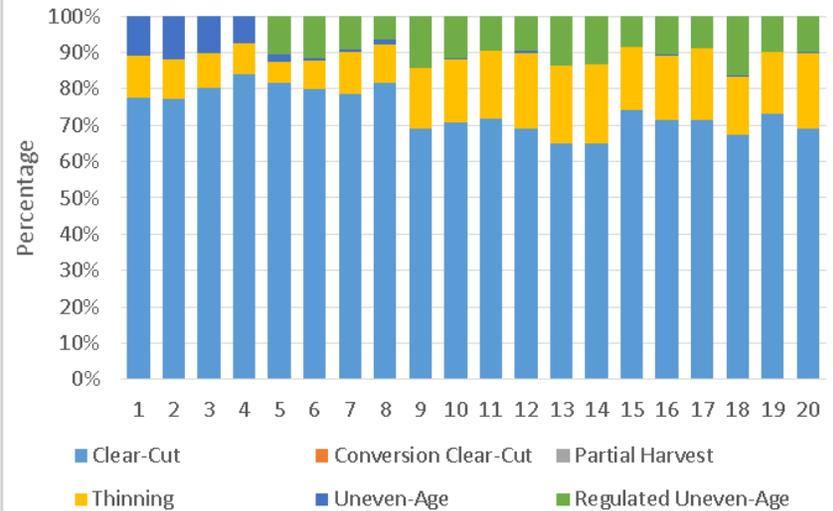
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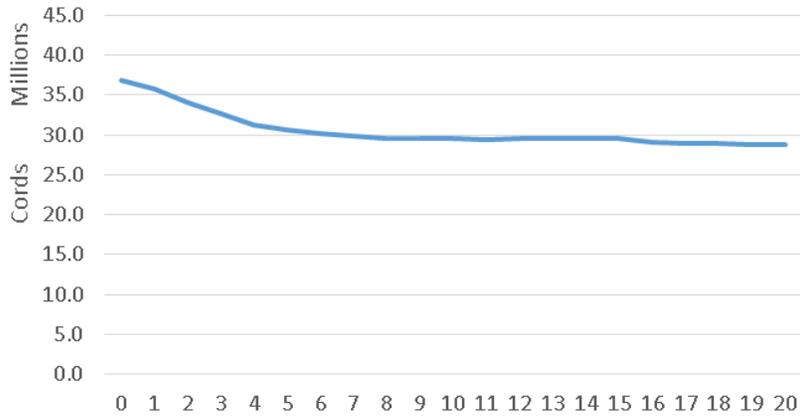
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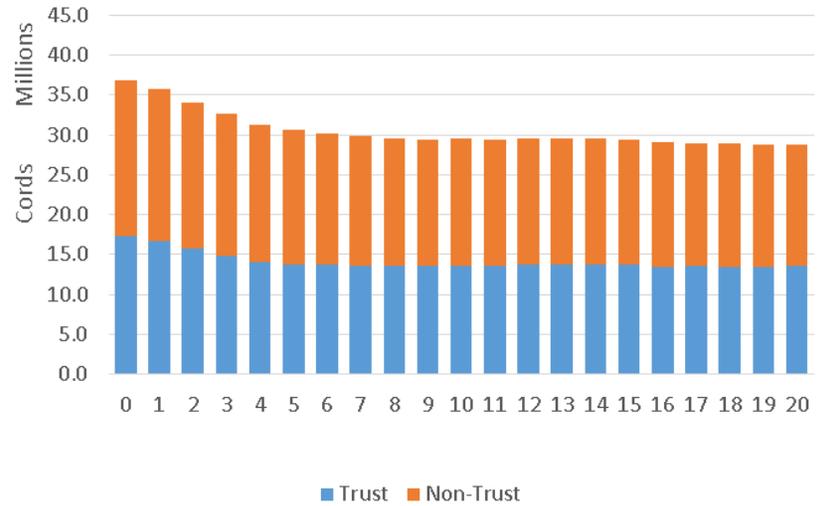
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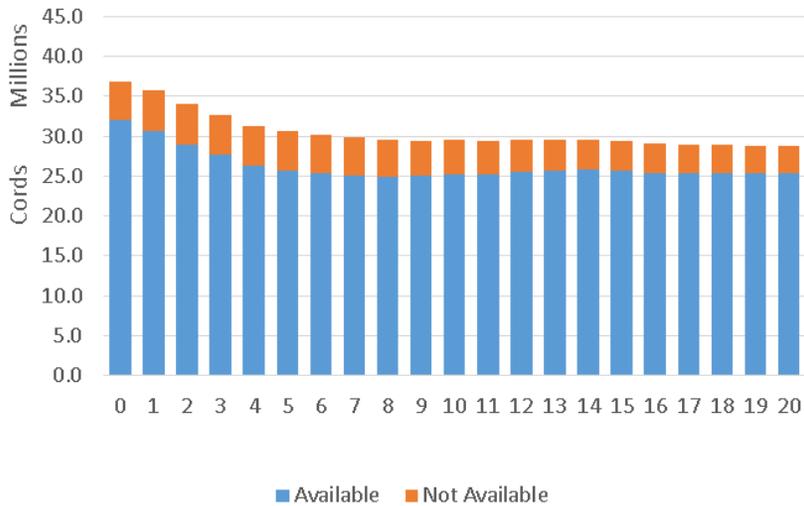
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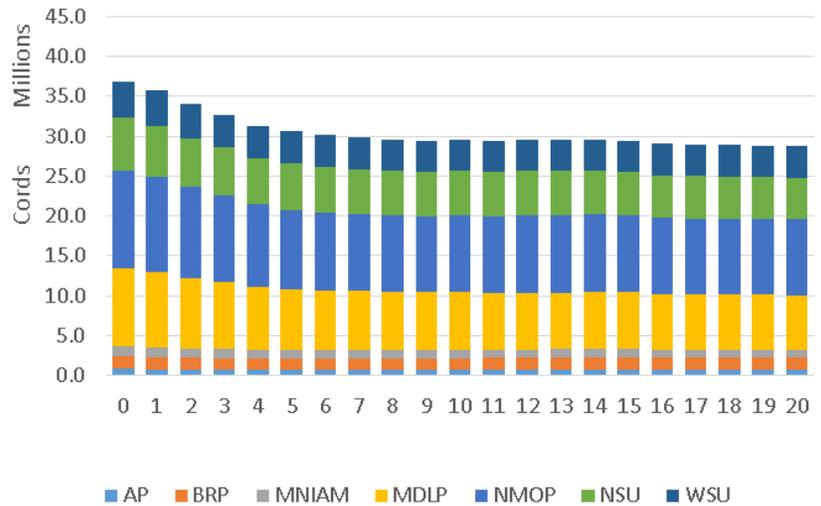
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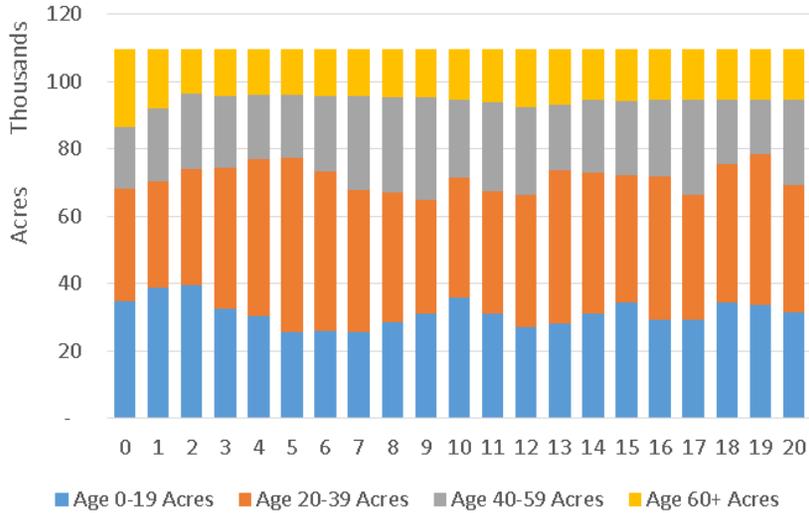


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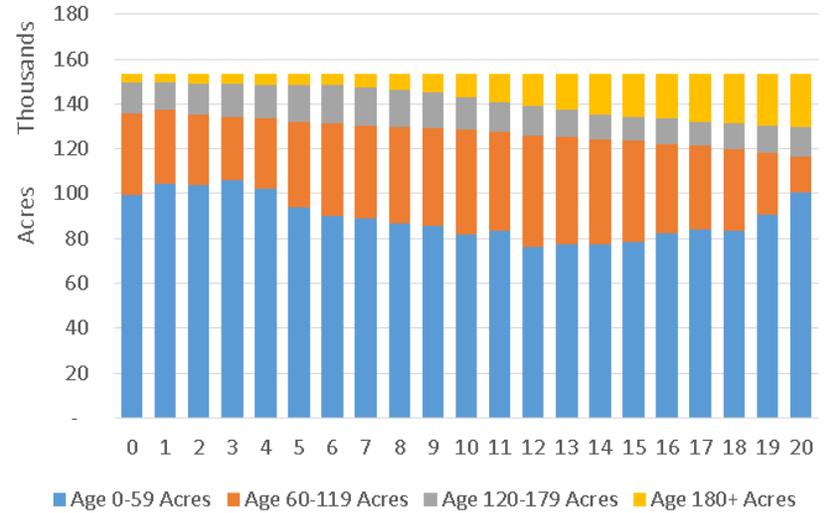




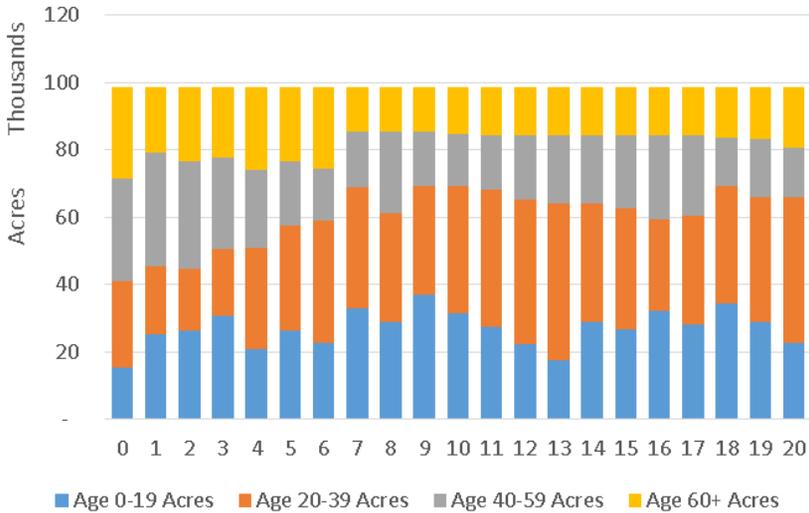
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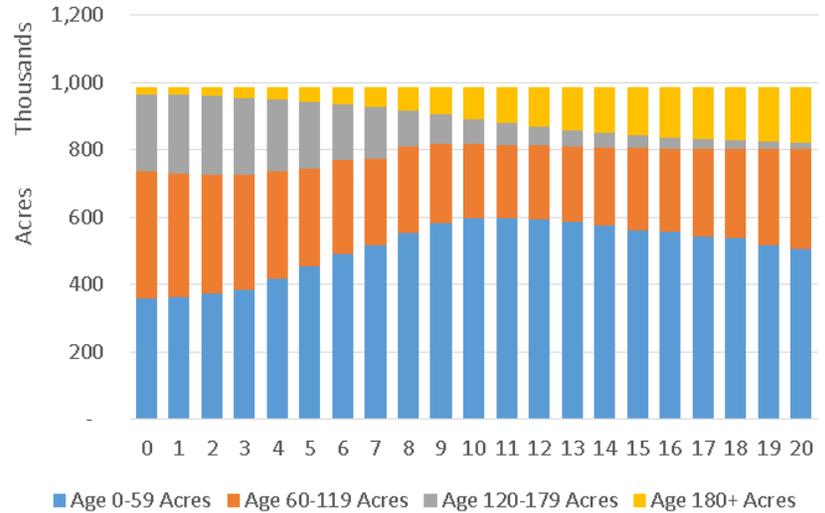
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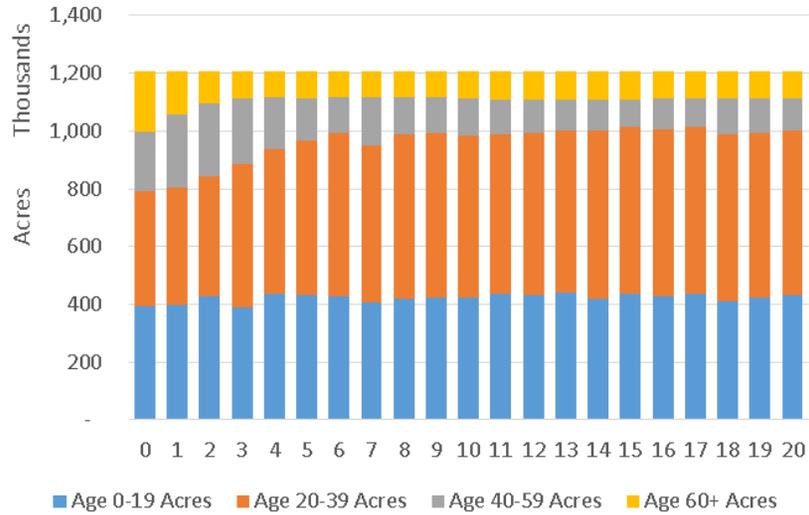
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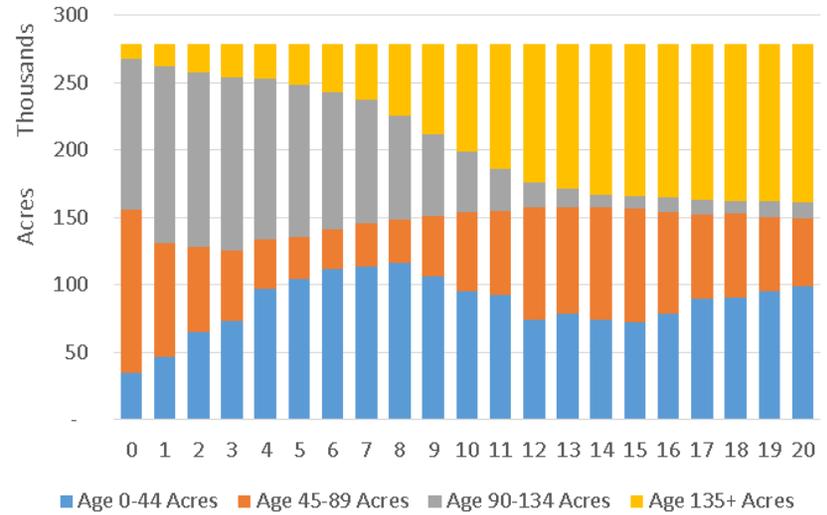
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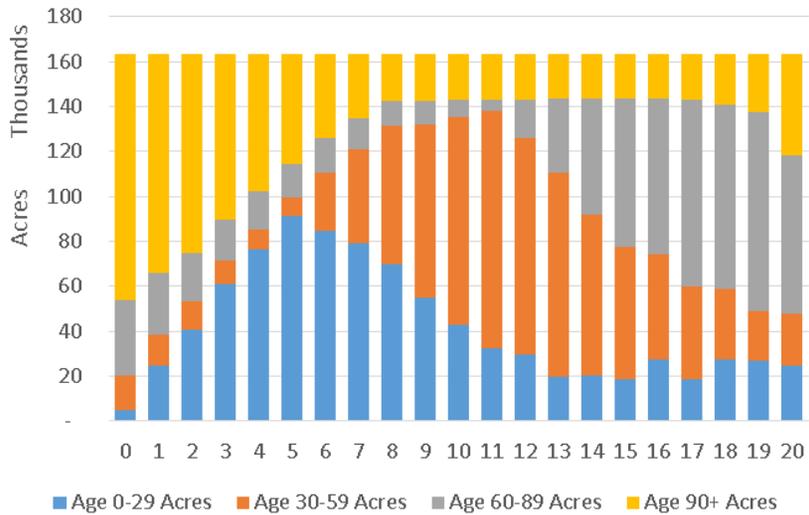
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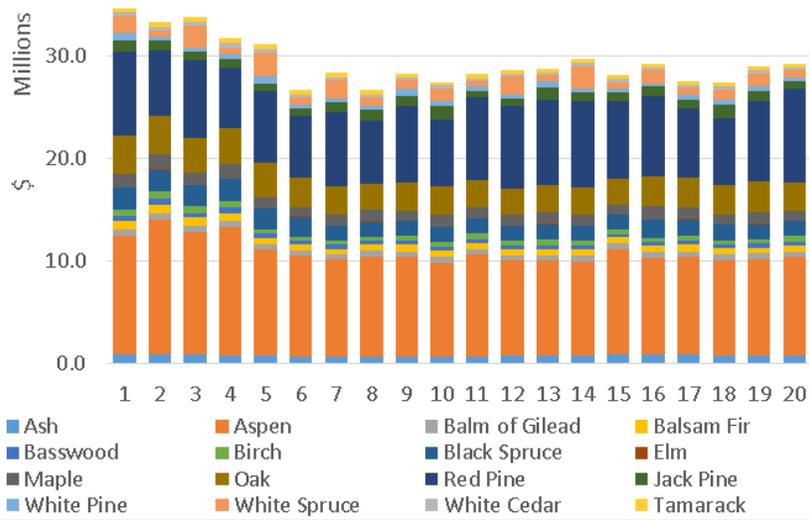
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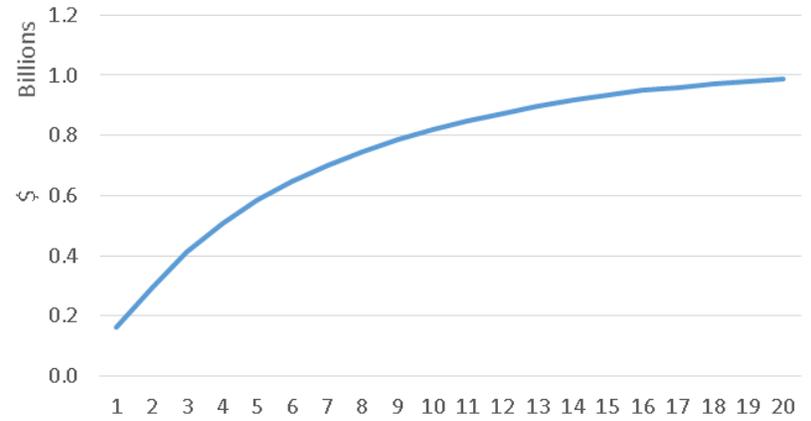
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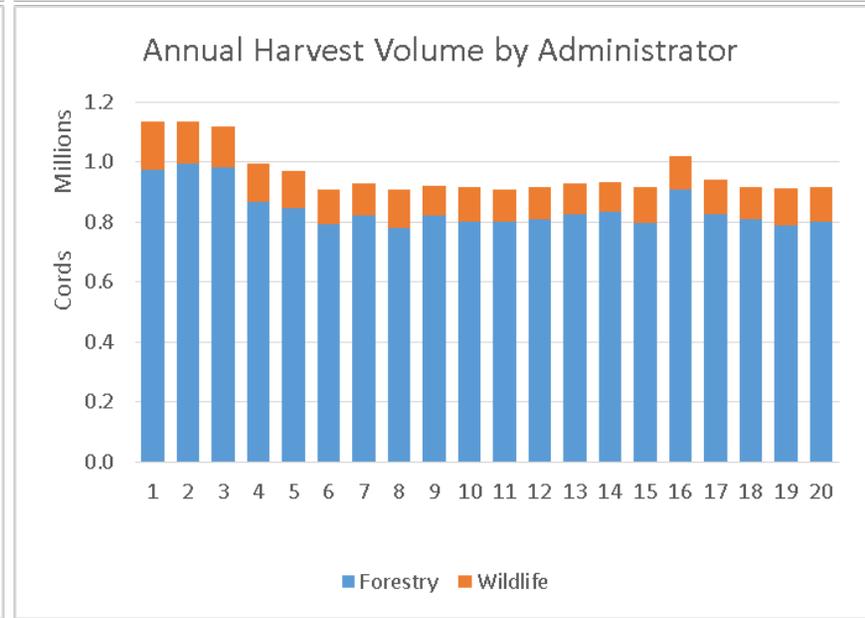
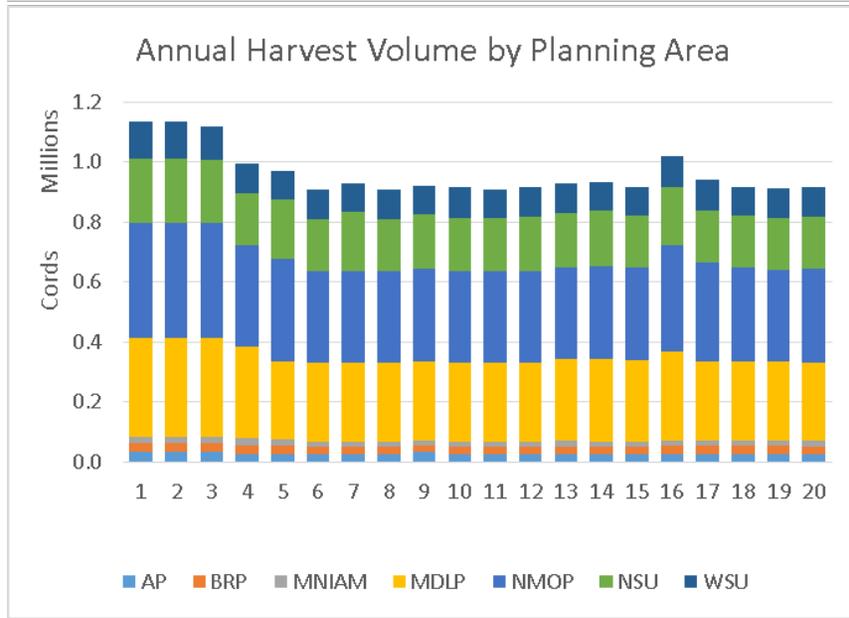
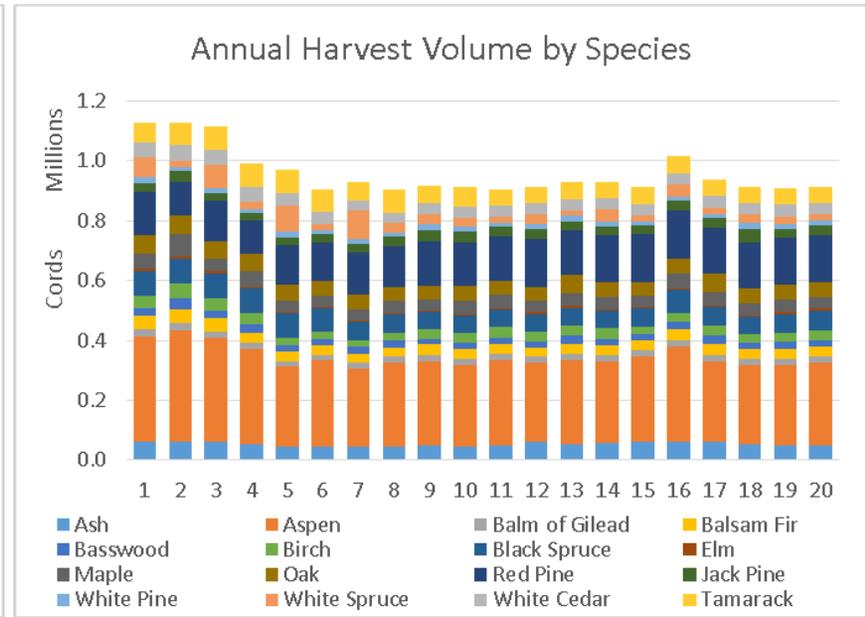
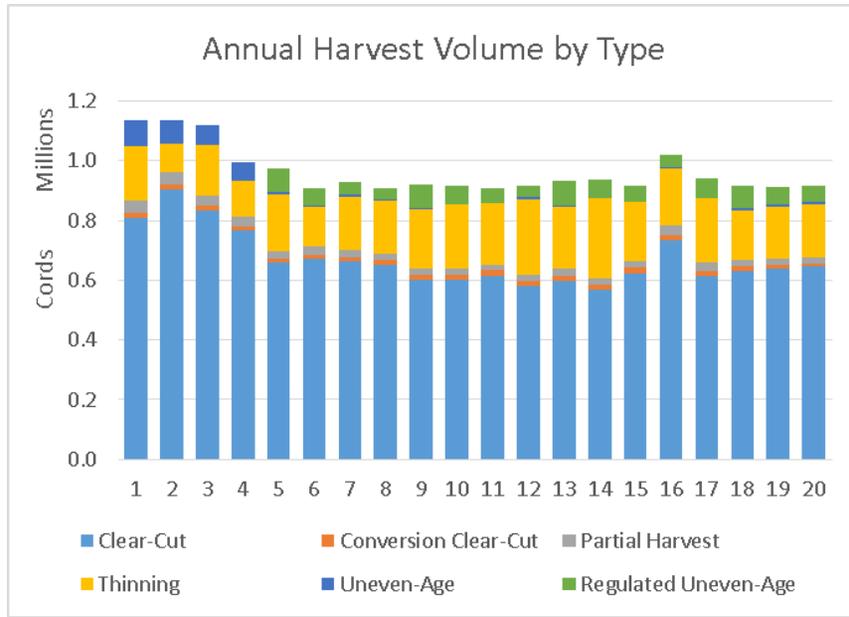
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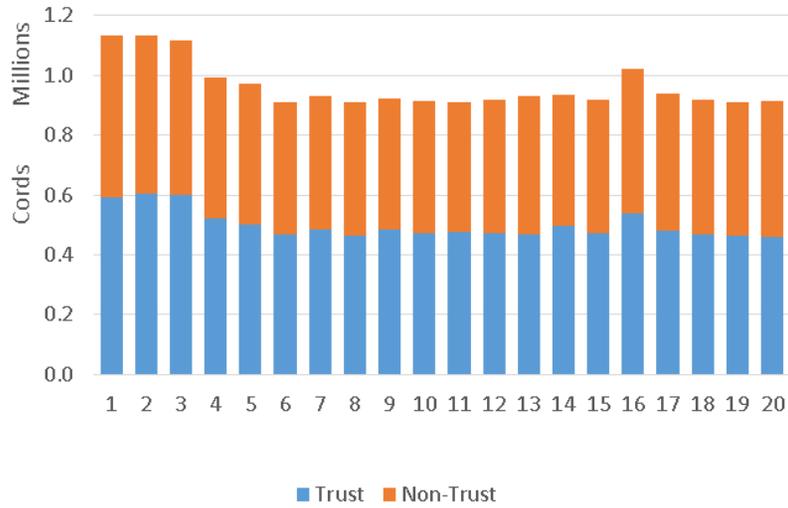
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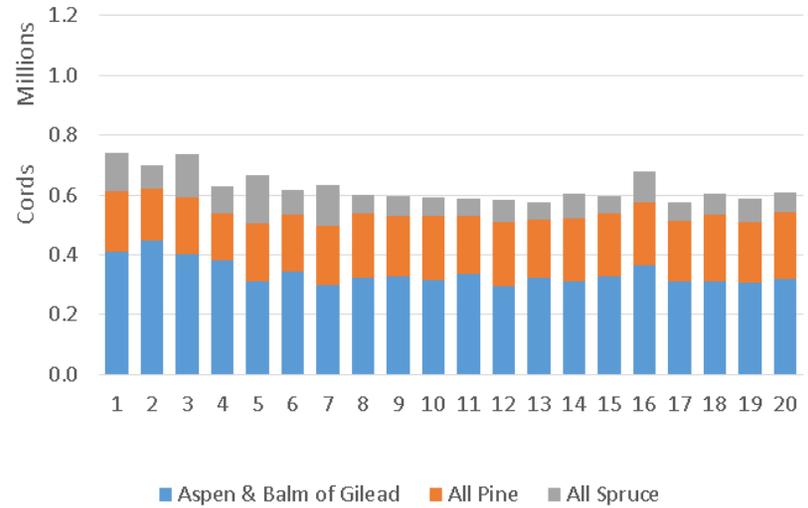
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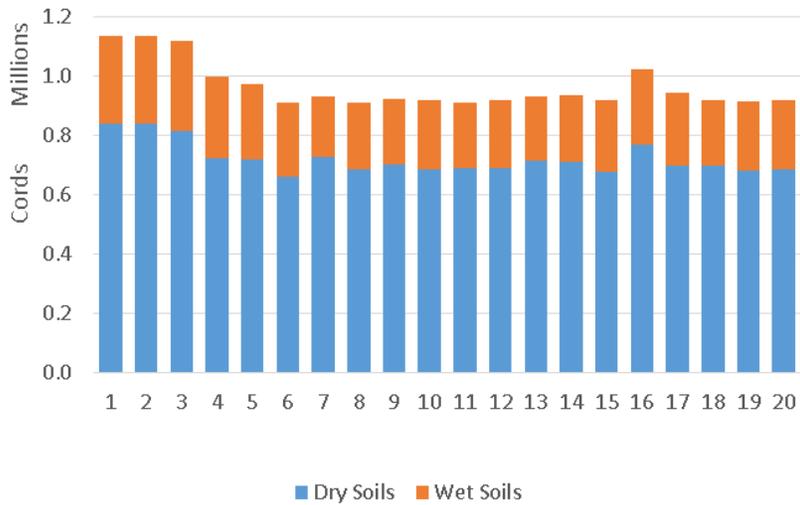
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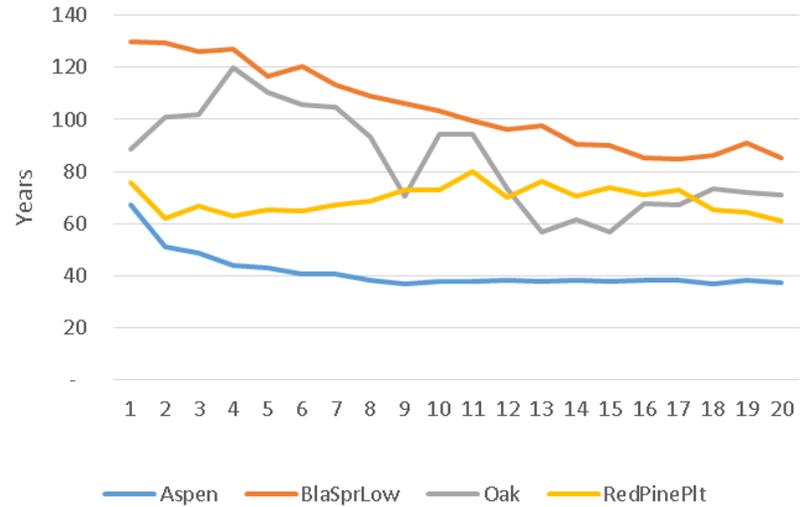
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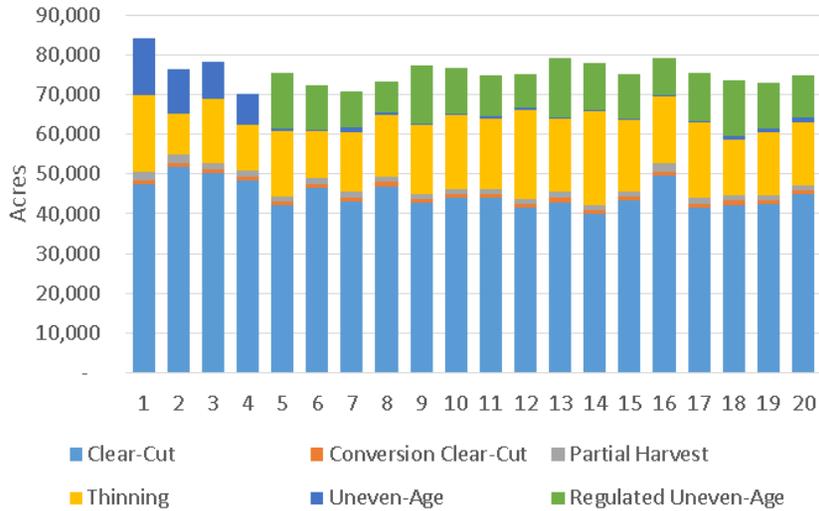
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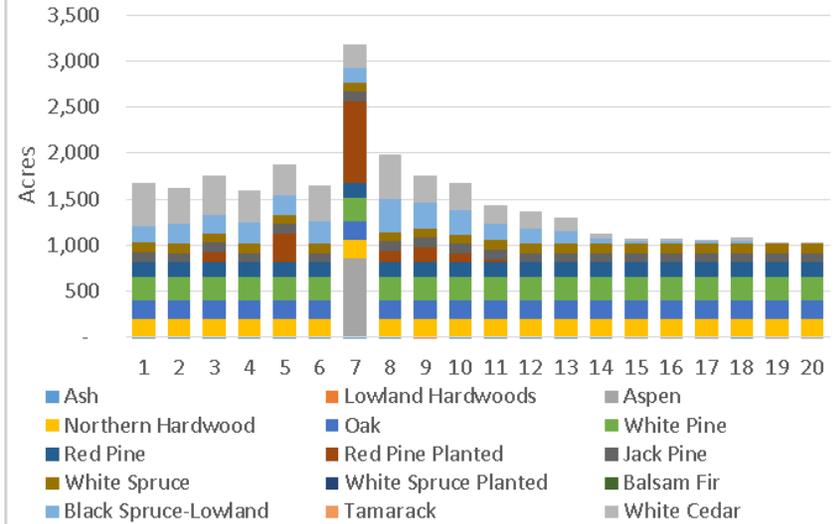
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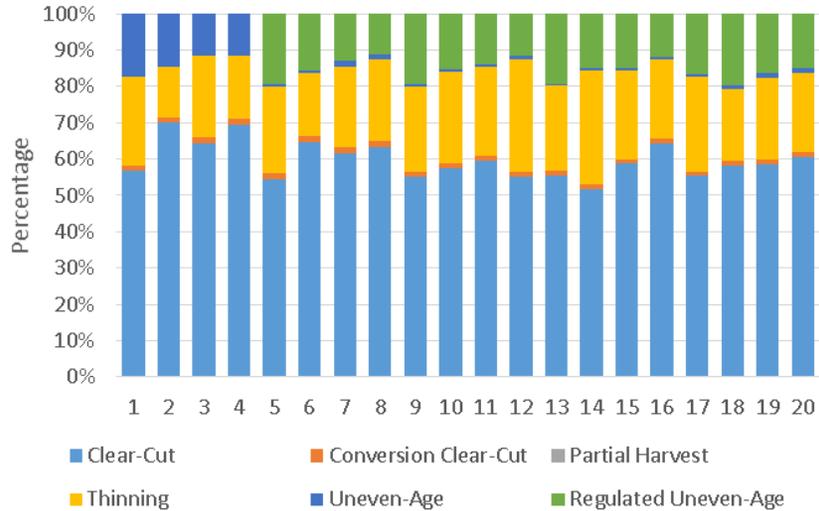
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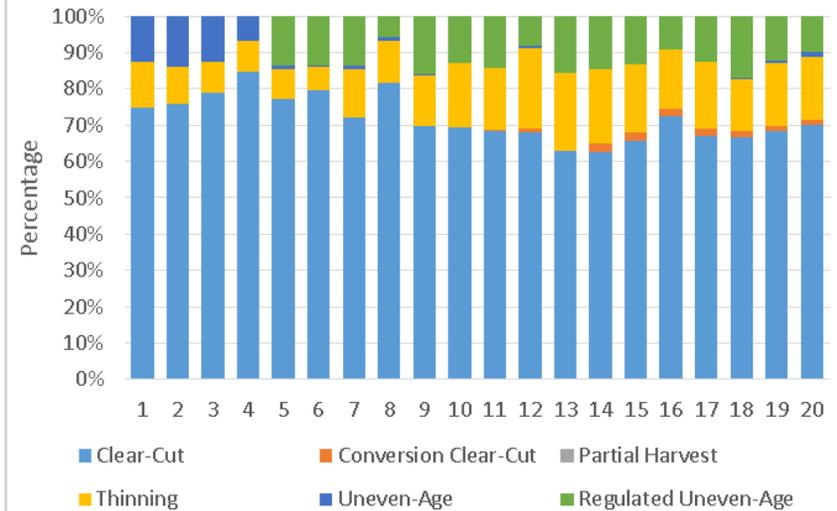
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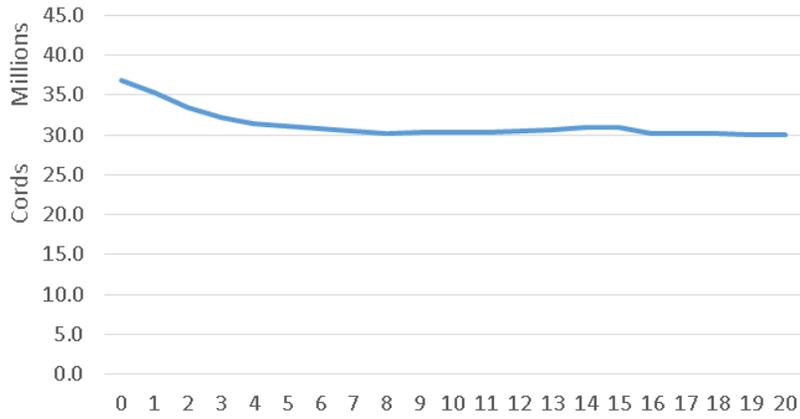
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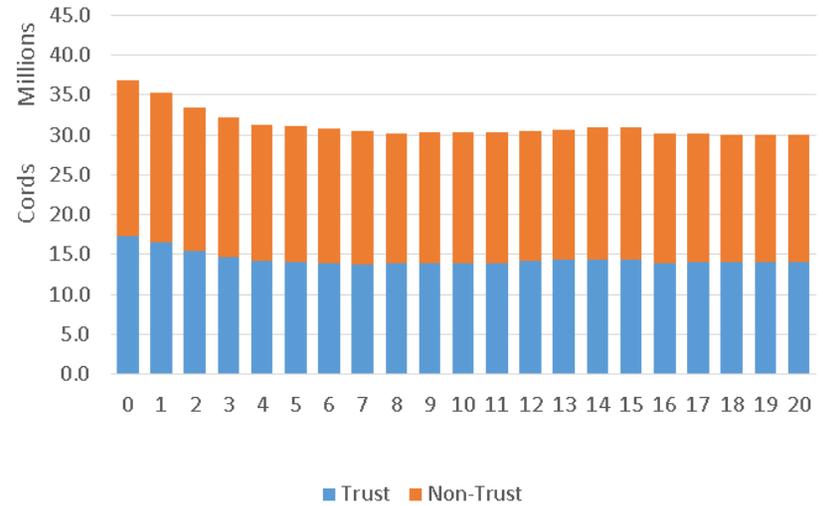
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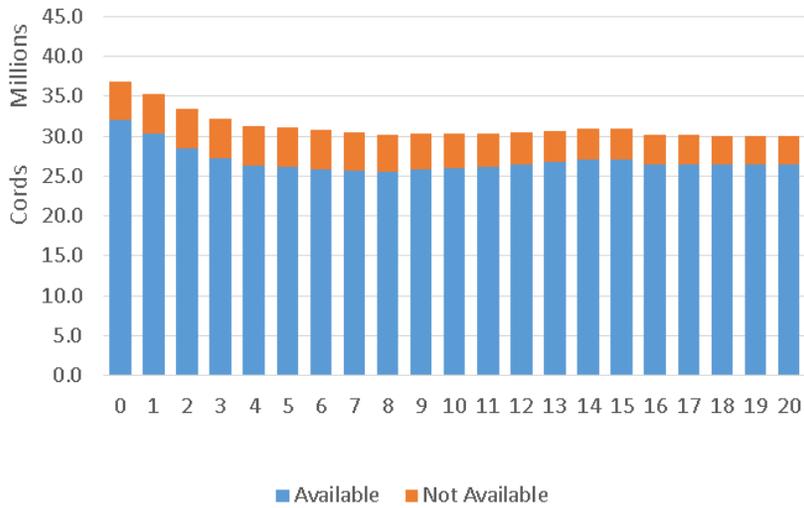
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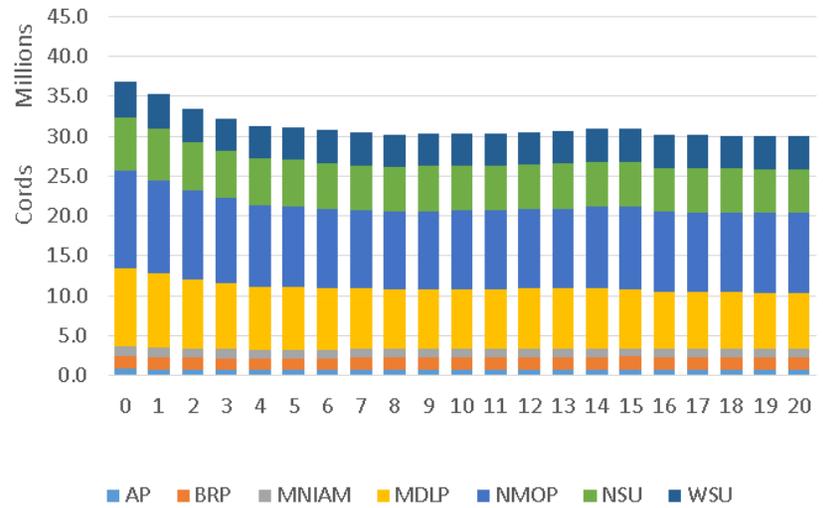
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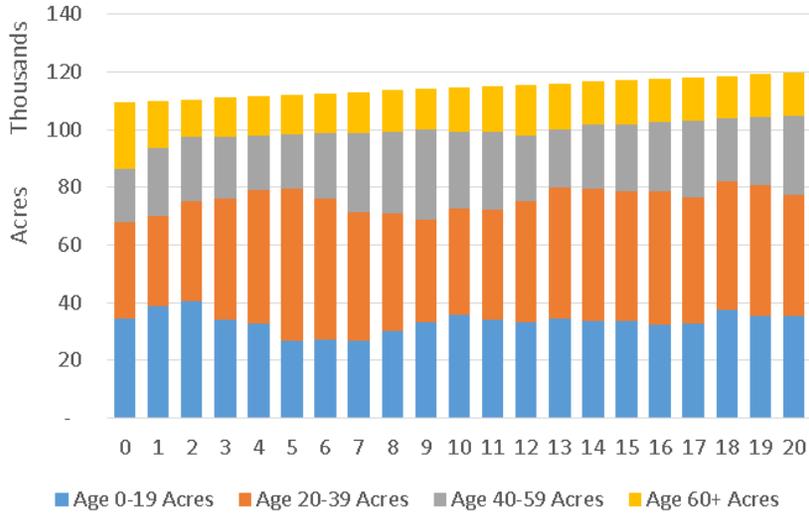


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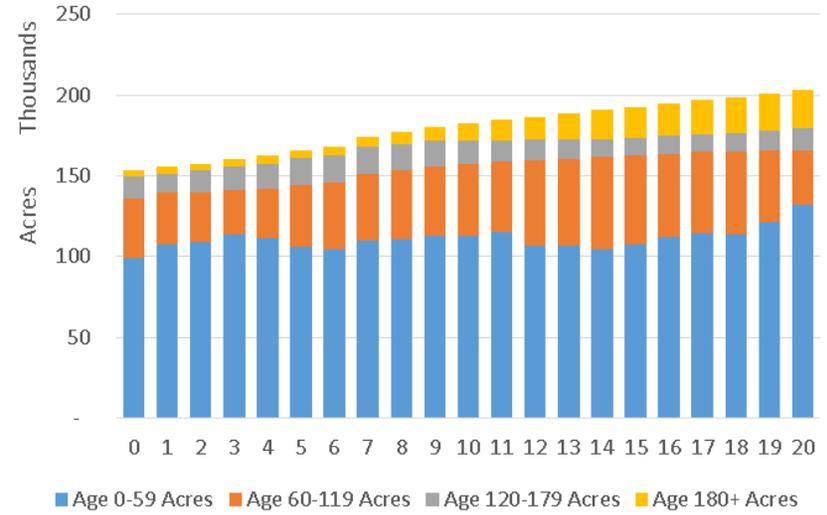




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Red and White Pine Age



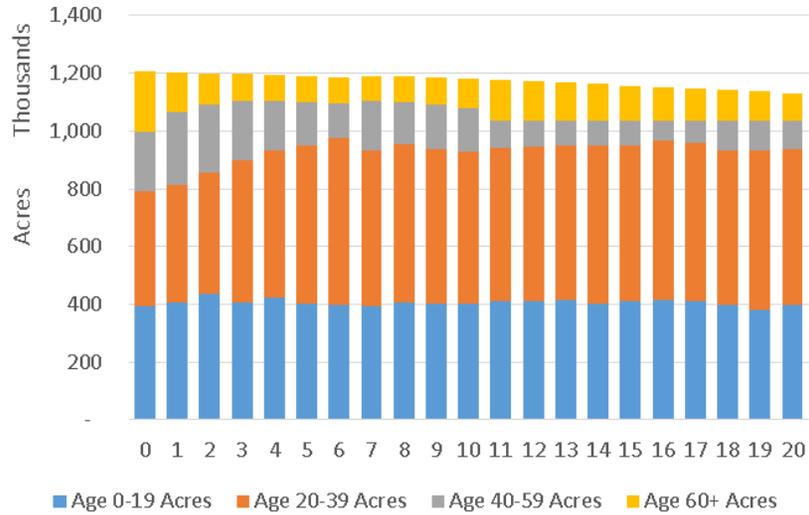
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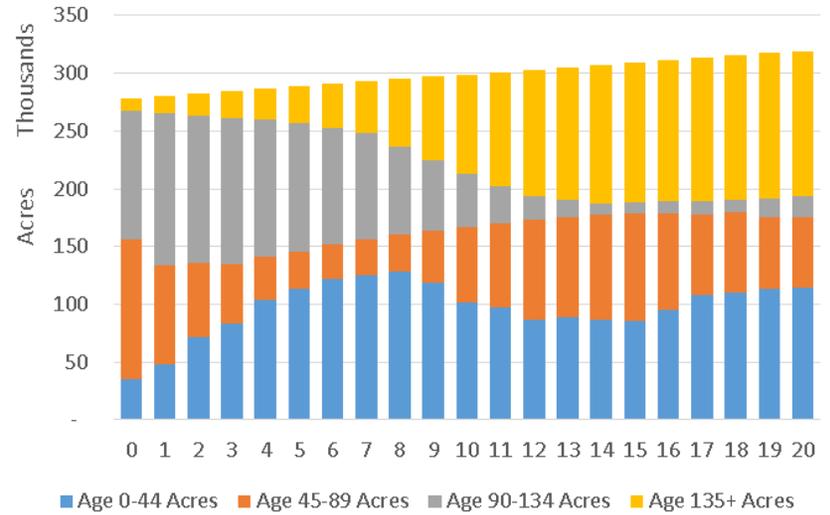
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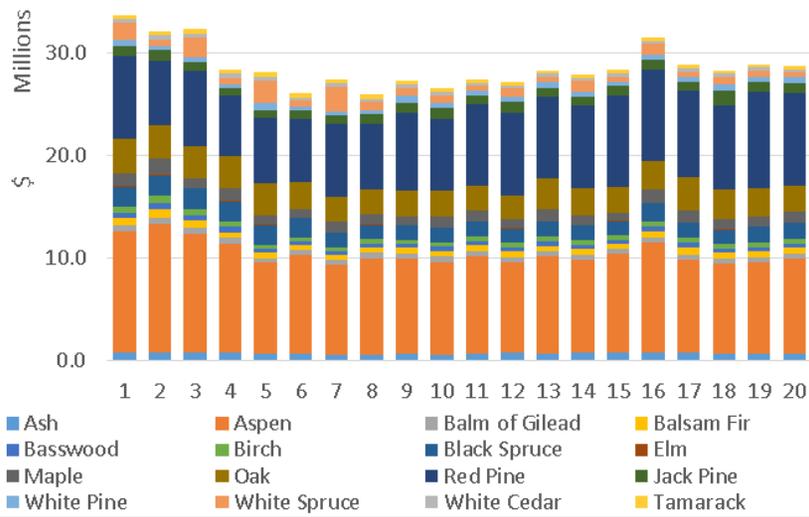
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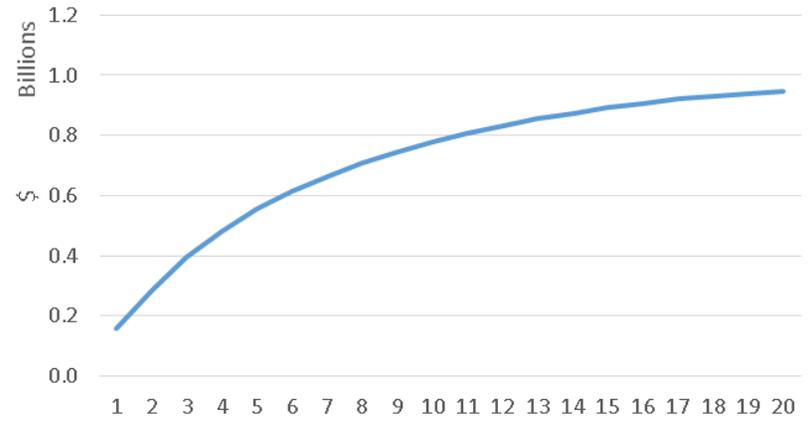
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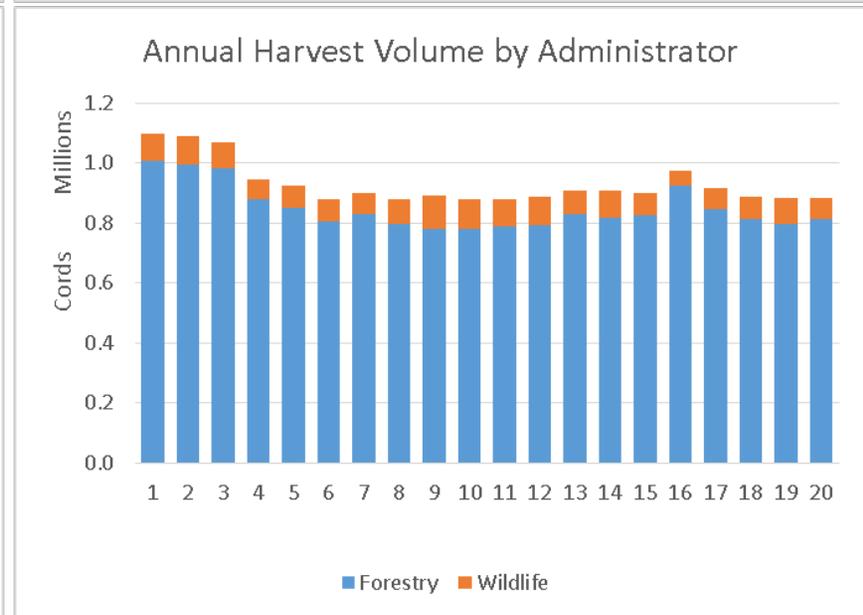
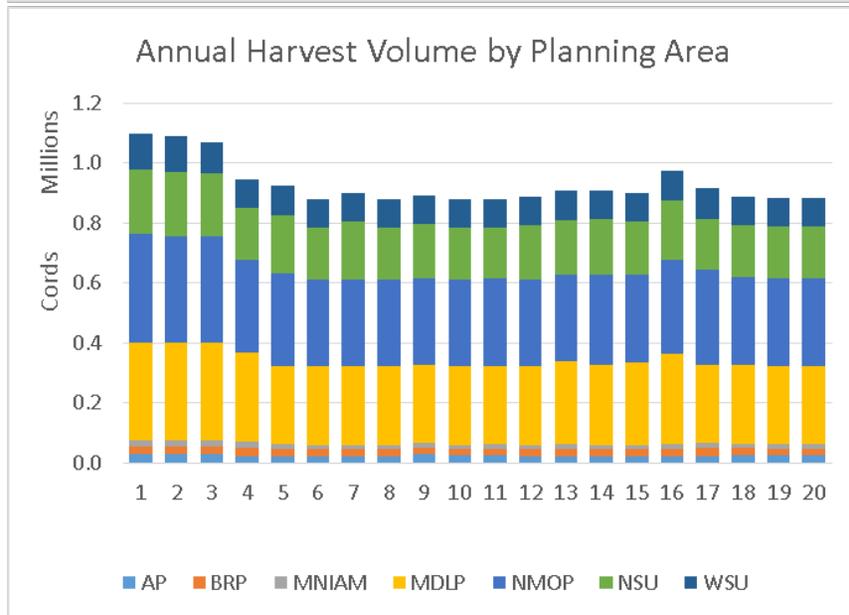
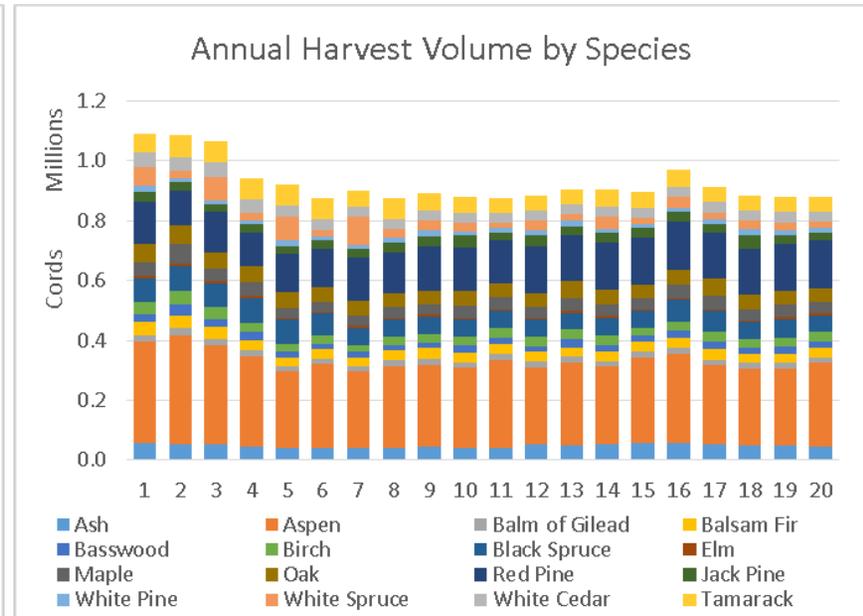
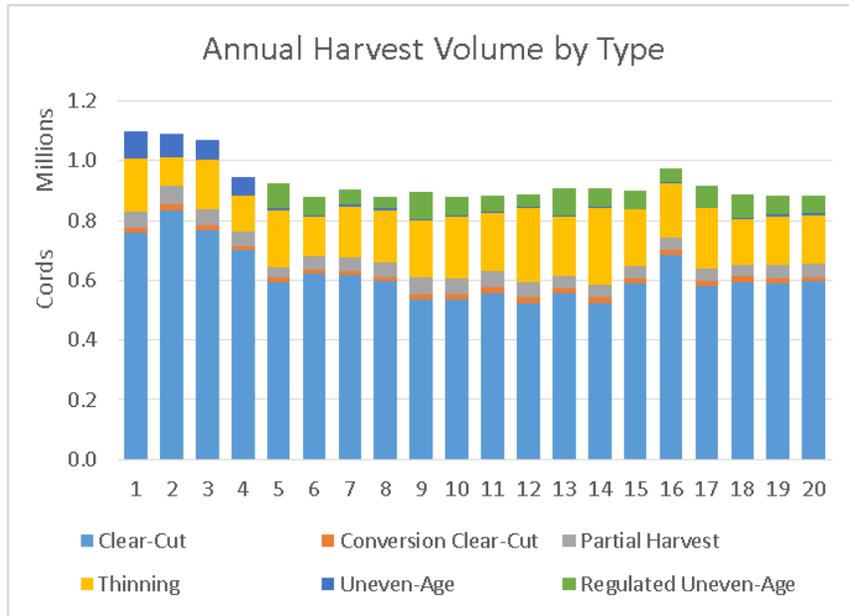
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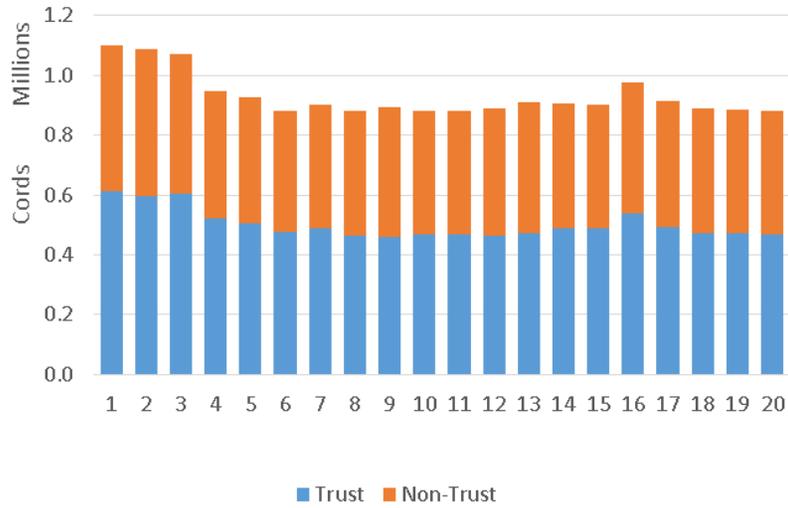
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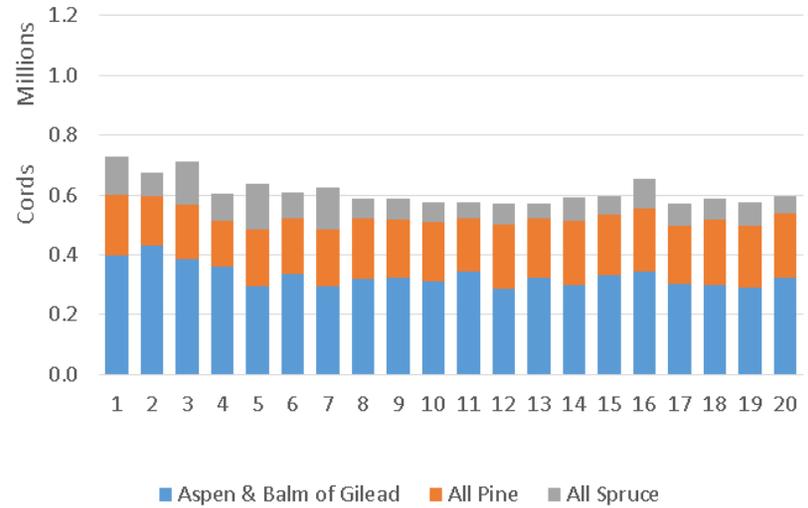
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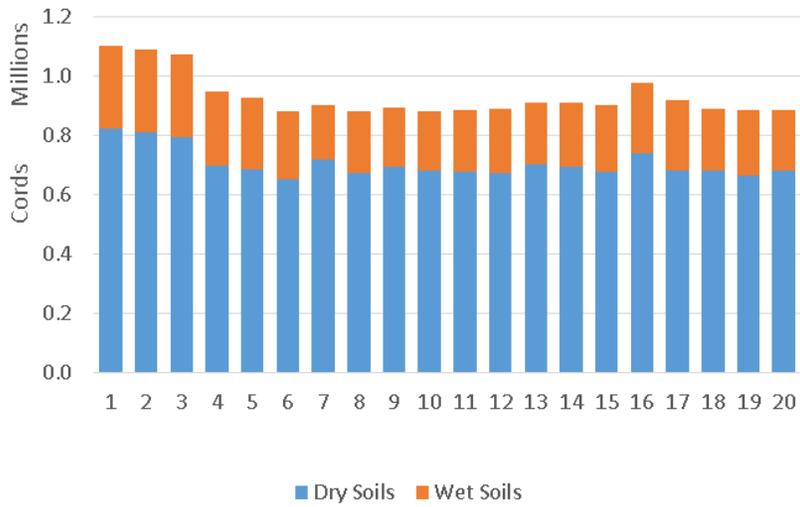
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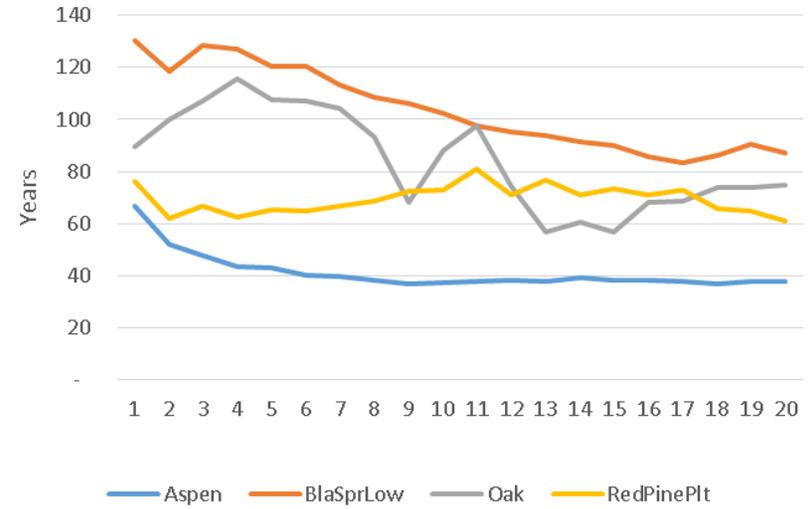
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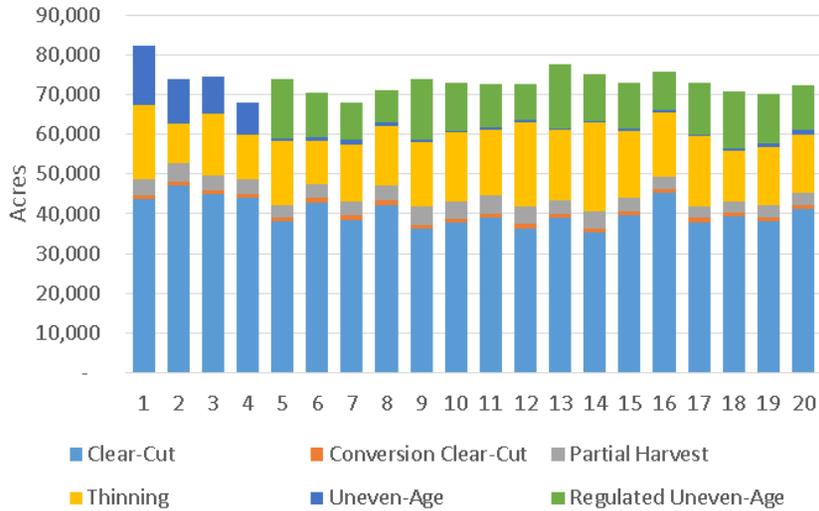
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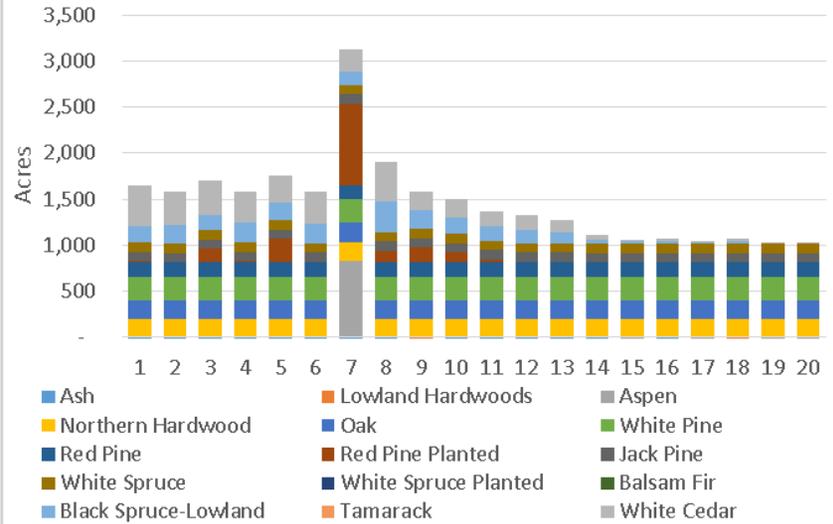
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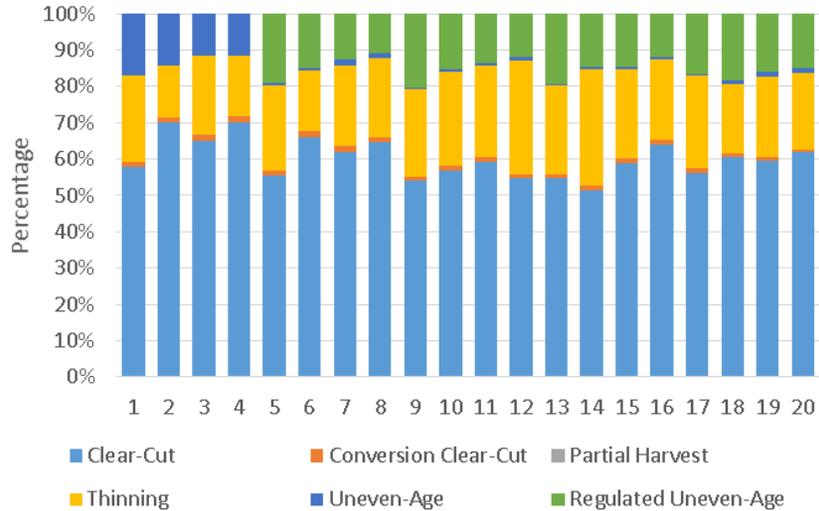
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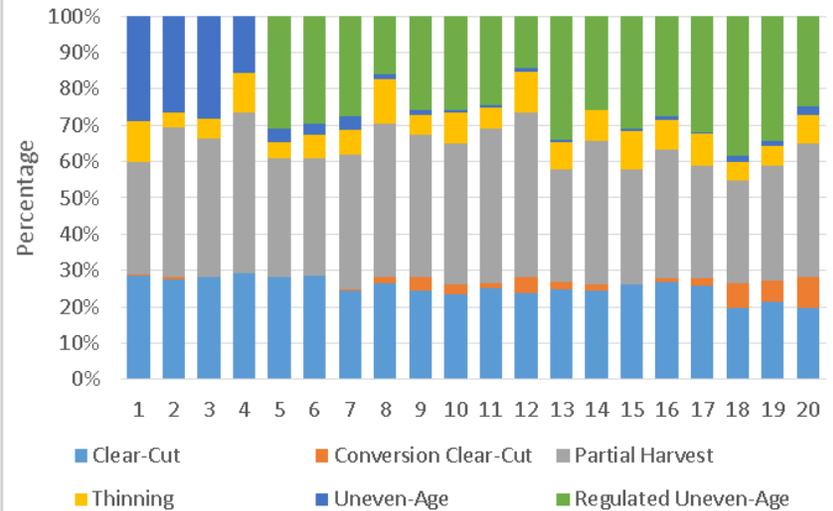
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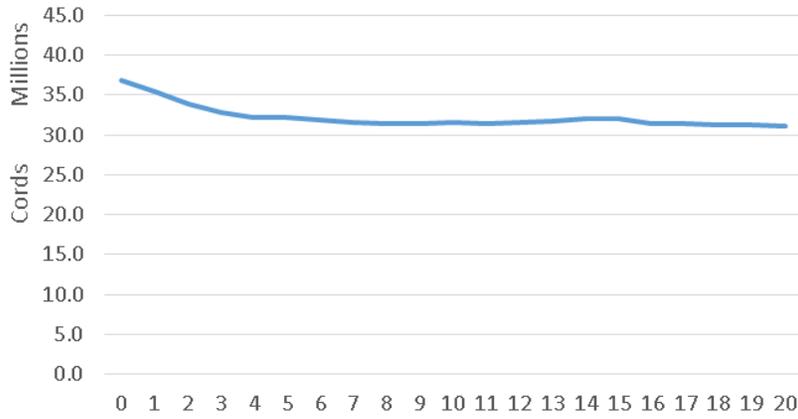
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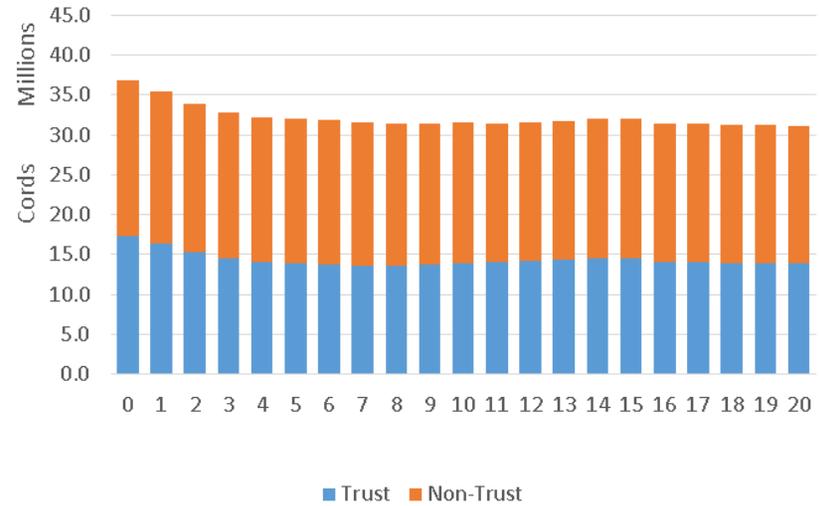
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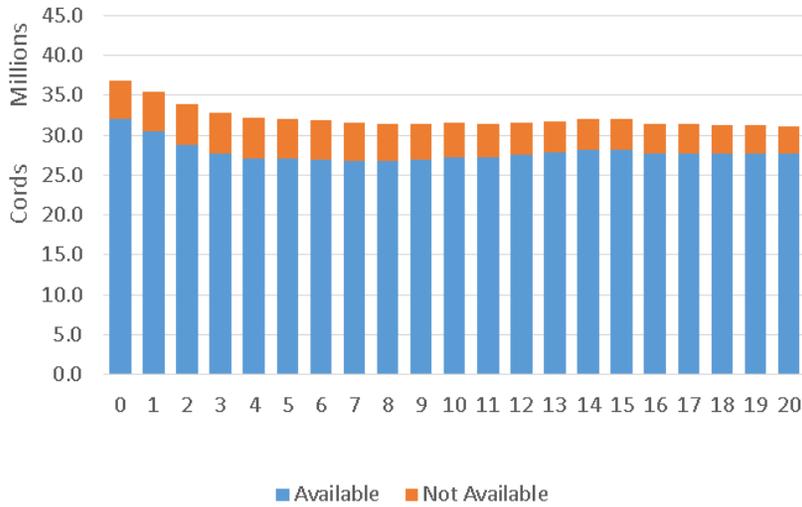
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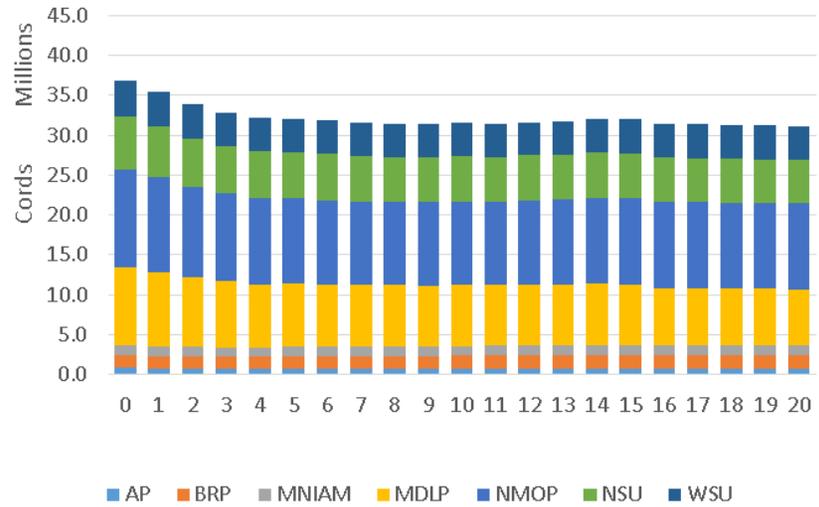
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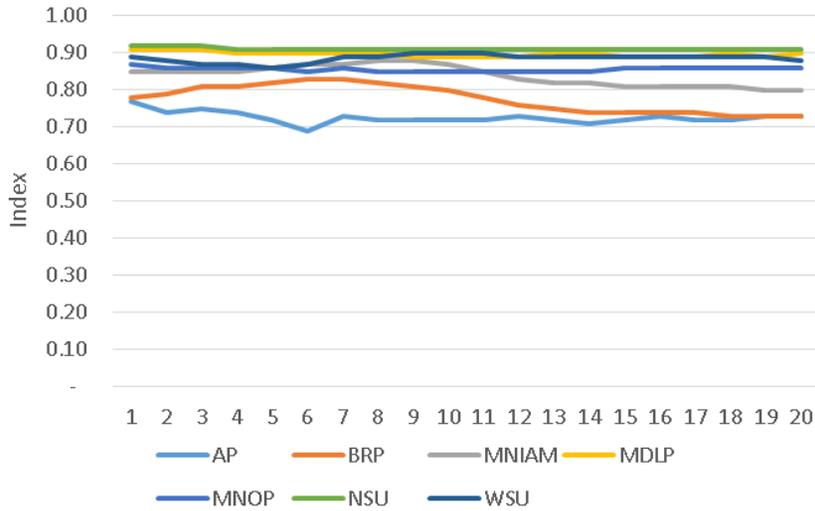
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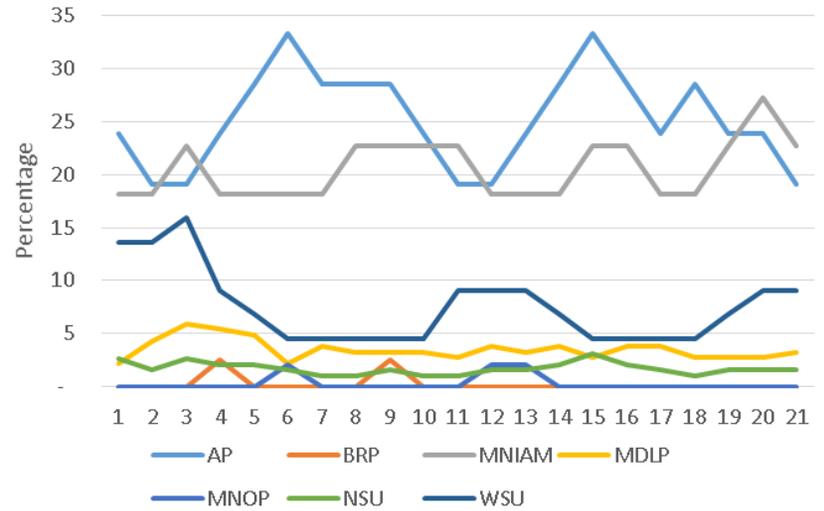
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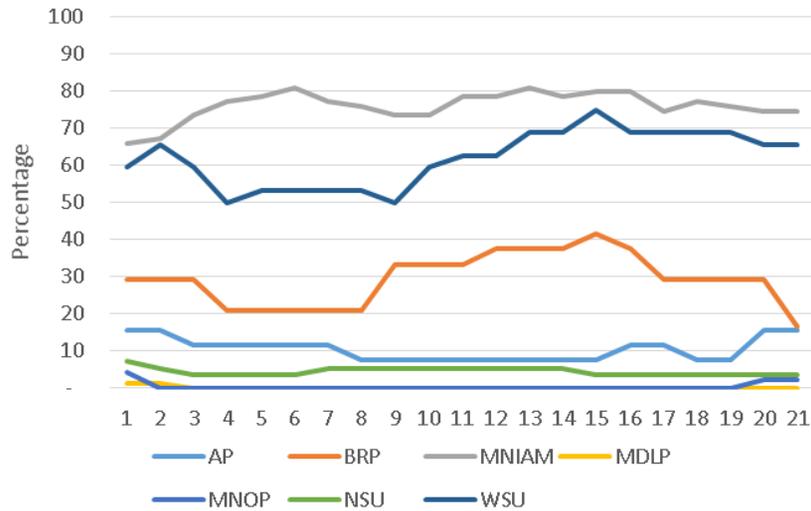
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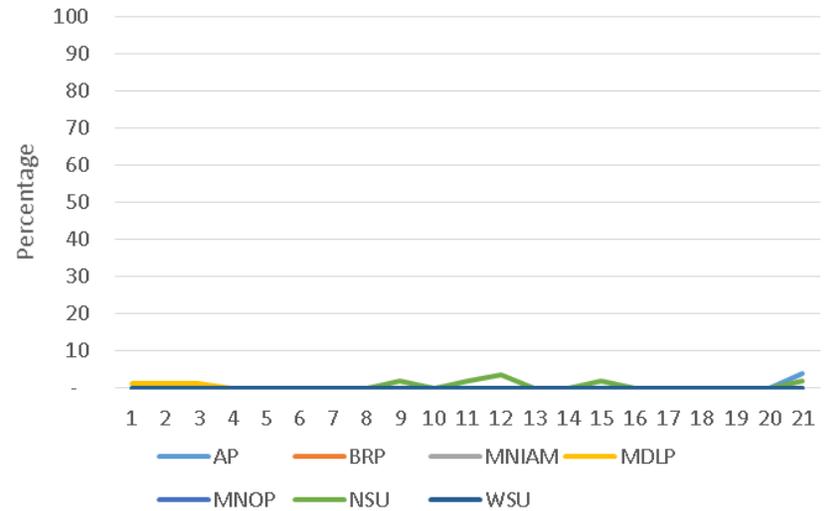
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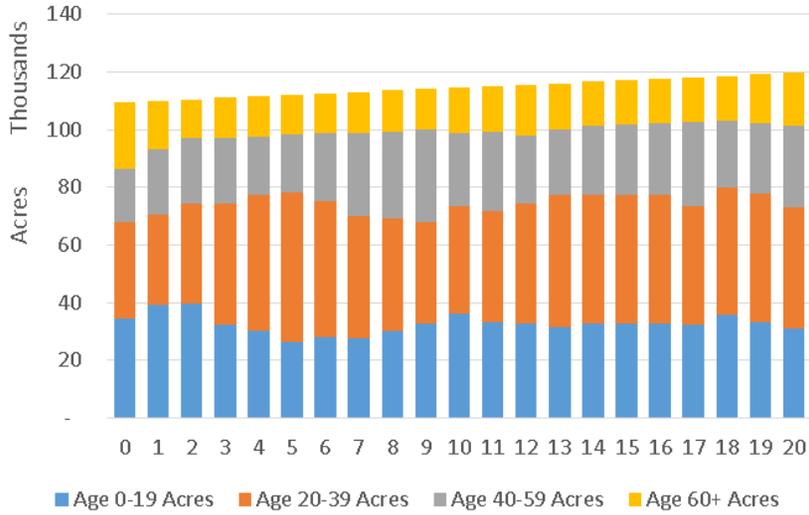
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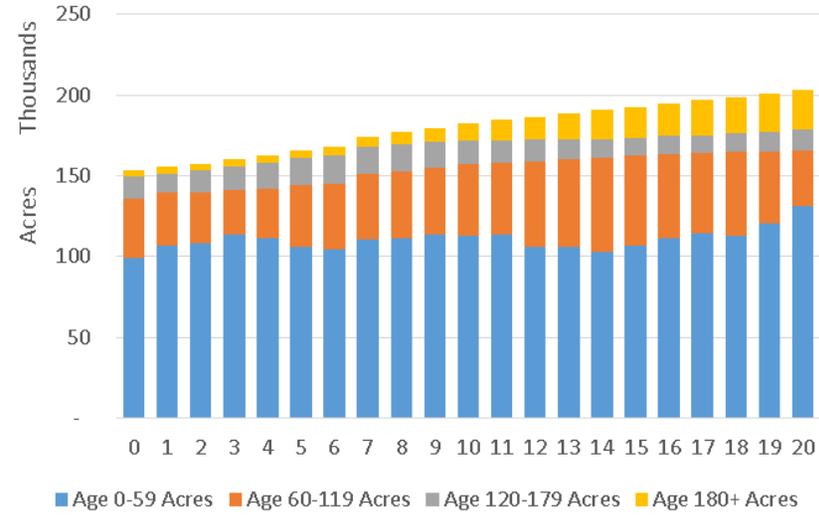
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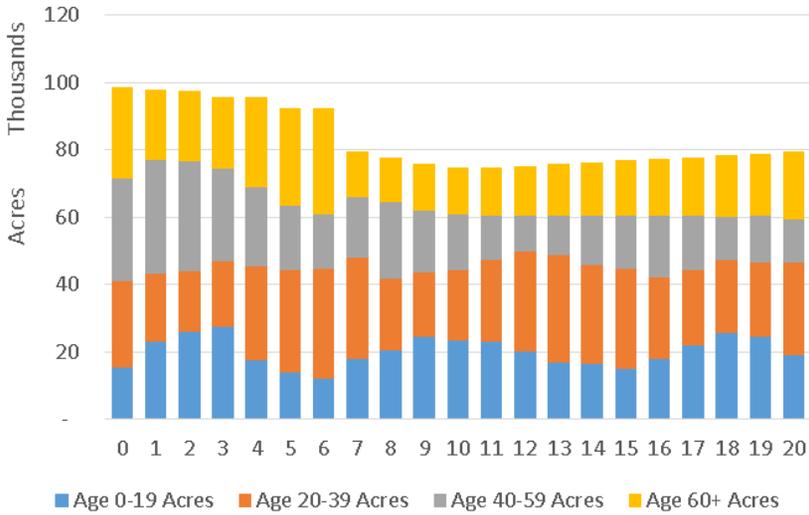
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Red and White Pine Age



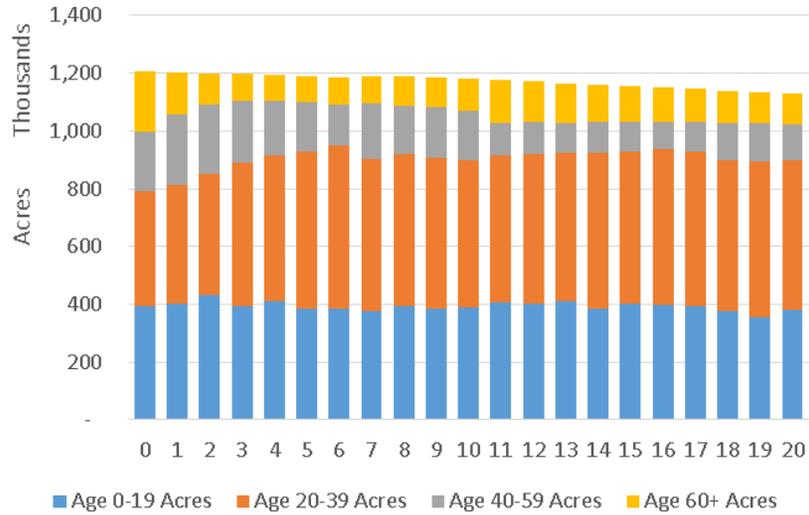
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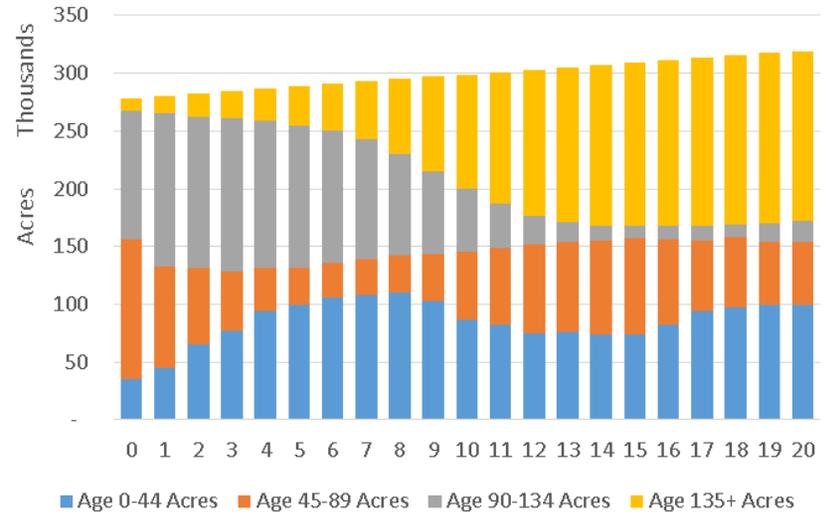
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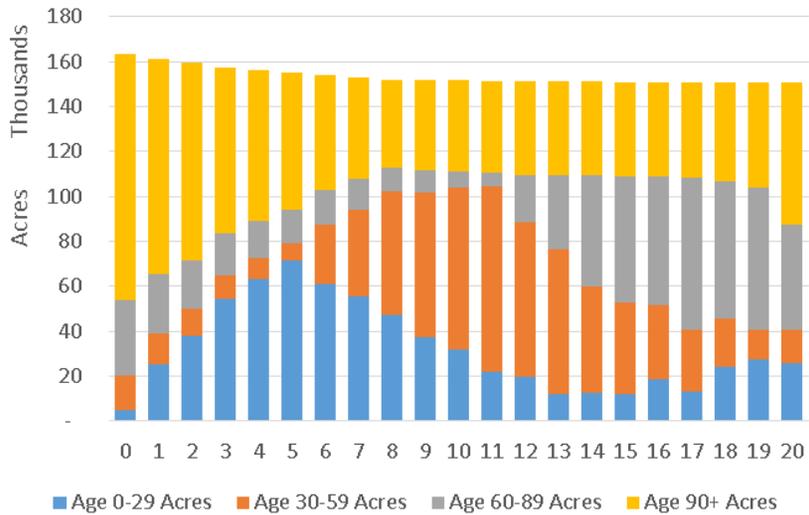
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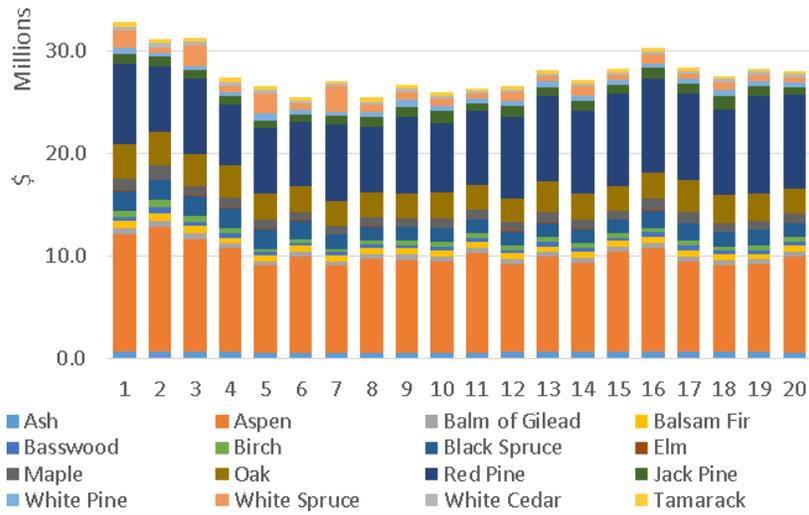
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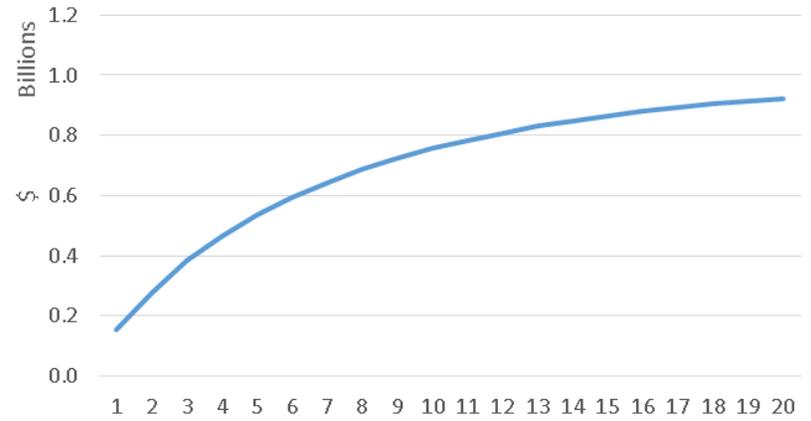
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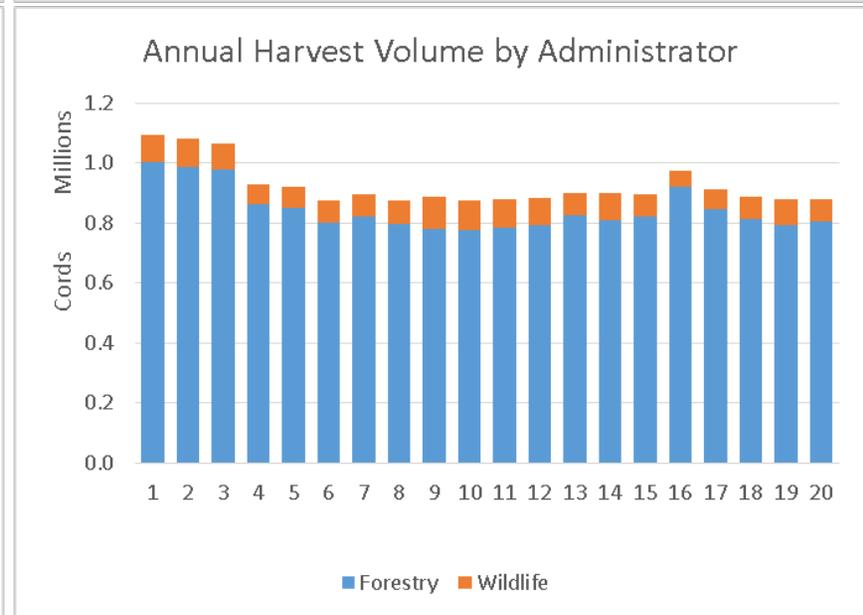
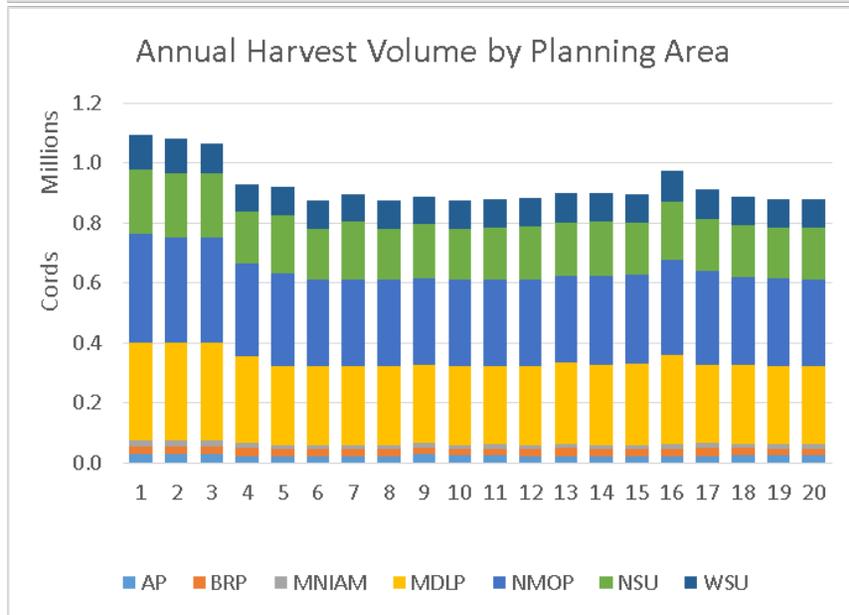
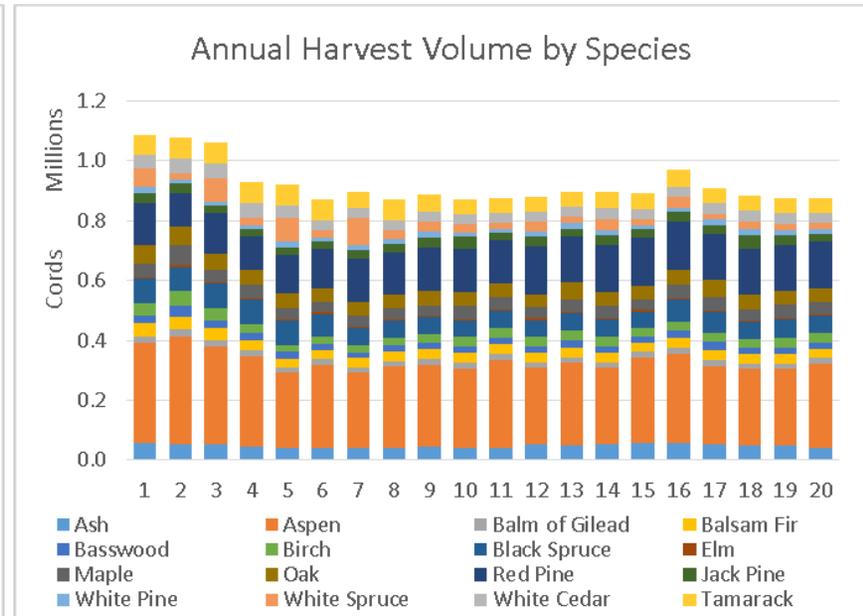
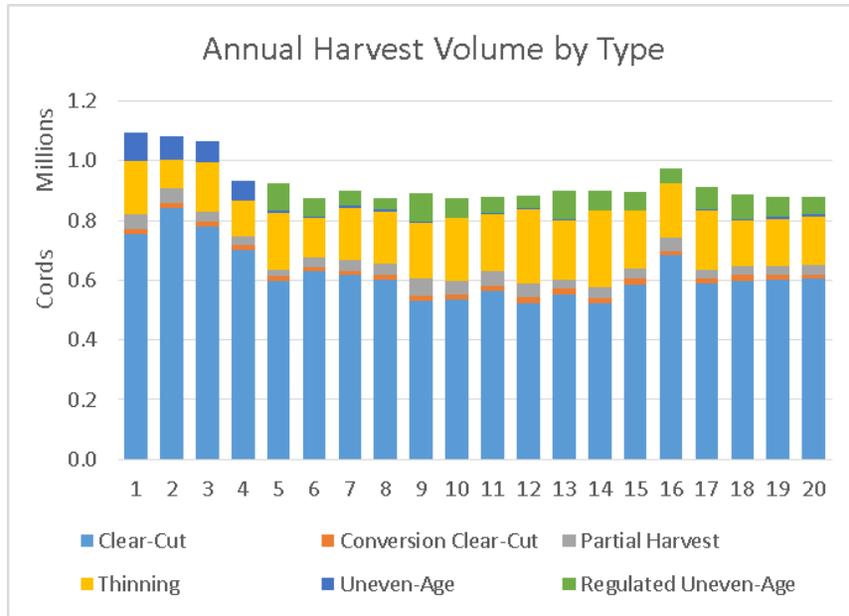
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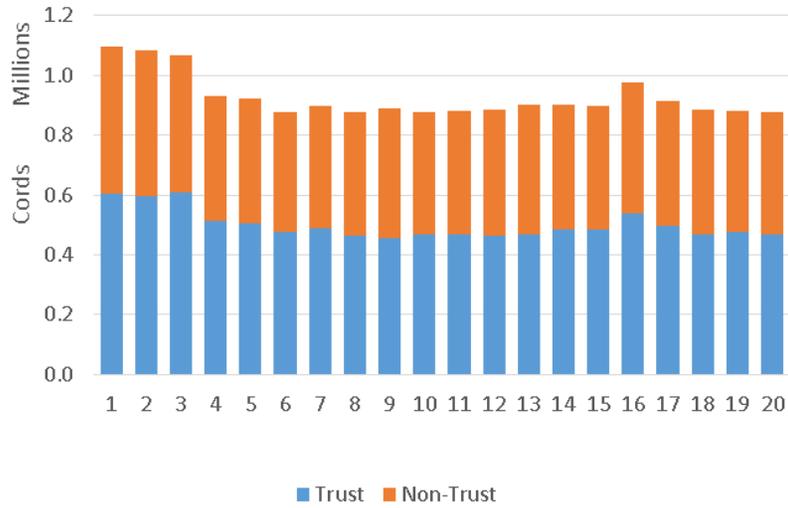
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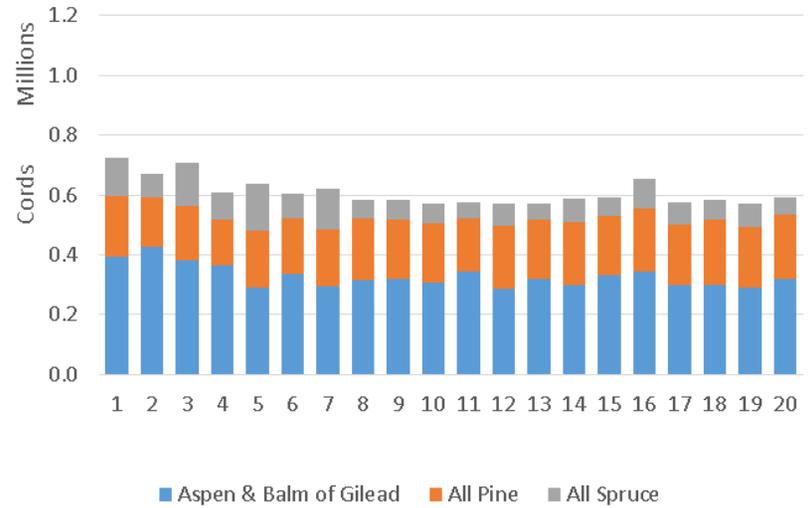
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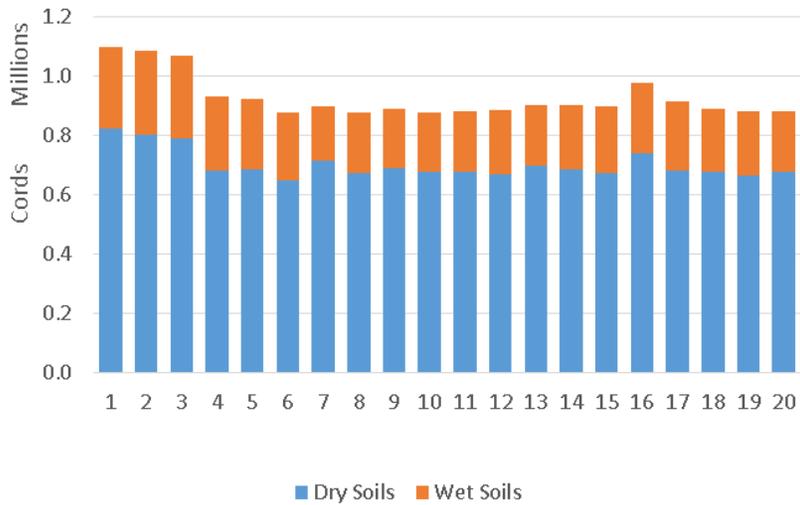
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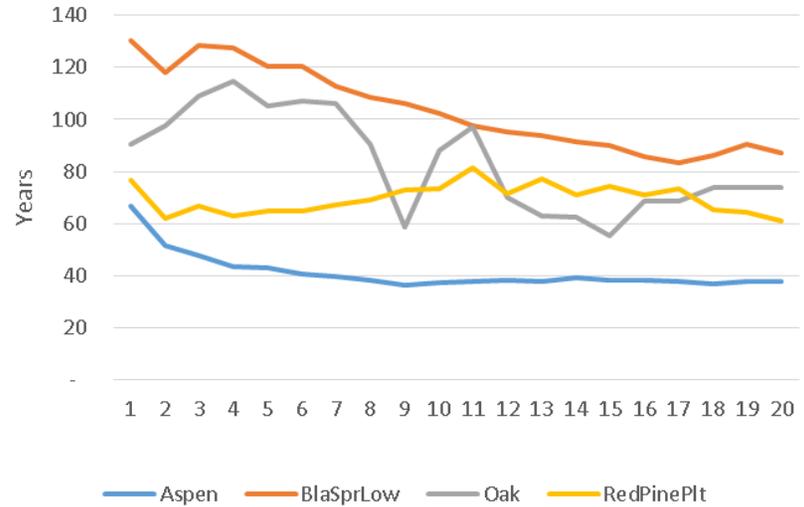
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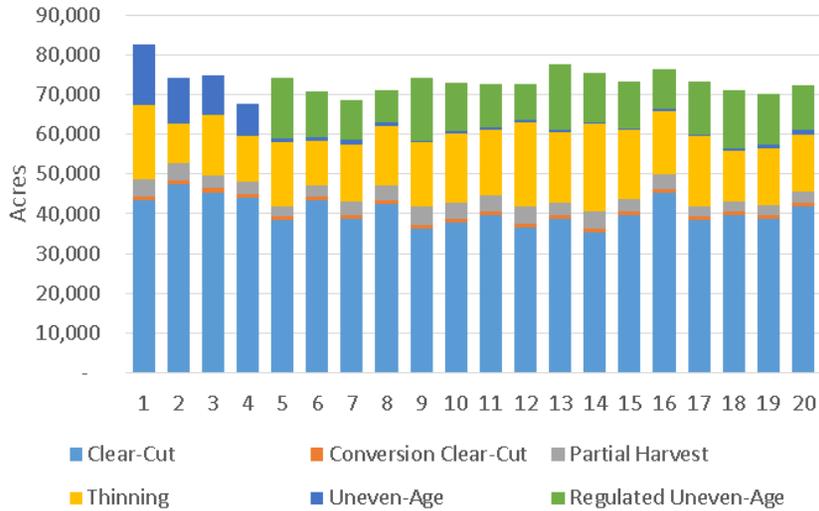
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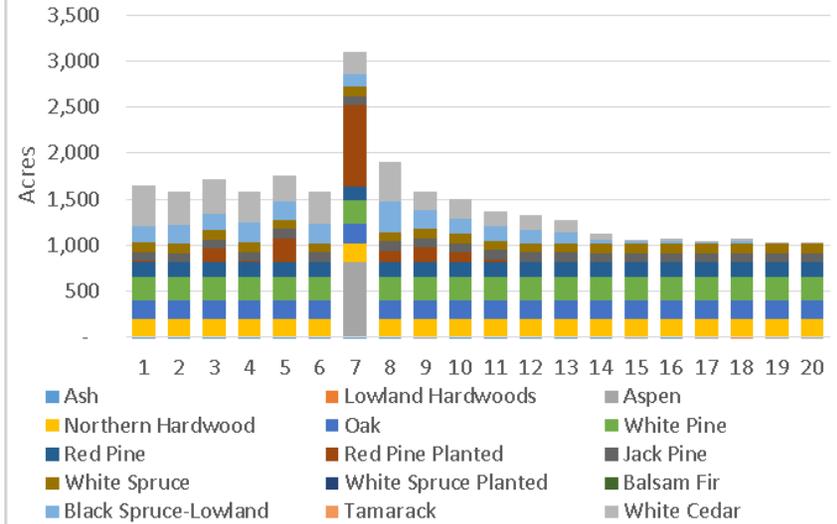
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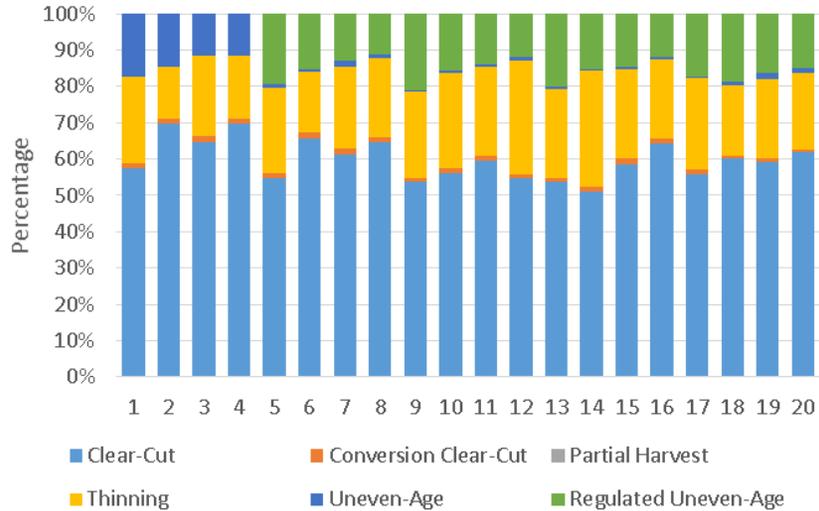
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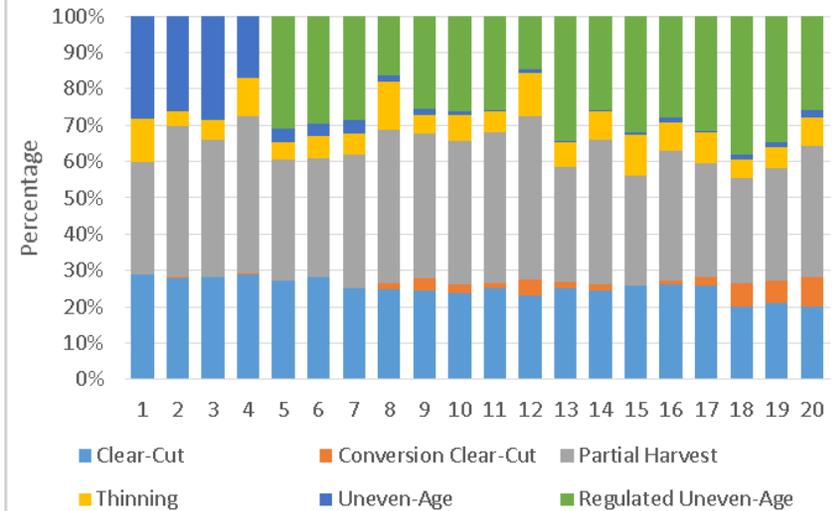
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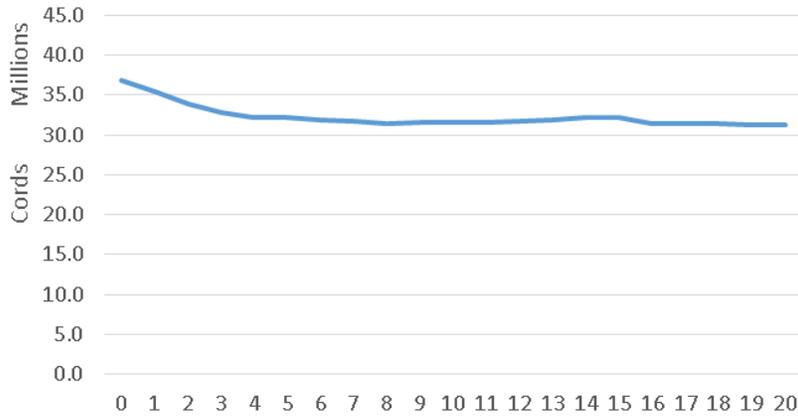
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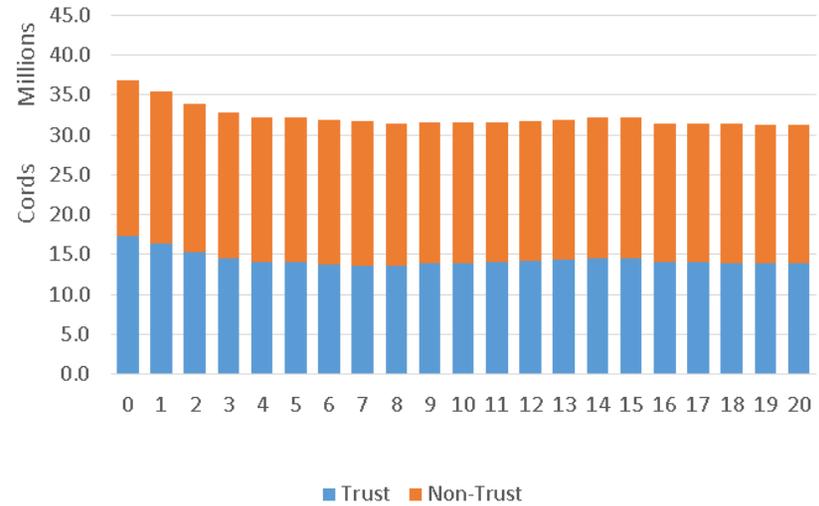
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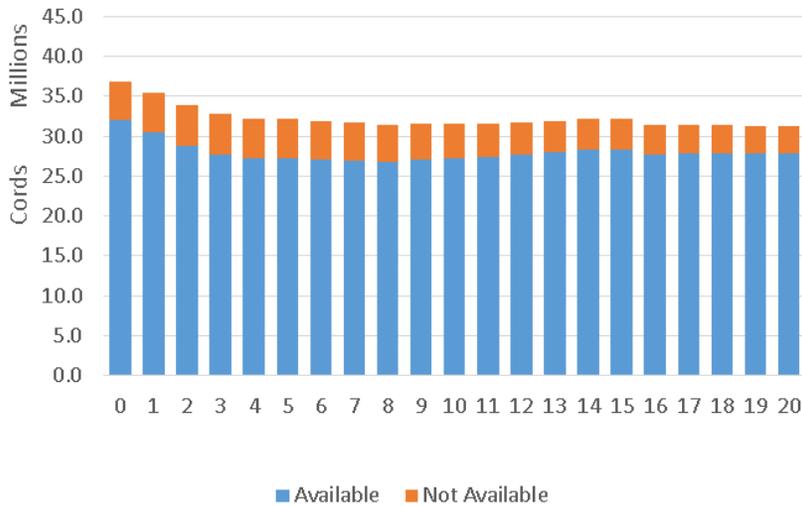
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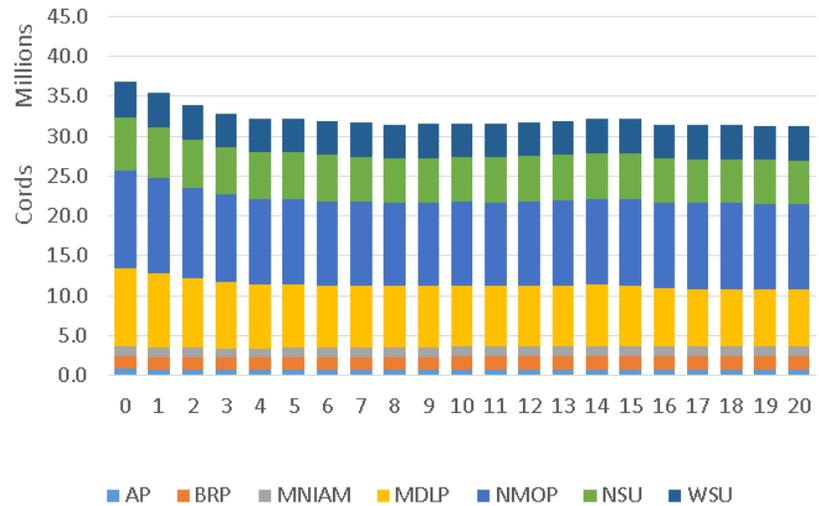
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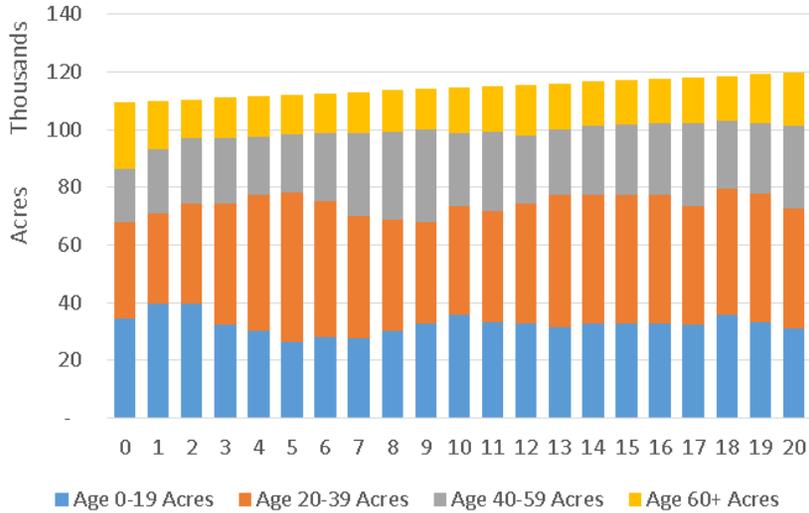


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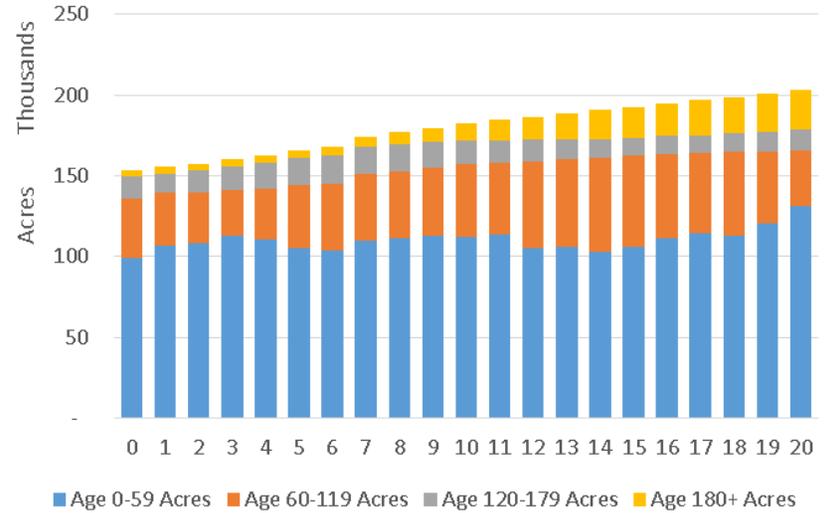




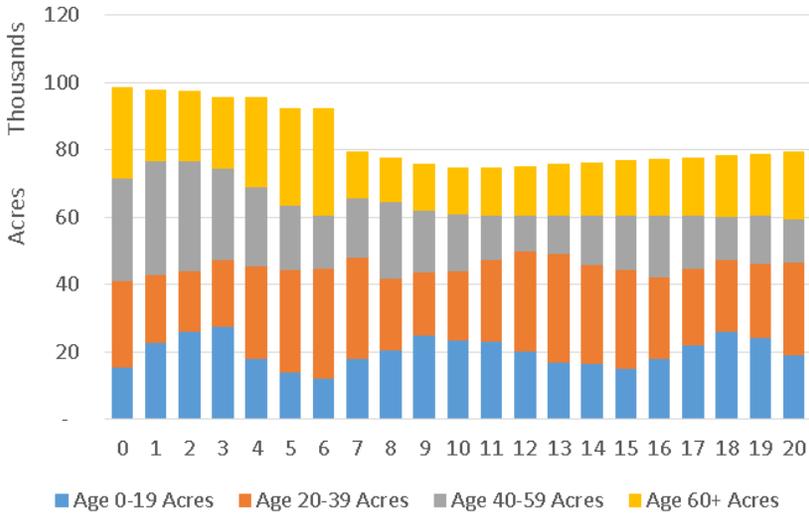
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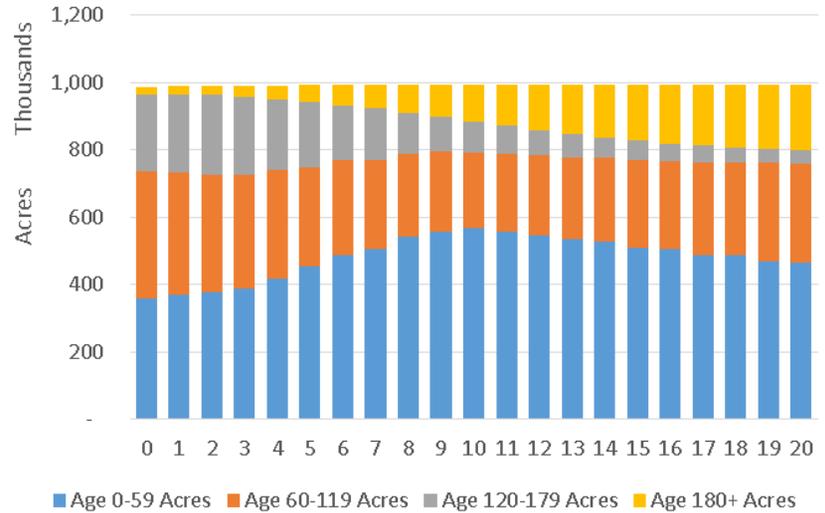
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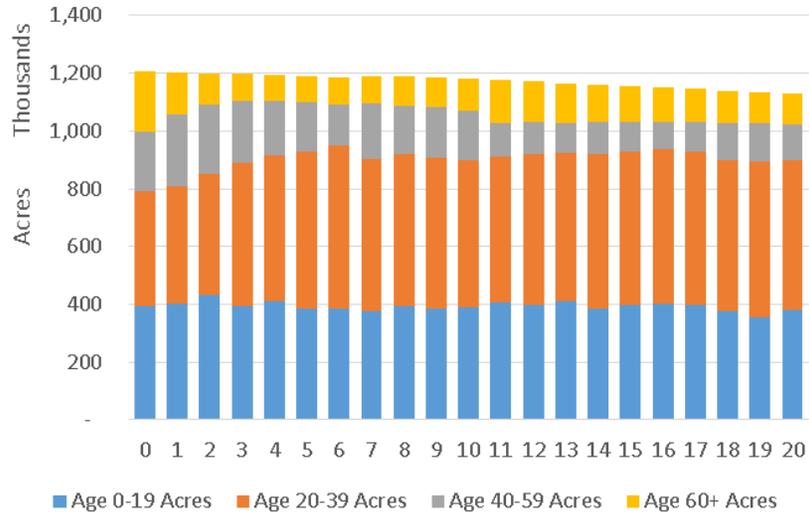
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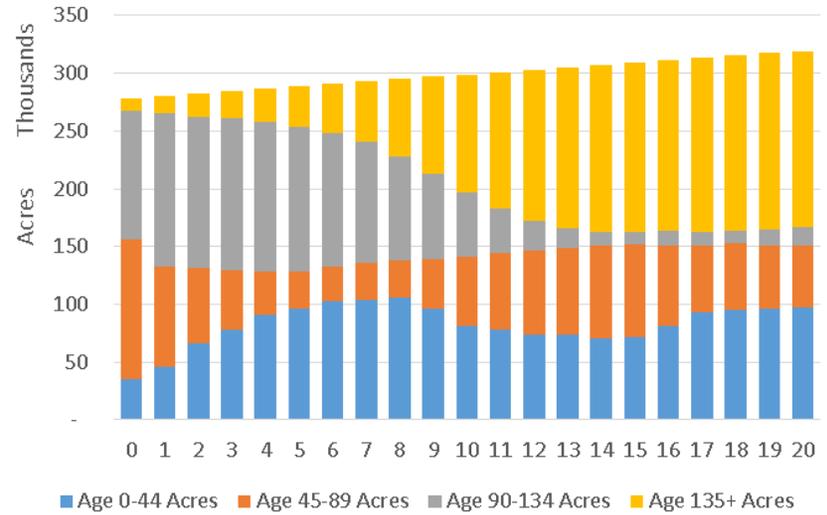
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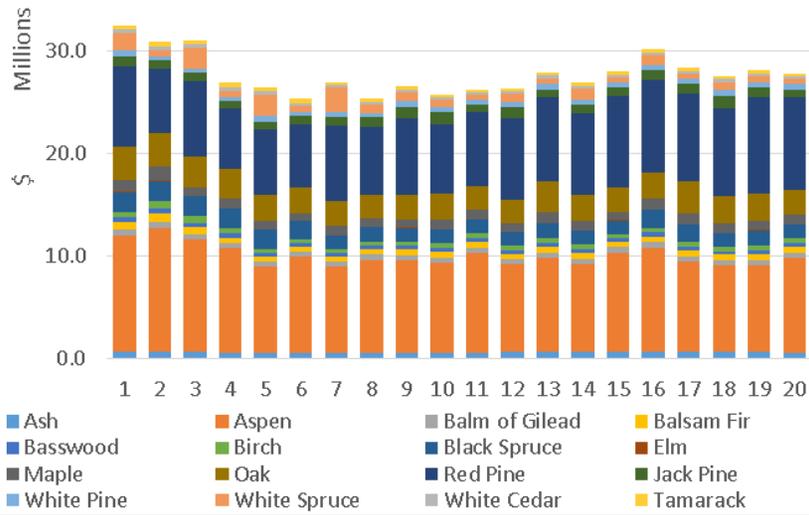
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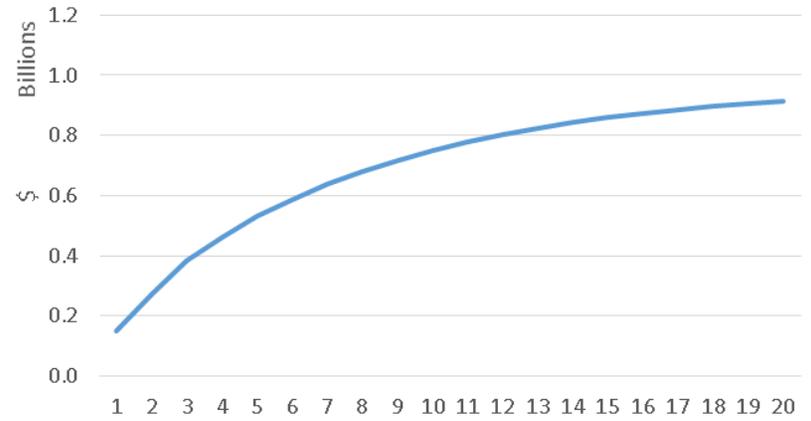
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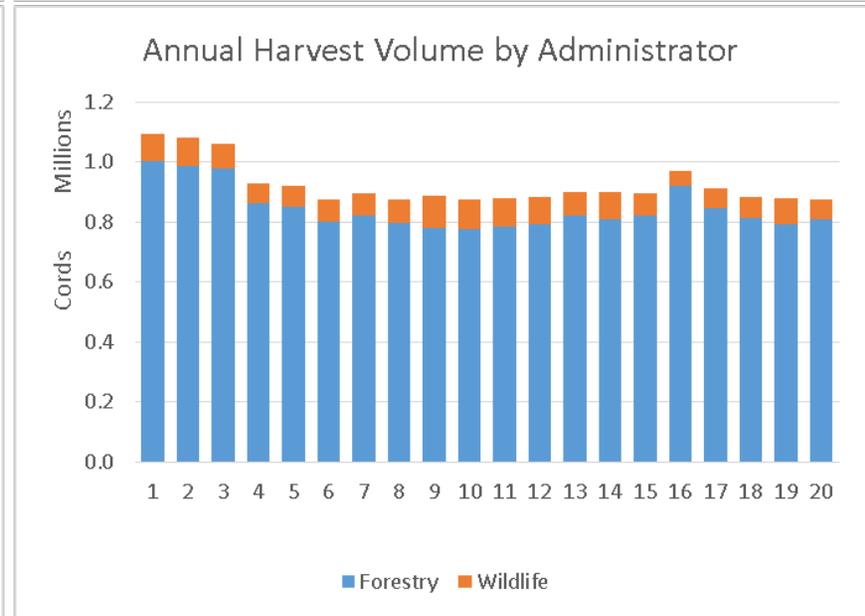
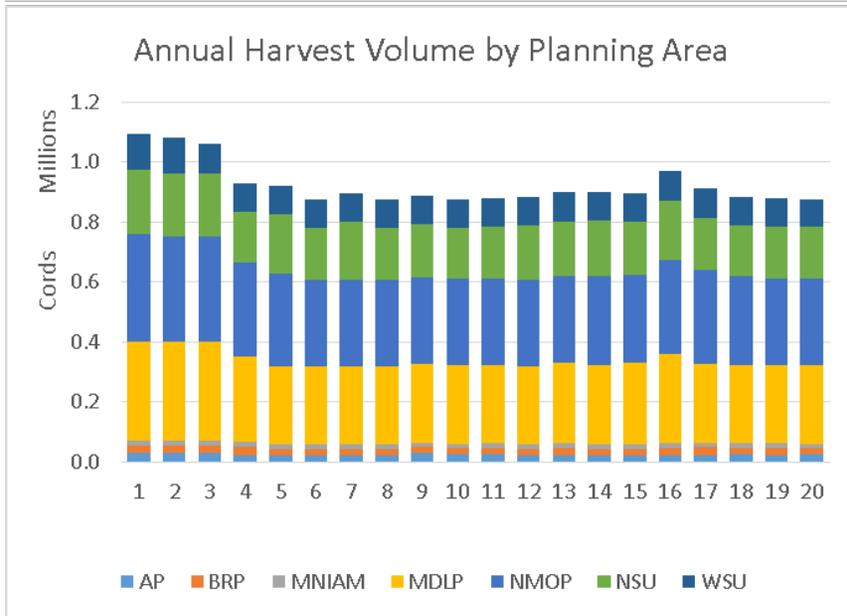
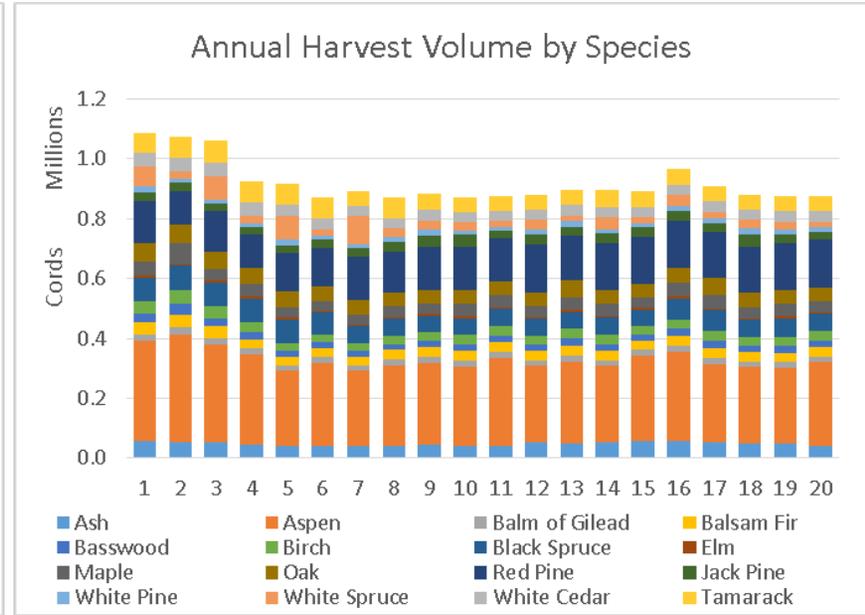
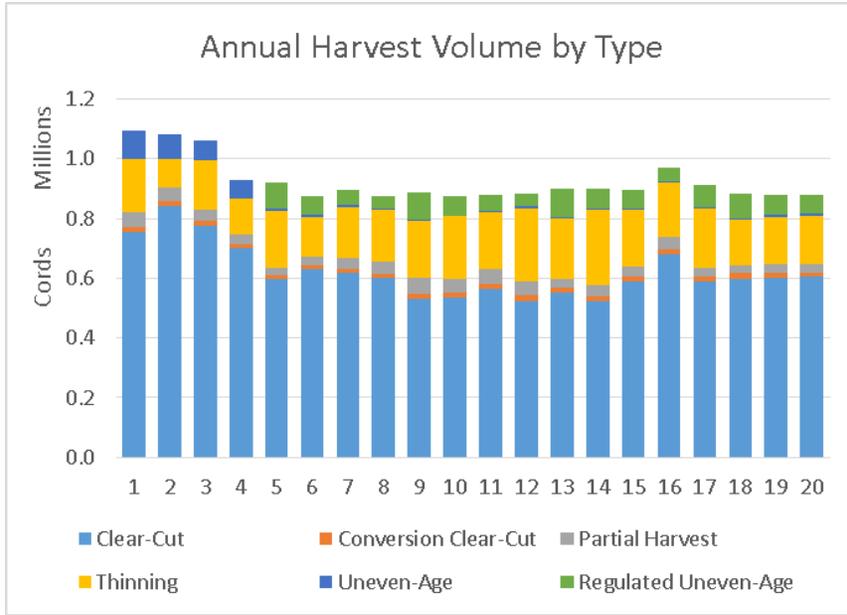
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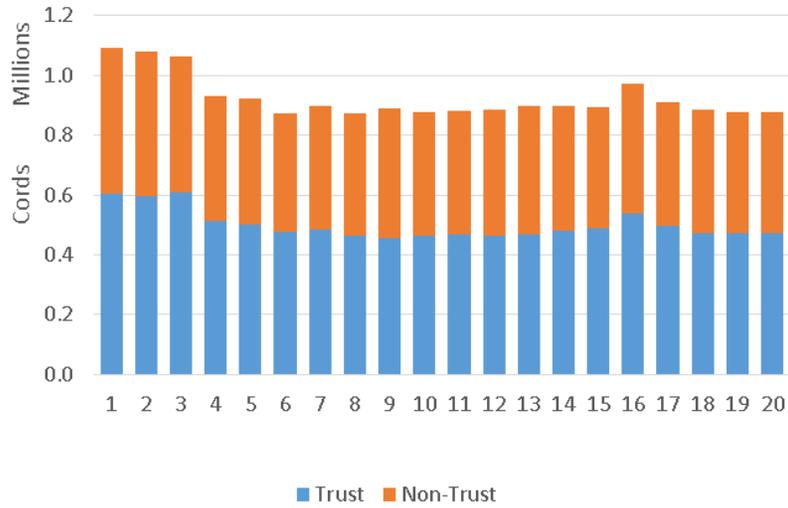
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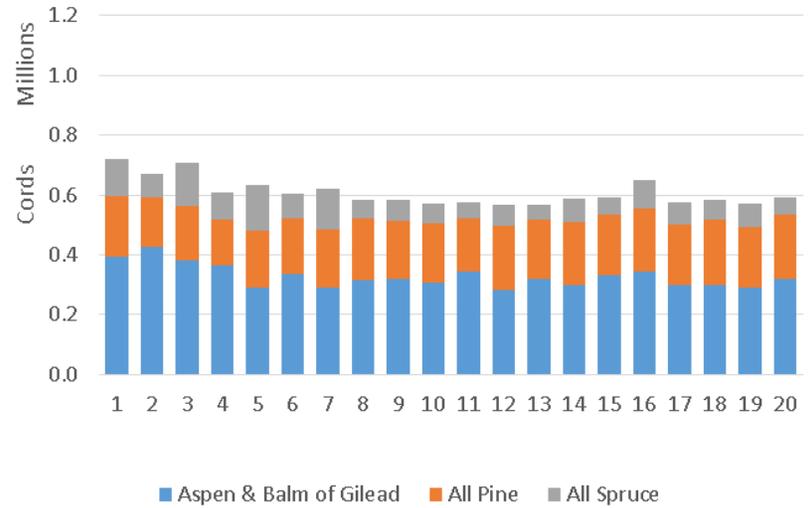
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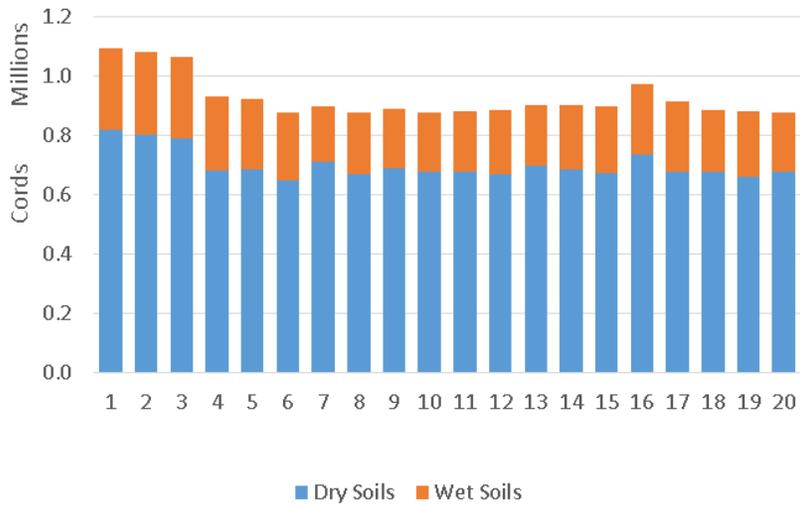
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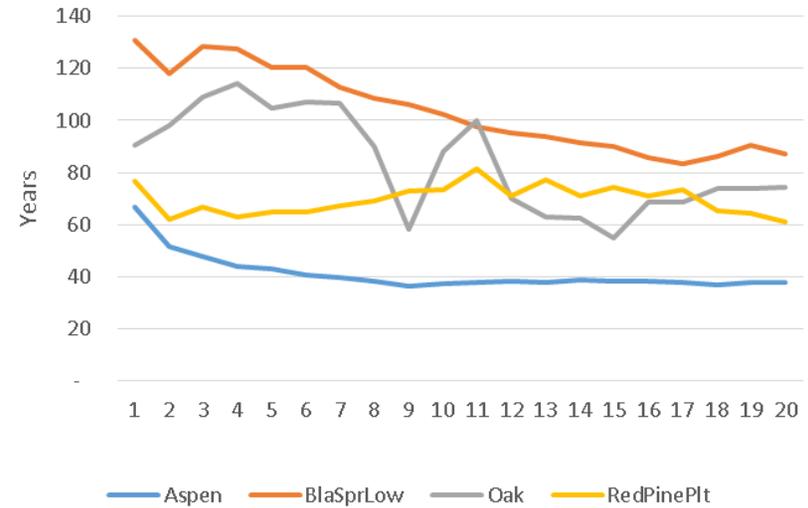
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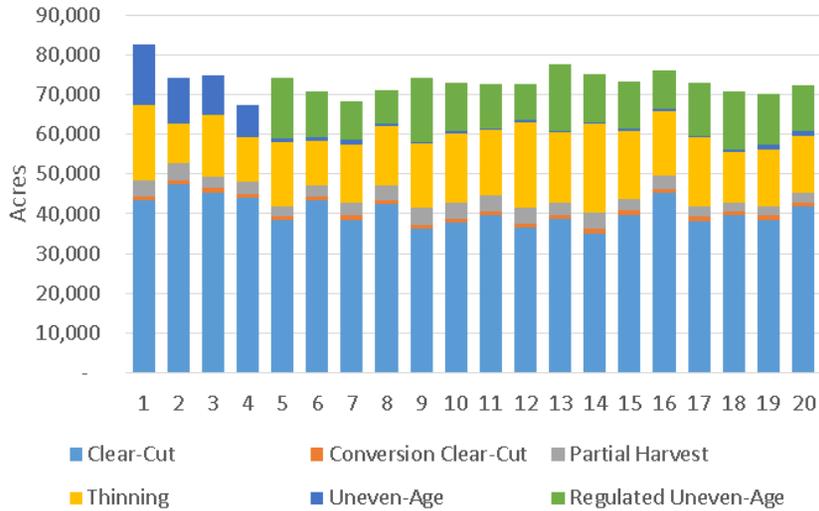
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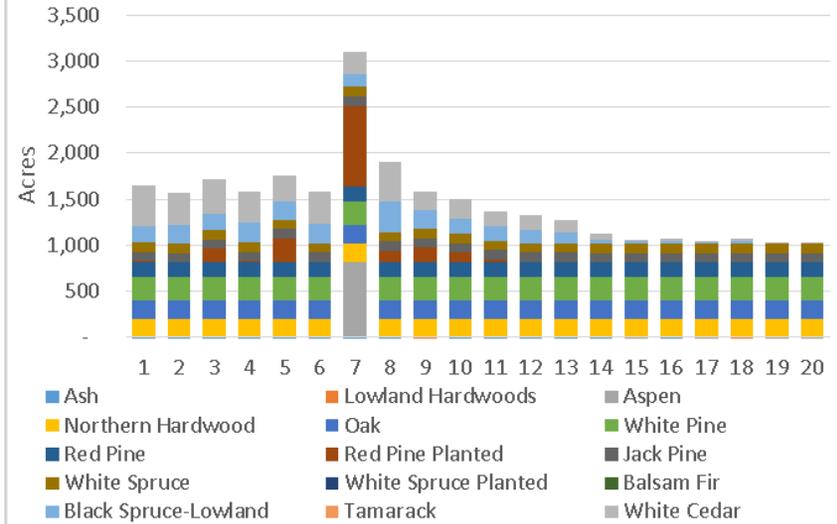
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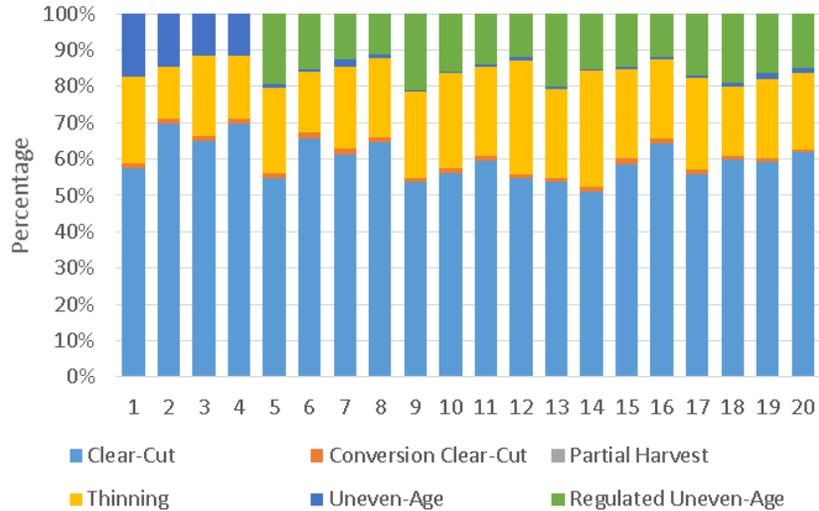
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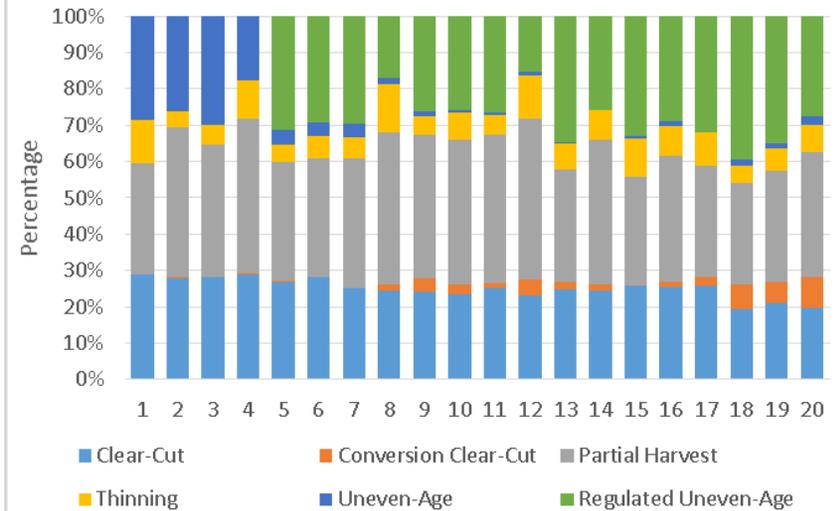
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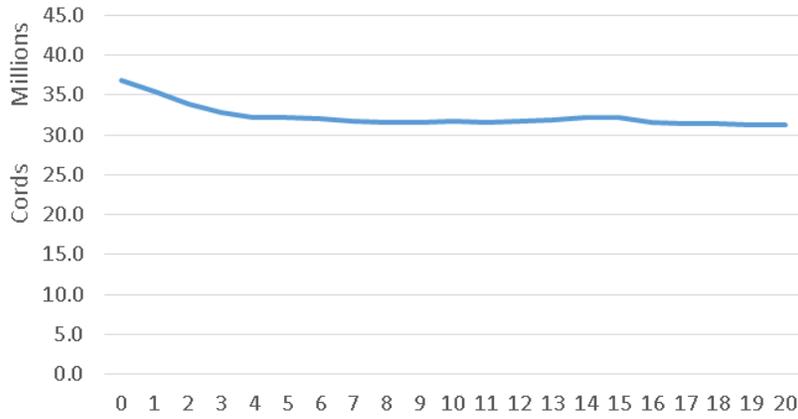
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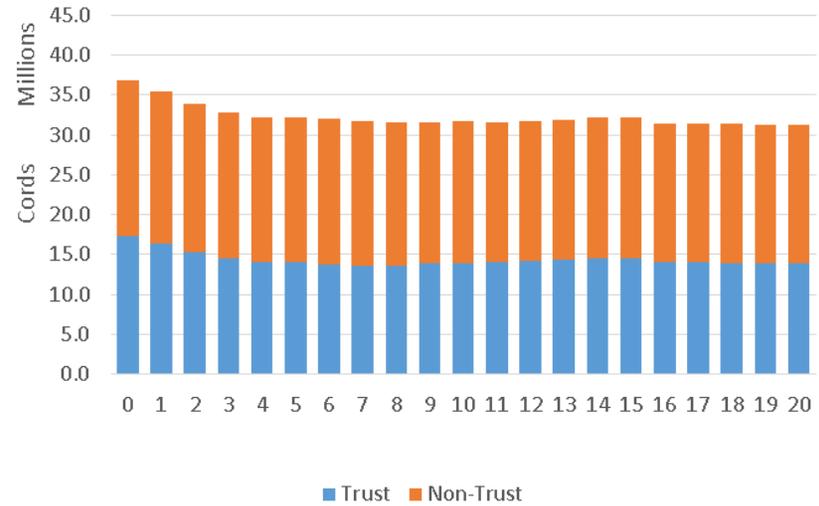
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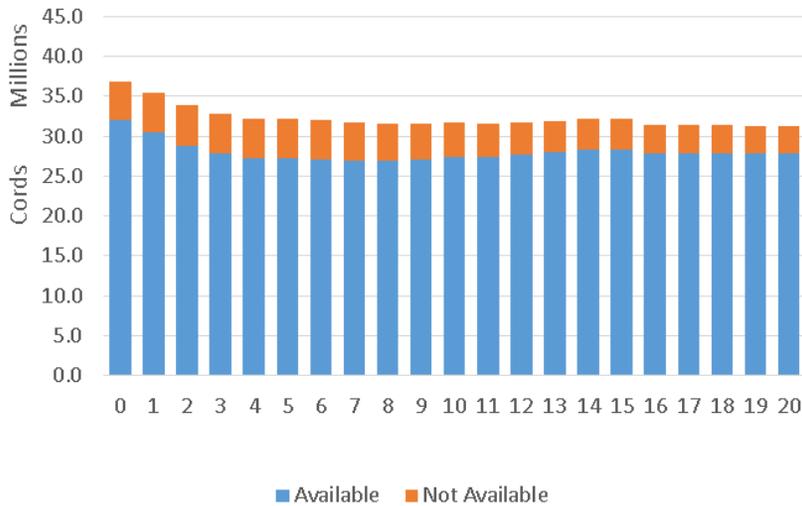
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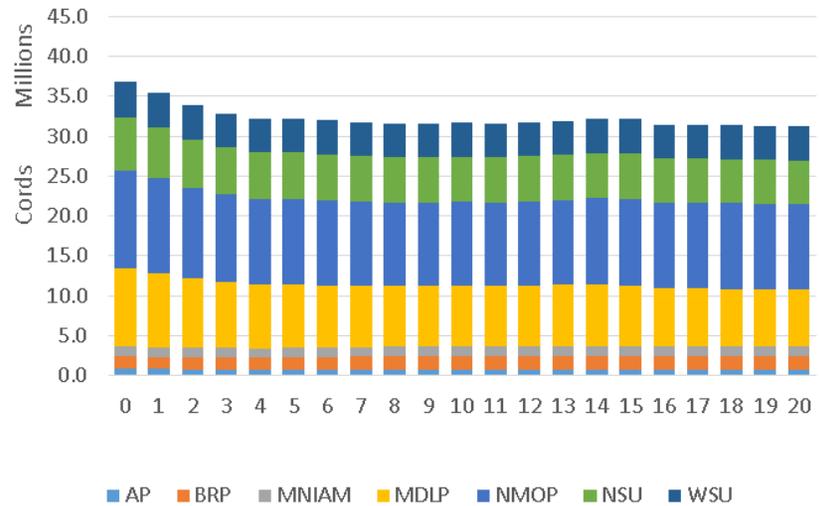
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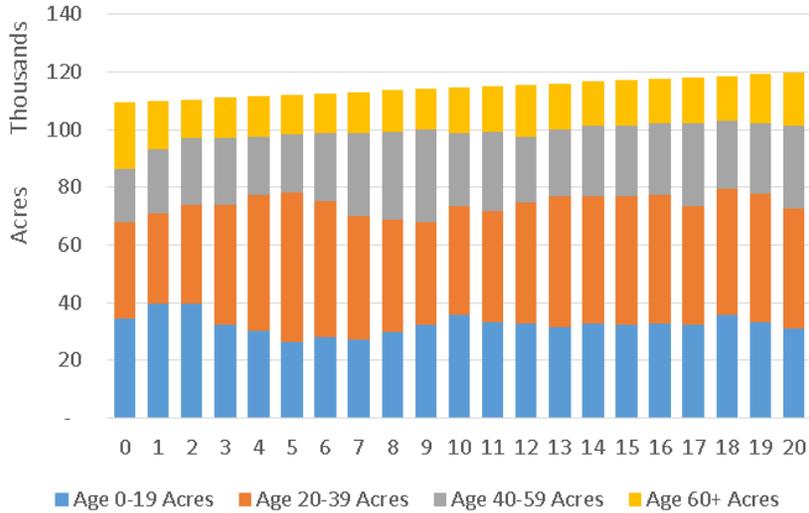


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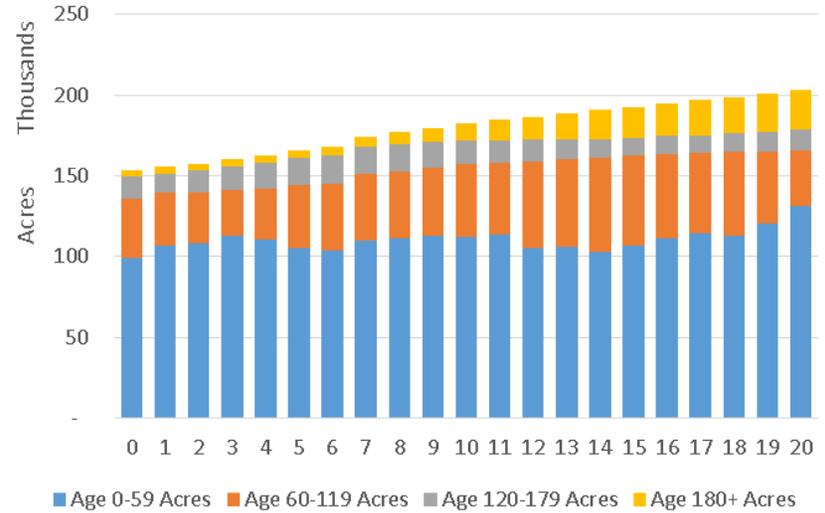




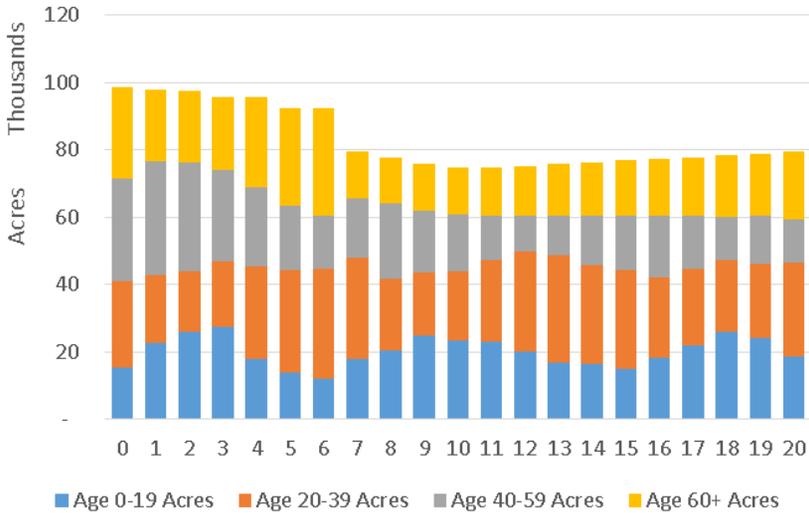
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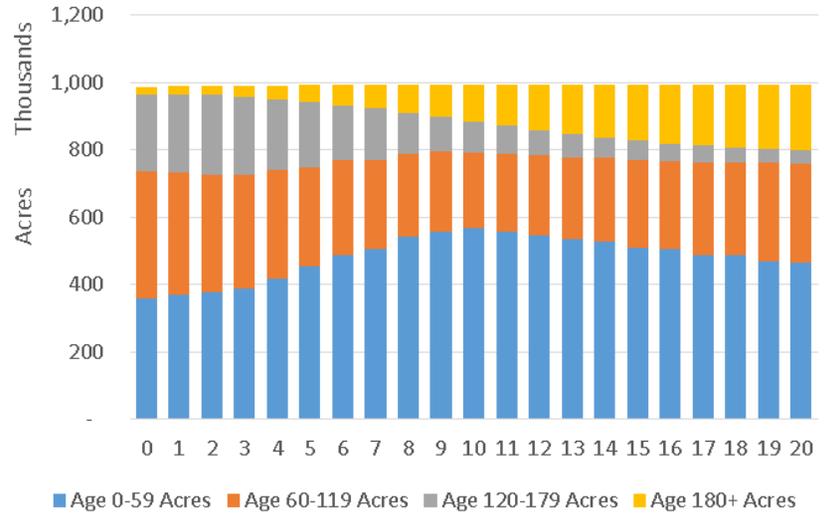
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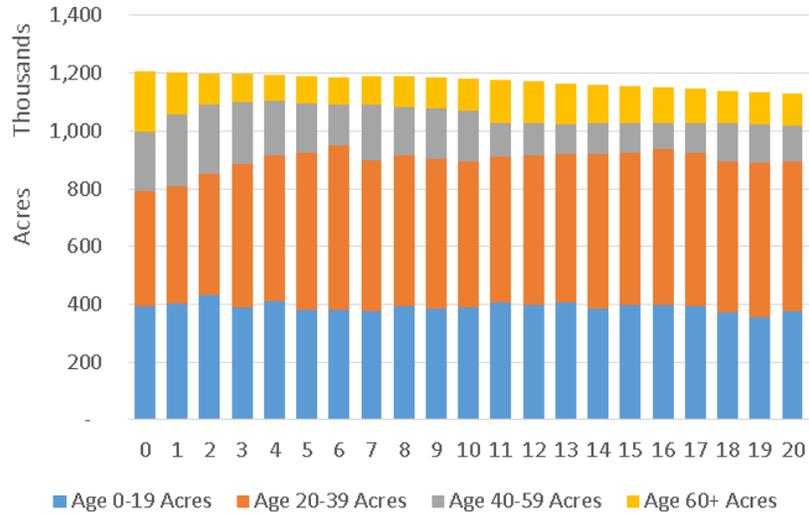
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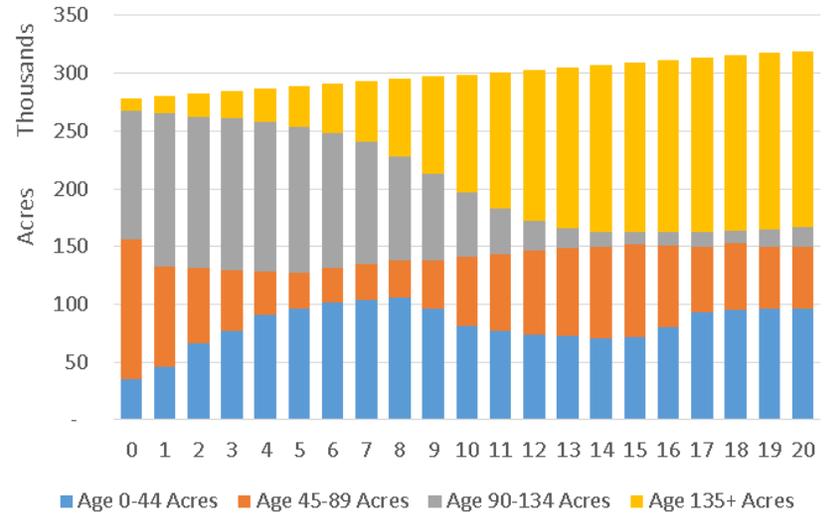
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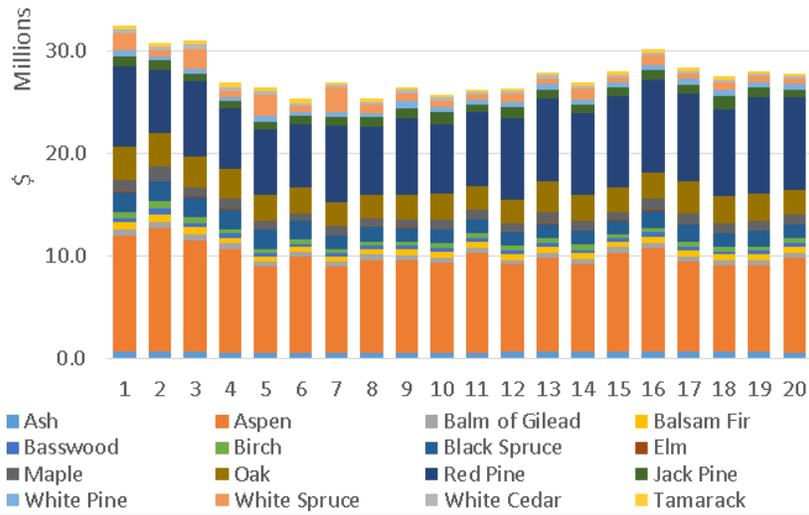
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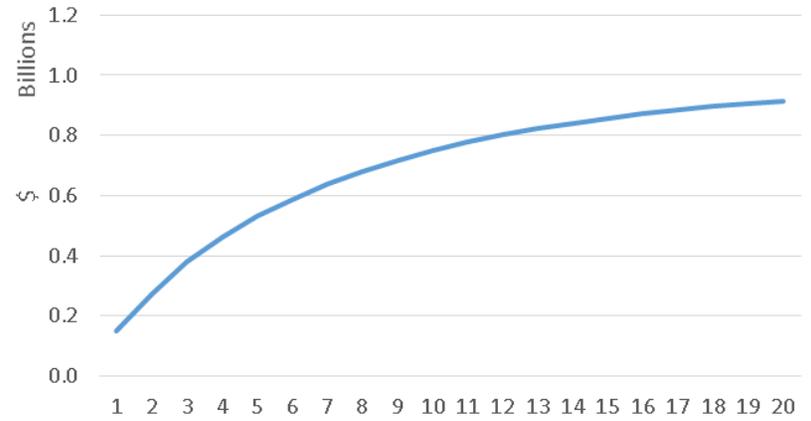
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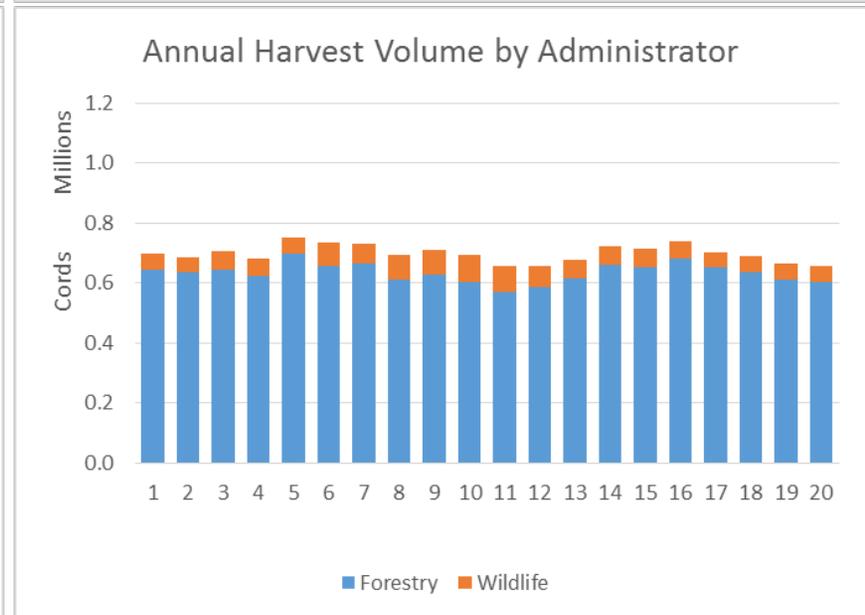
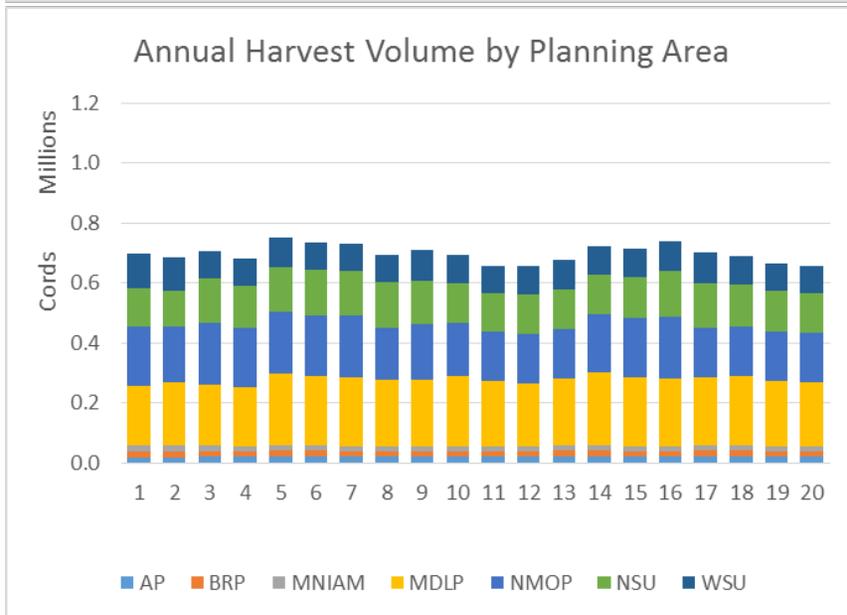
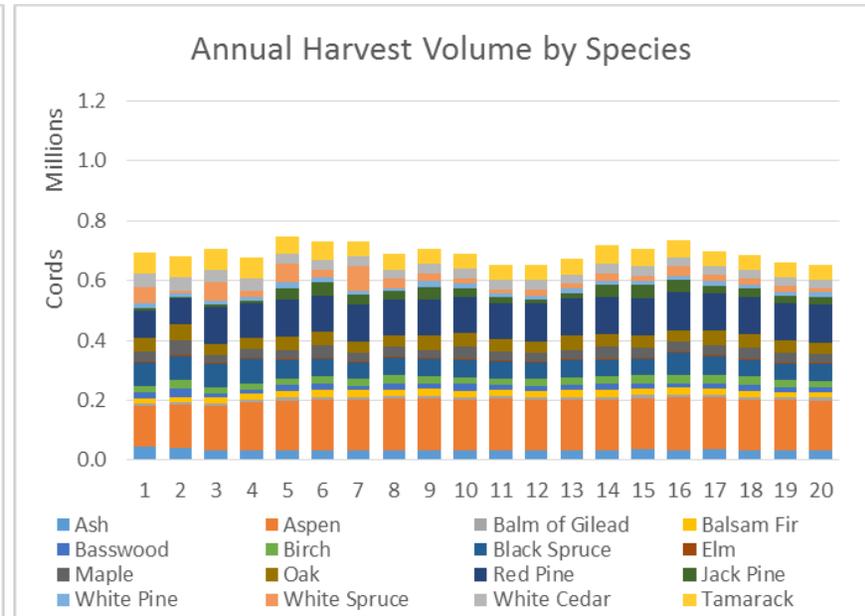
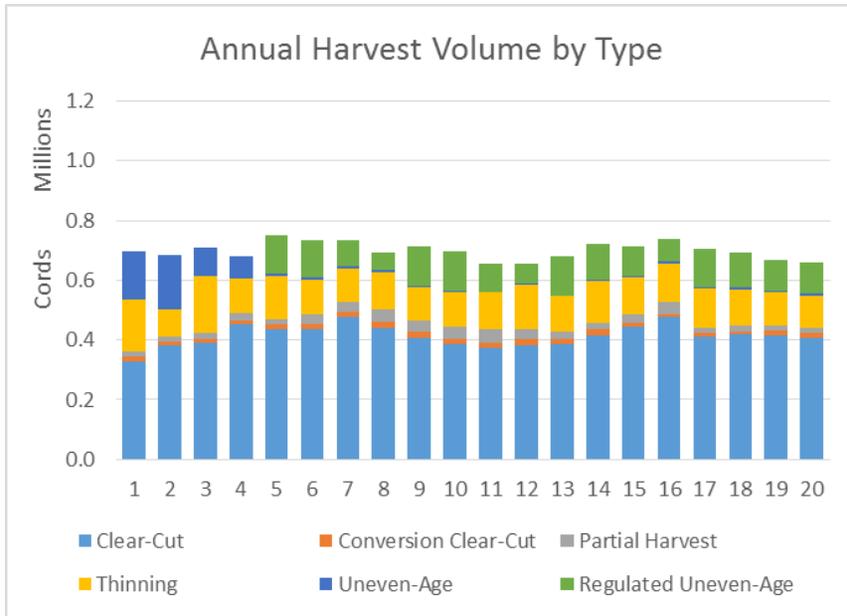
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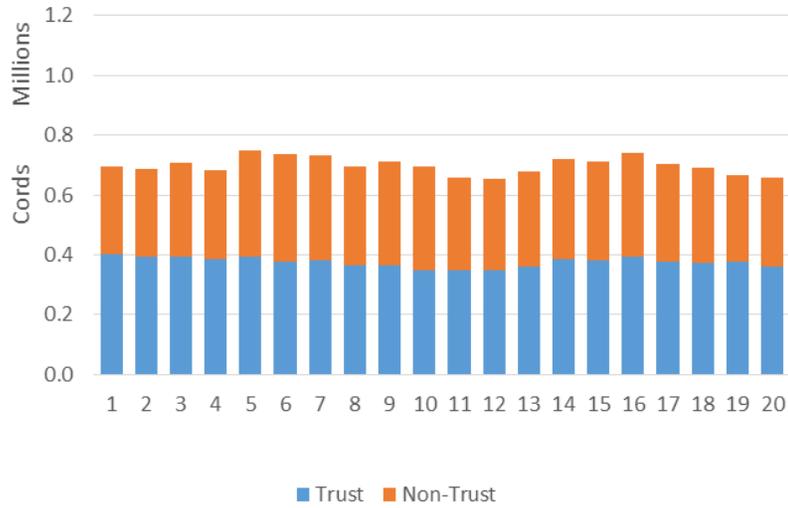
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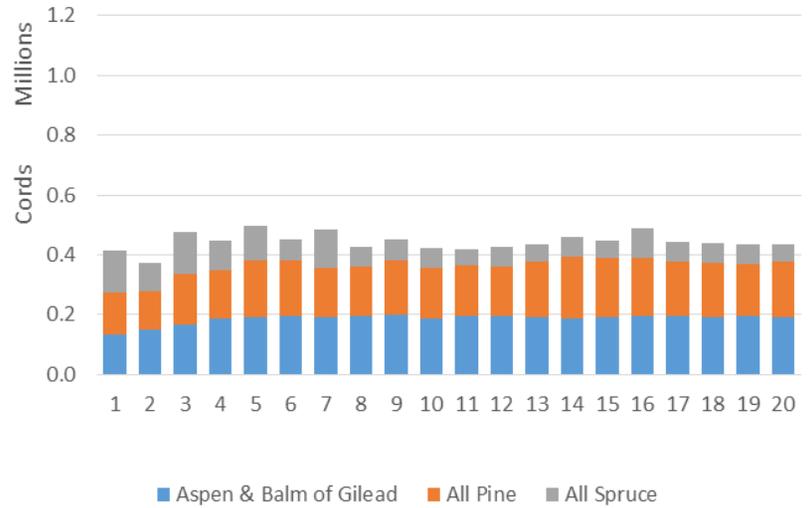
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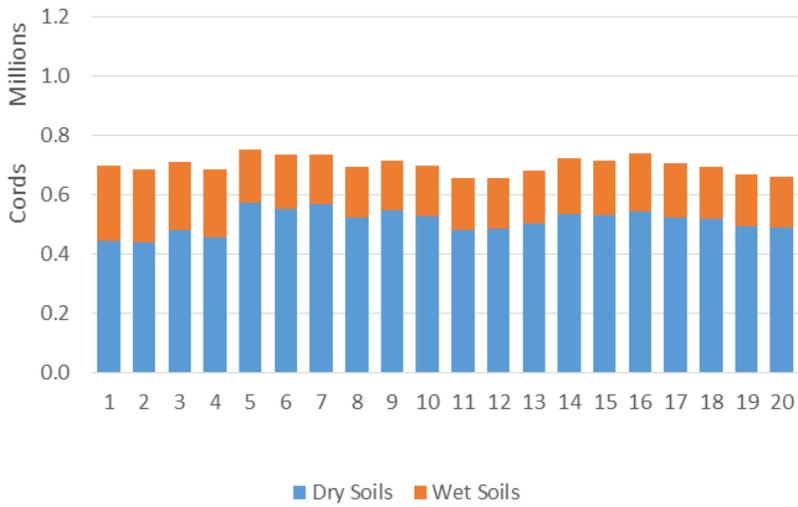
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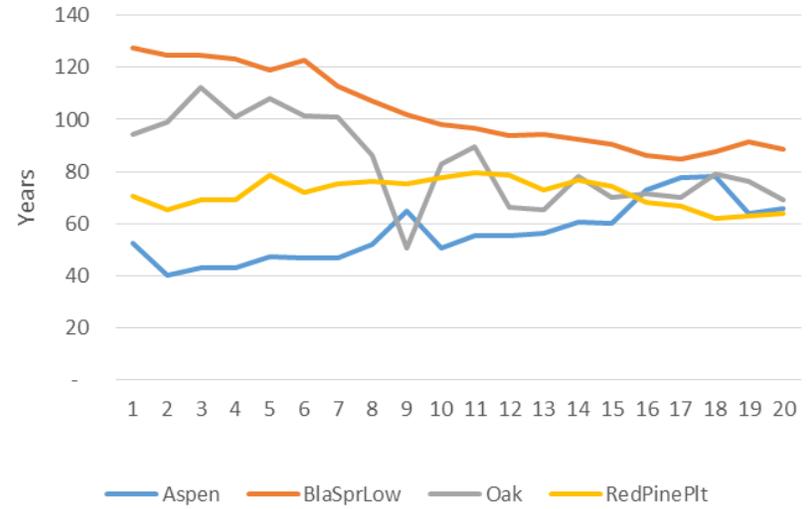
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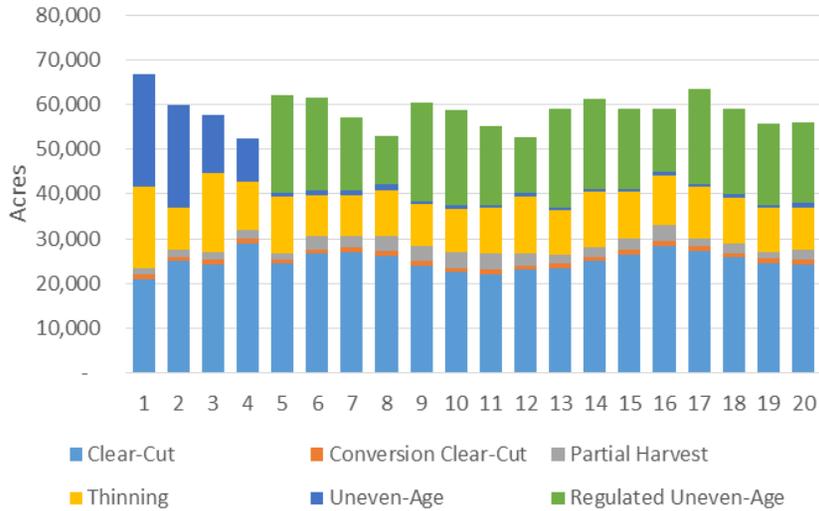
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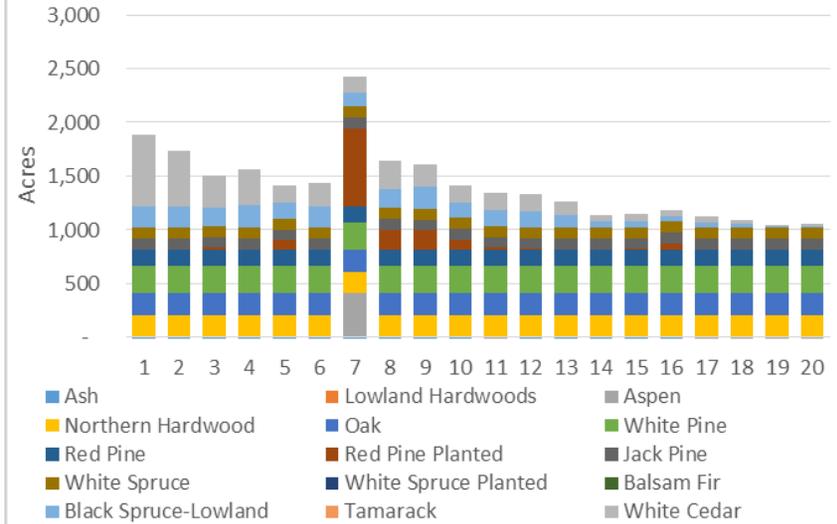
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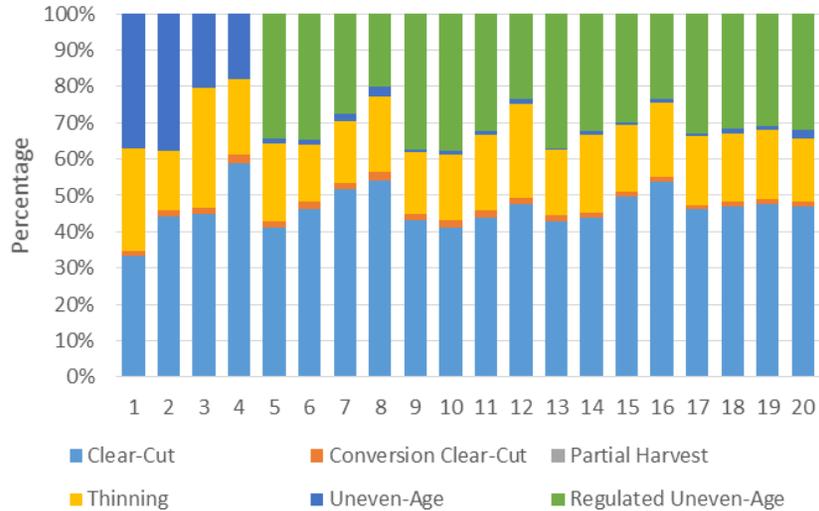
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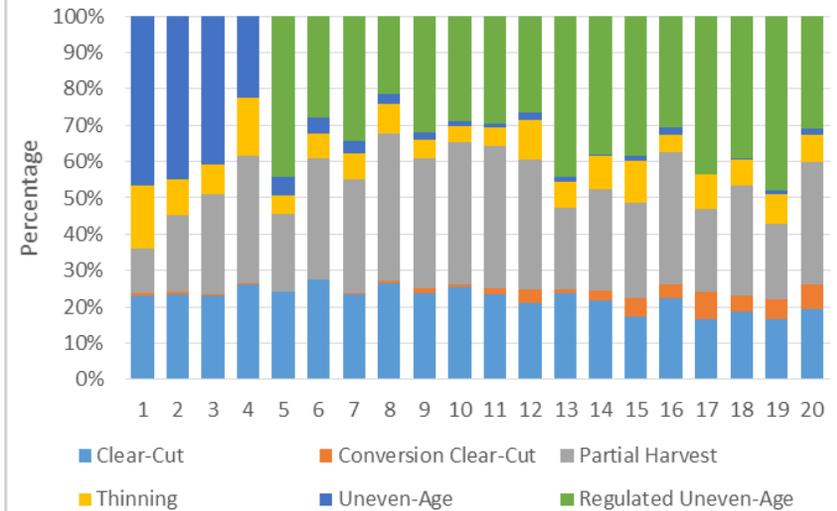
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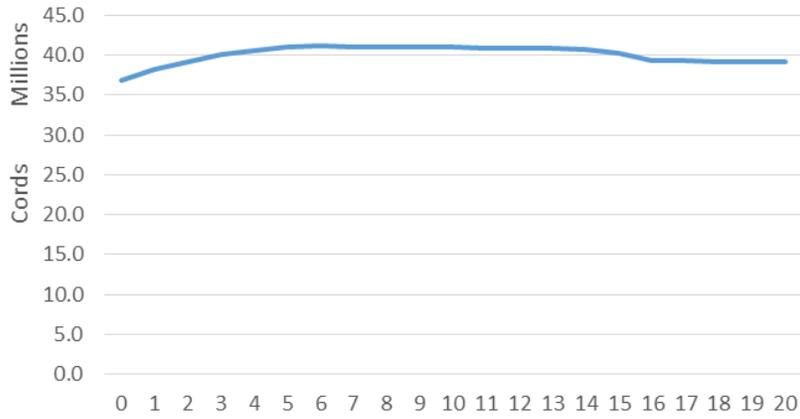
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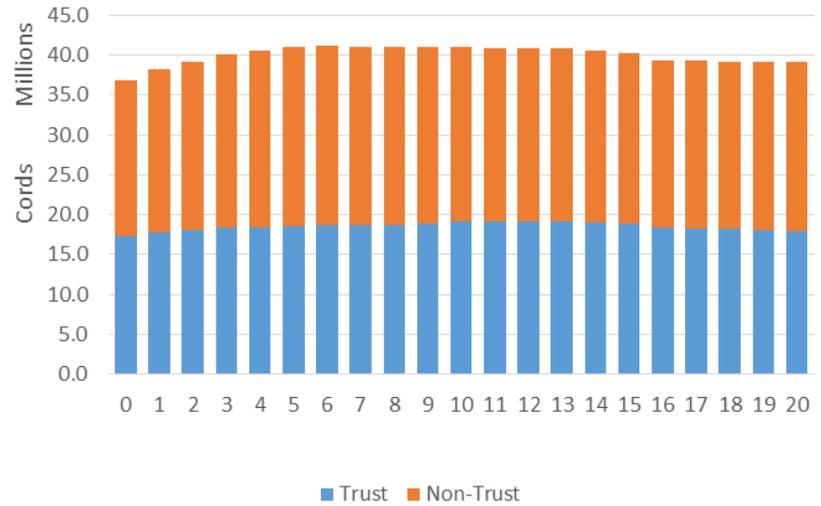
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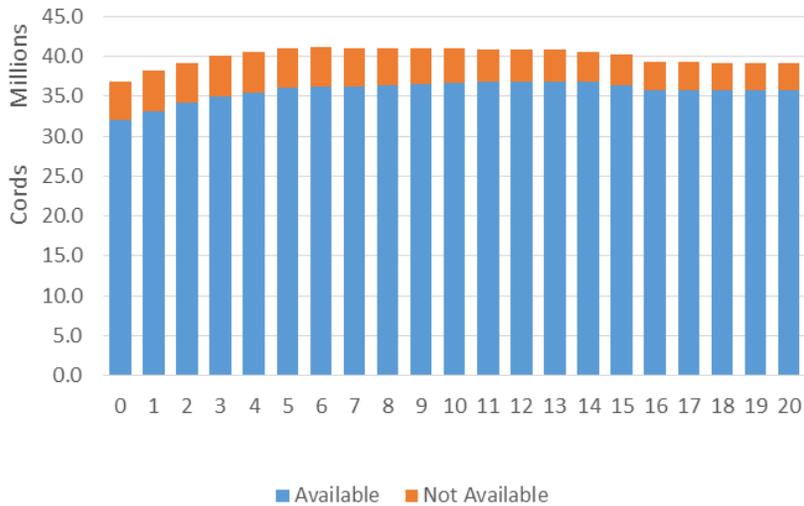
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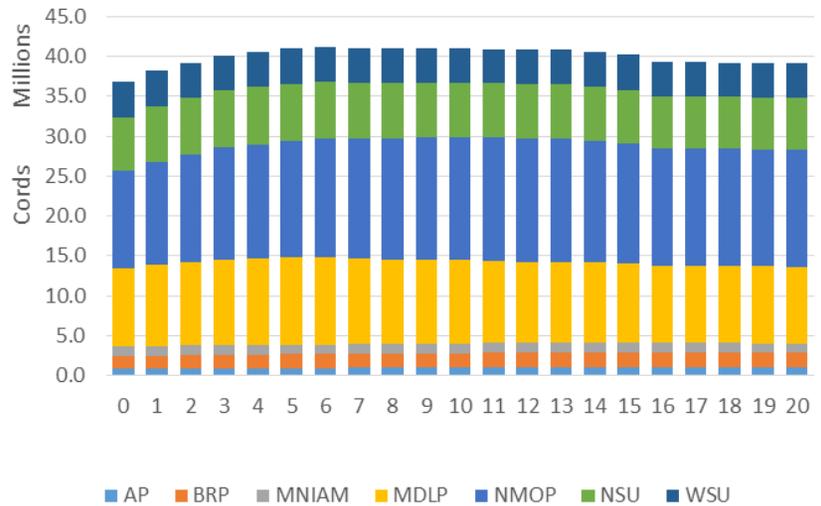
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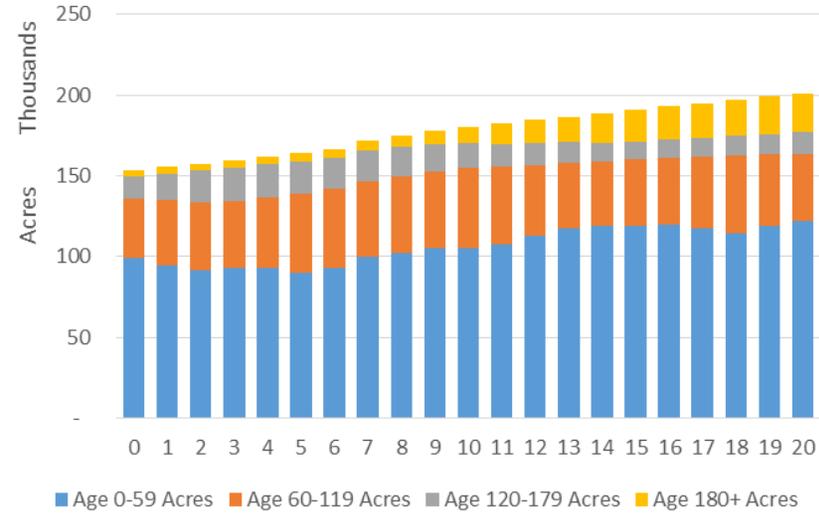




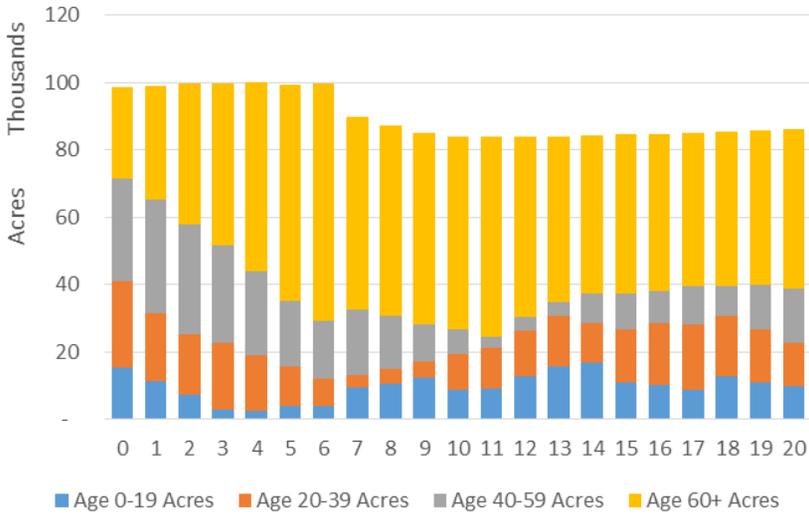
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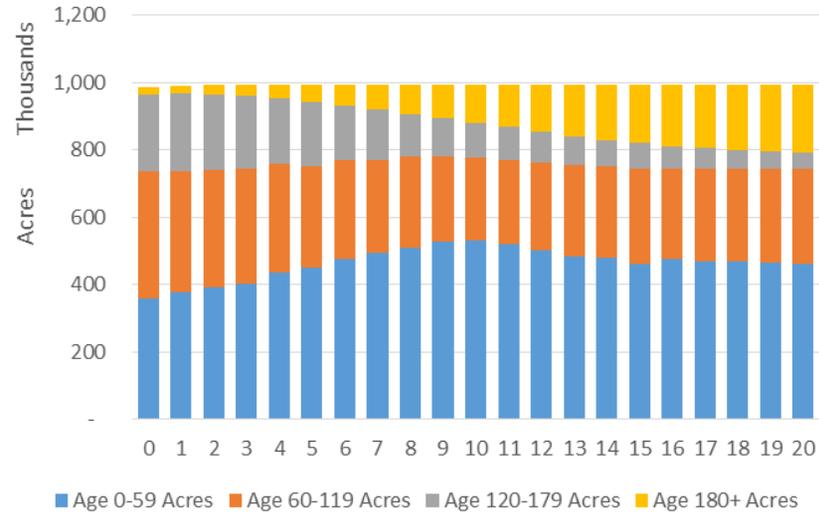
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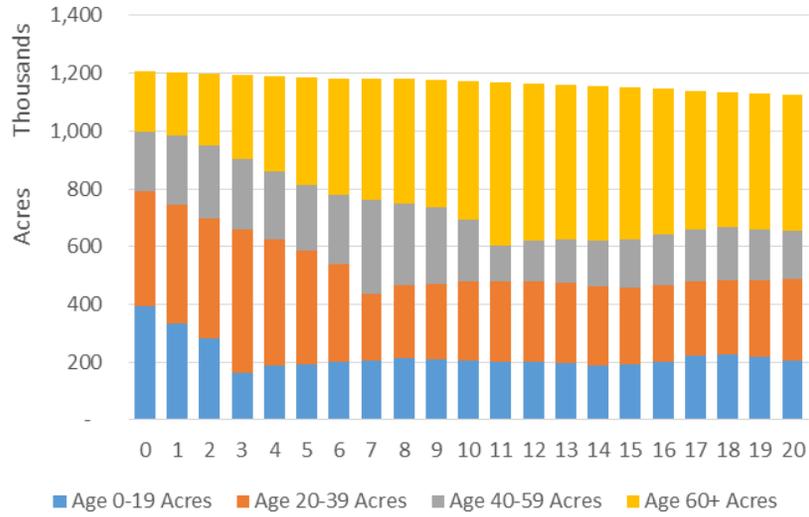
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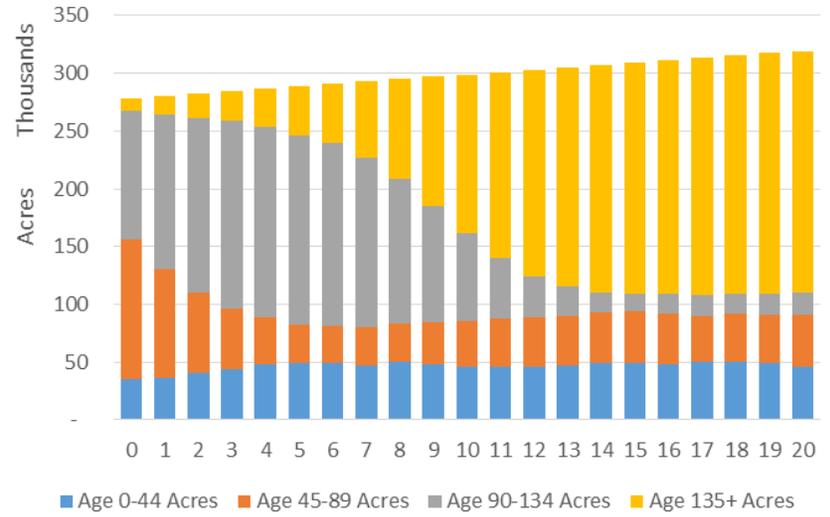
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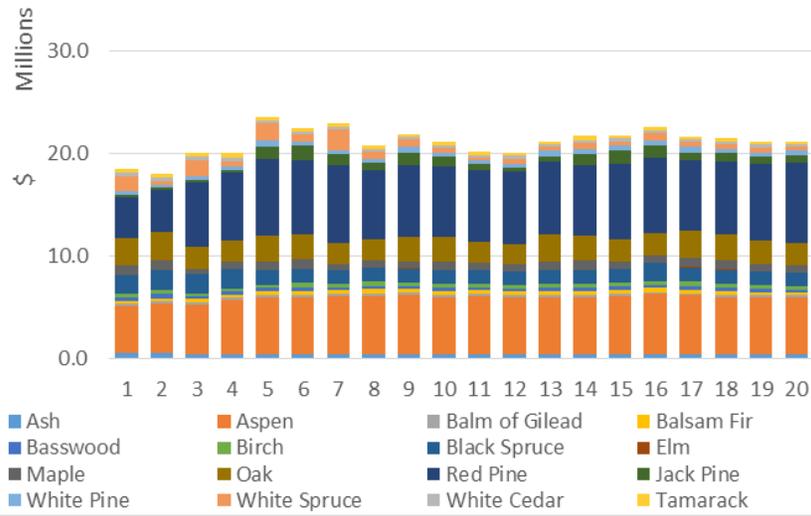
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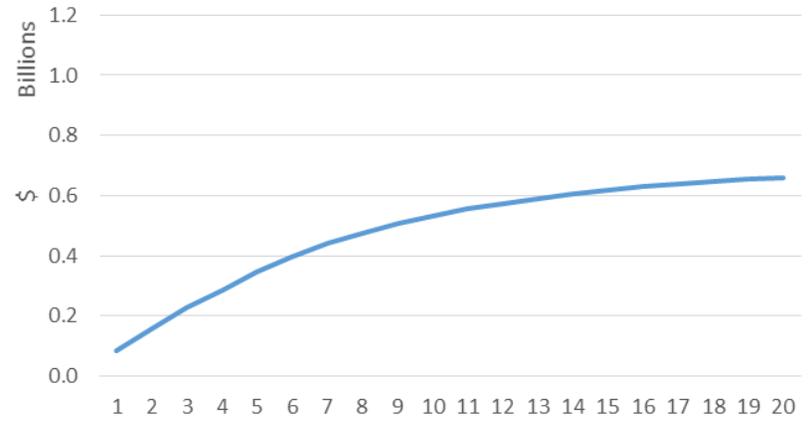
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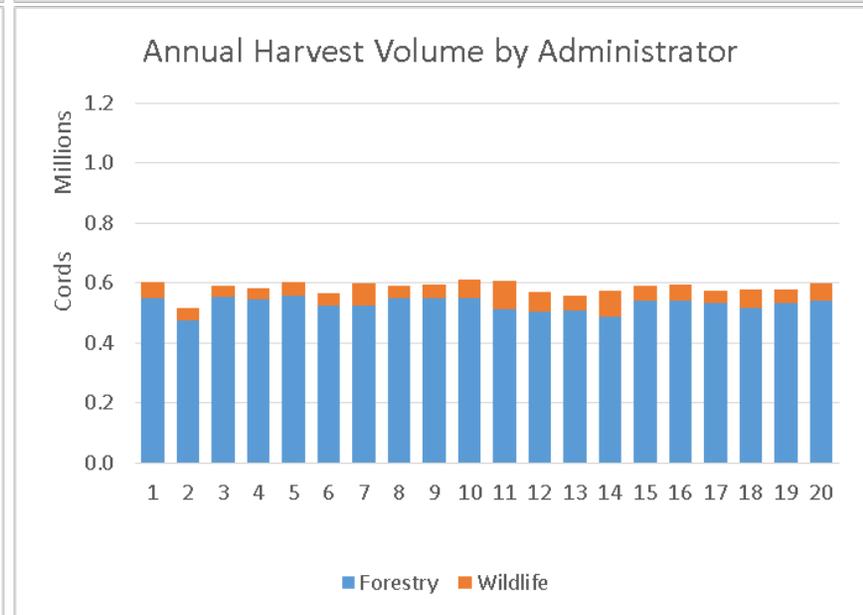
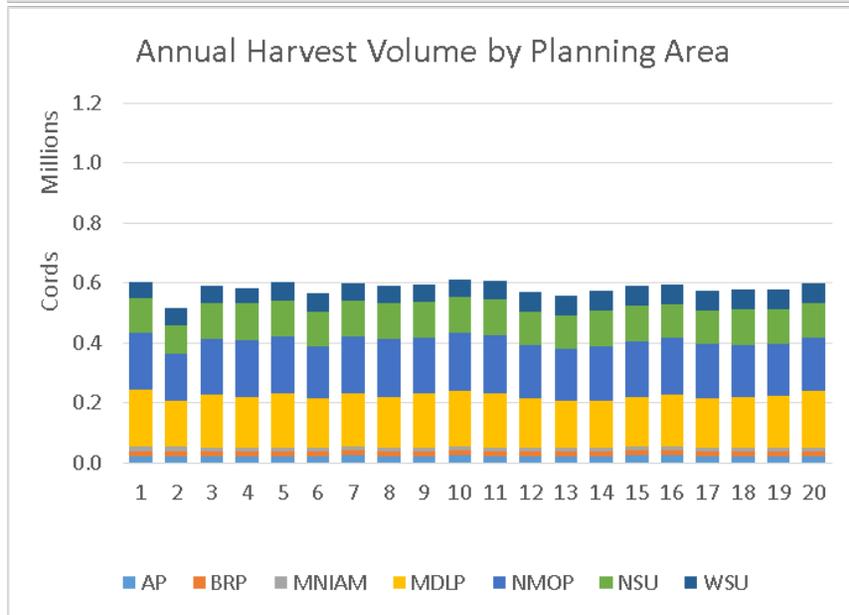
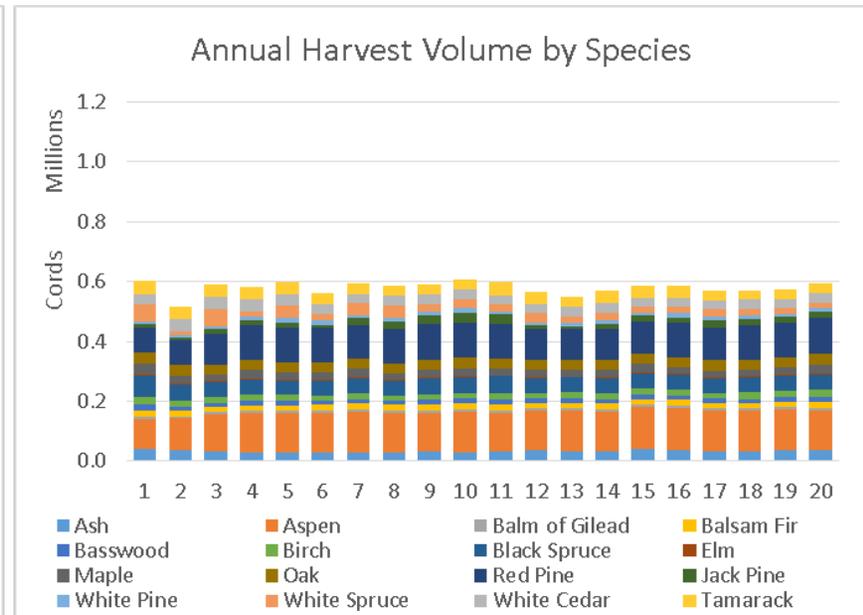
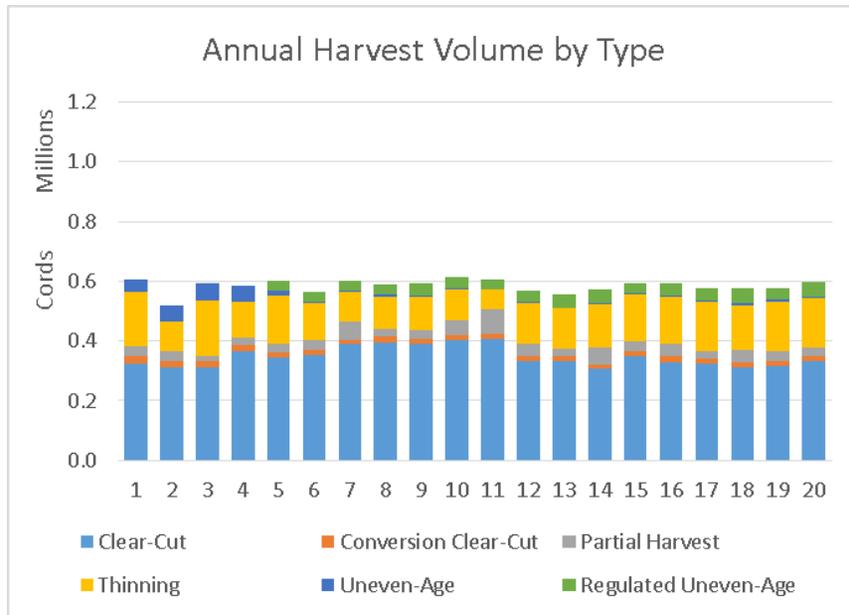
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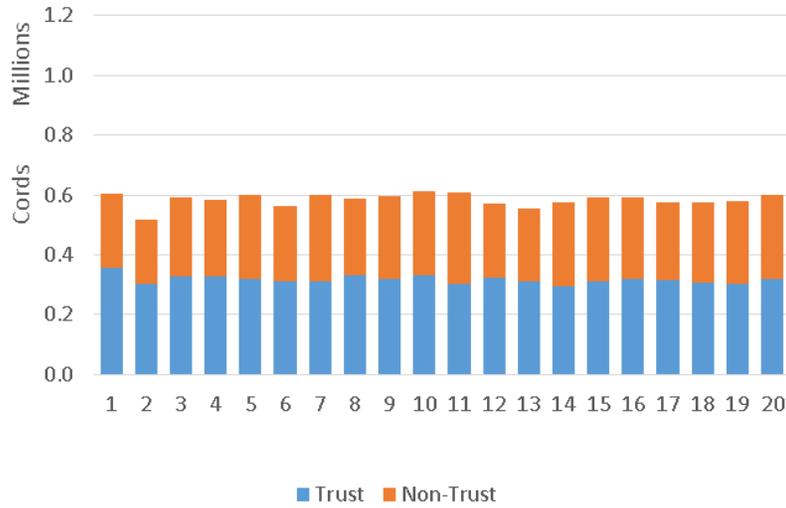
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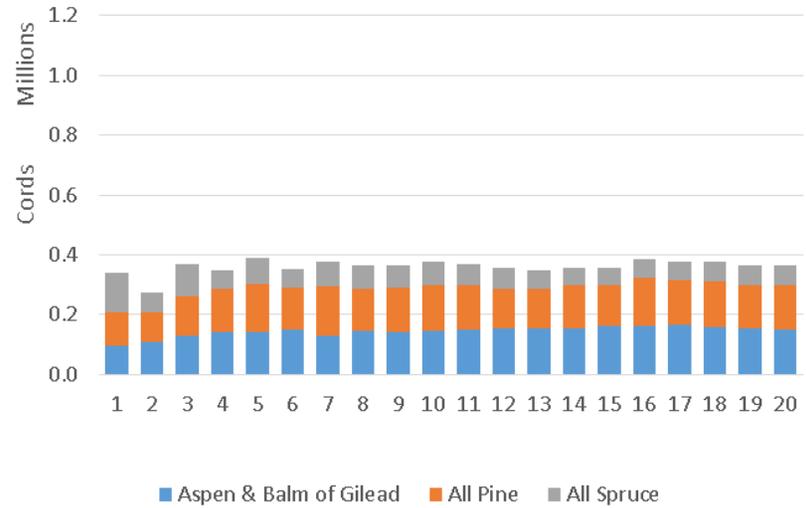
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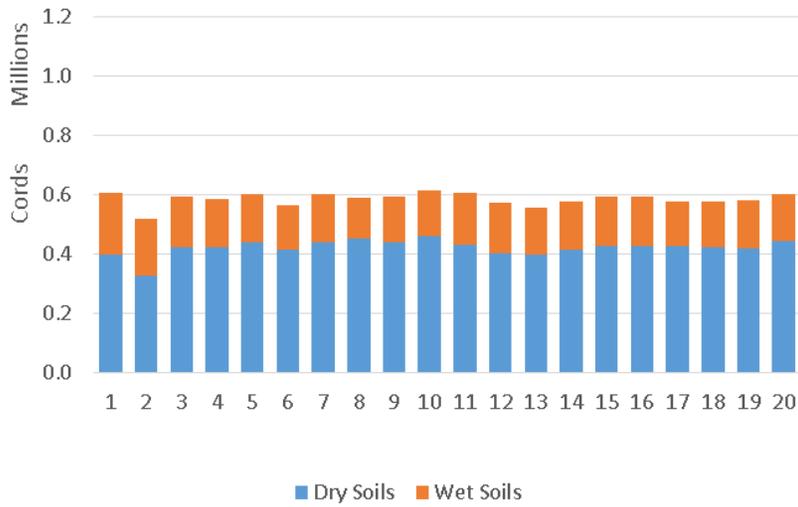
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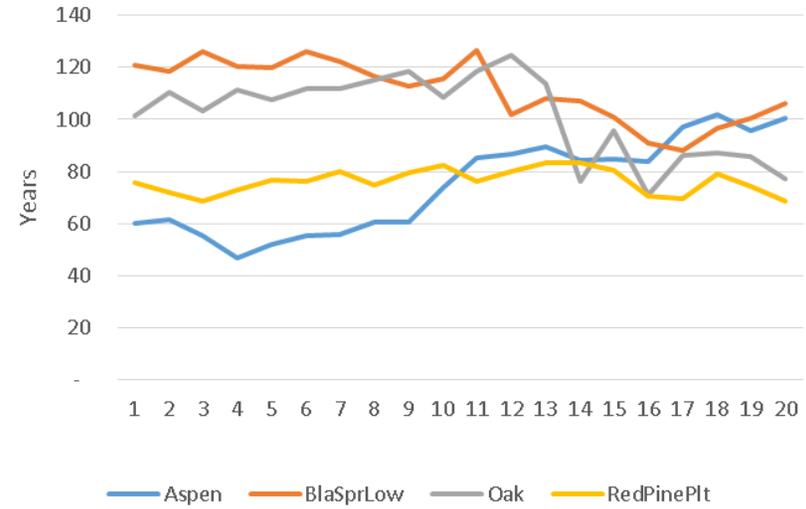
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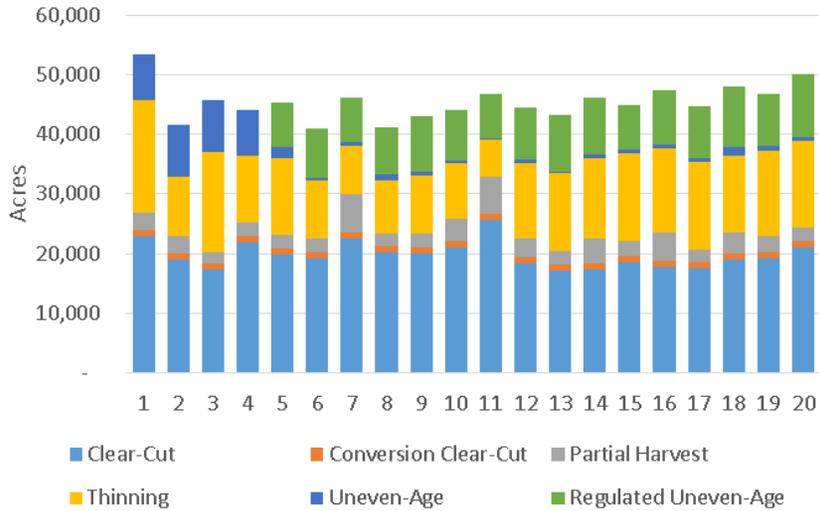
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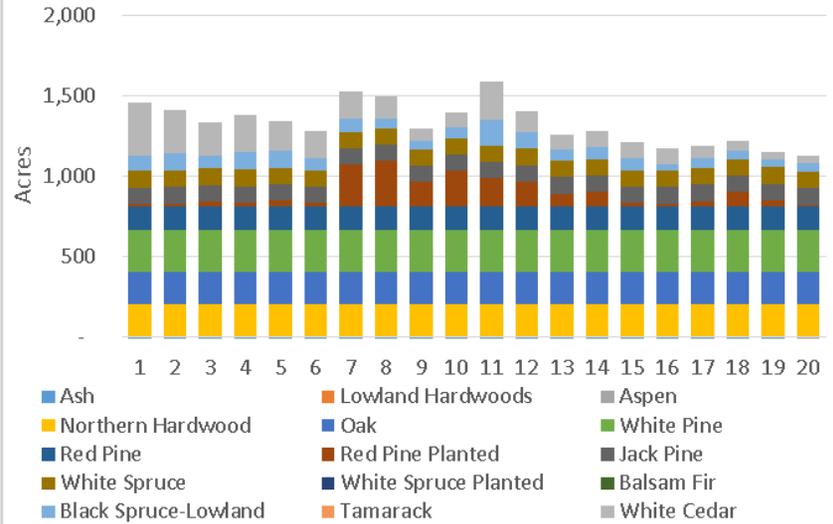
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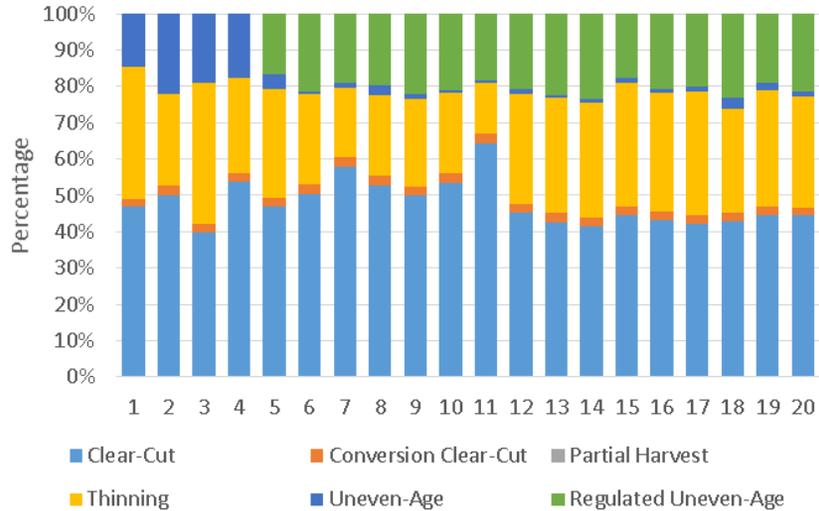
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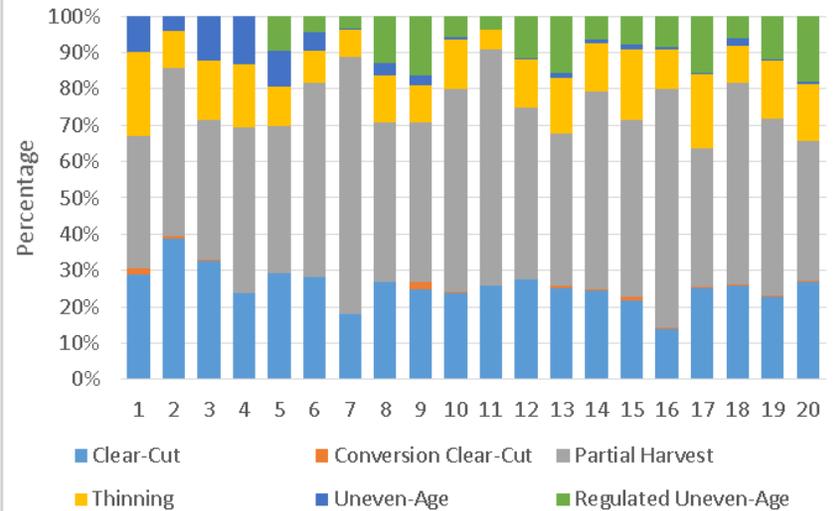
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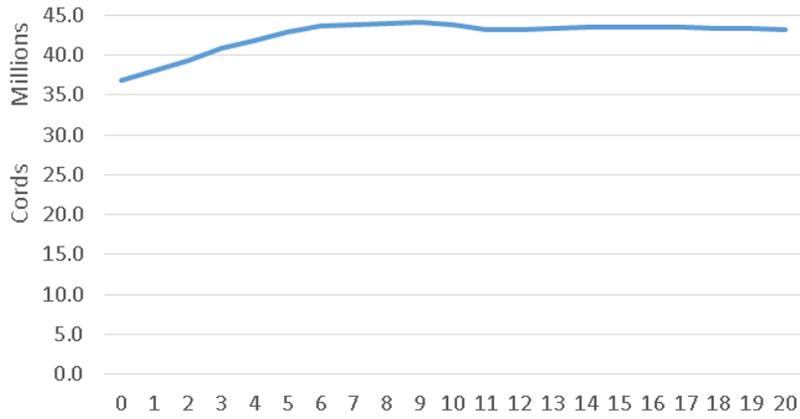
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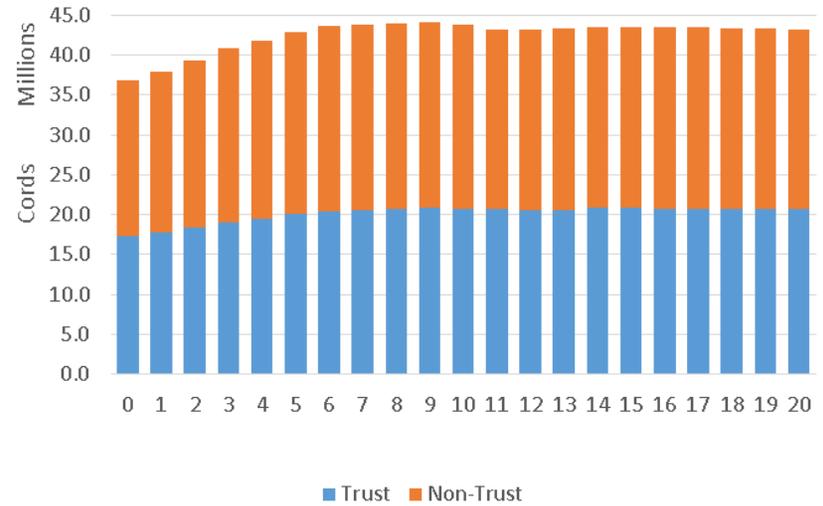
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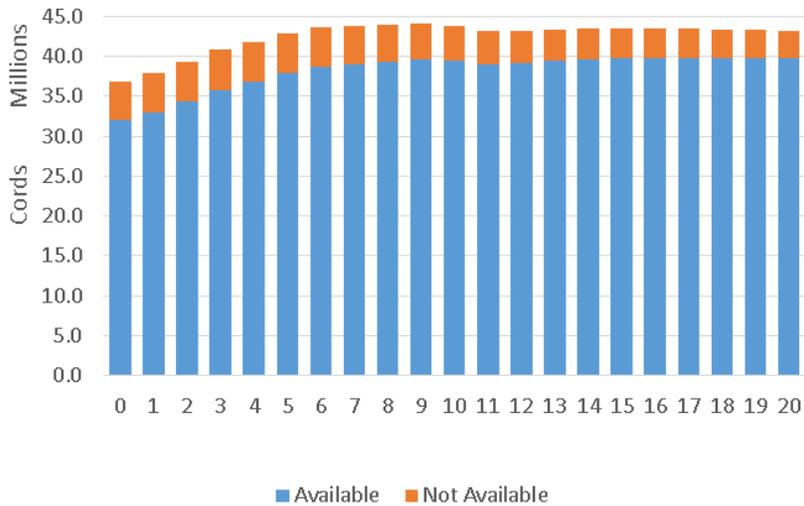
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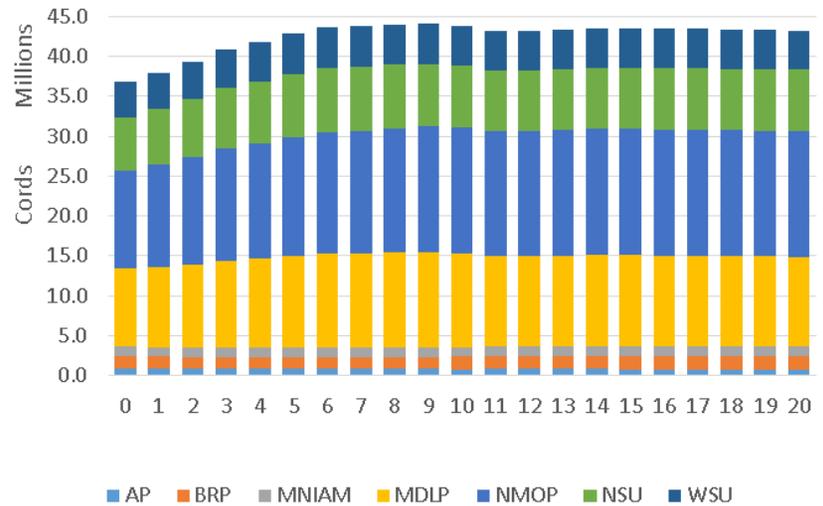
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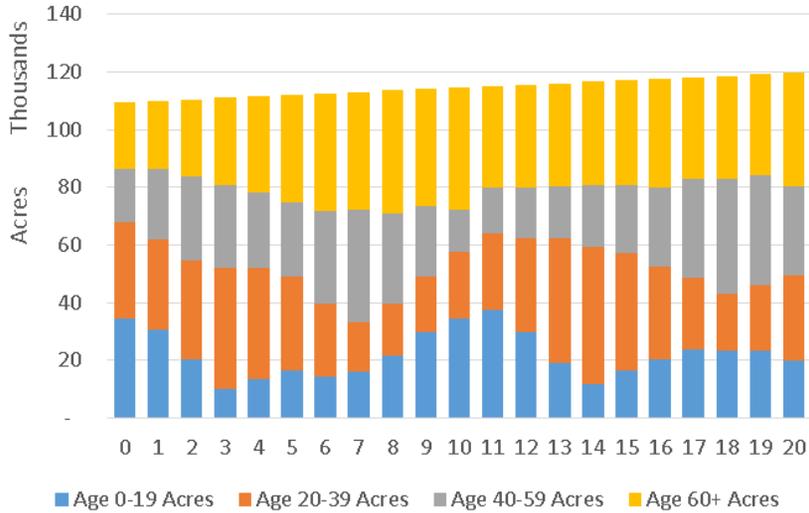


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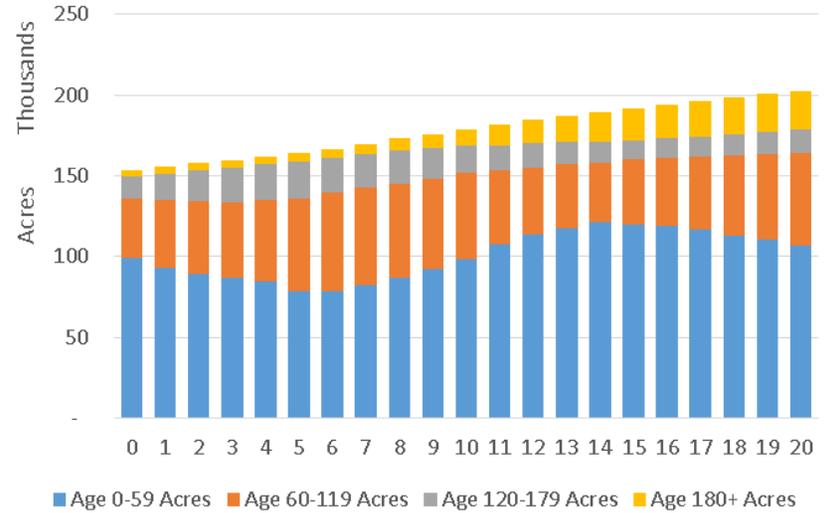




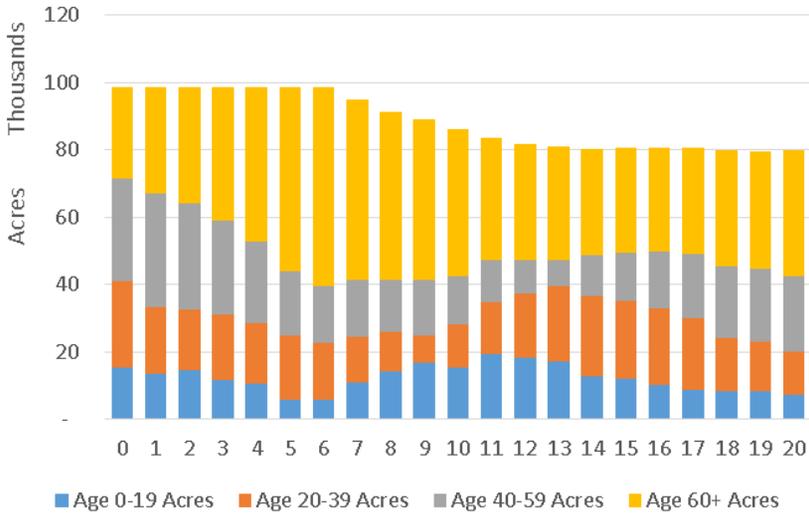
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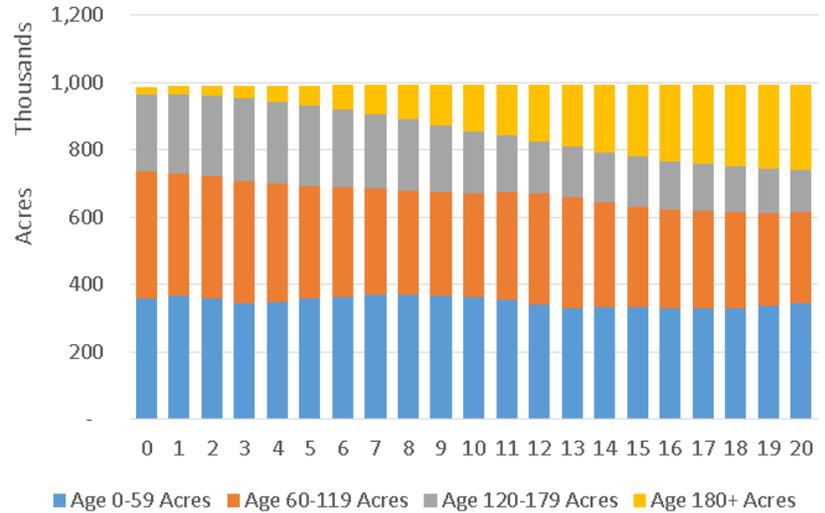
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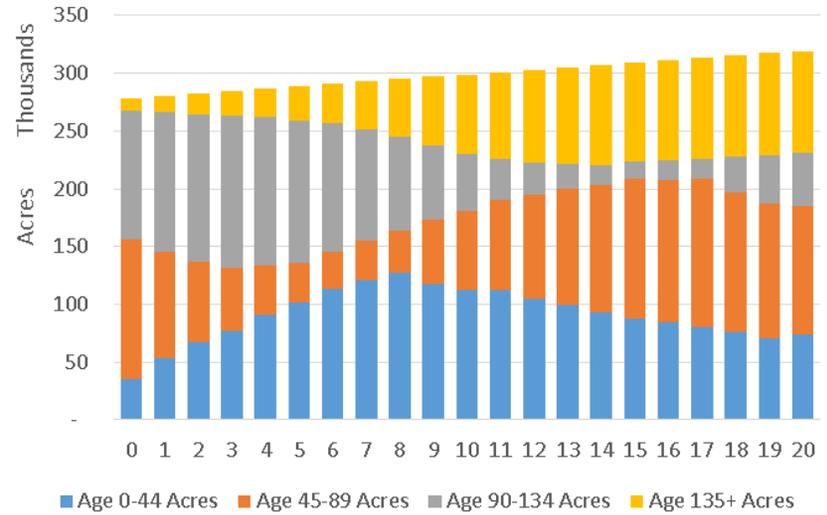
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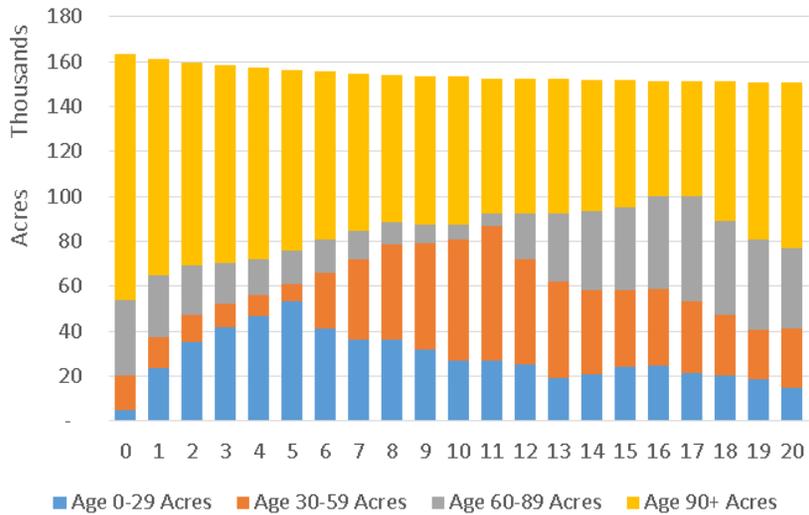
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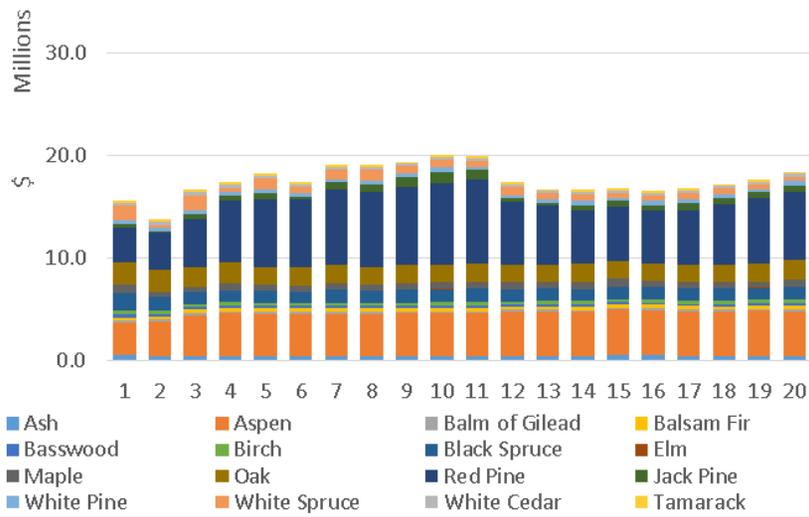
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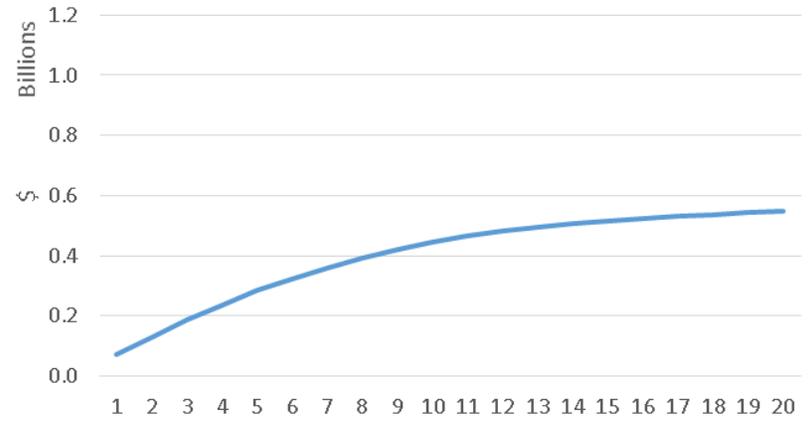
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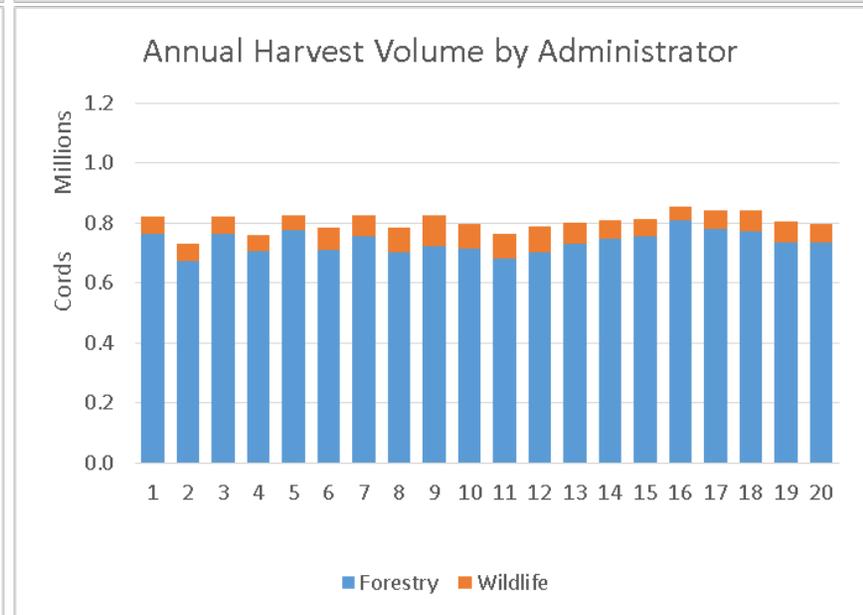
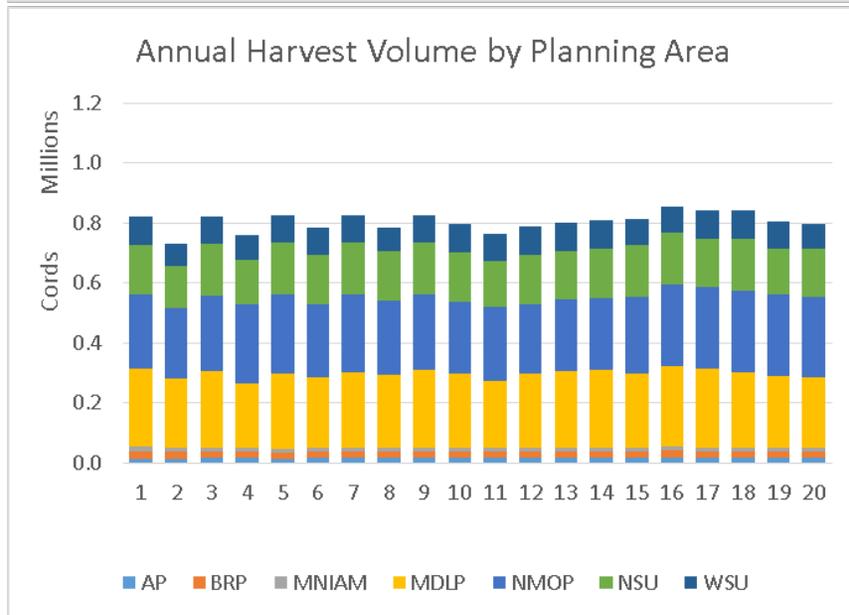
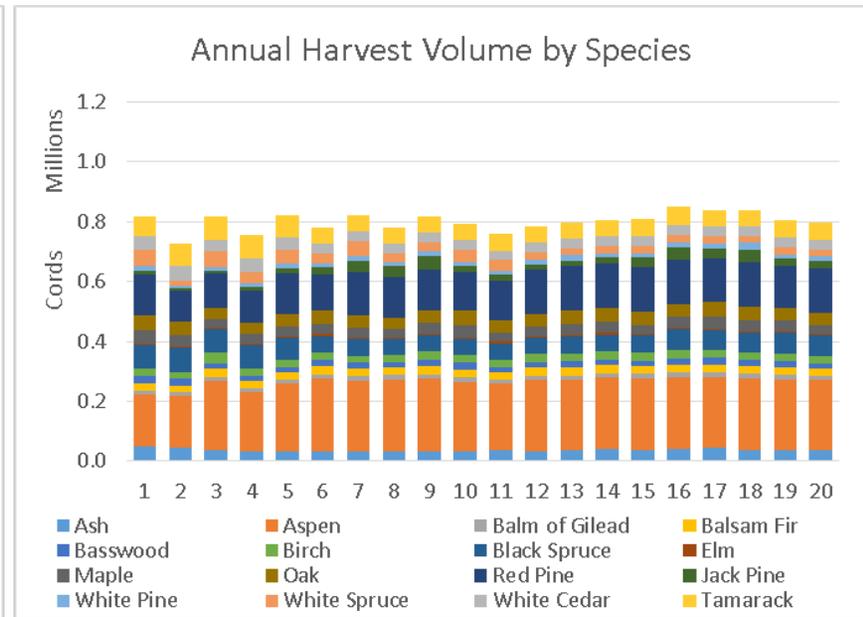
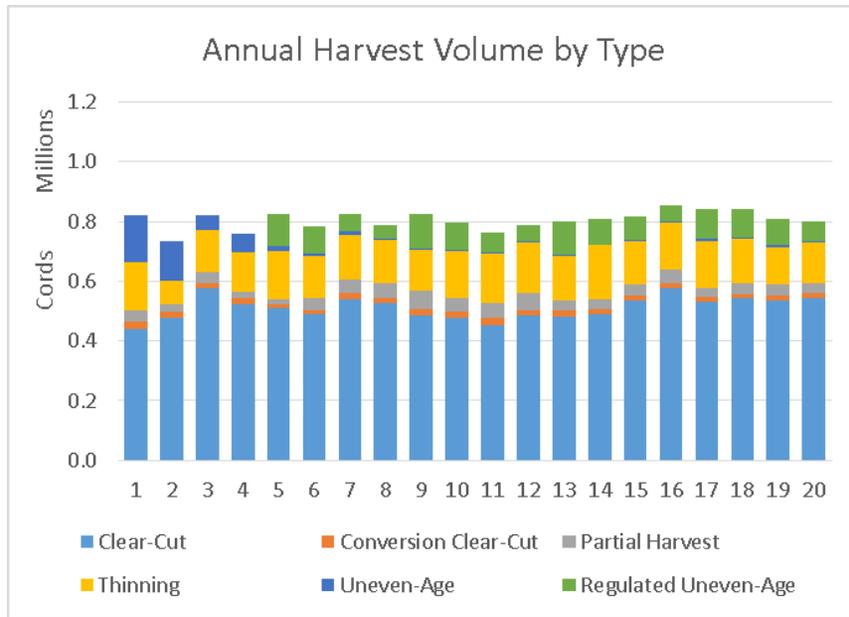
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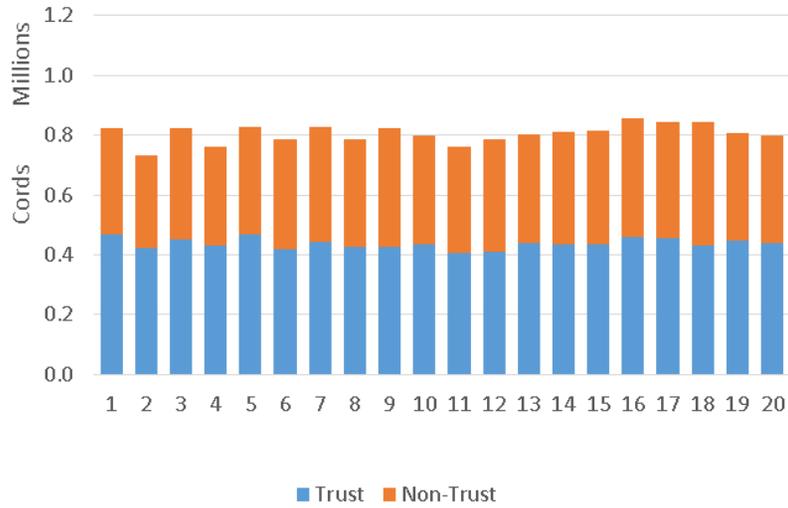
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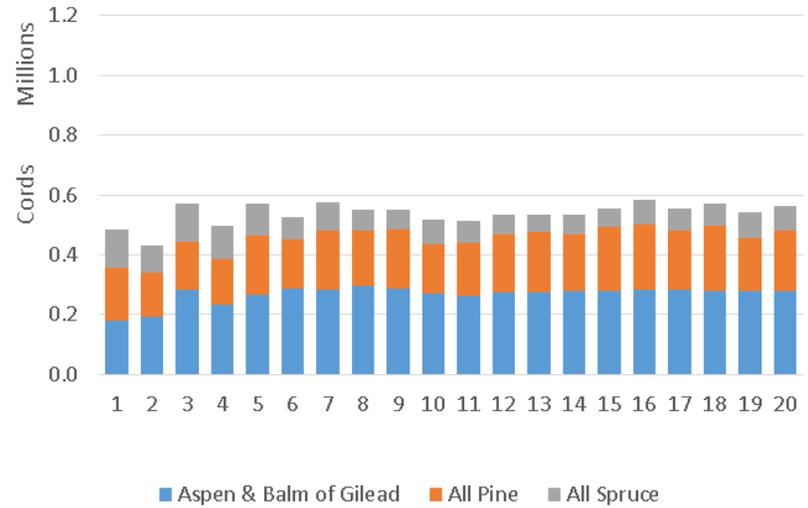
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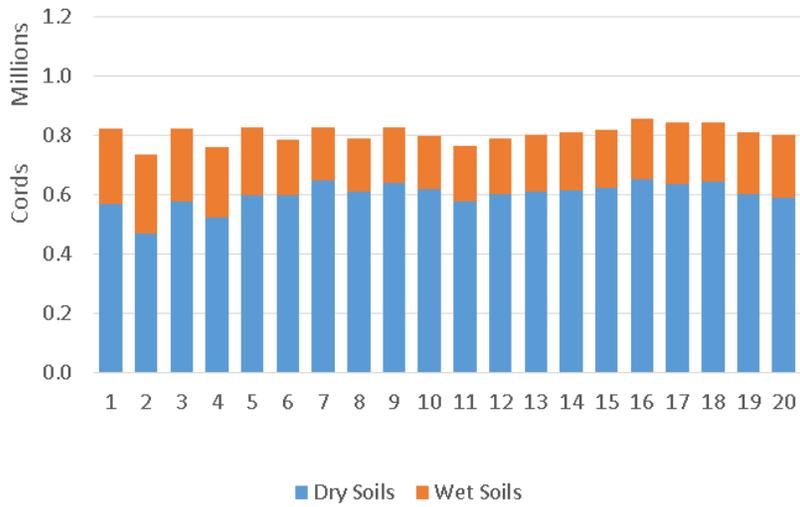
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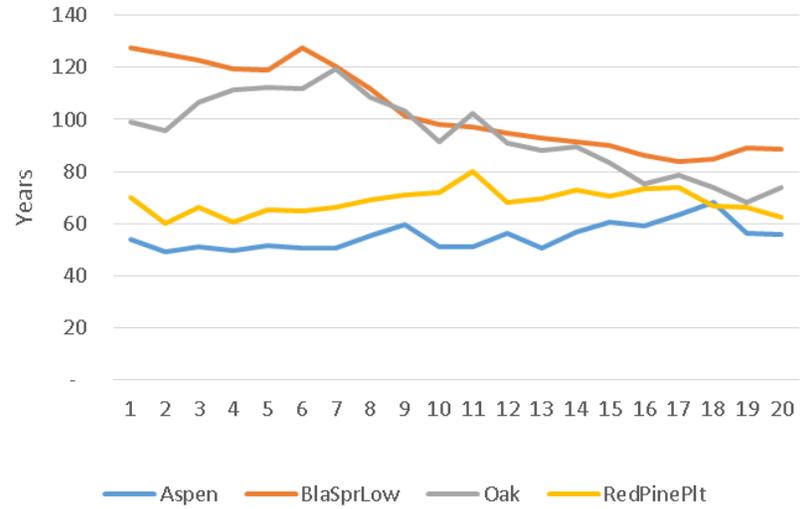
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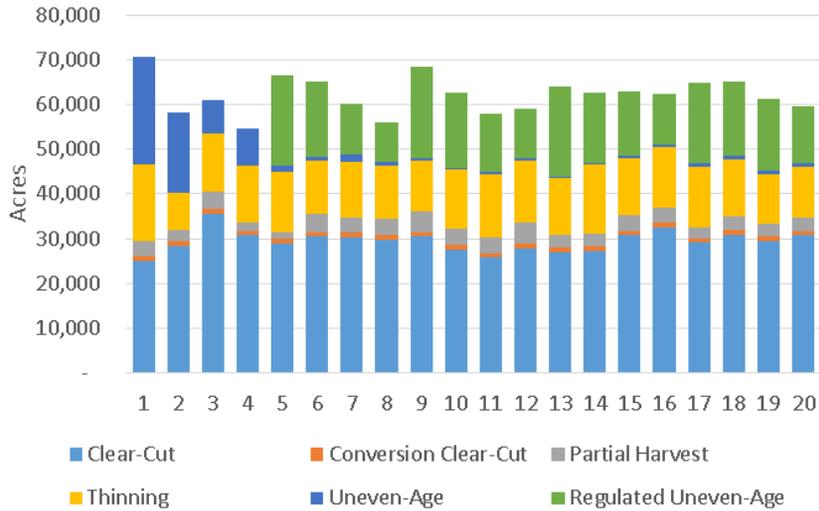
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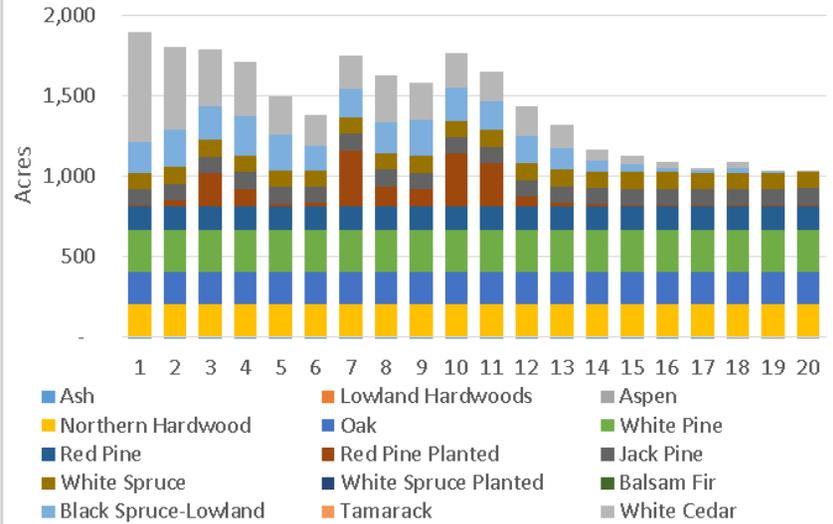
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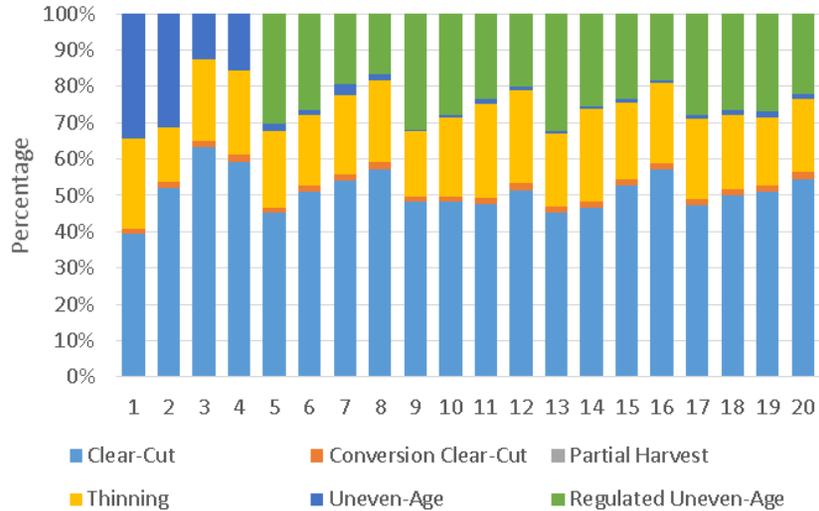
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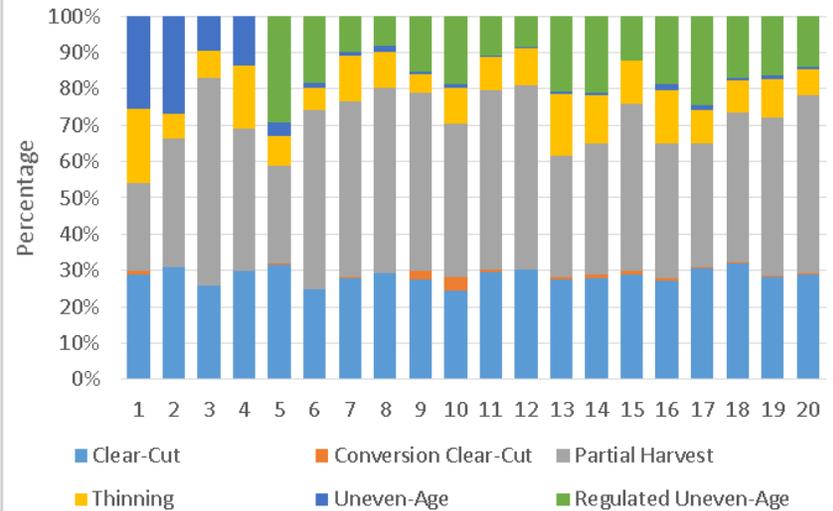
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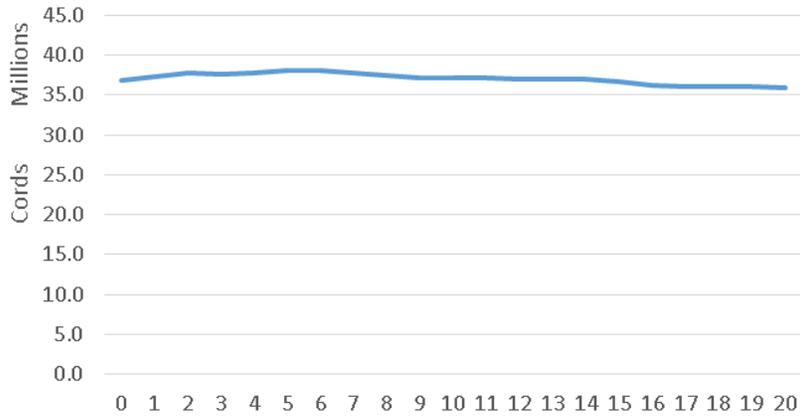
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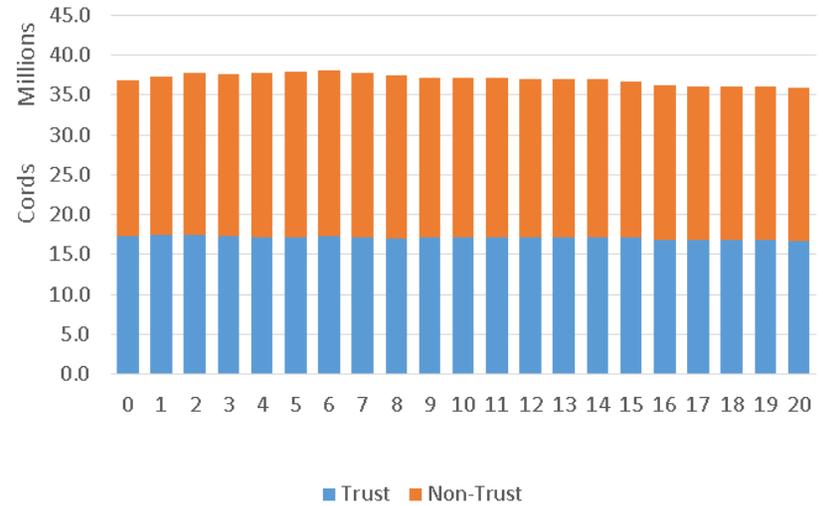
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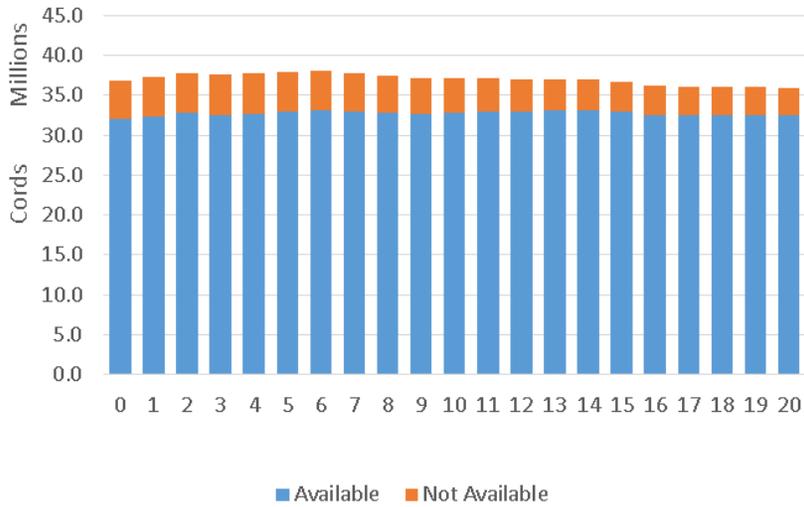
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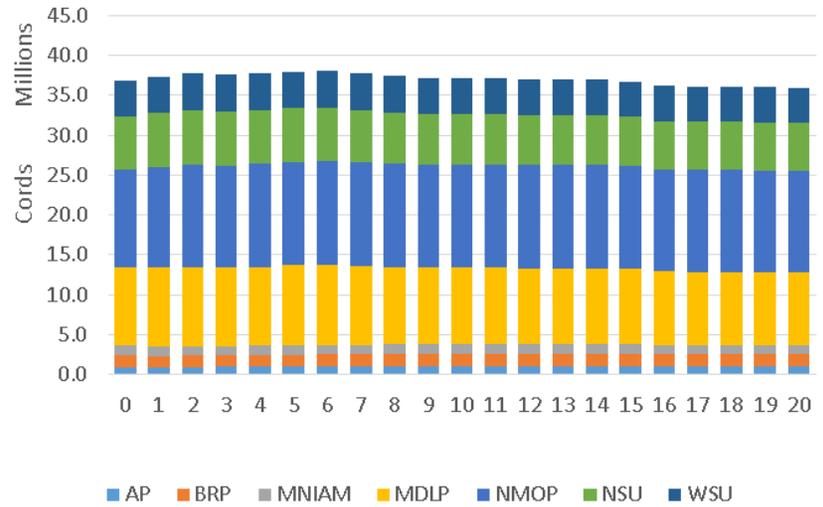
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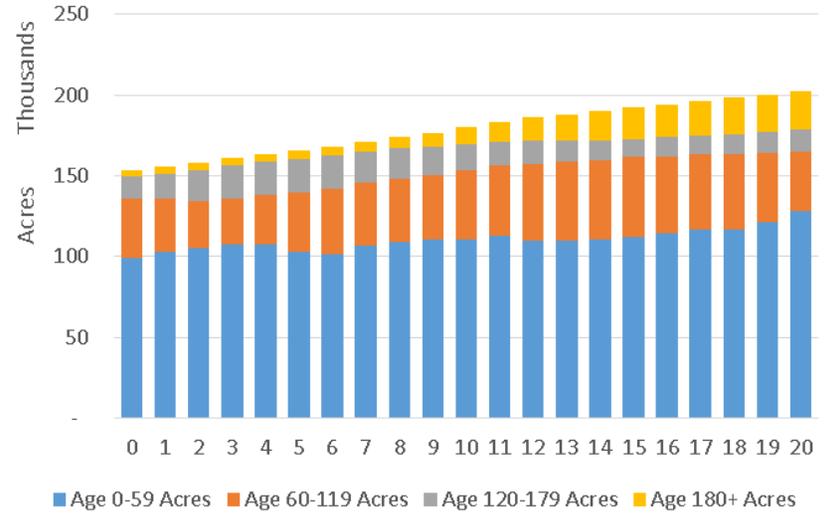




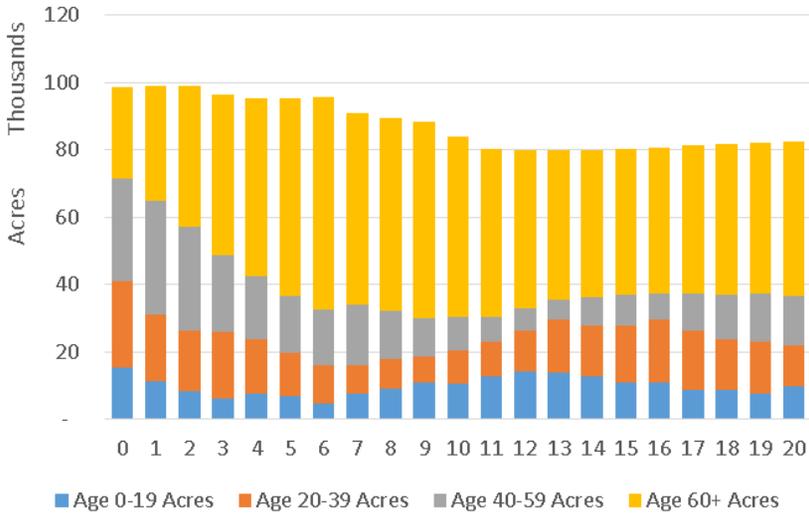
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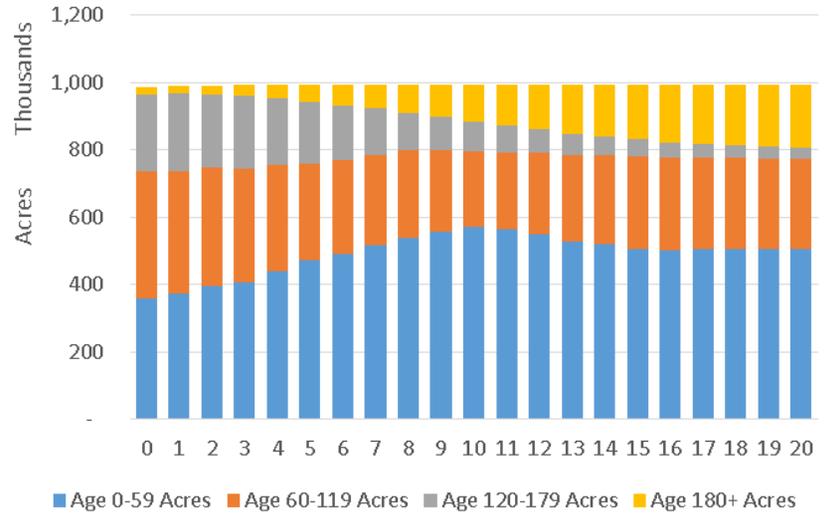
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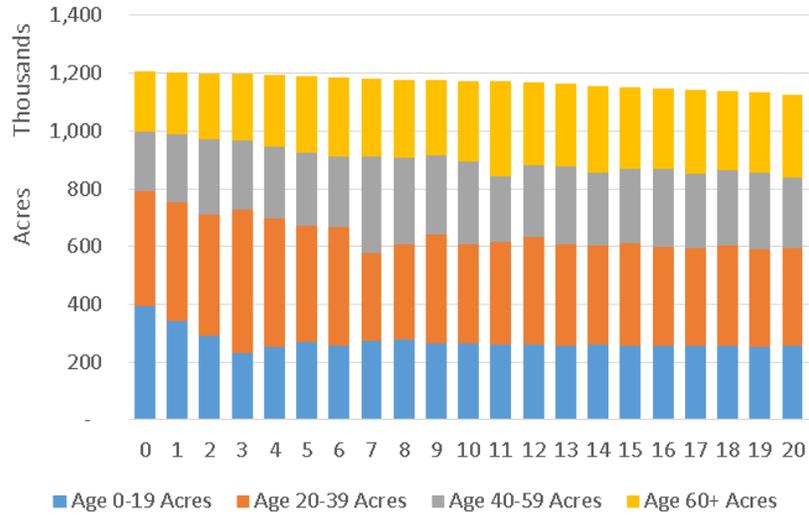
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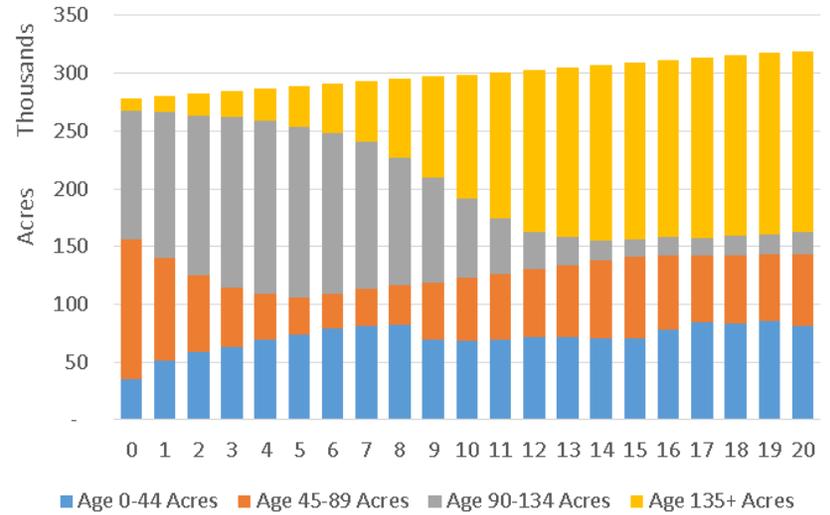
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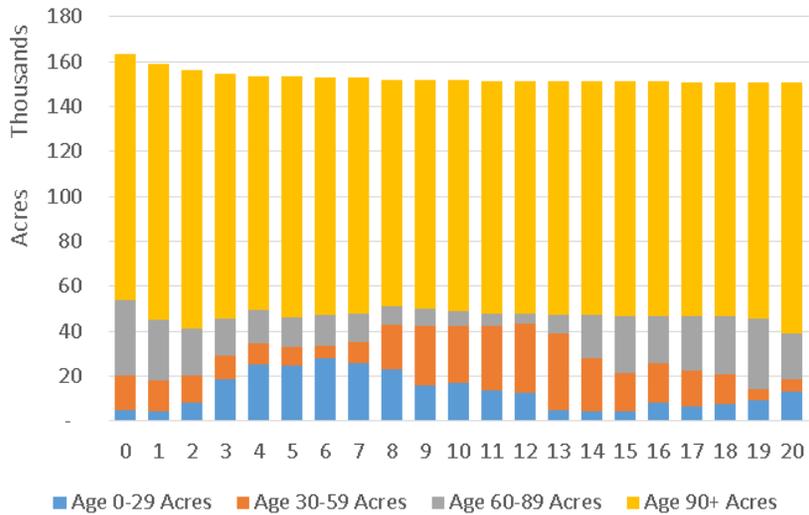
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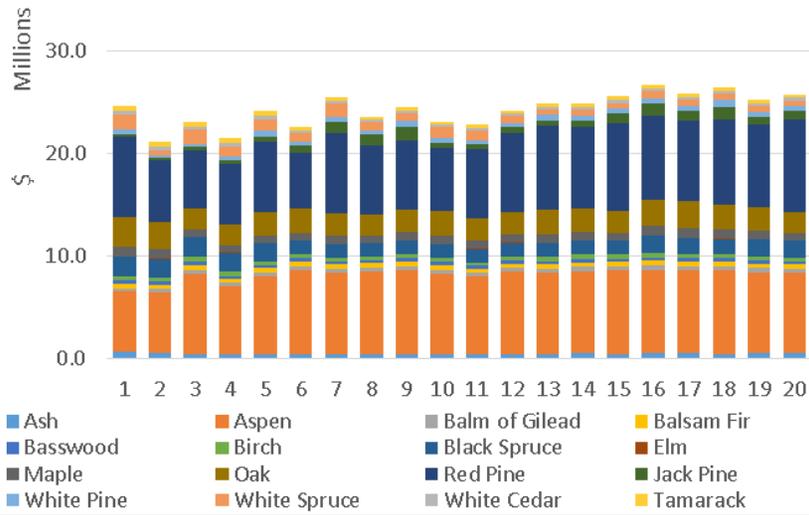
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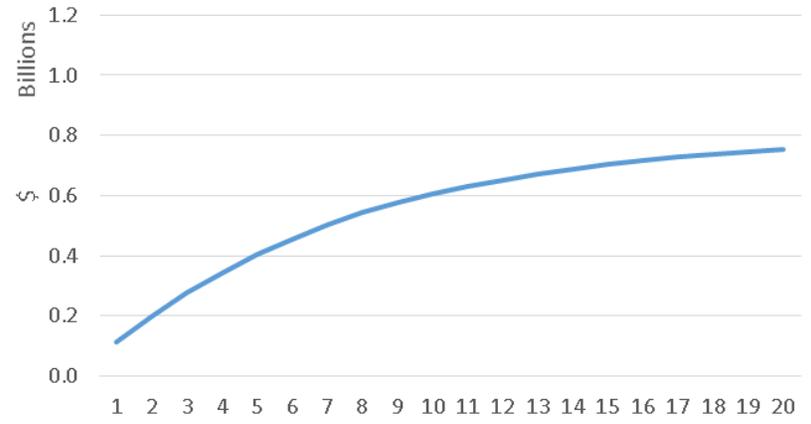
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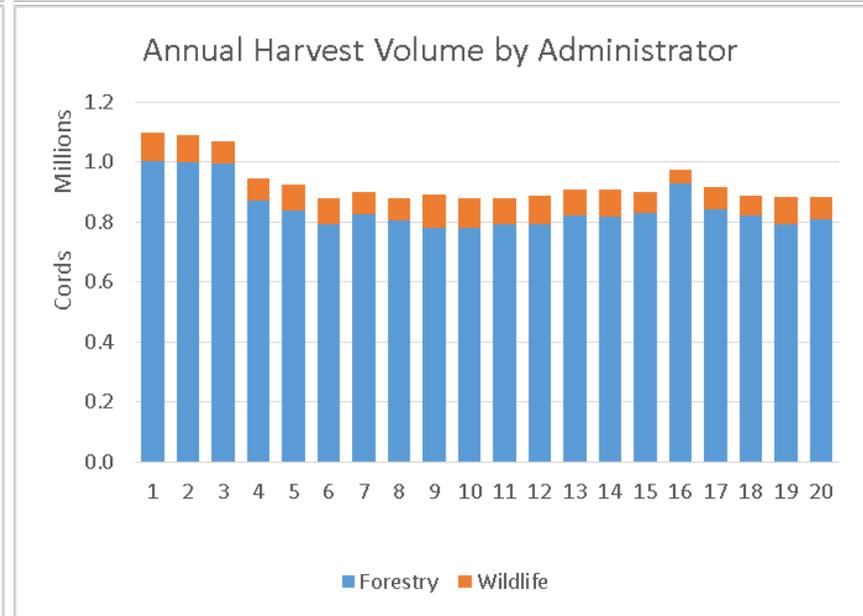
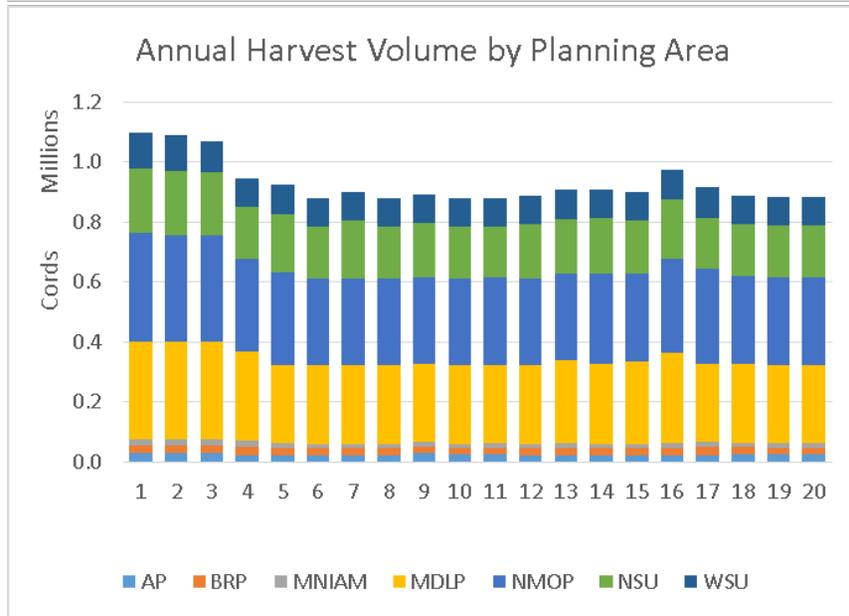
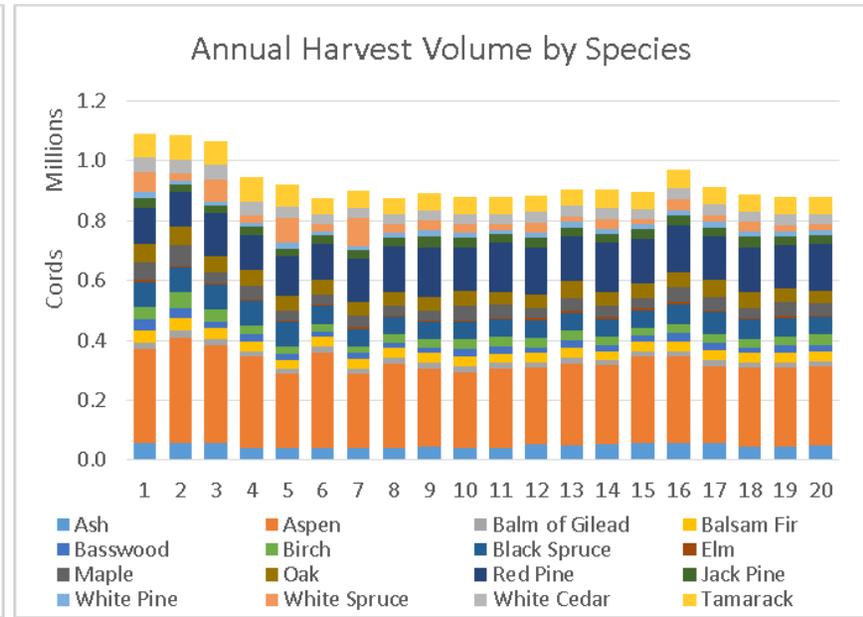
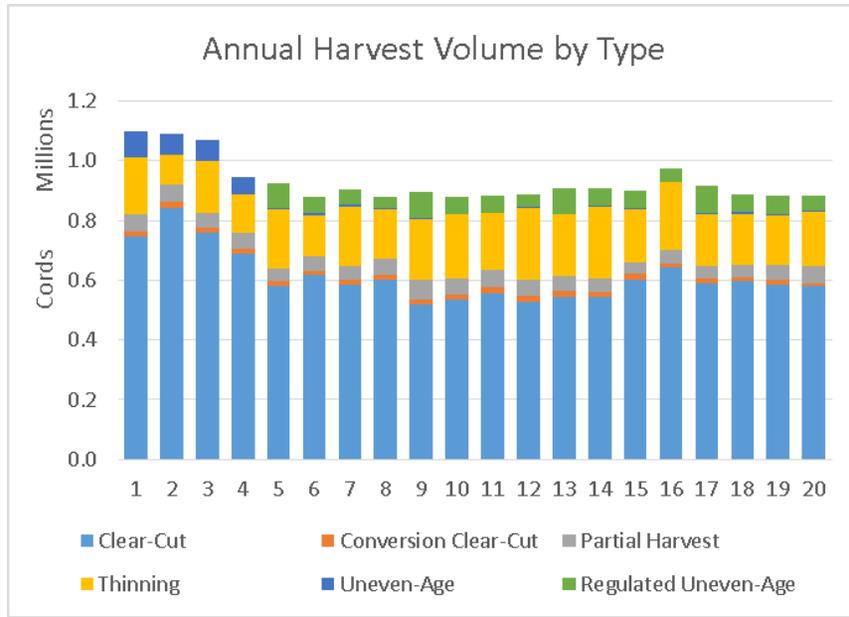
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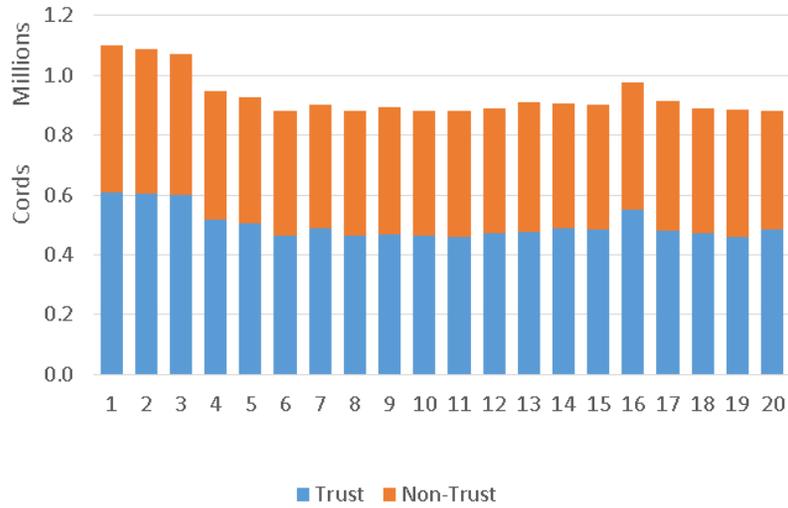
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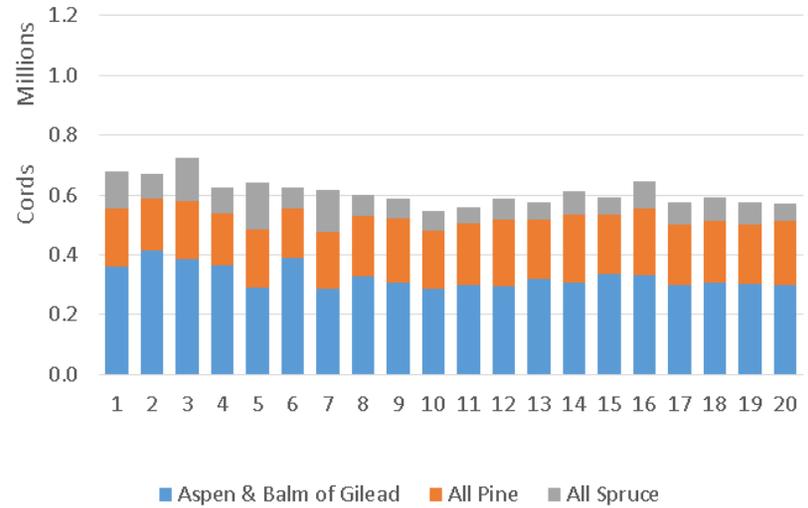
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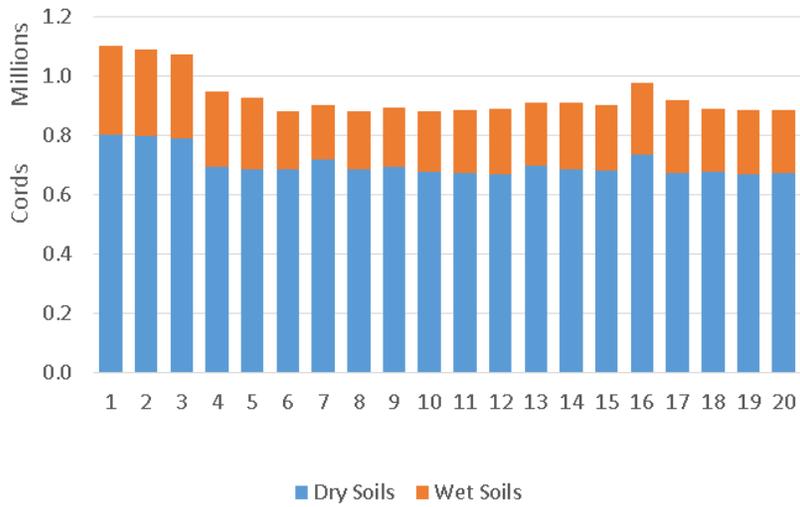
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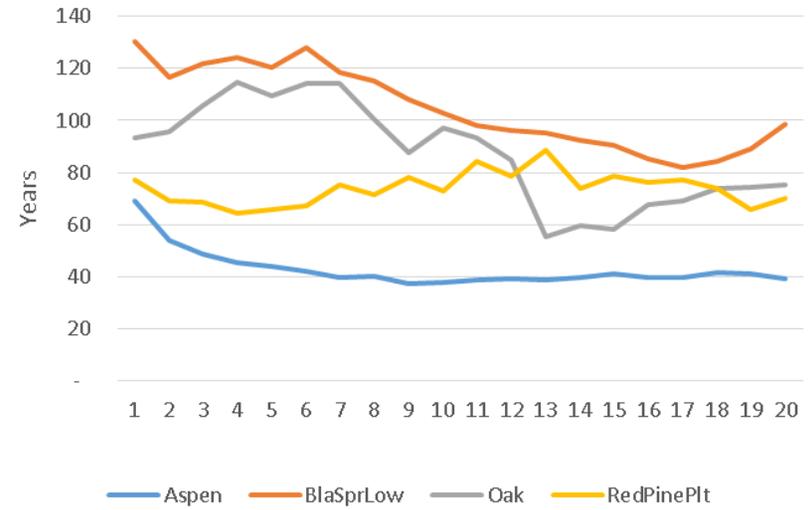
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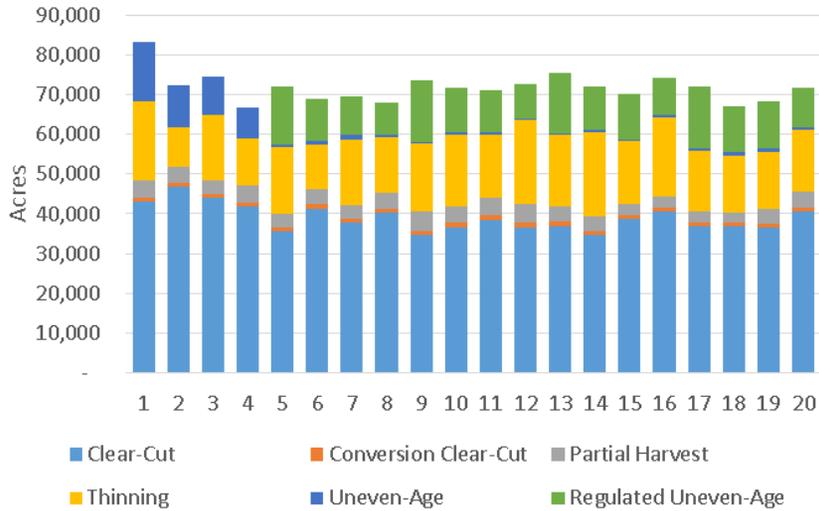
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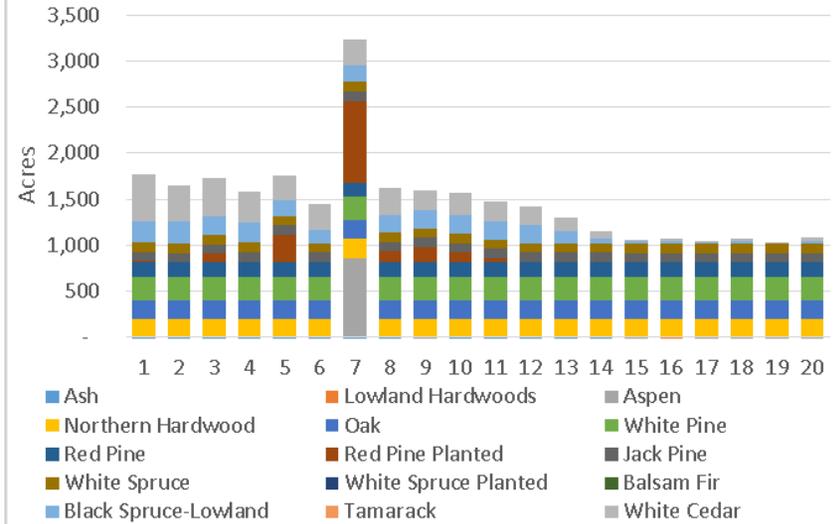
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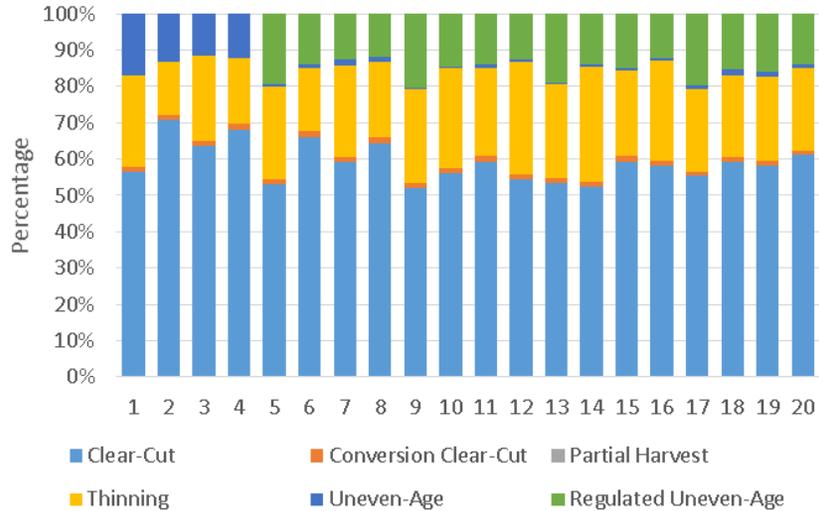
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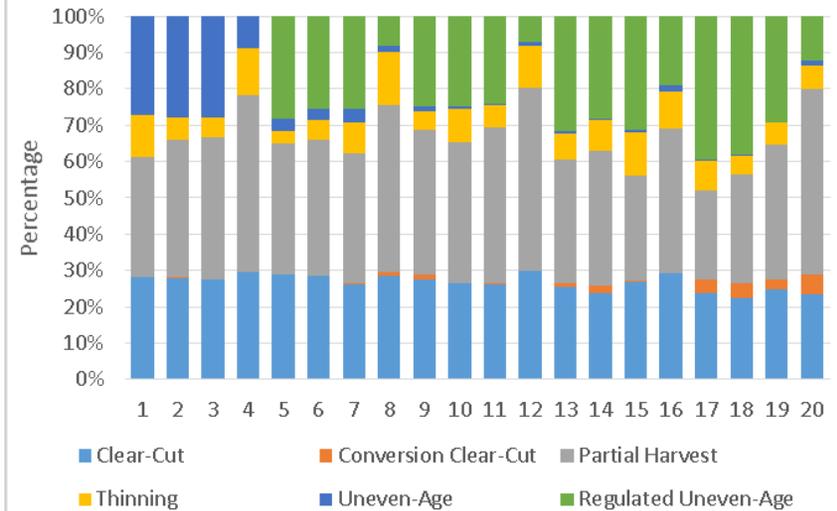
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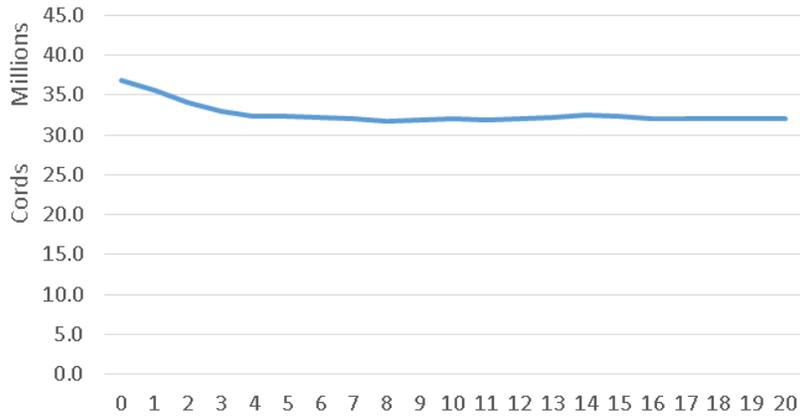
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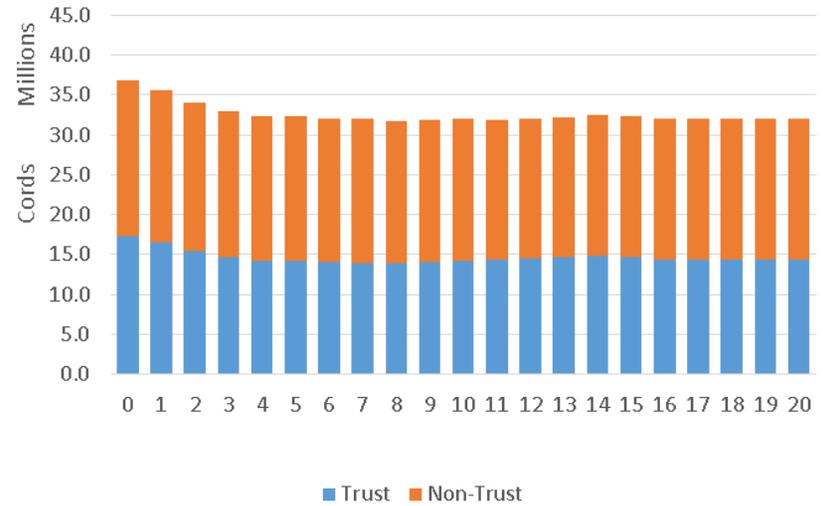
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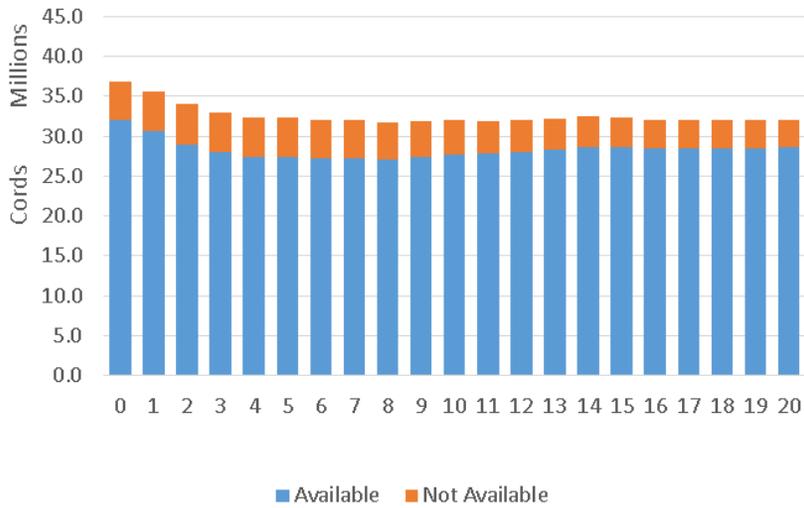
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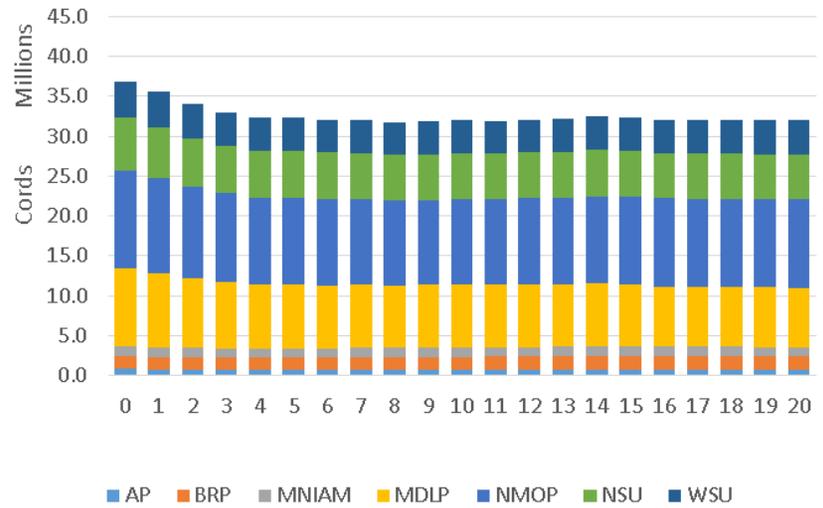
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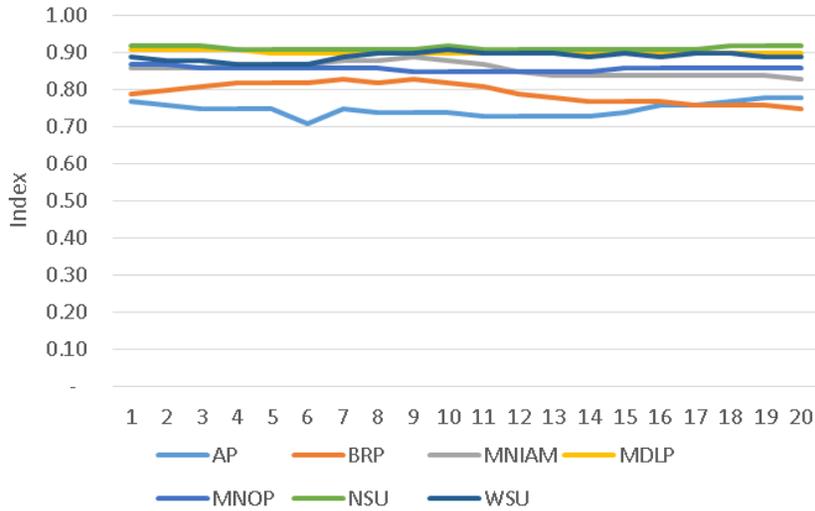
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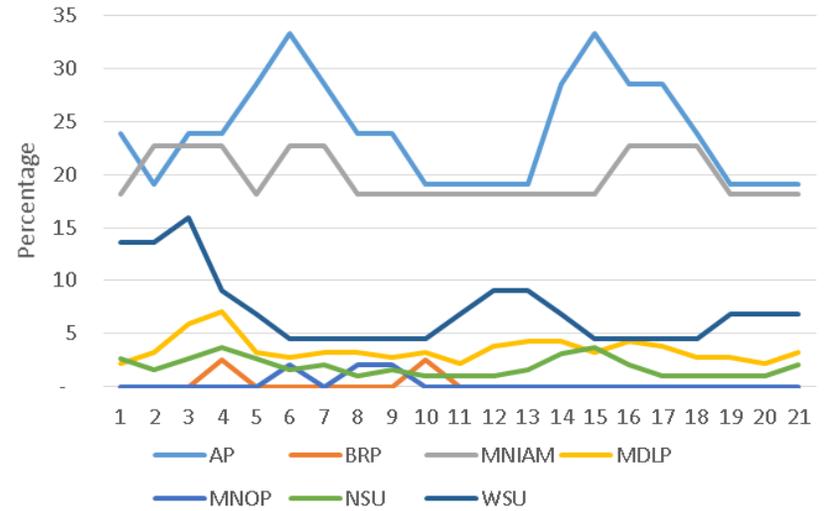
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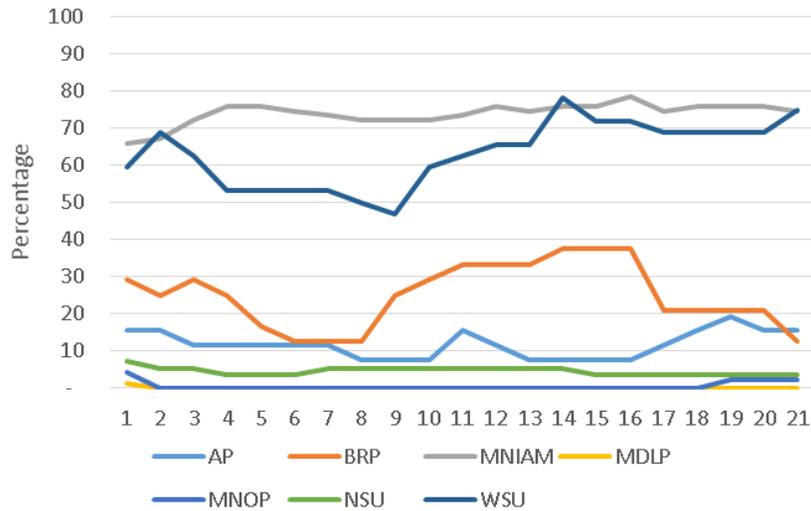
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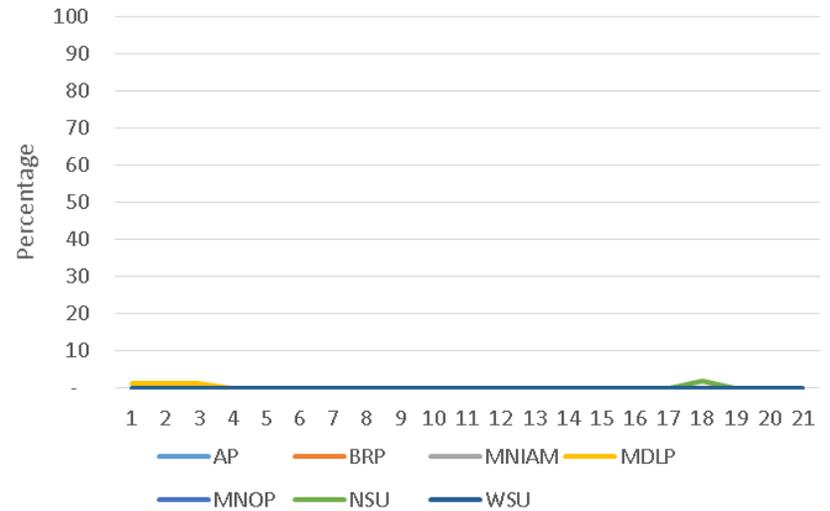
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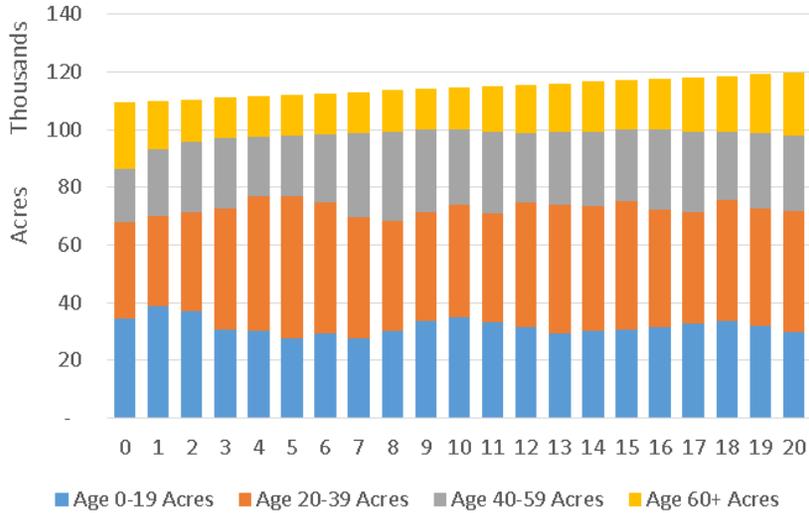
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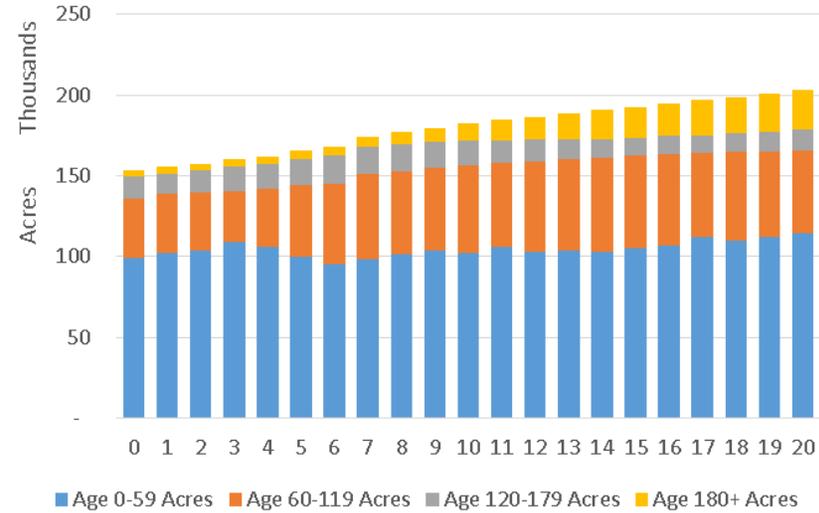
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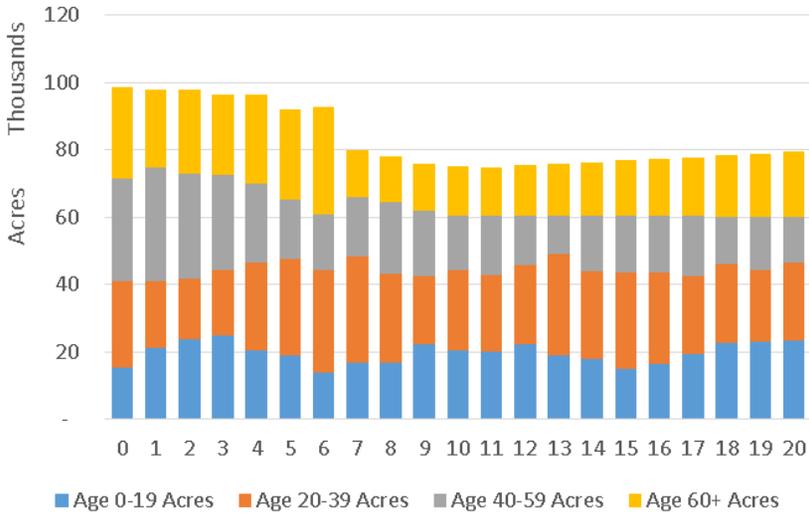
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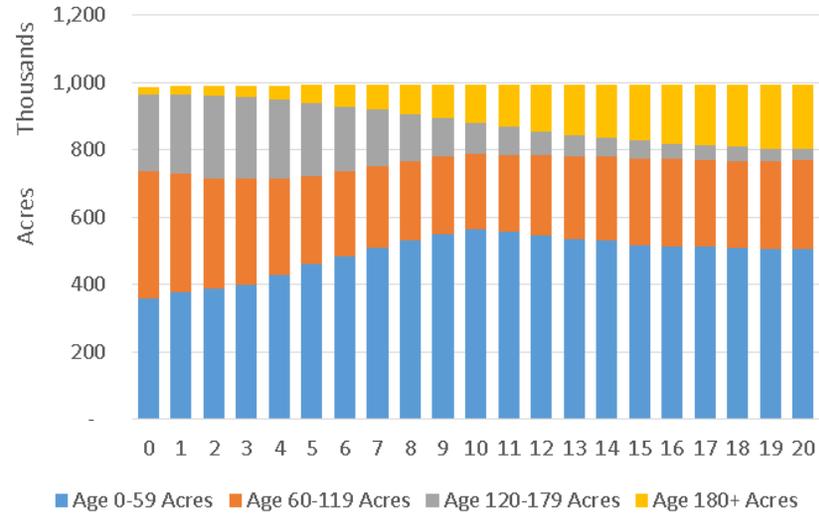
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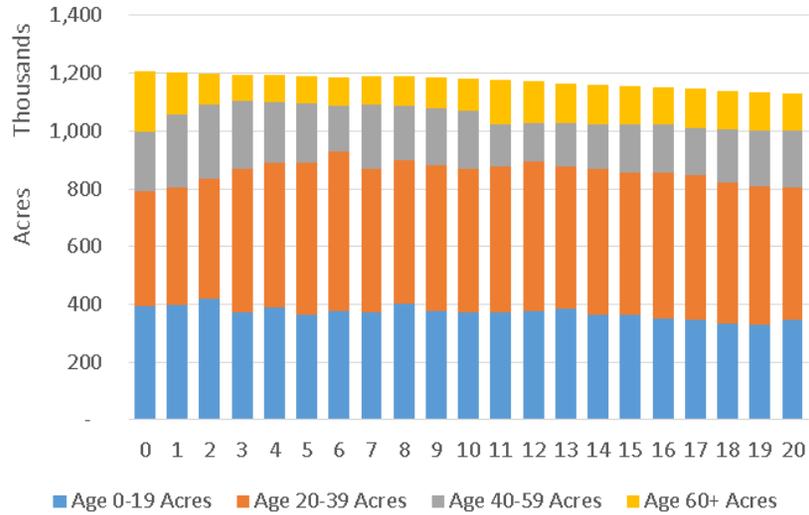
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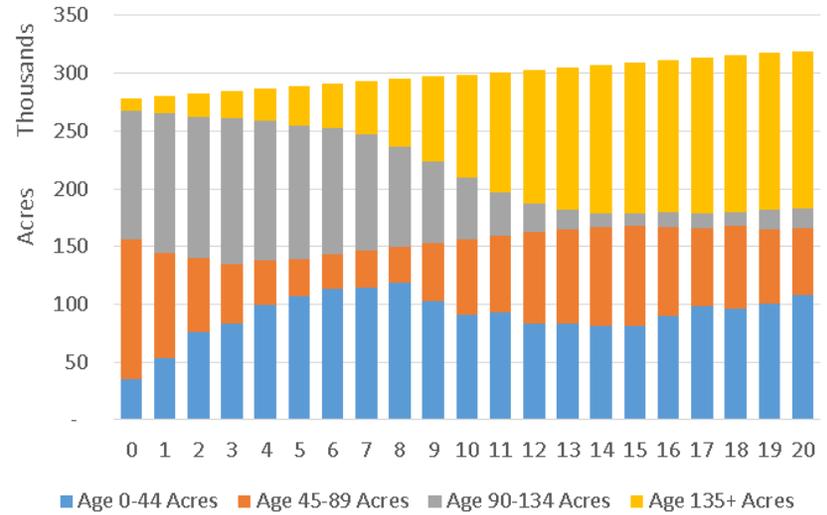
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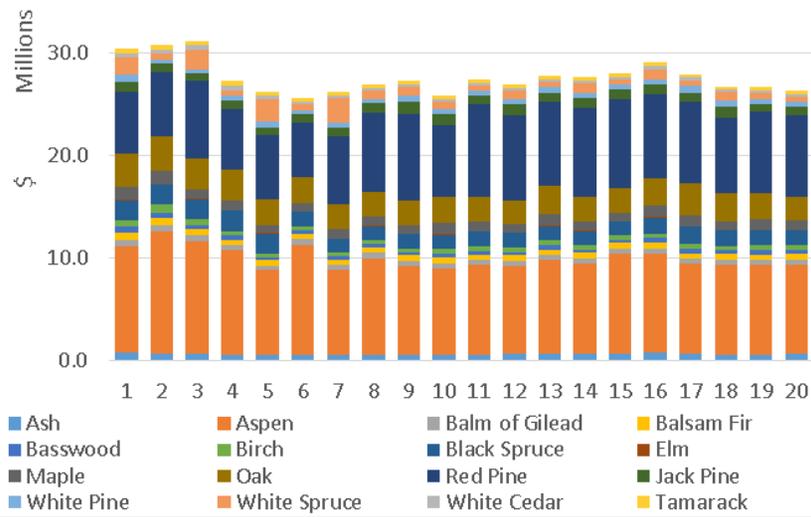
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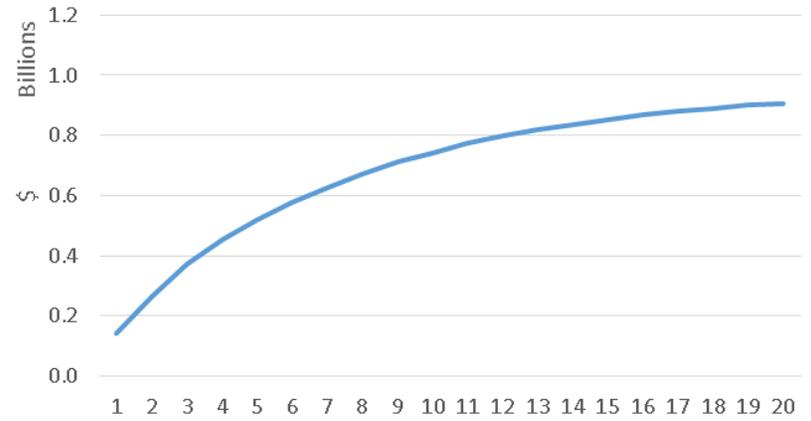
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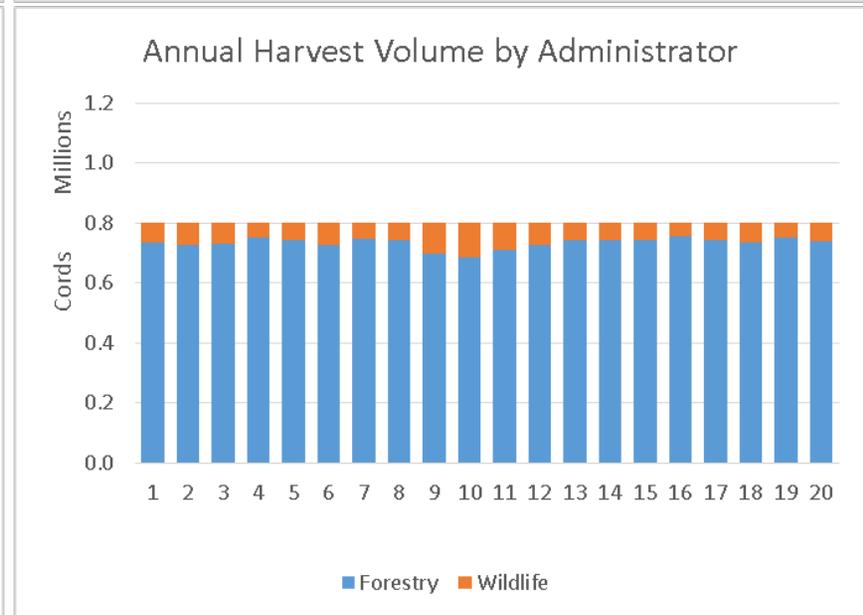
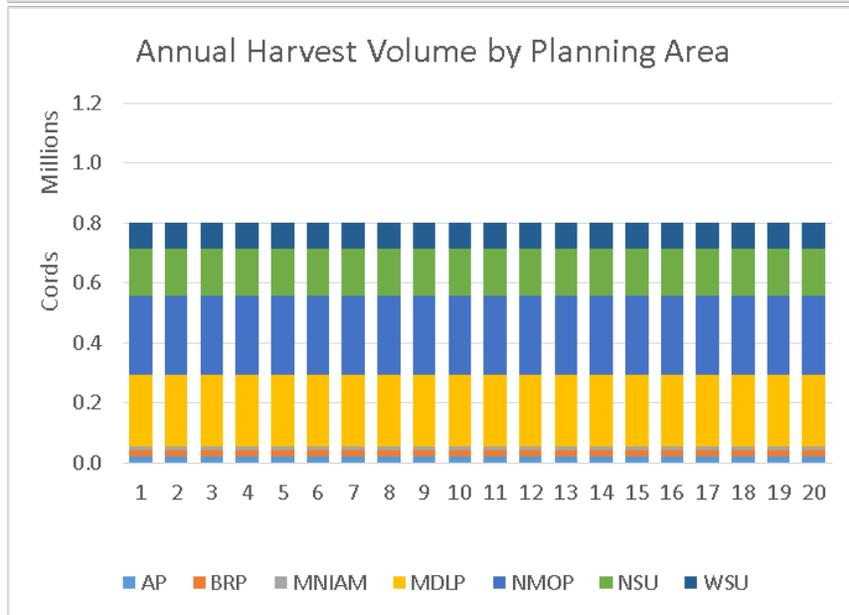
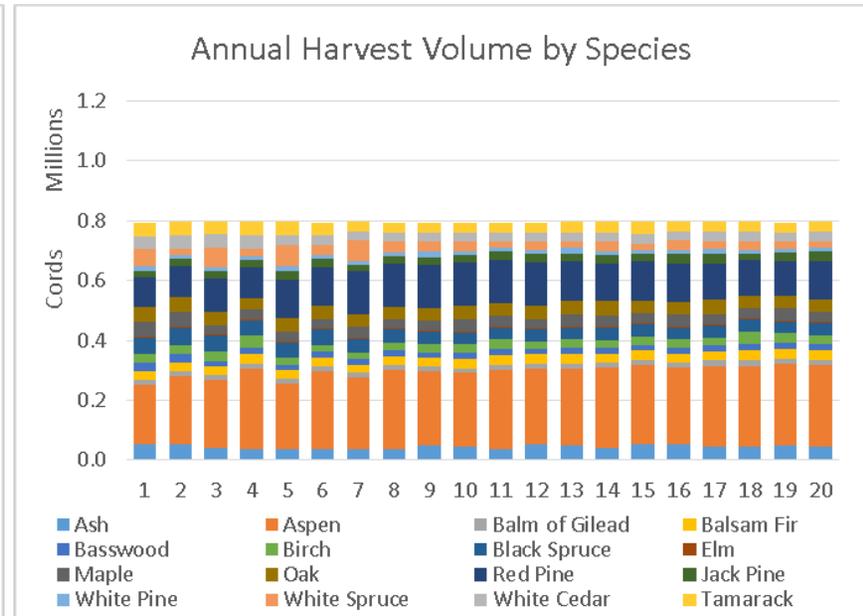
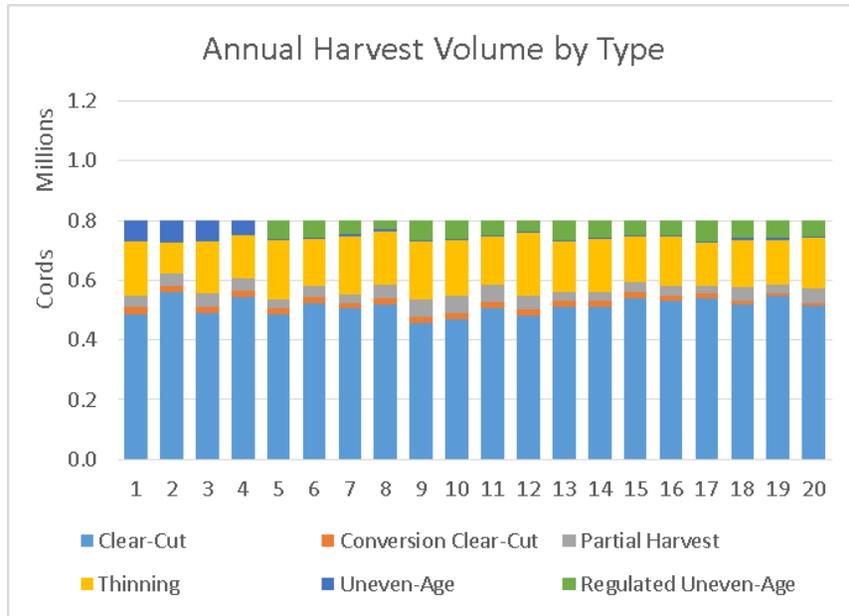
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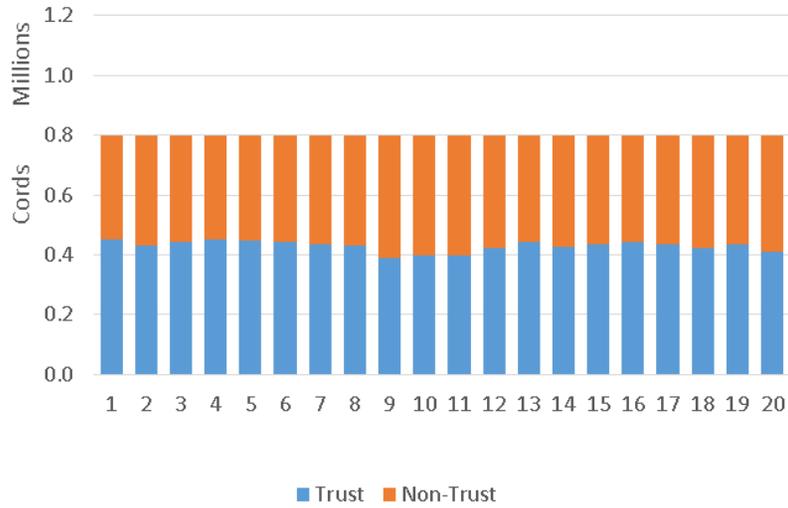
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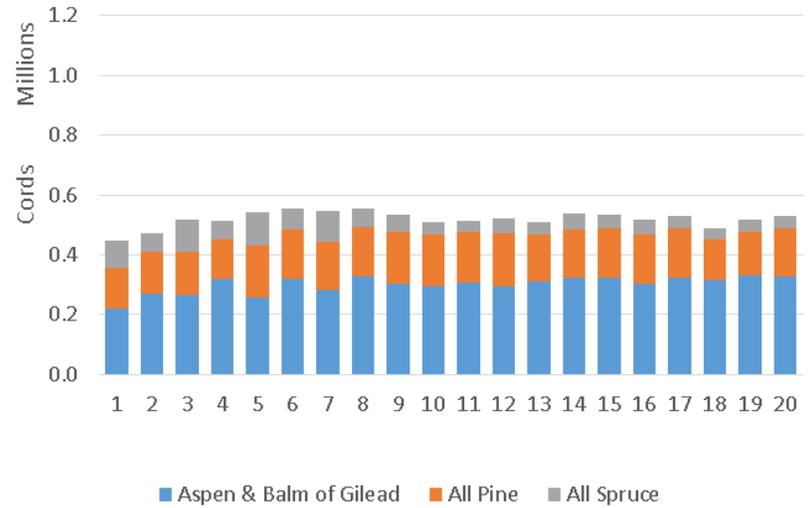
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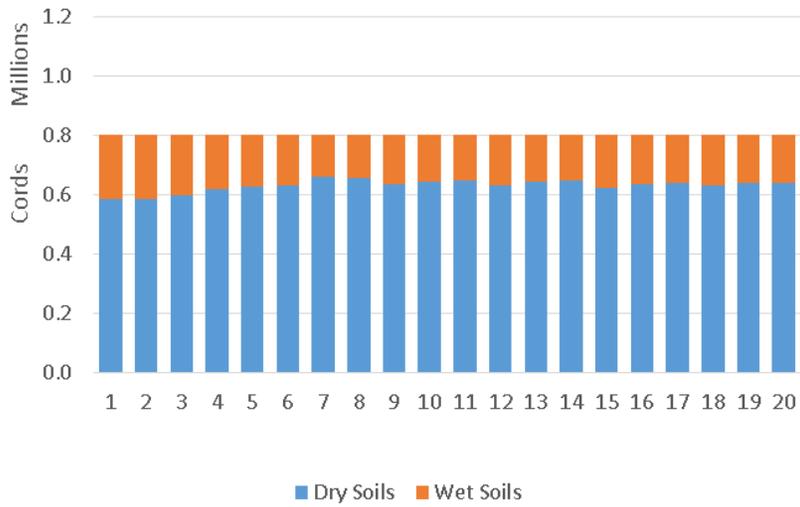
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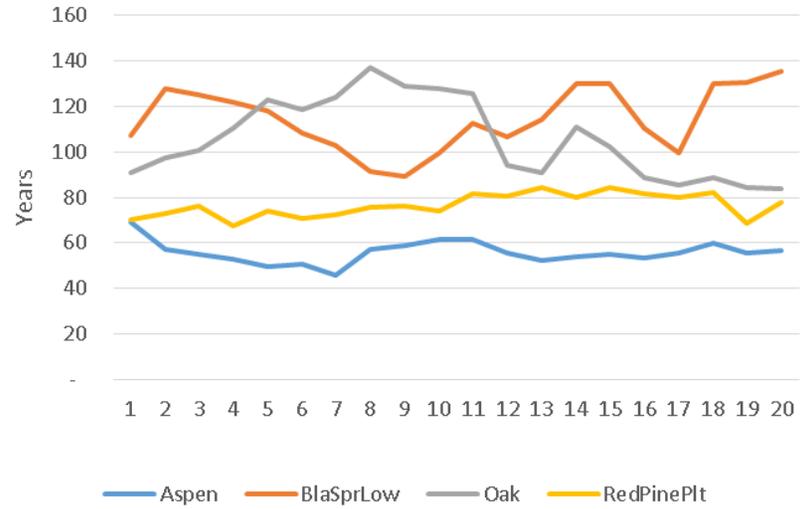
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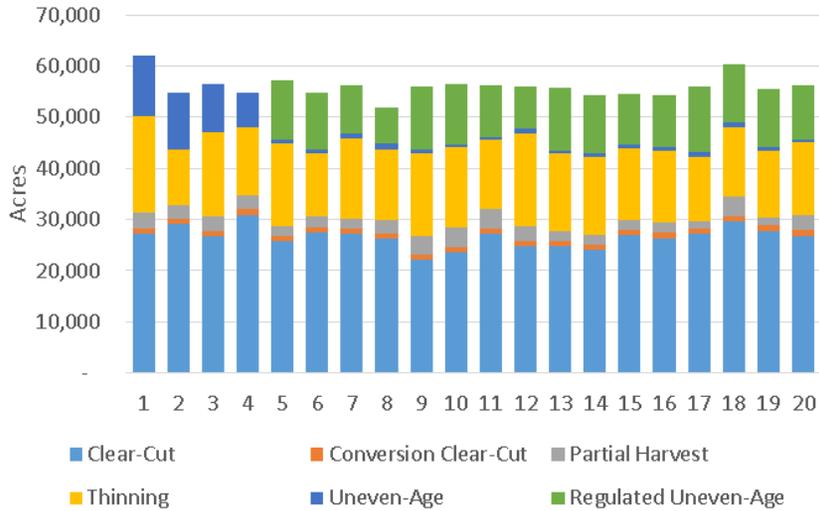
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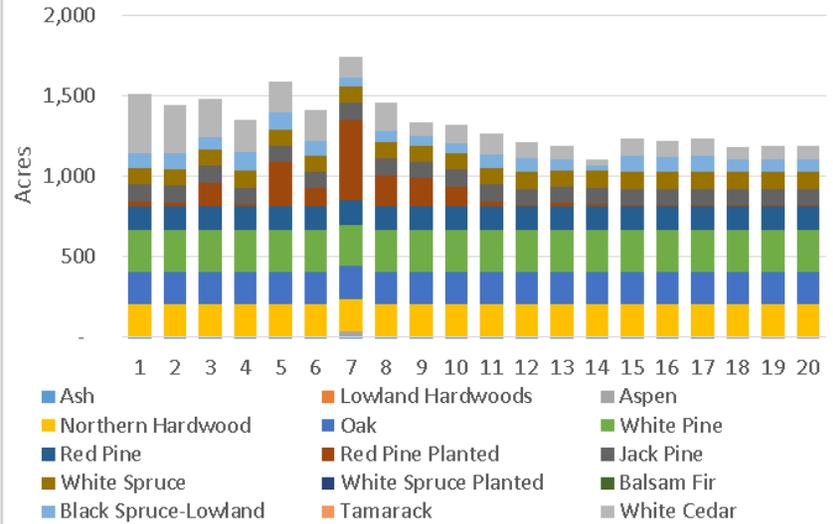
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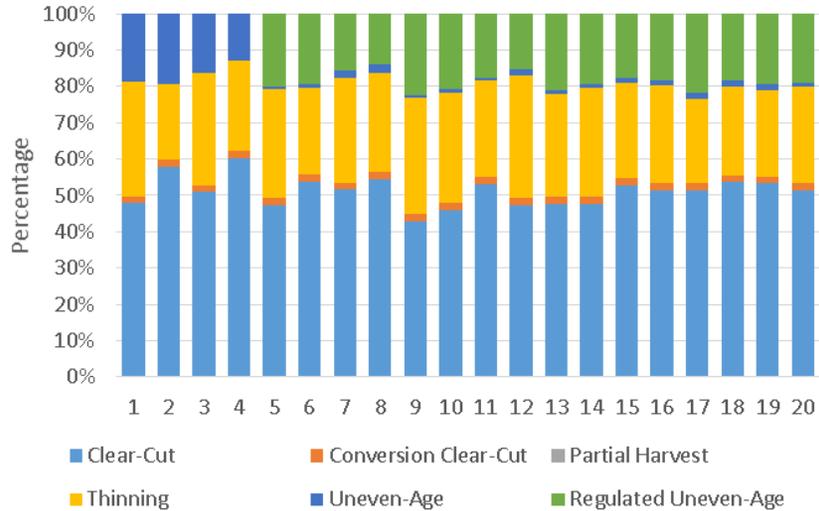
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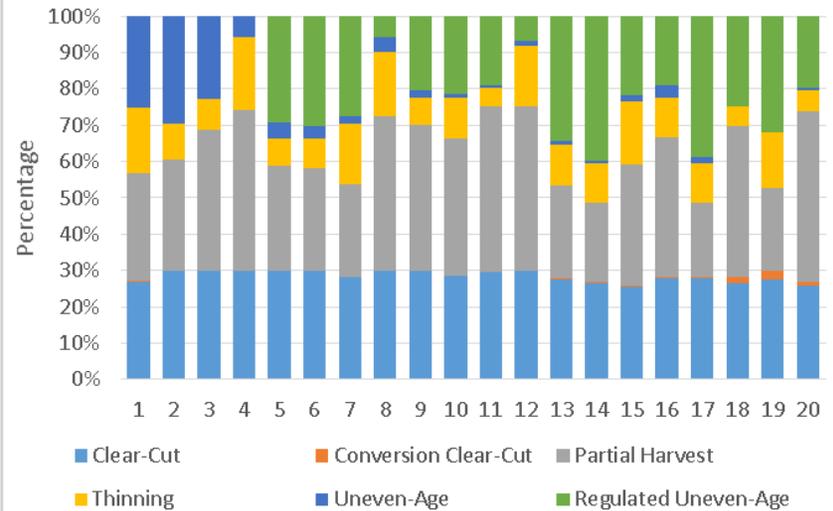
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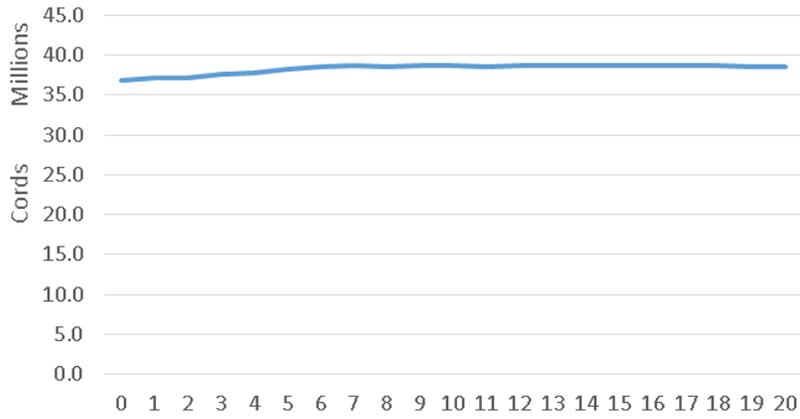
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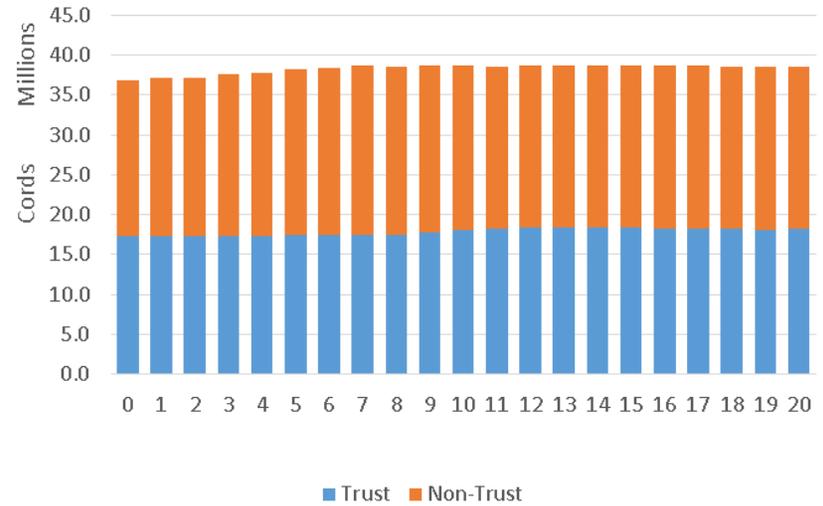
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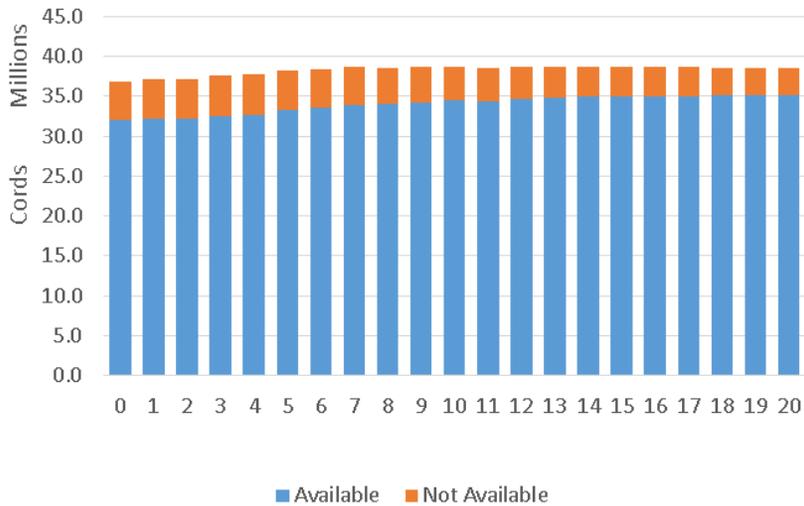
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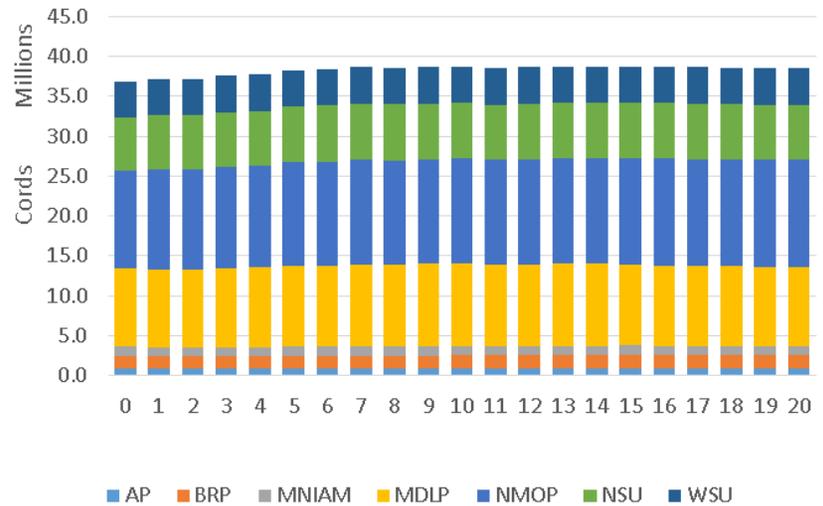
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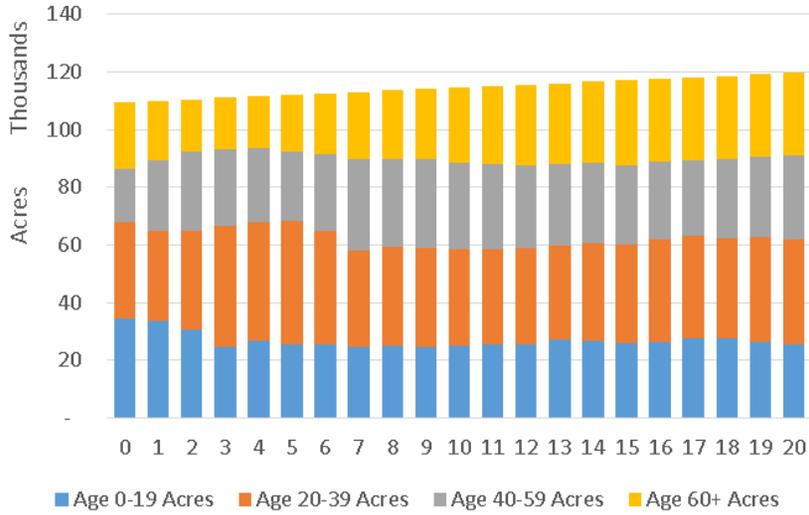


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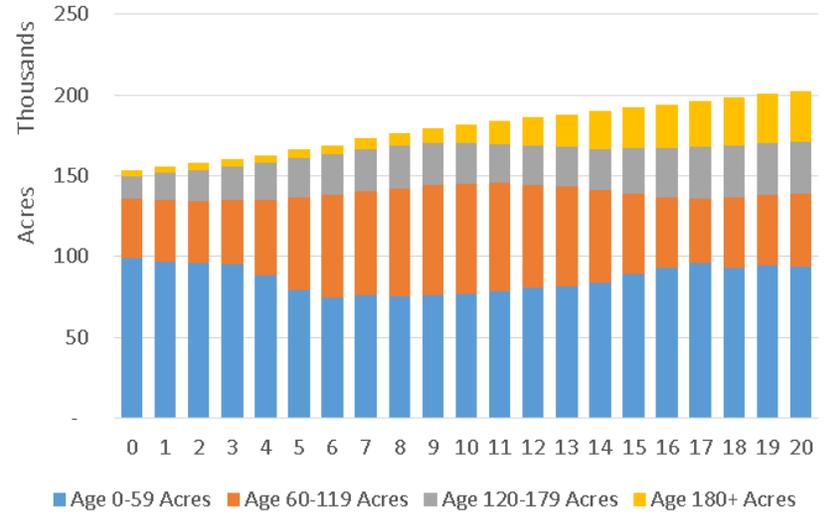




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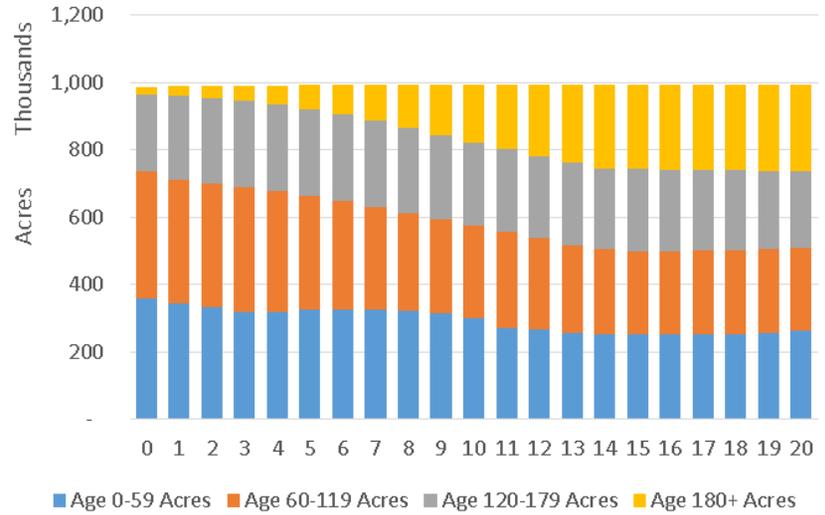
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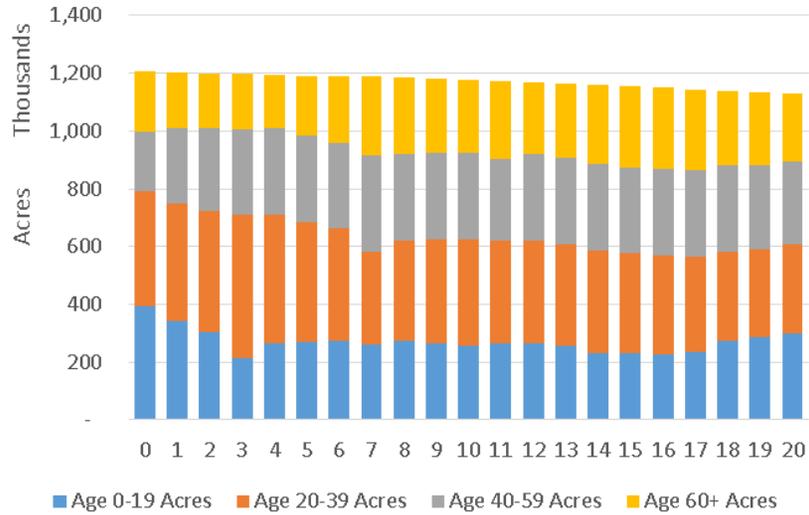
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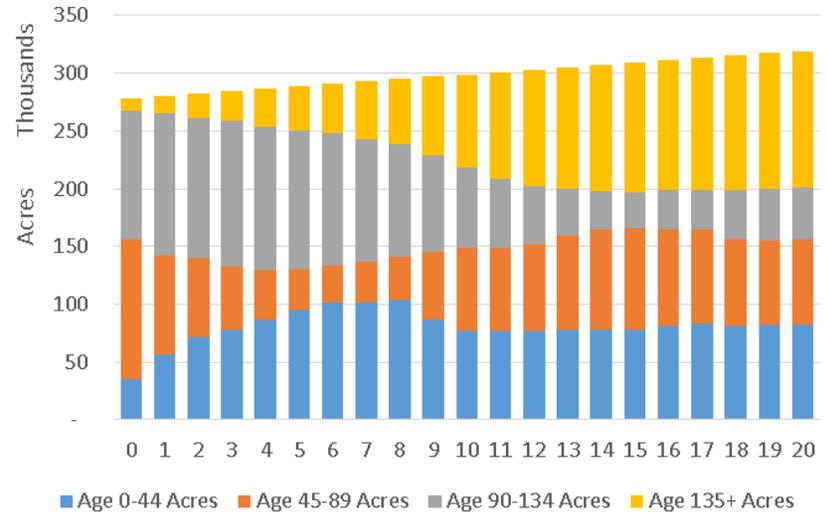
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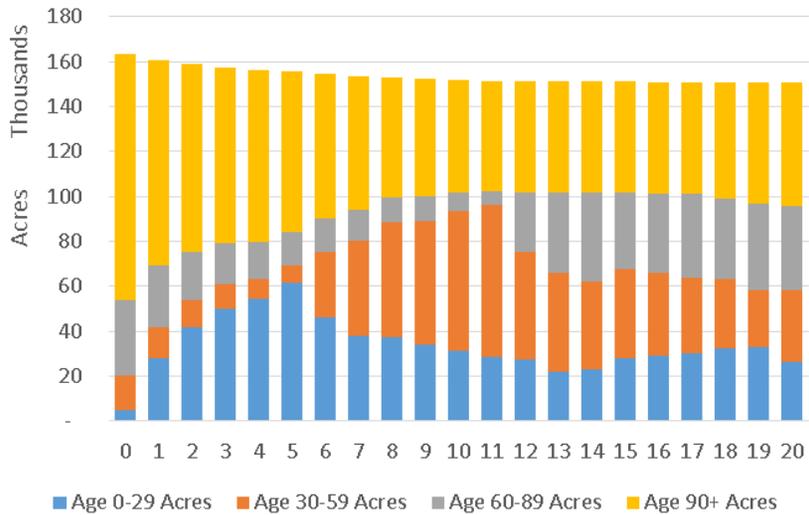
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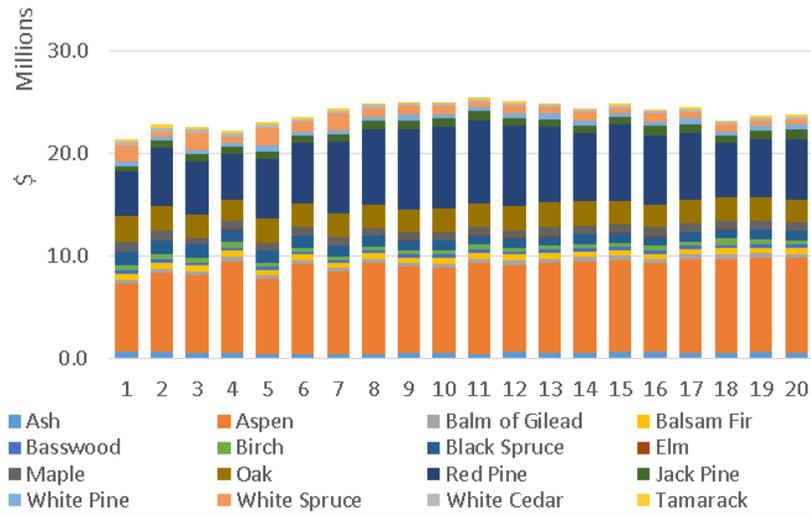
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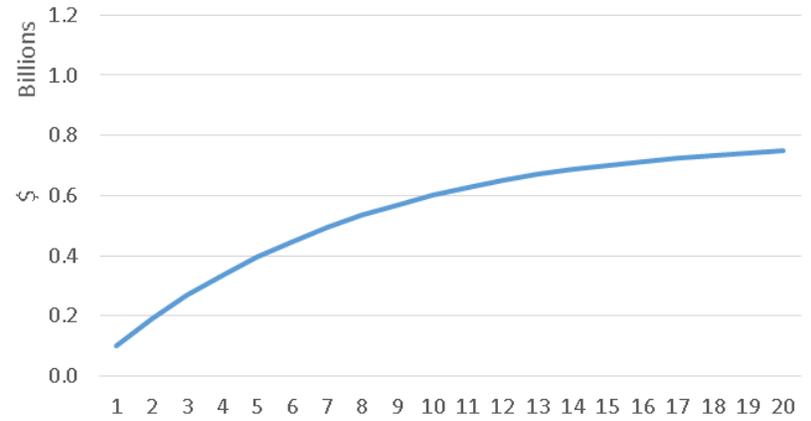
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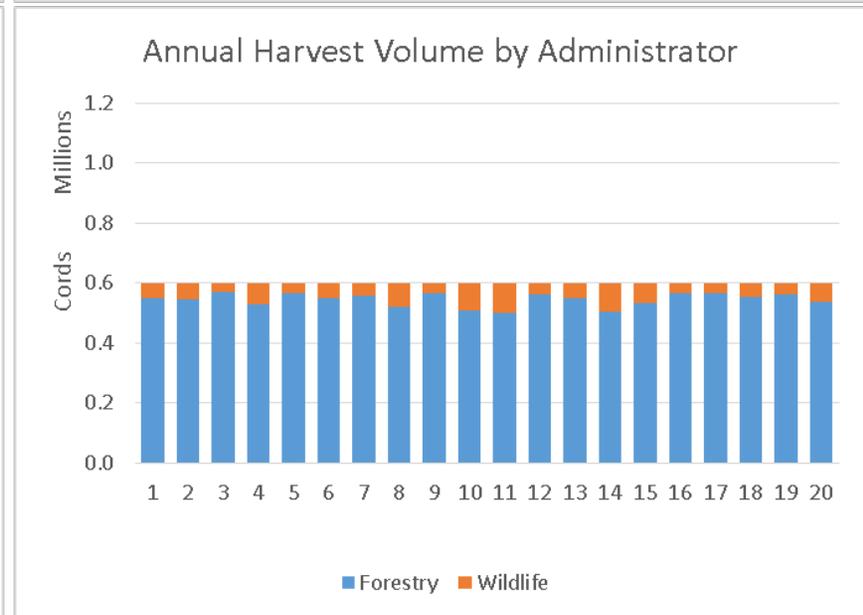
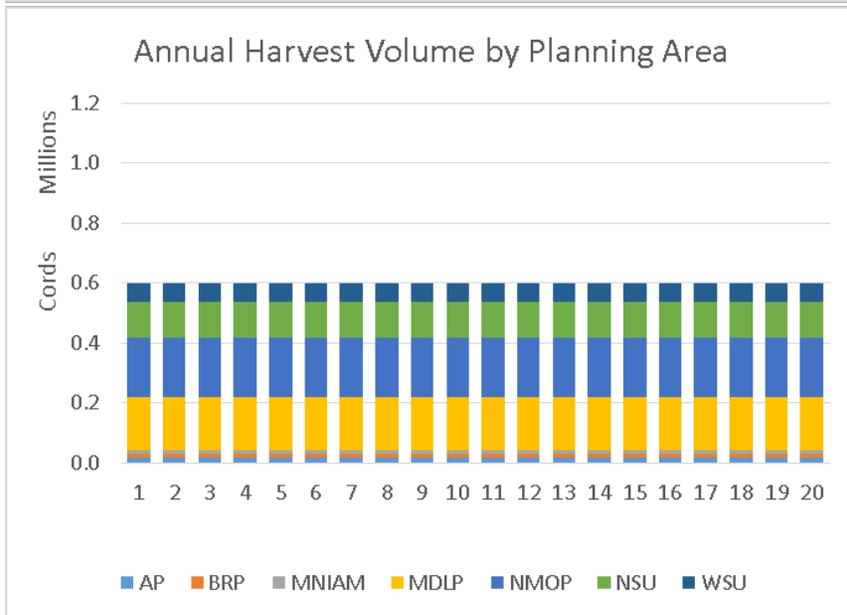
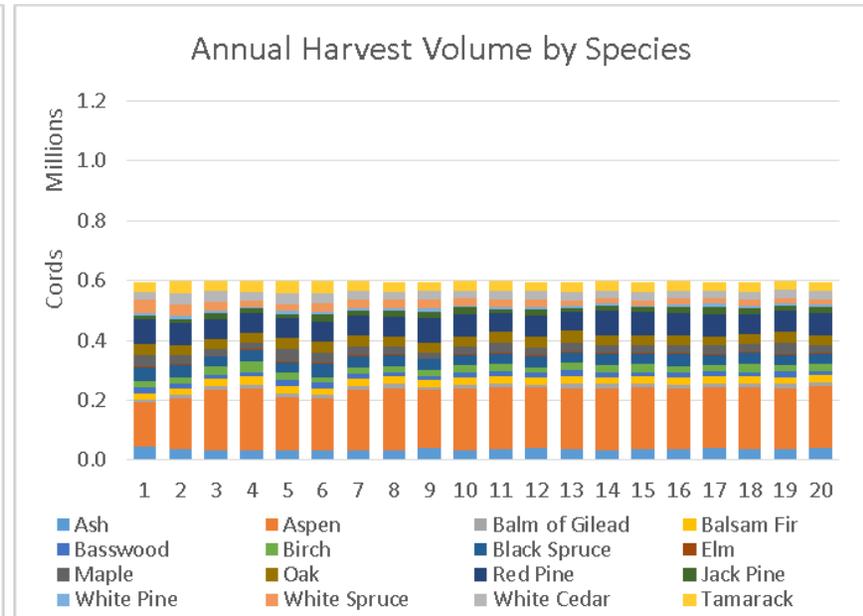
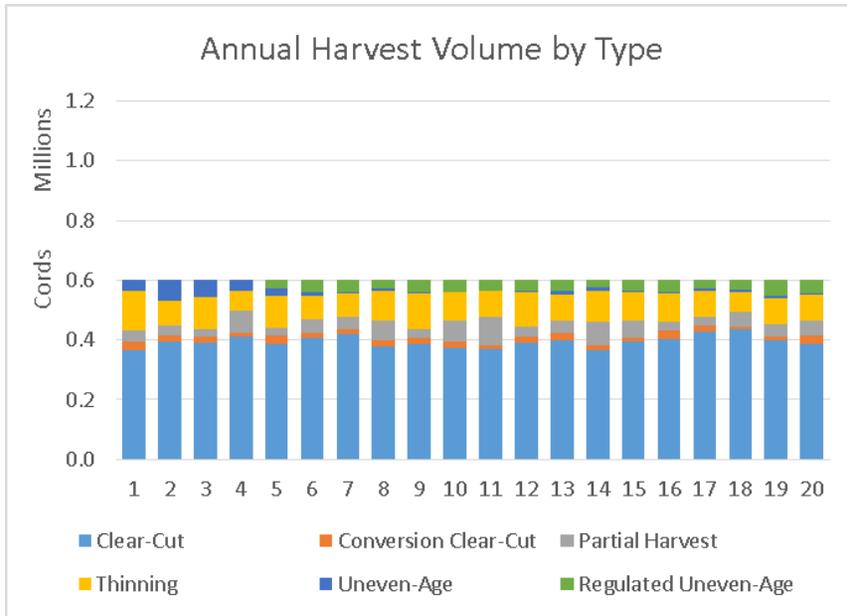
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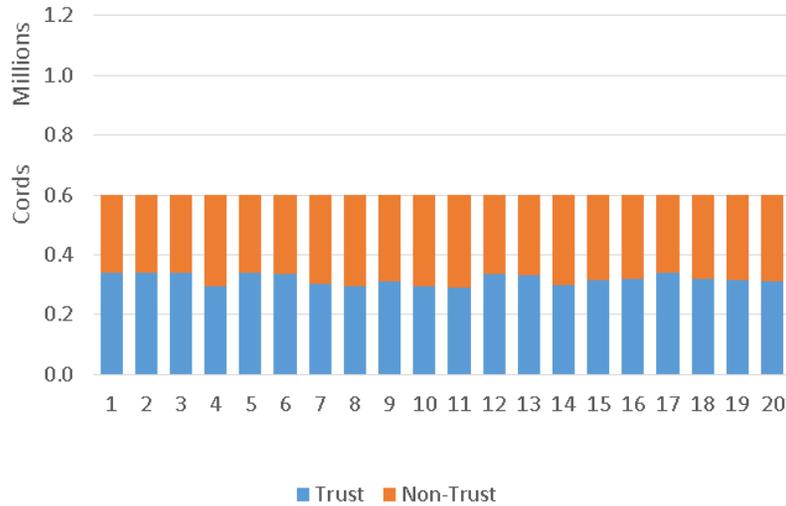
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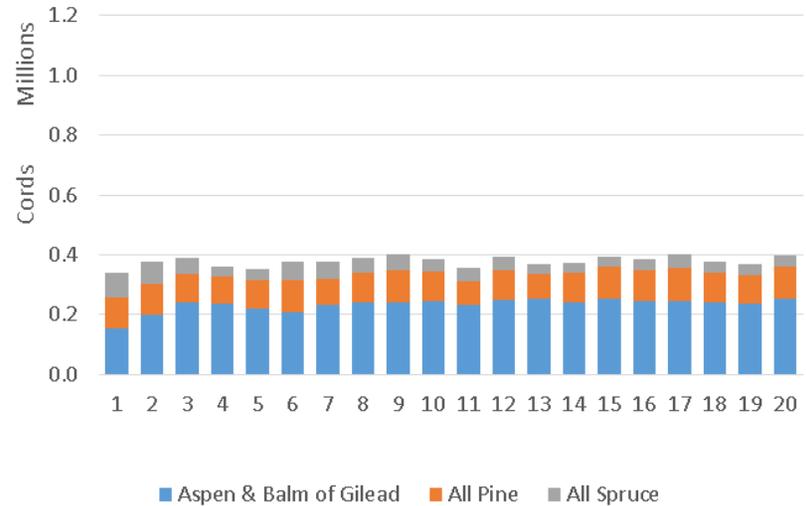
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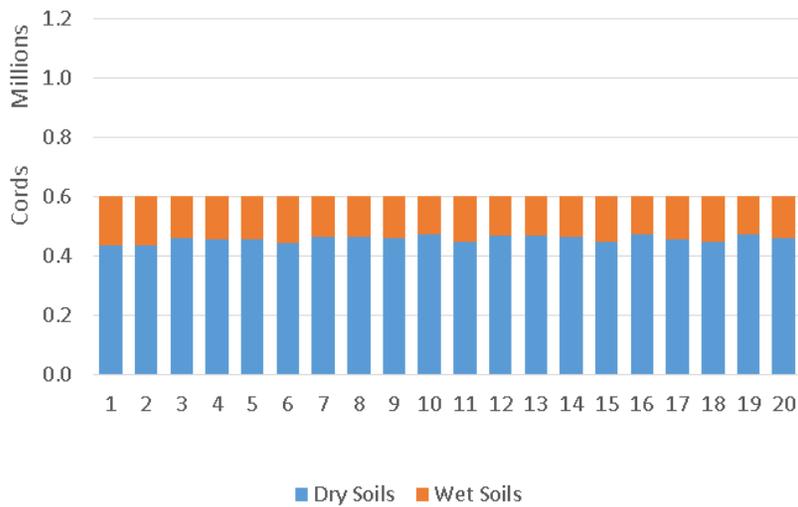
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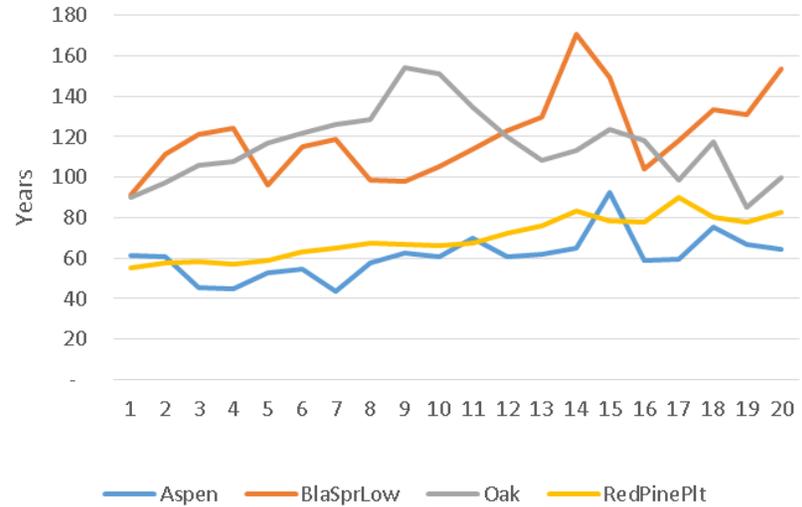
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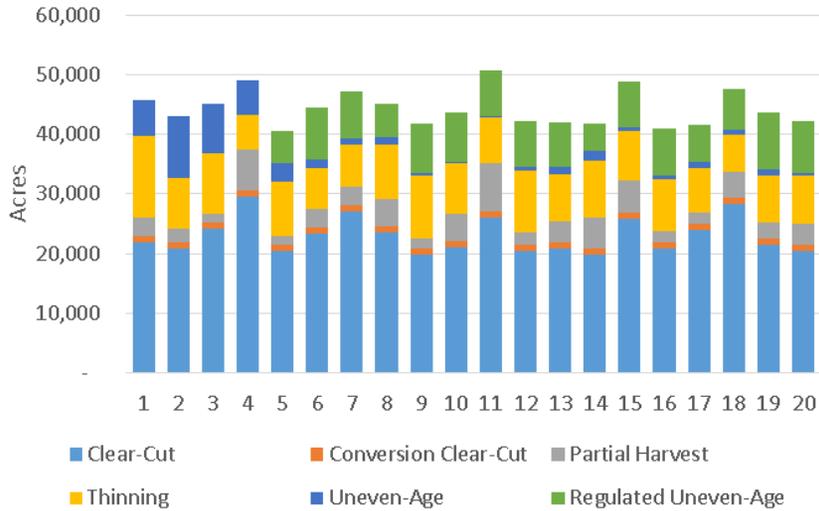
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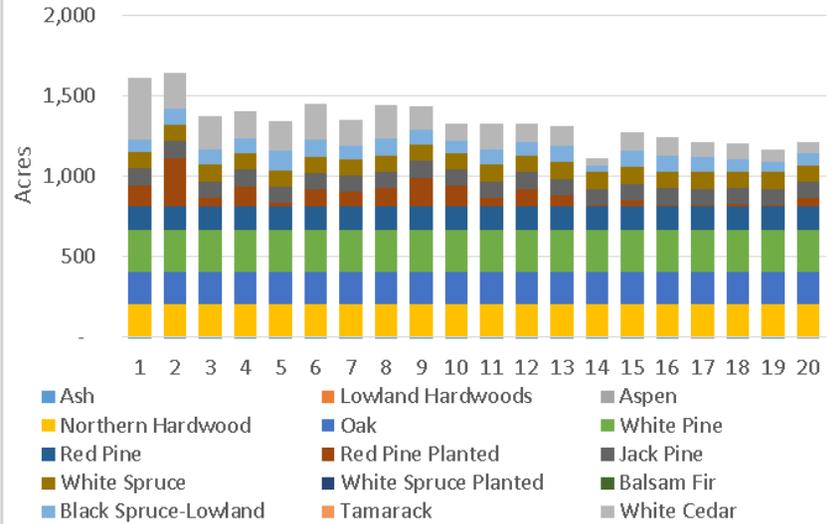
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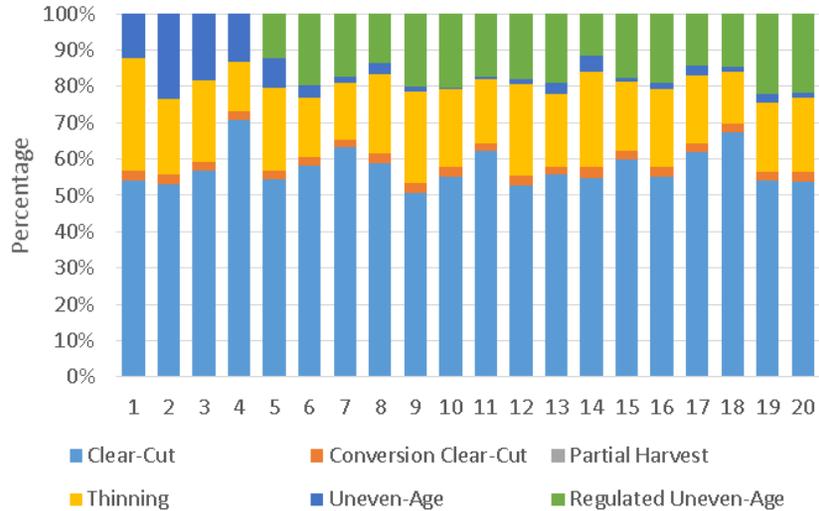
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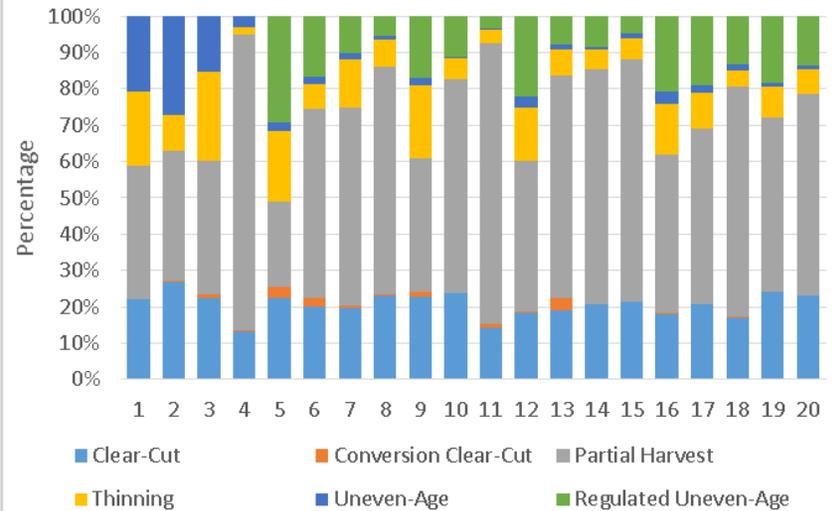
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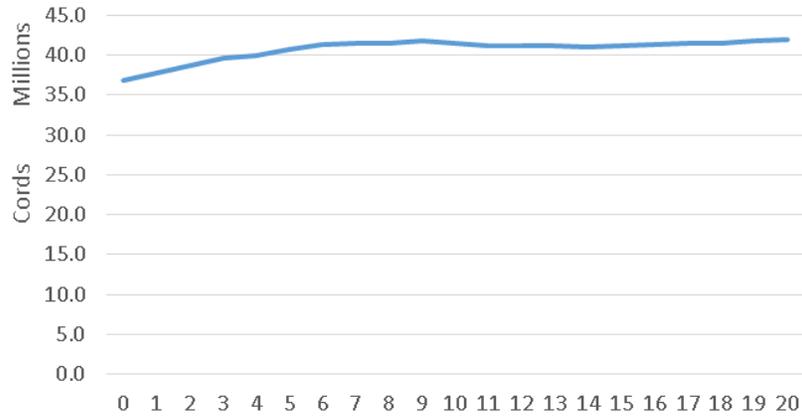
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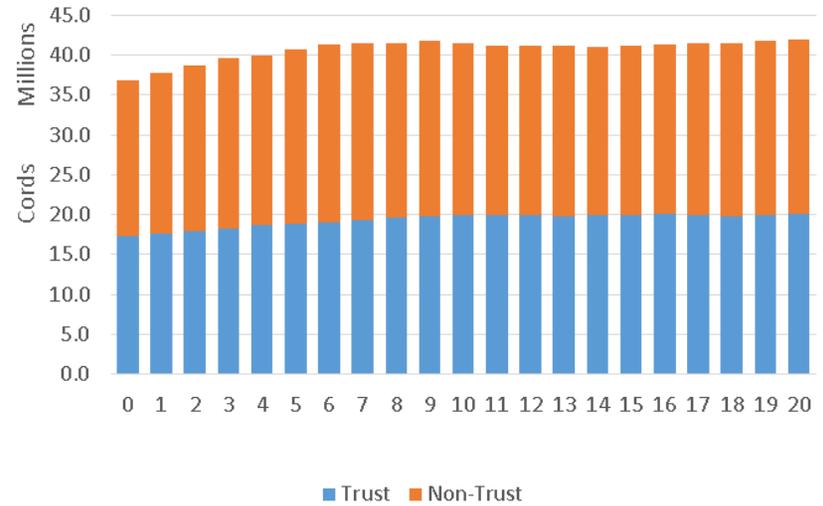
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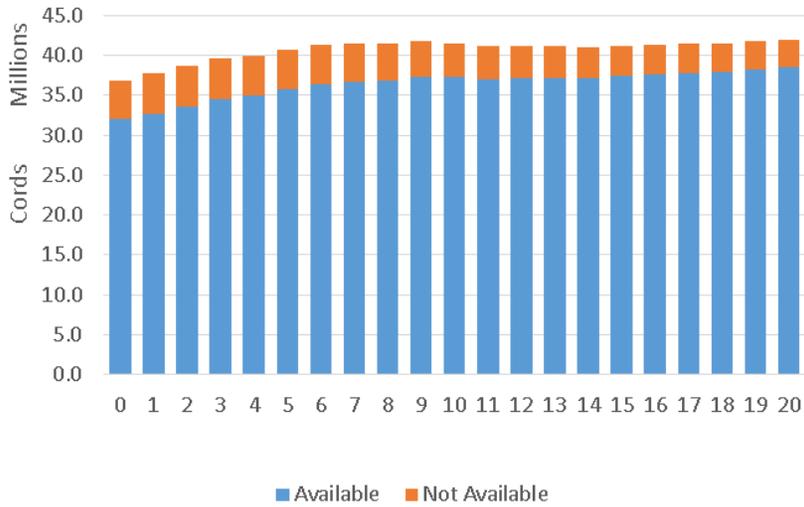
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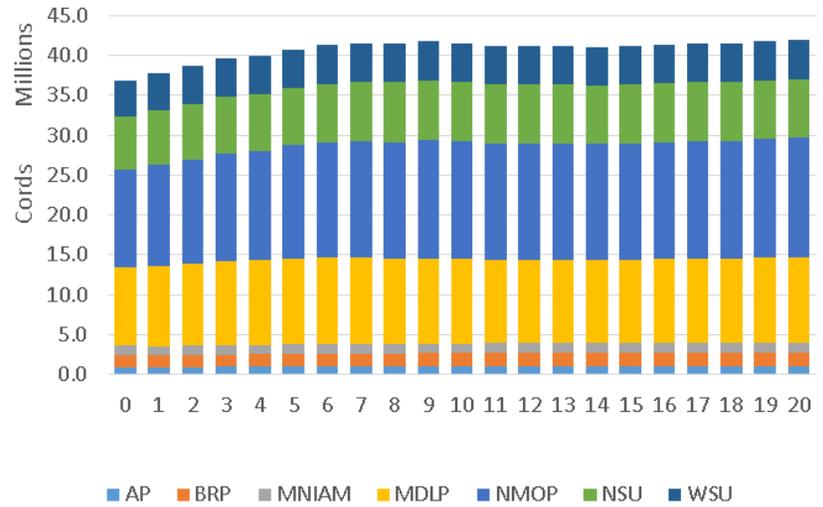
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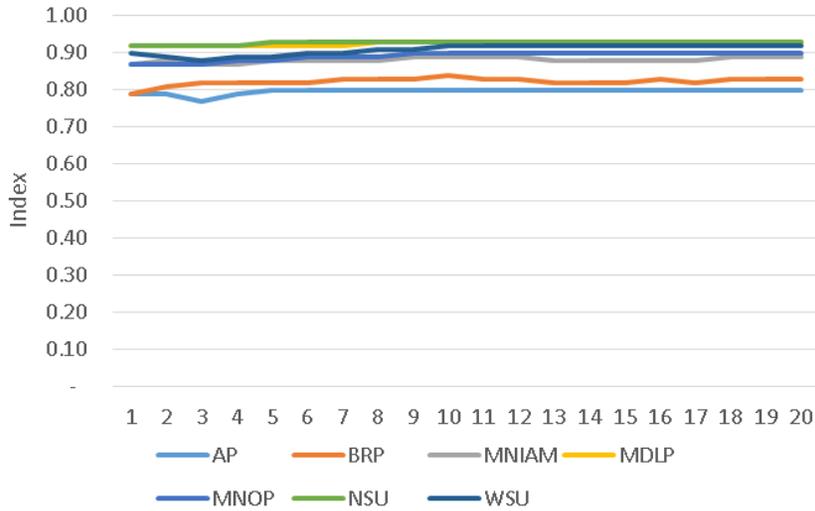
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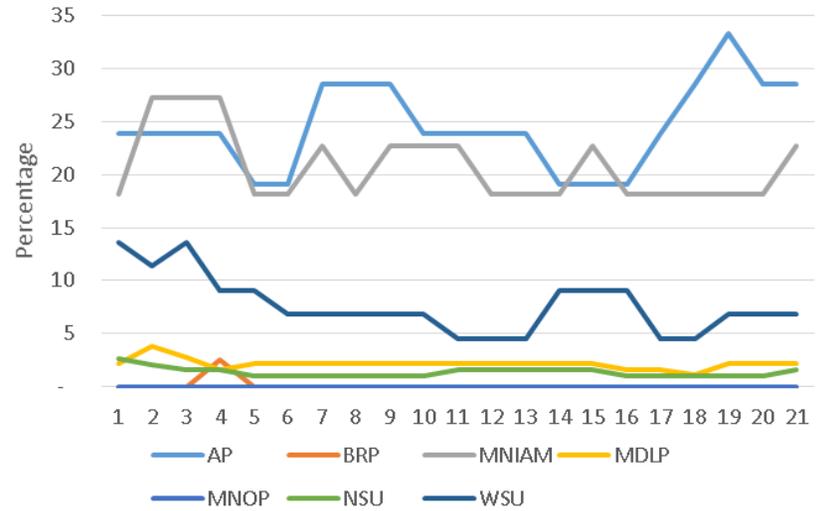
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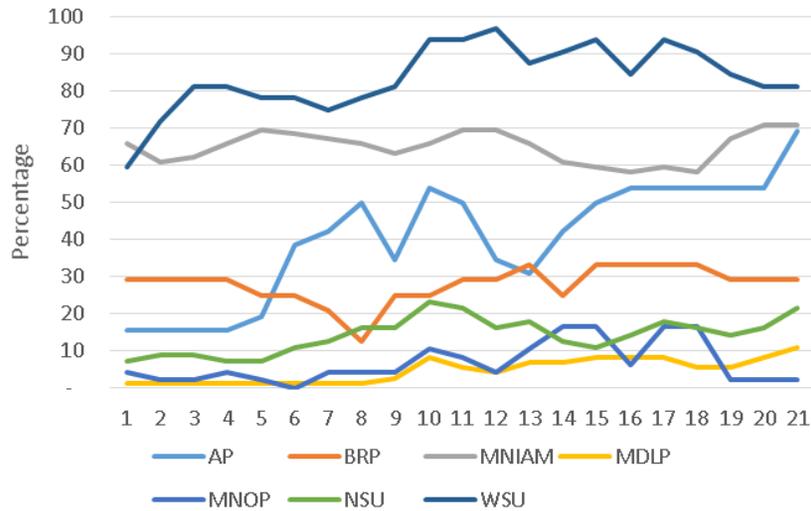
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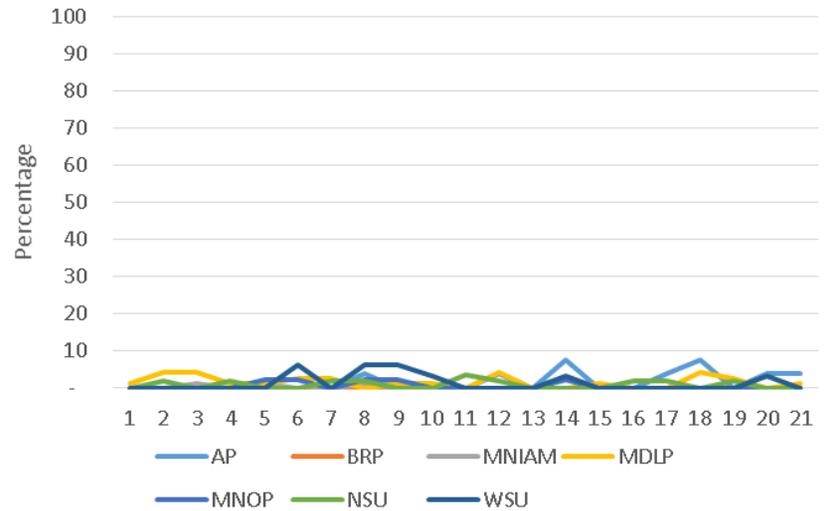
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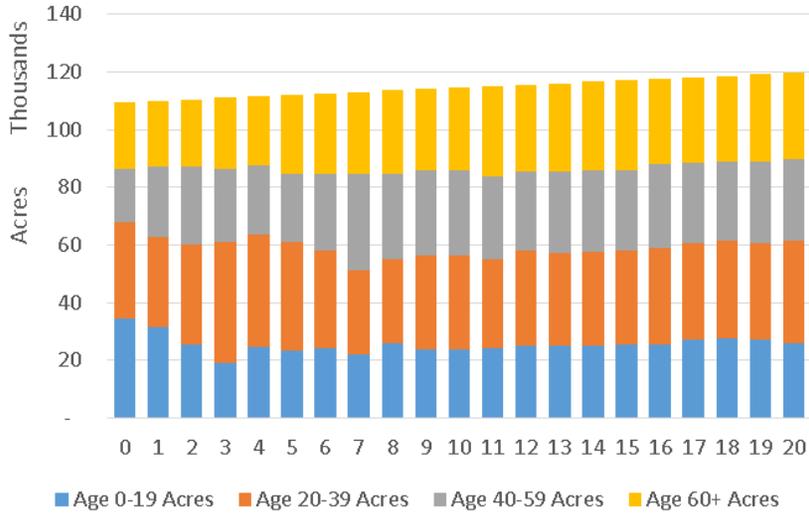
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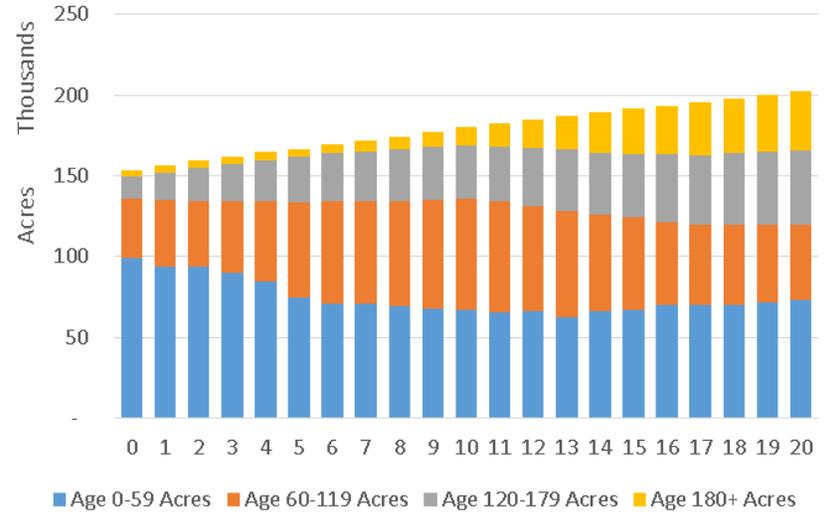
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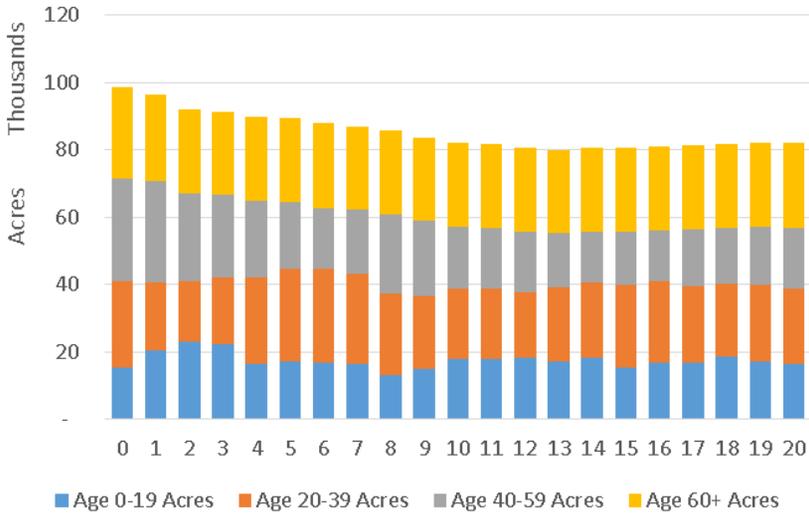
Jack Pine and Uplands Black Spruce Age



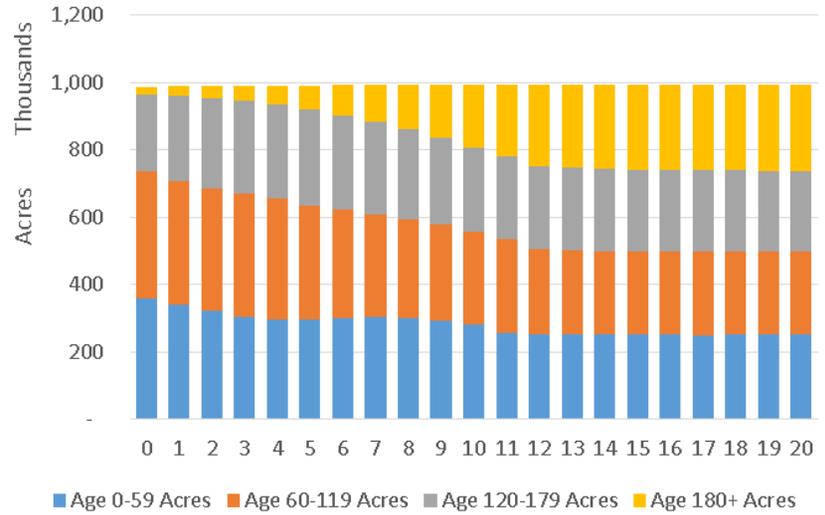
Red and White Pine Age



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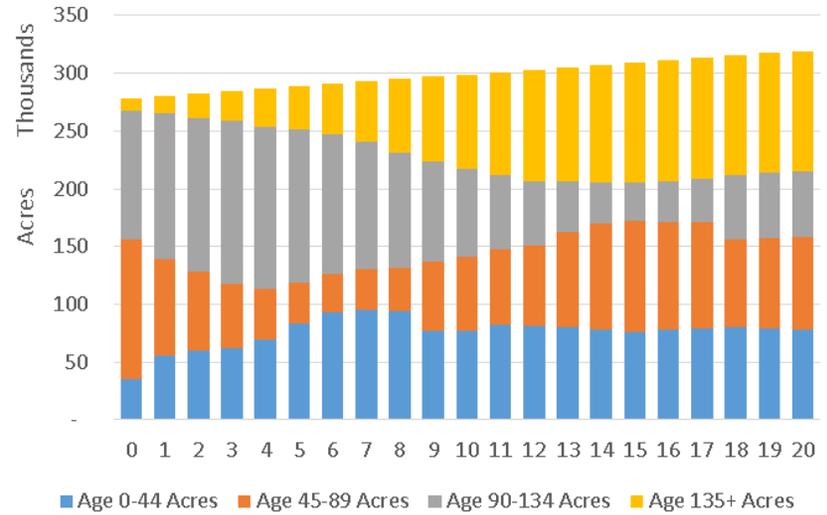
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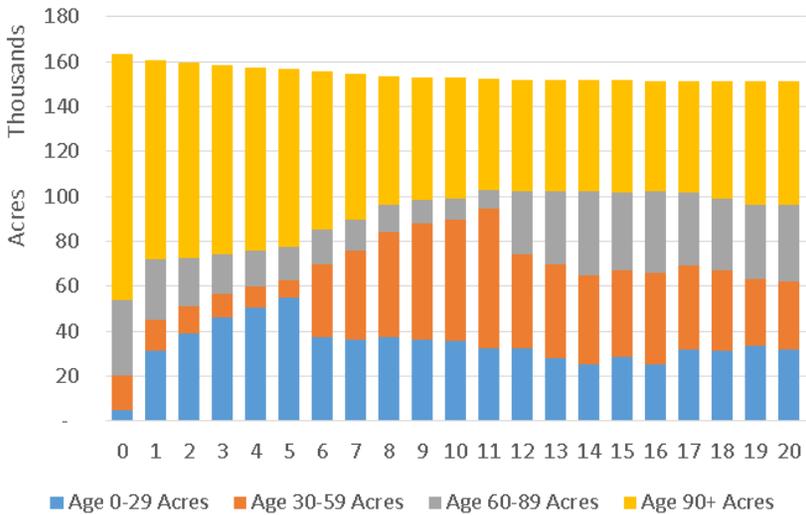
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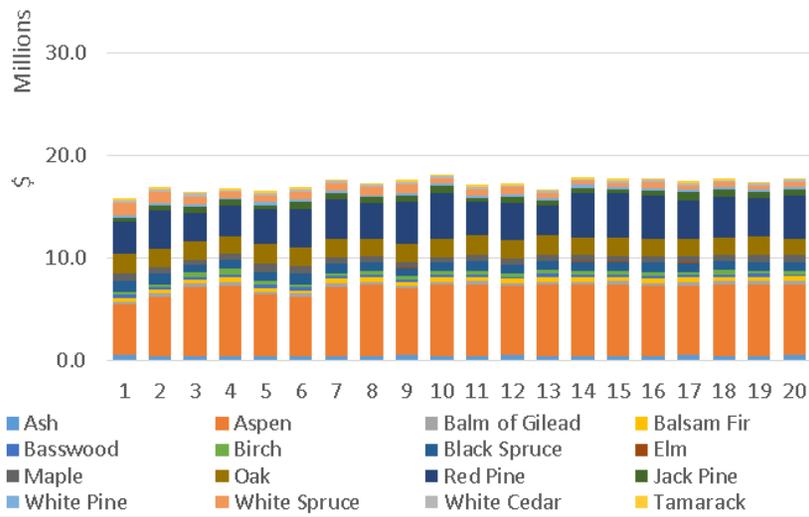
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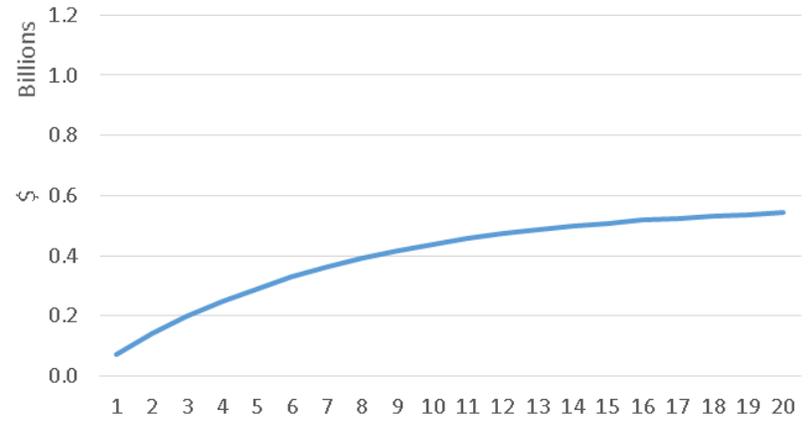
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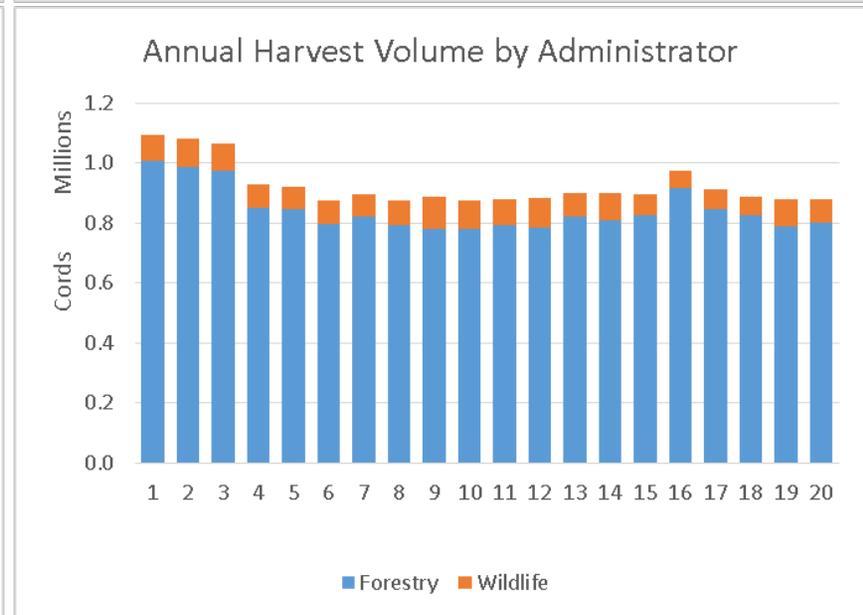
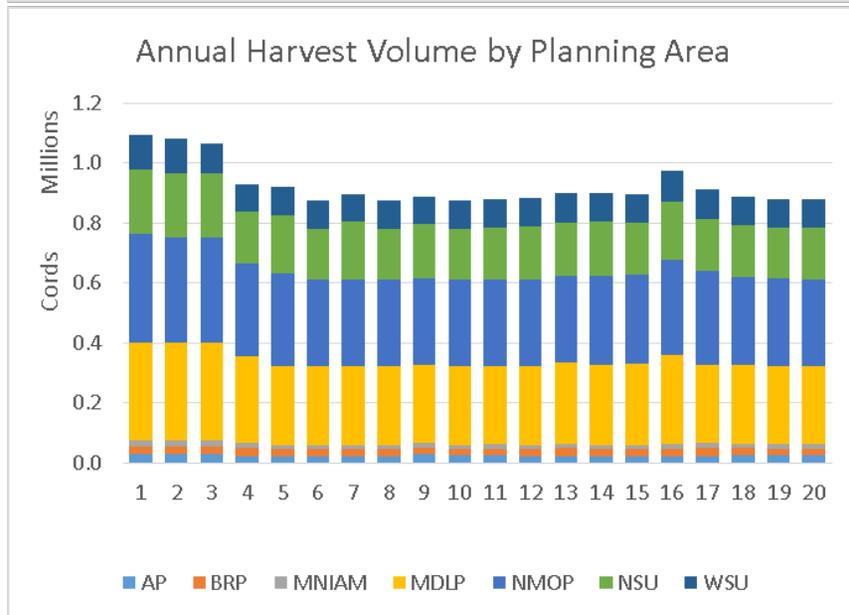
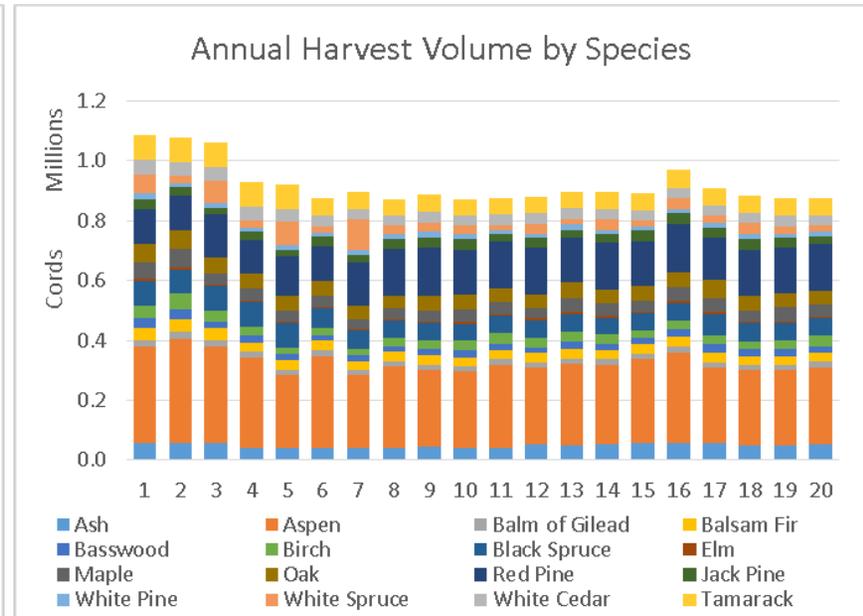
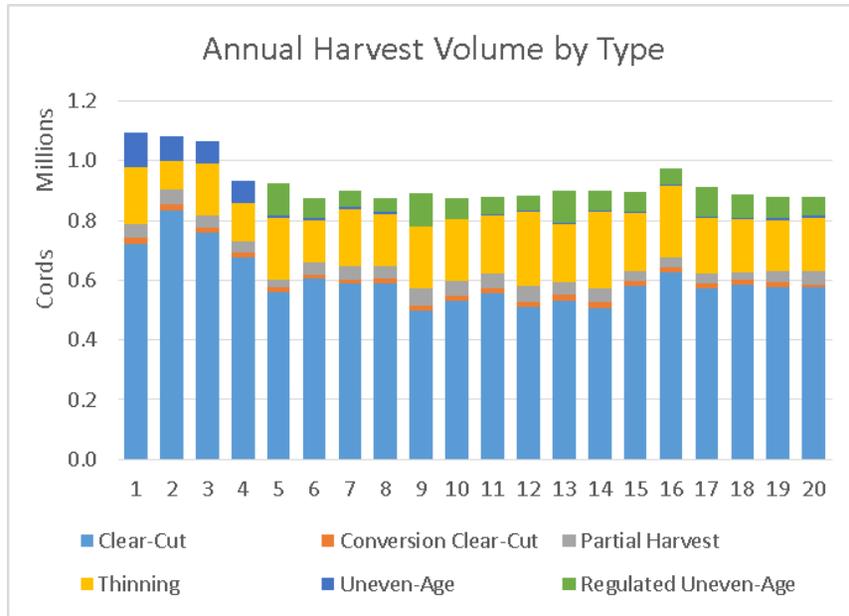
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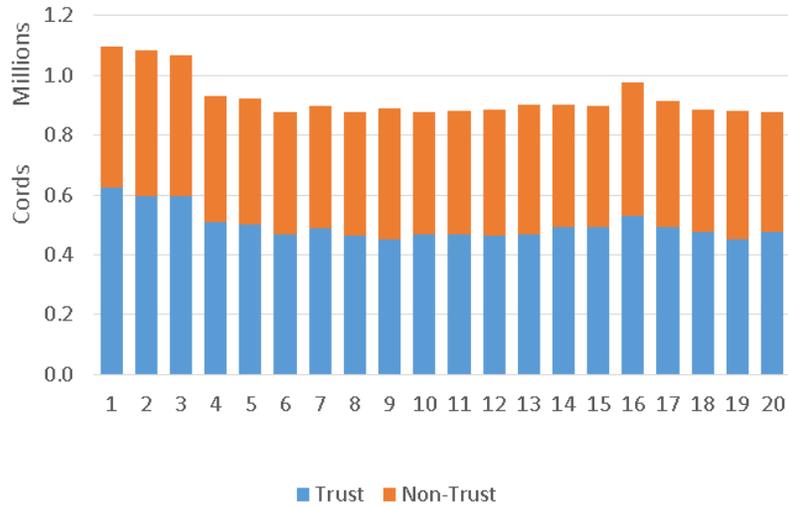
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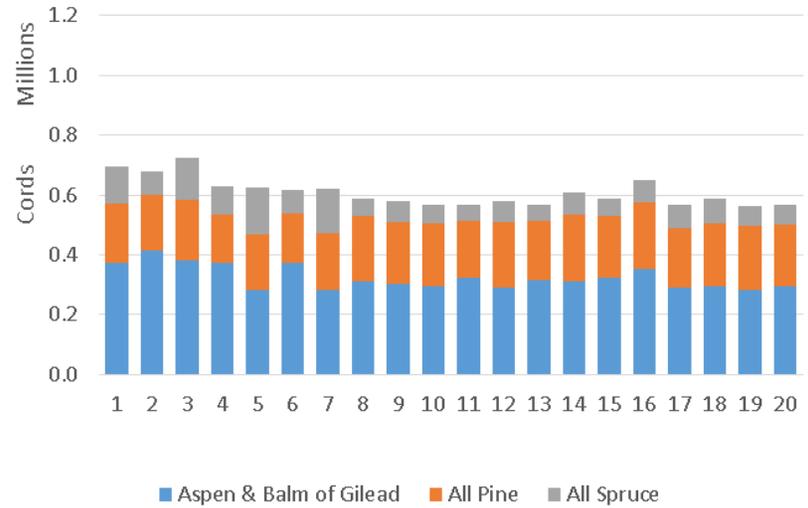
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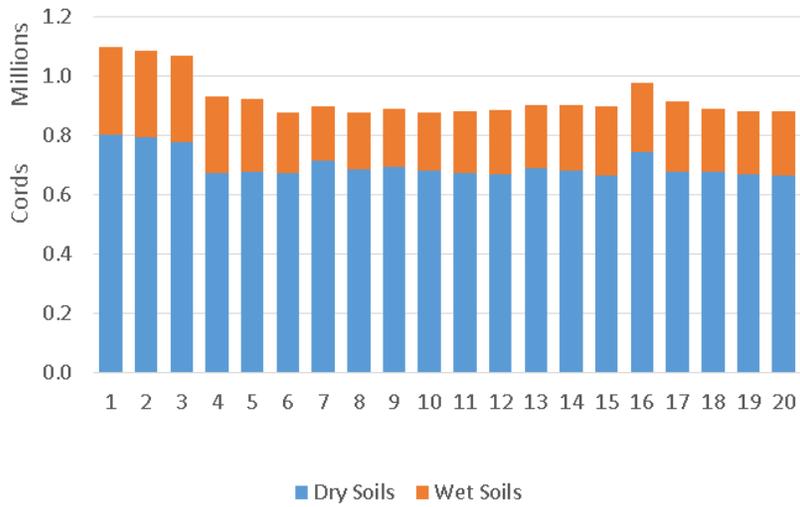
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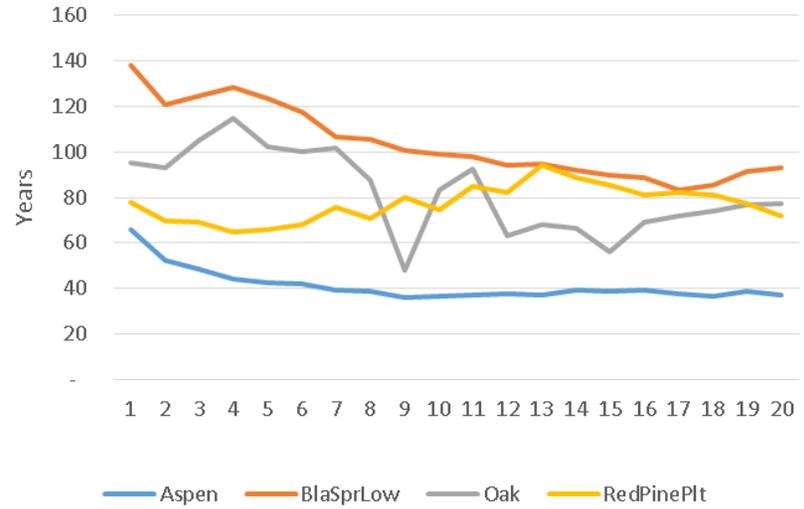
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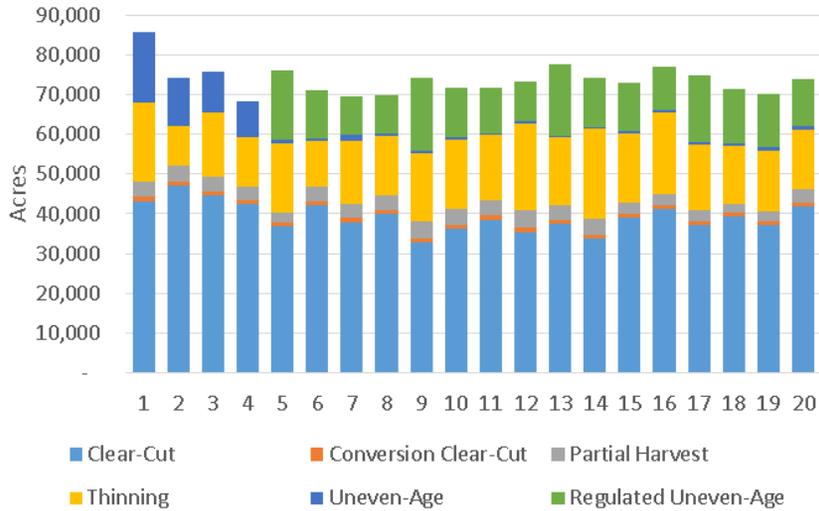
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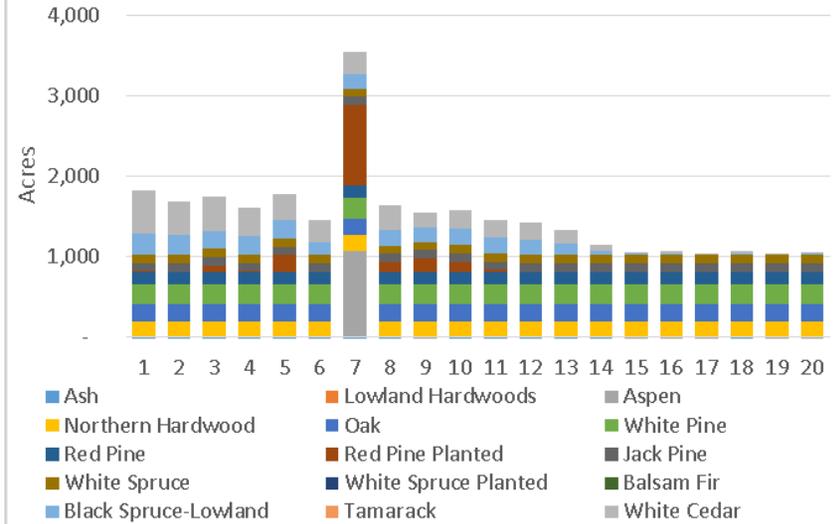
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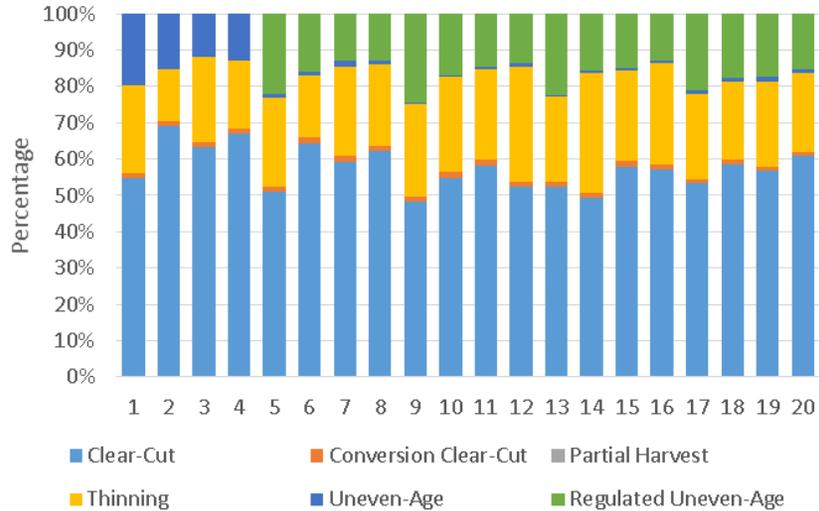
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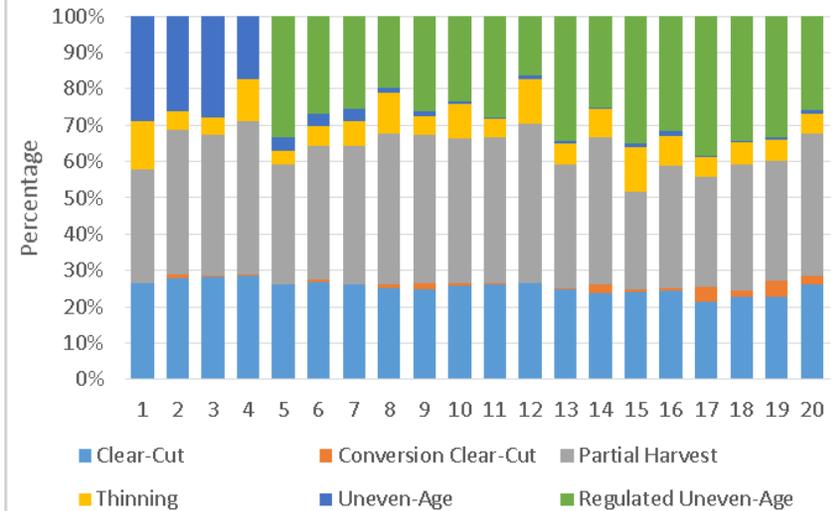
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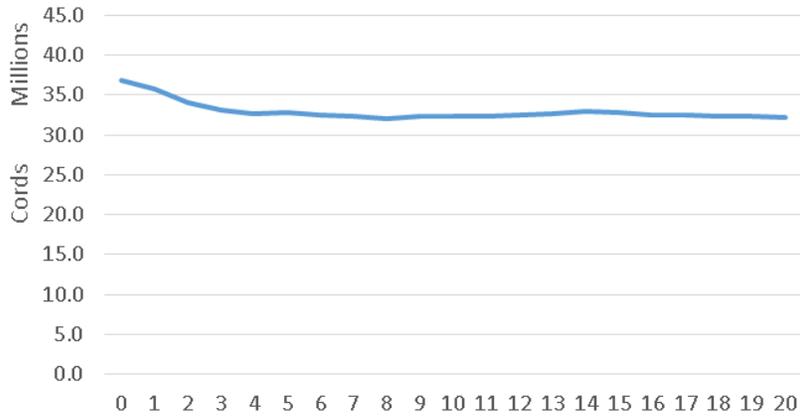
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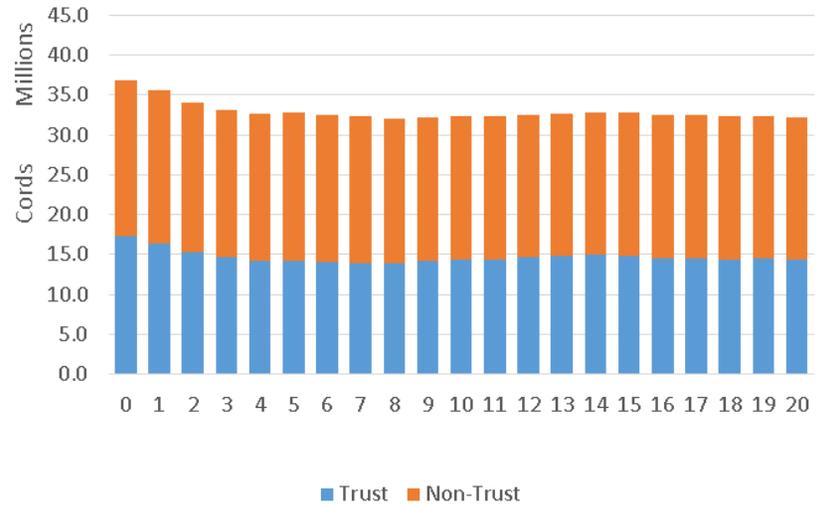
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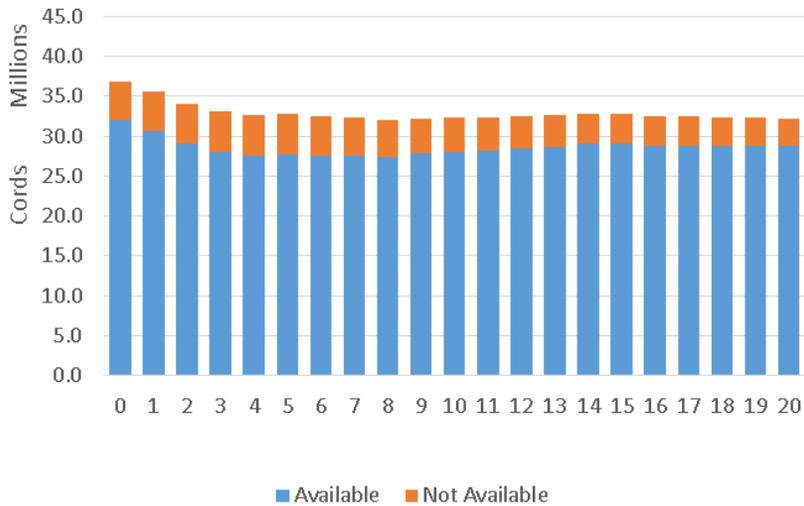
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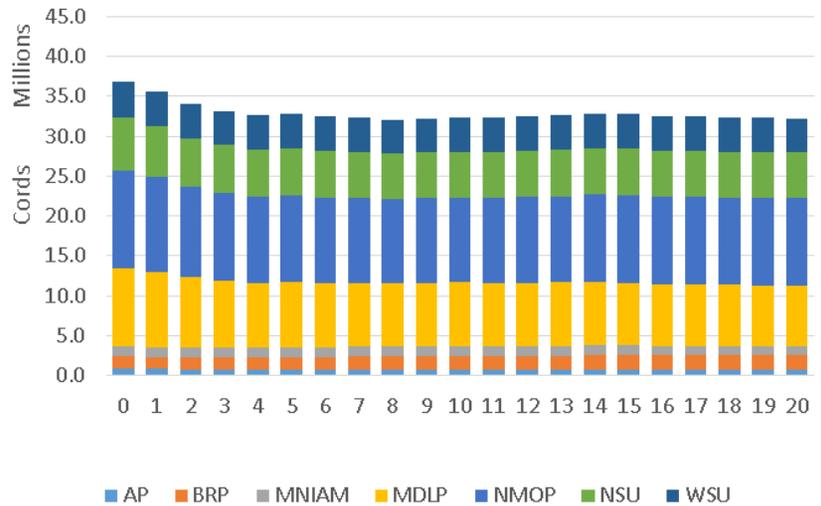
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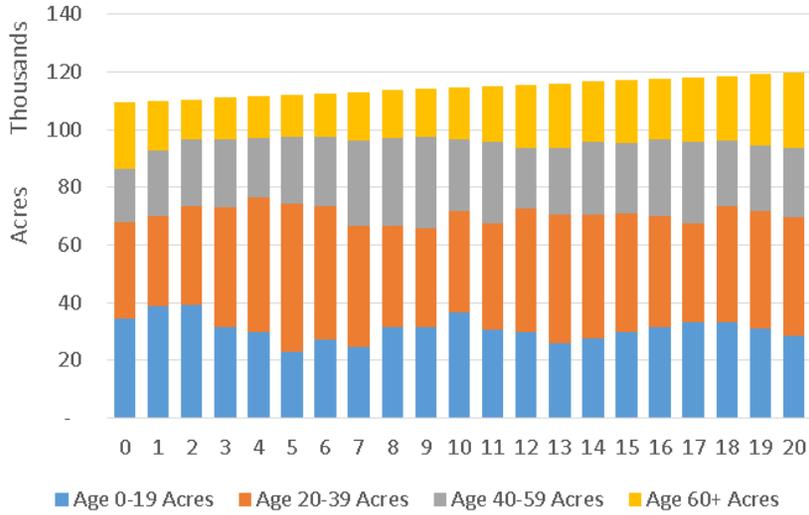


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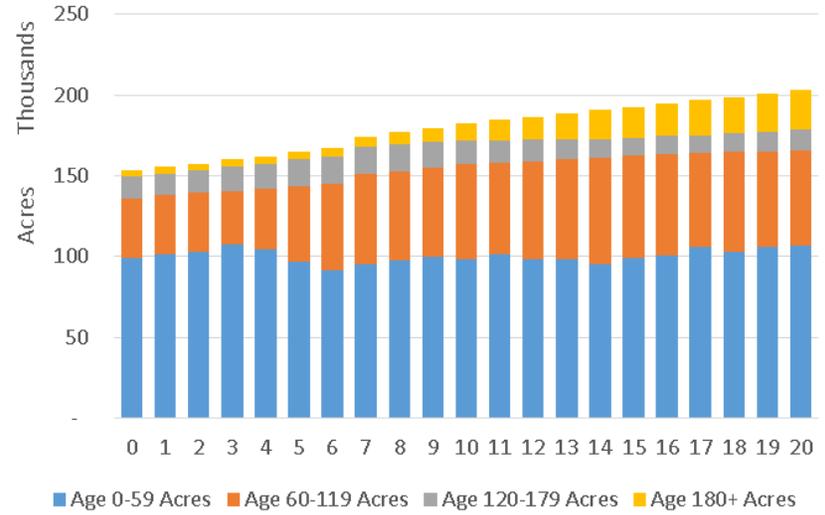




Jack Pine and Uplands Black Spruce Age



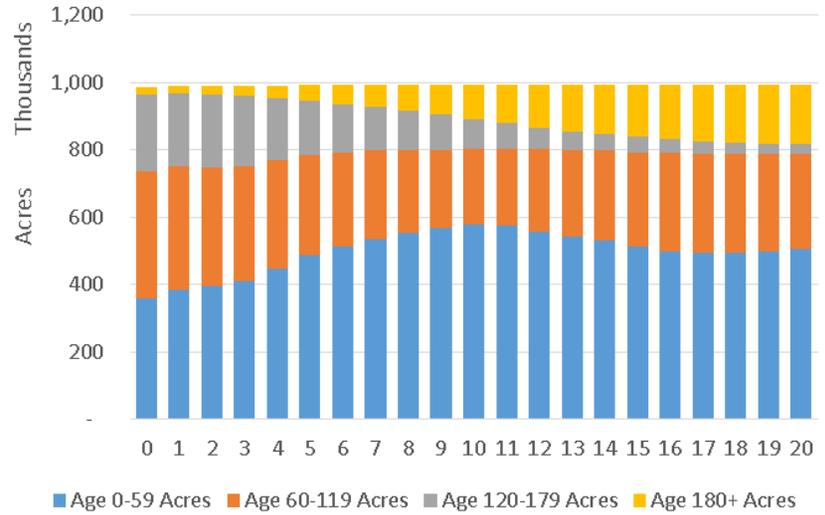
Red and White Pine Age



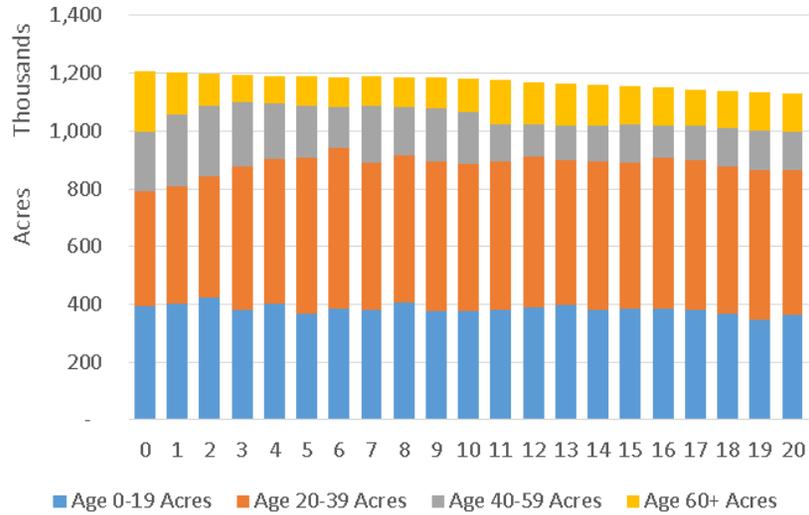
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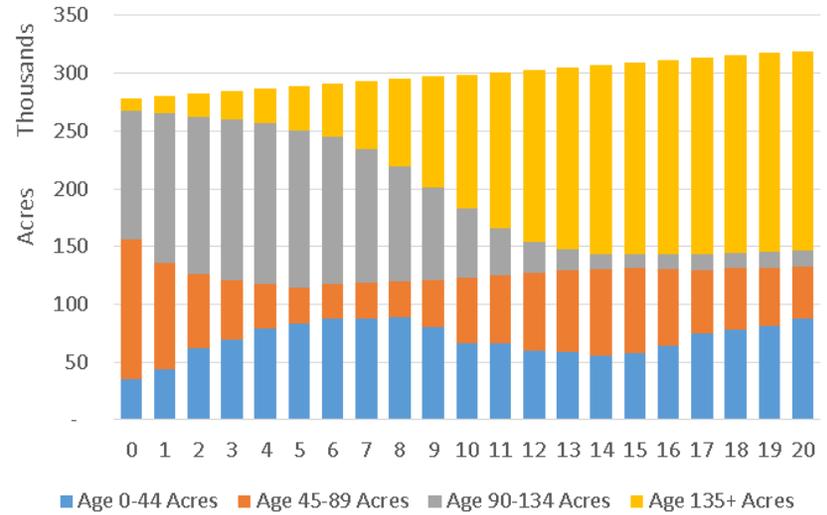
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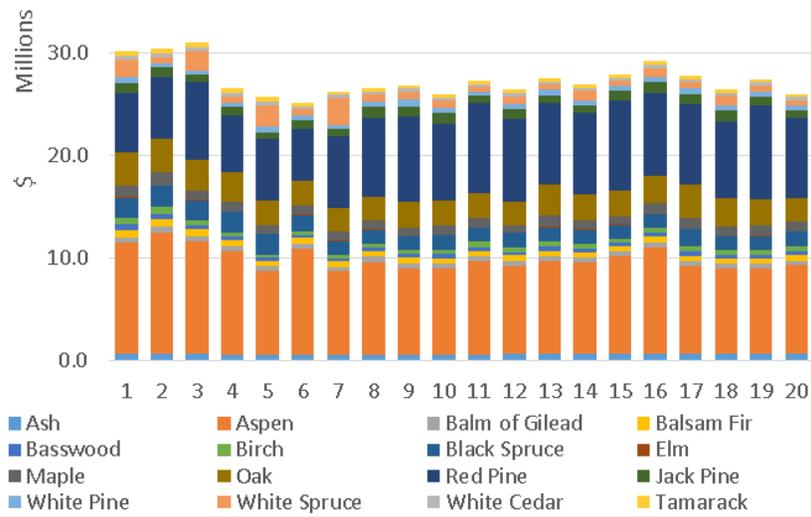
Northern Hardwoods and Oak Age



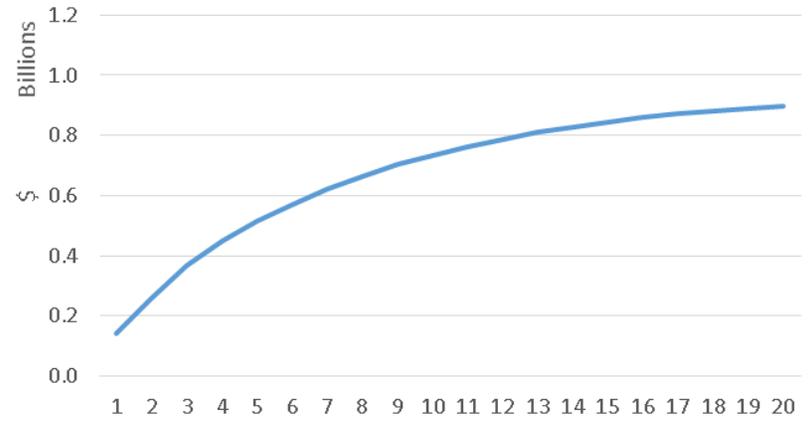
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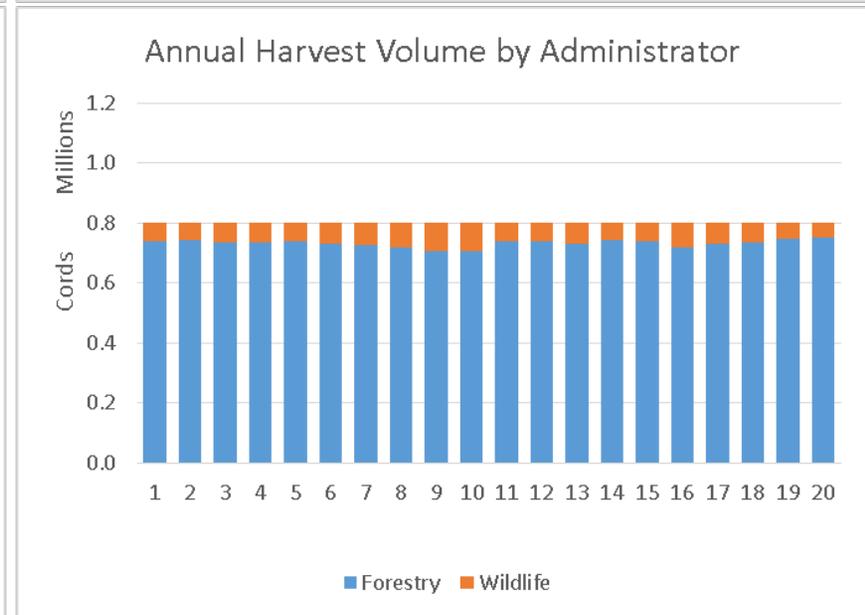
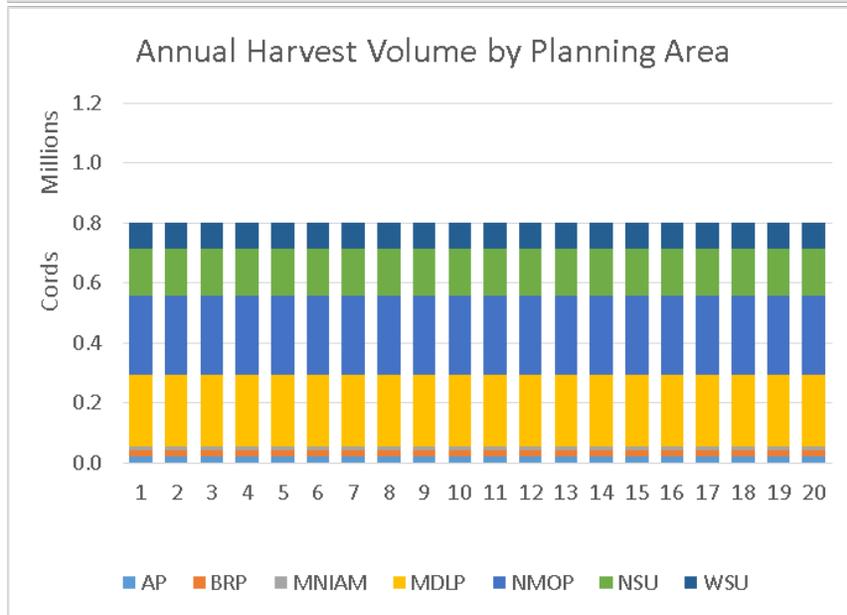
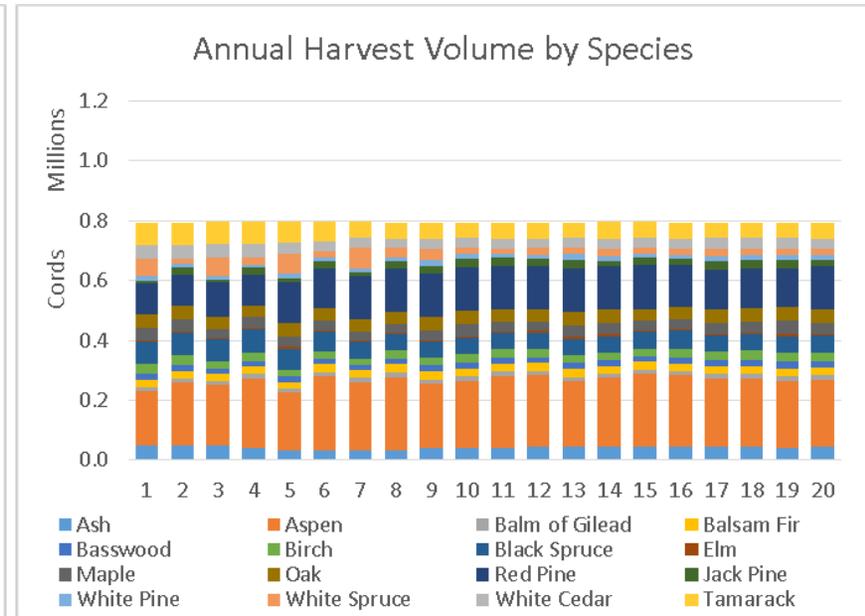
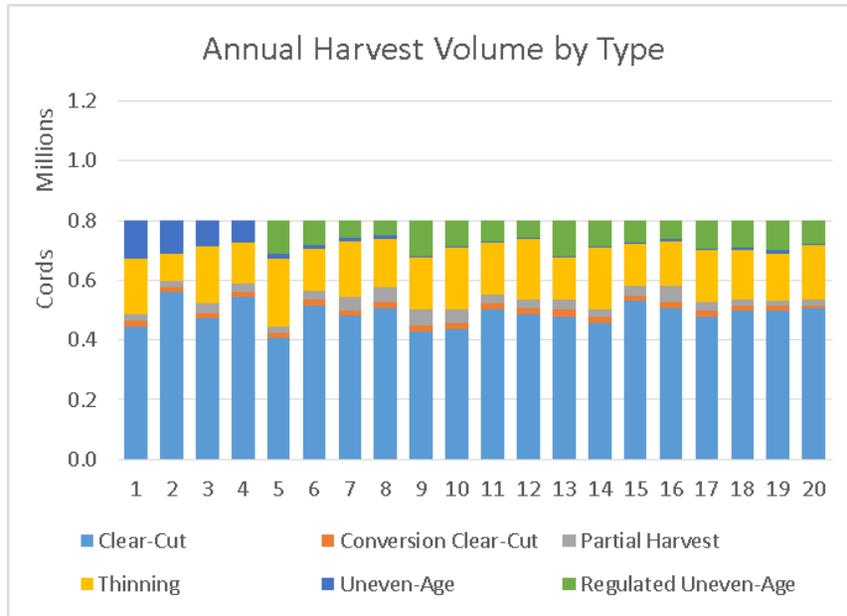
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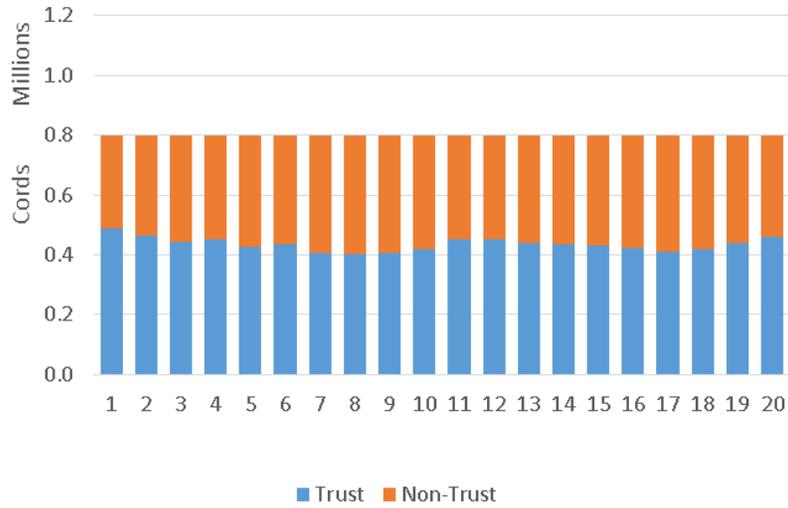
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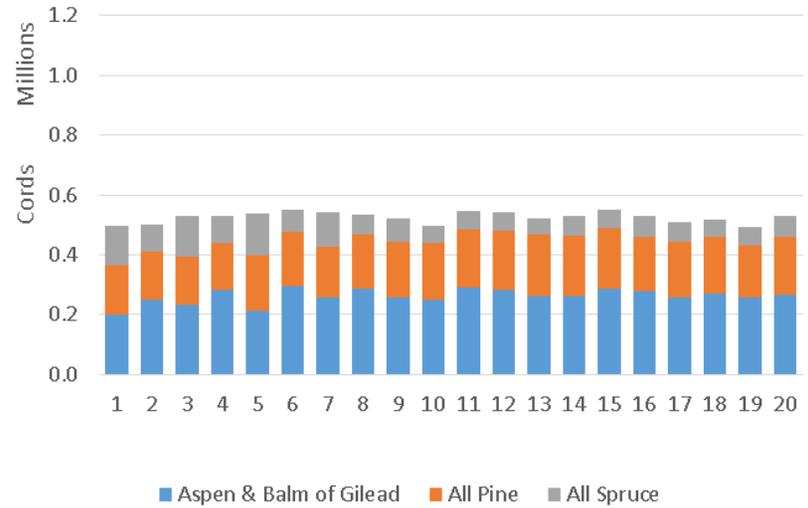
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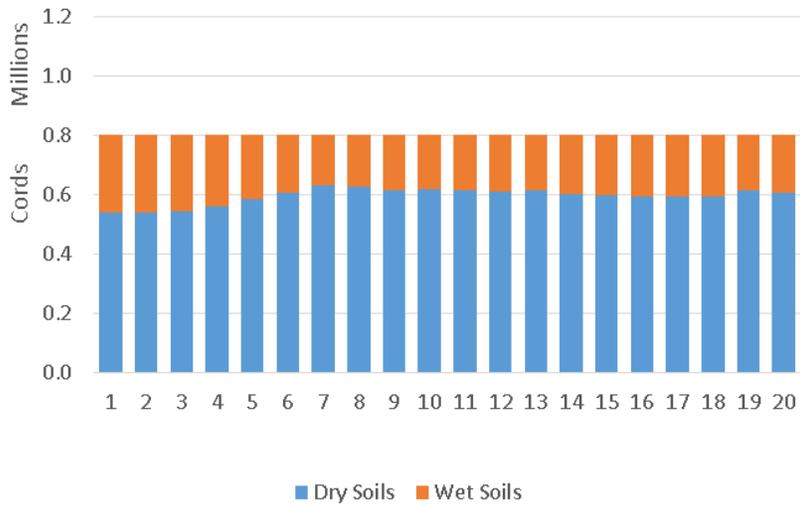
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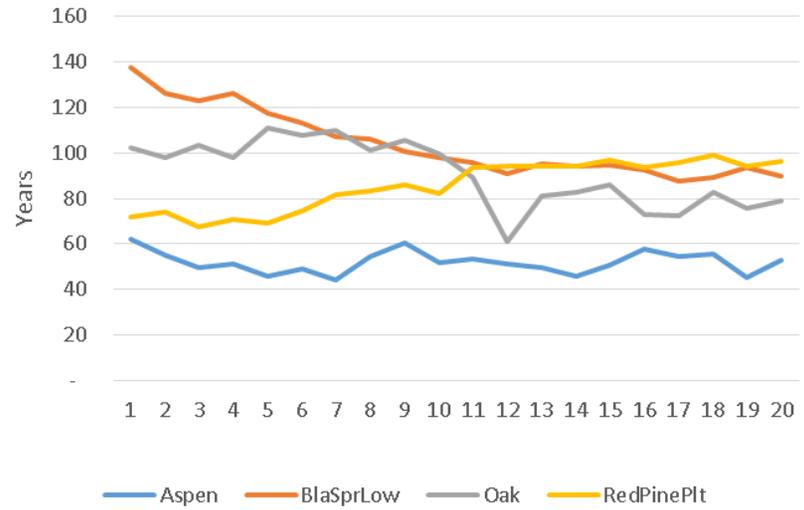
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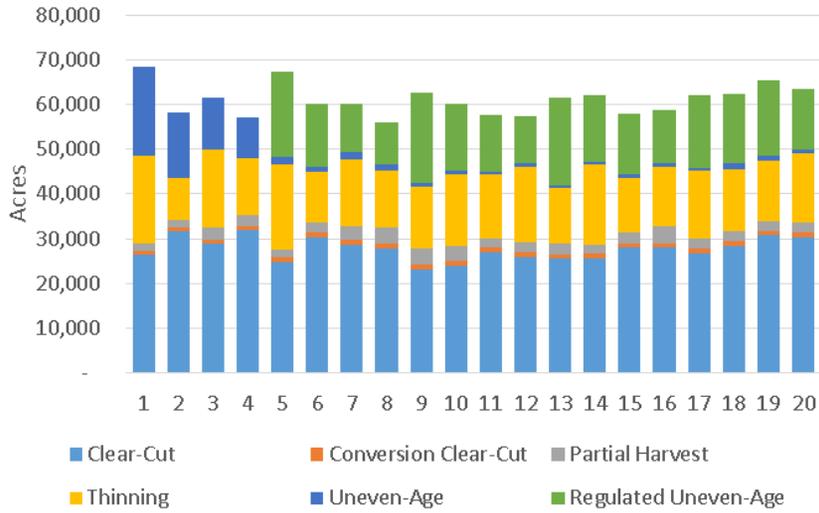
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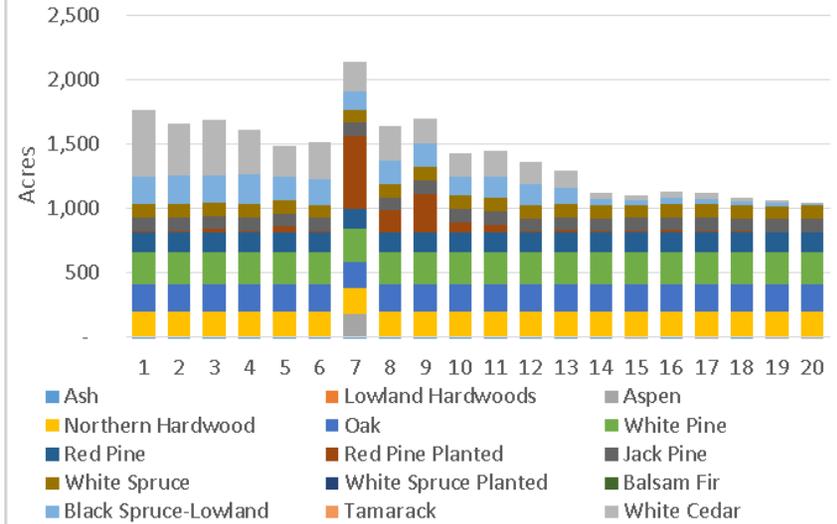
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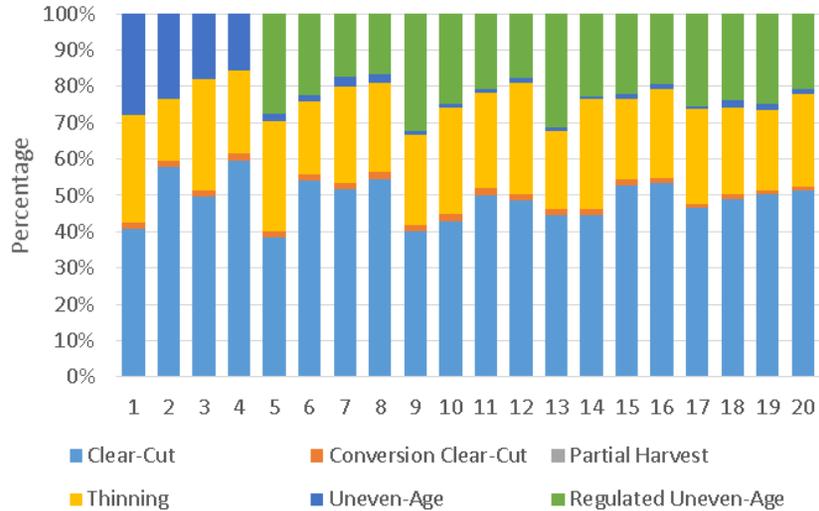
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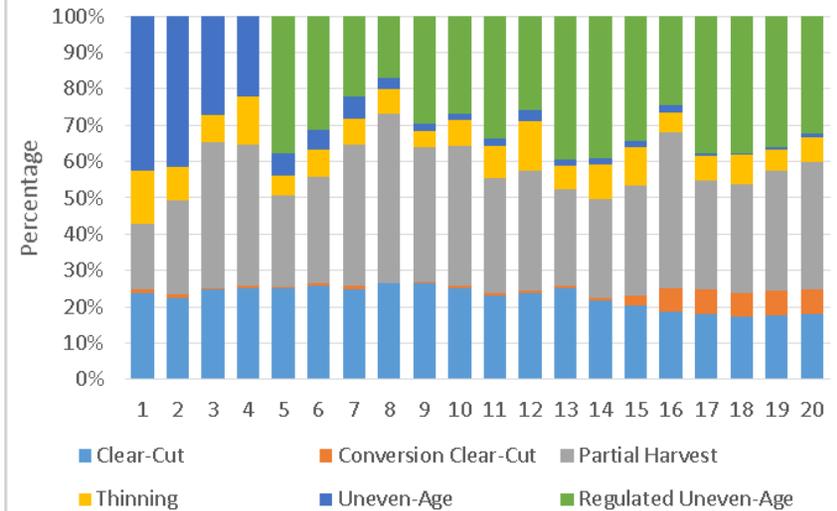
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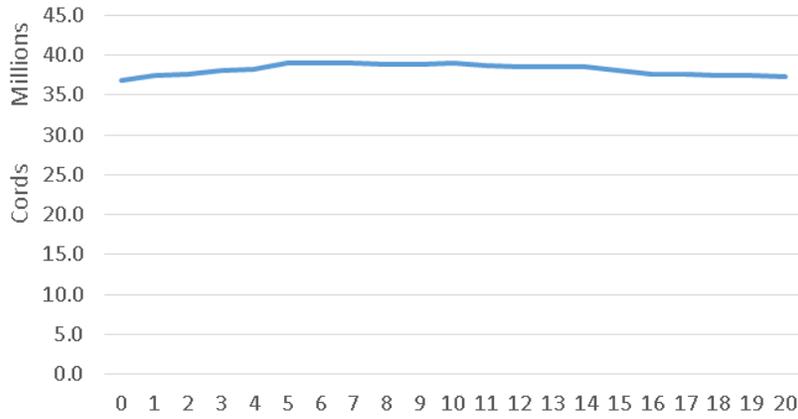
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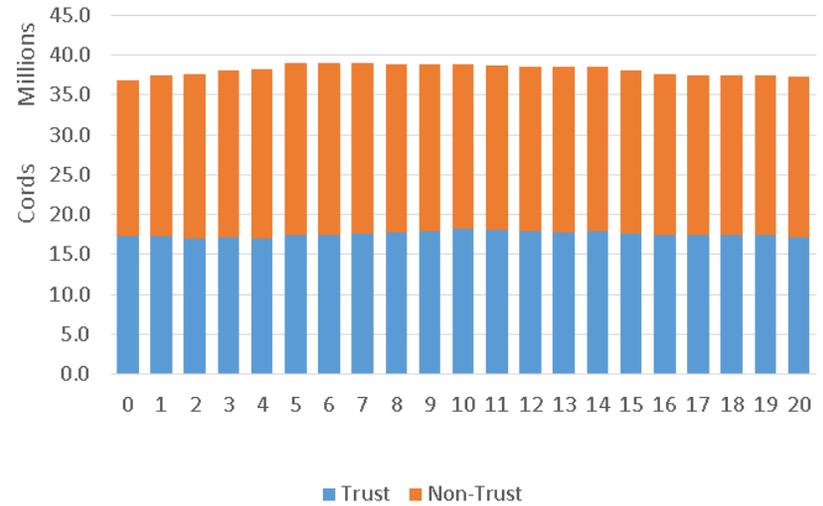
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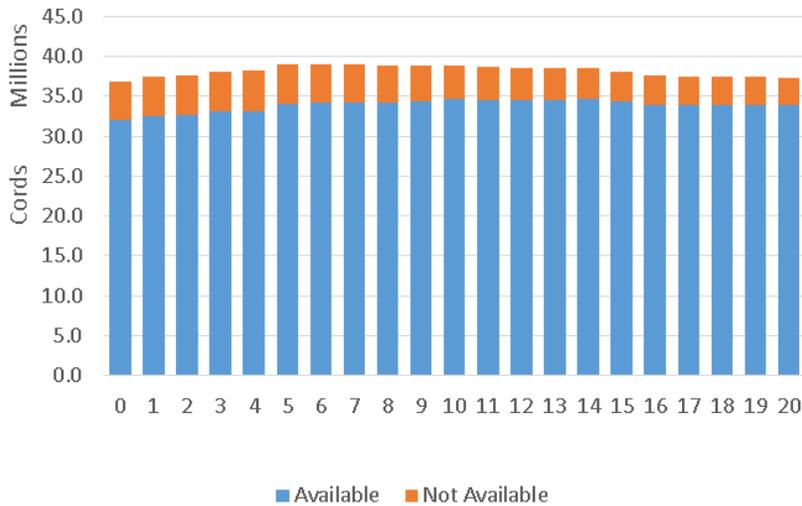
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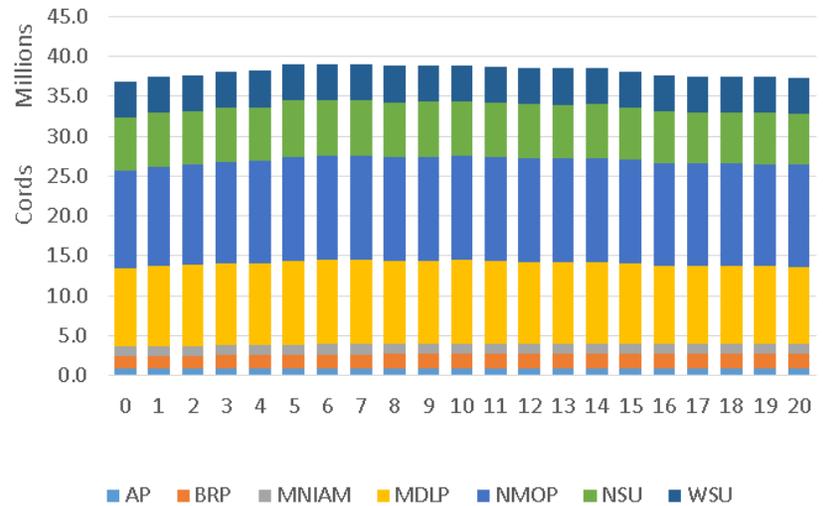
### Total Inventory by Trust Status



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### Total Inventory by Planning Area

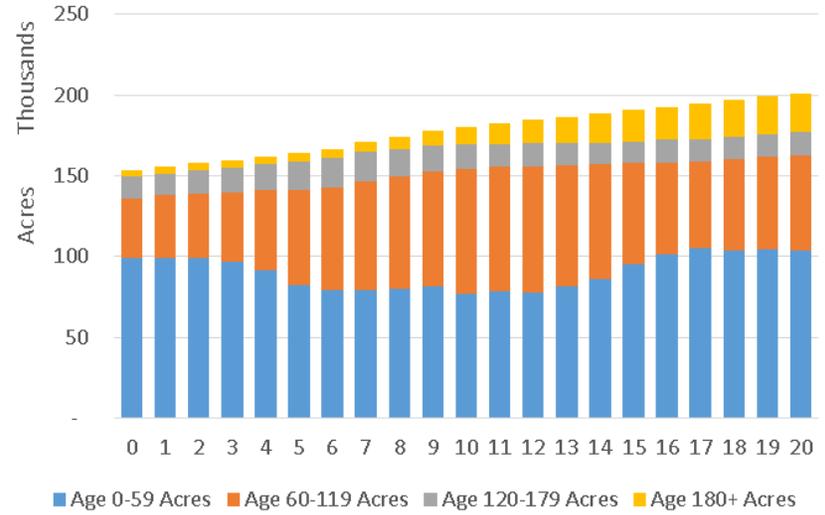




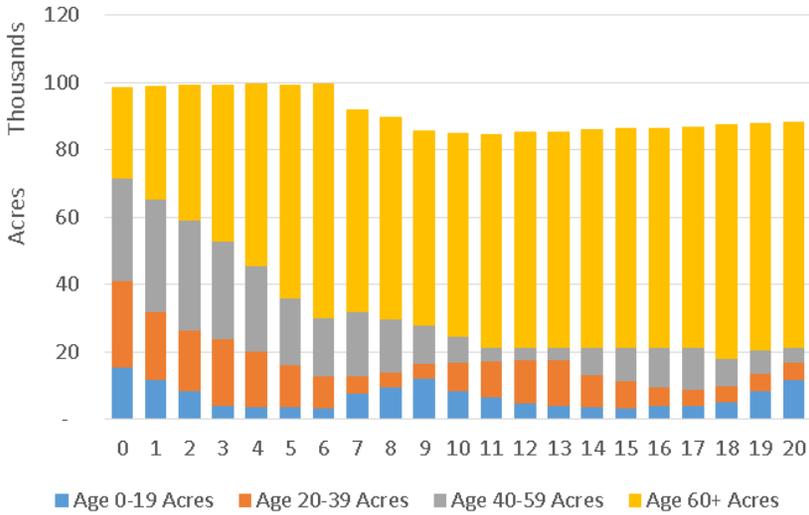
Jack Pine and Uplands Black Spruce Age



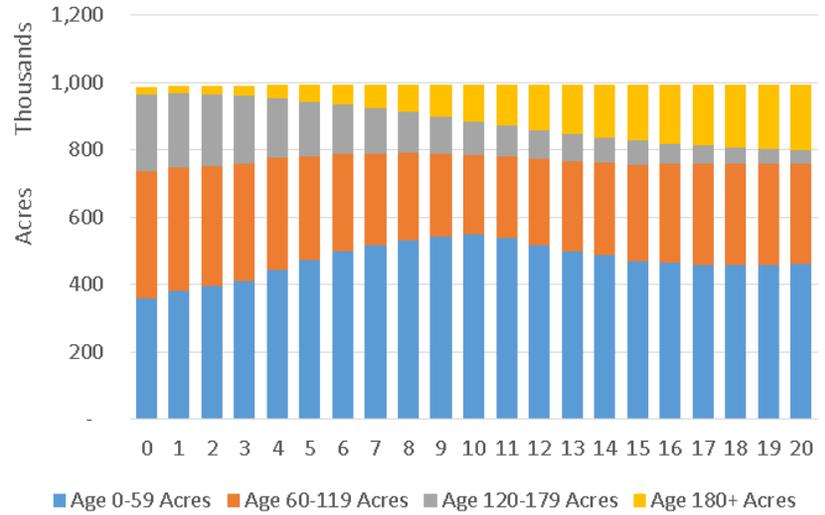
Red and White Pine Age



Balsam Fir and White Spruce Age



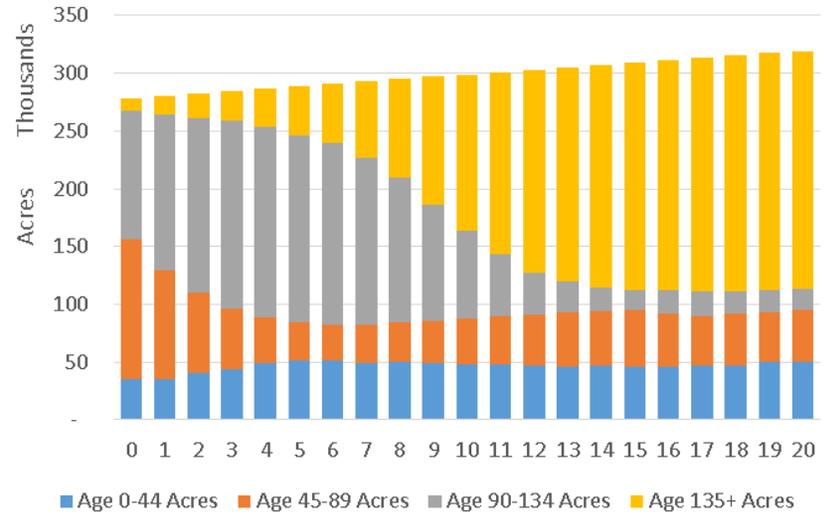
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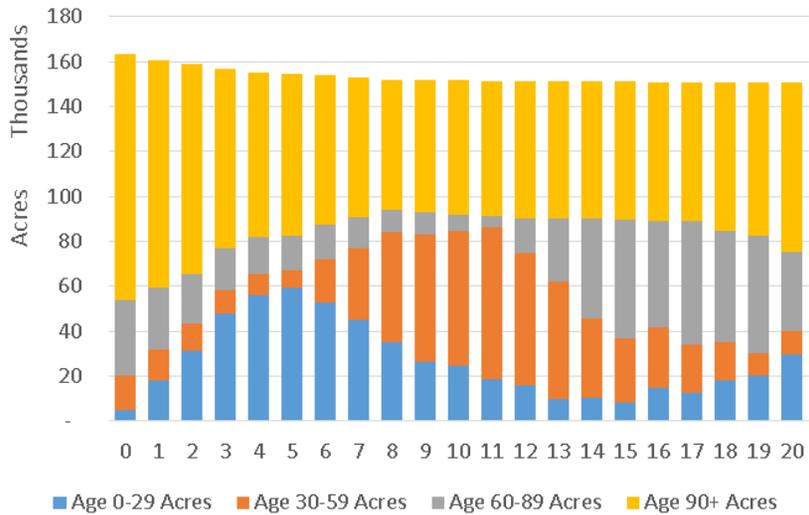
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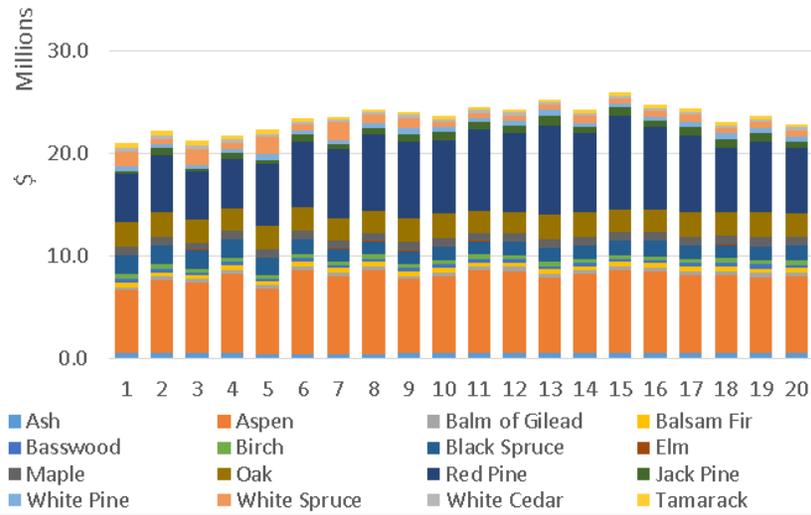
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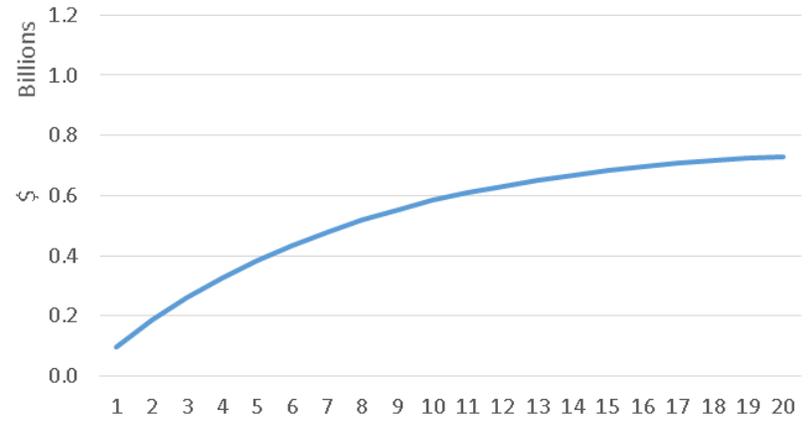
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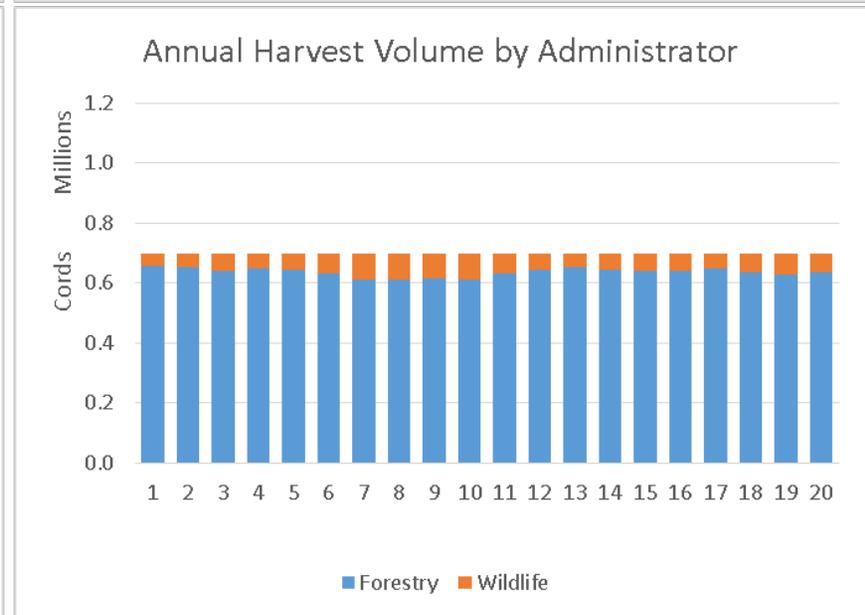
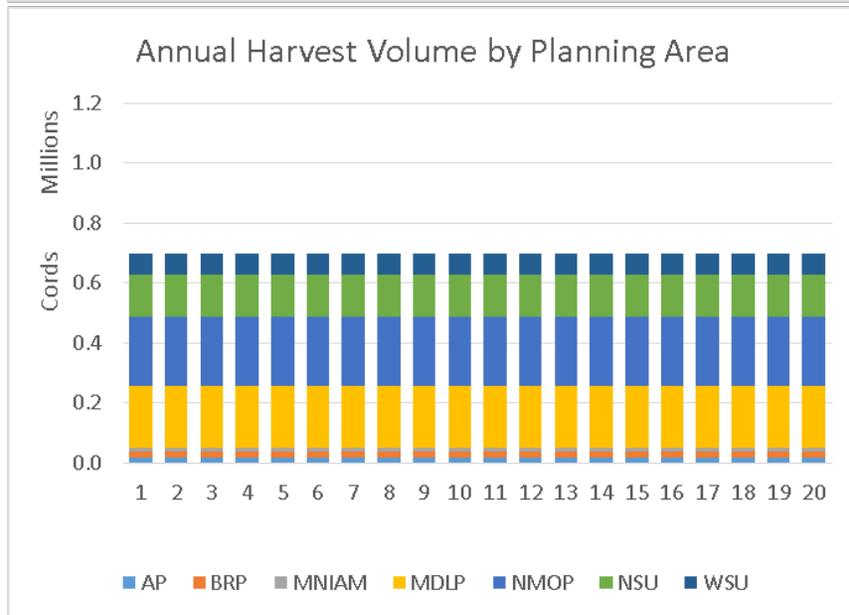
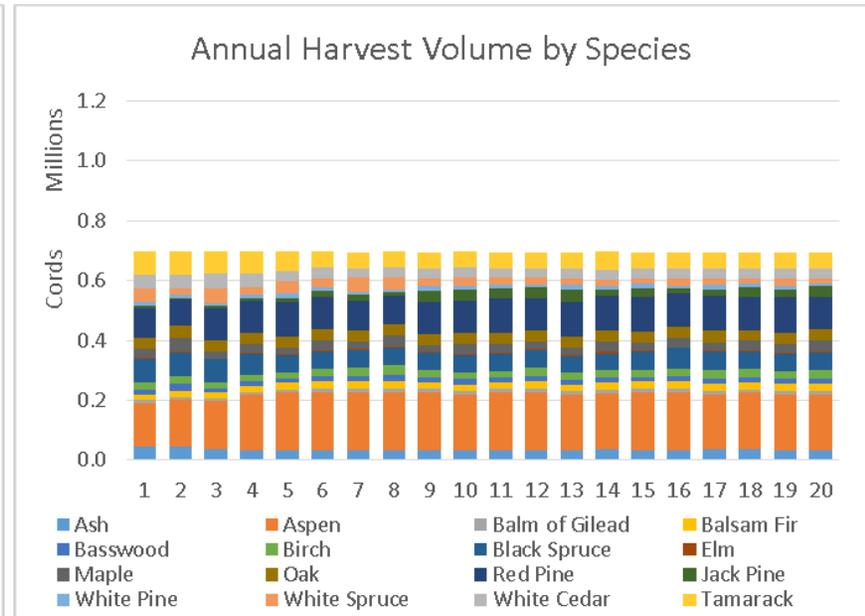
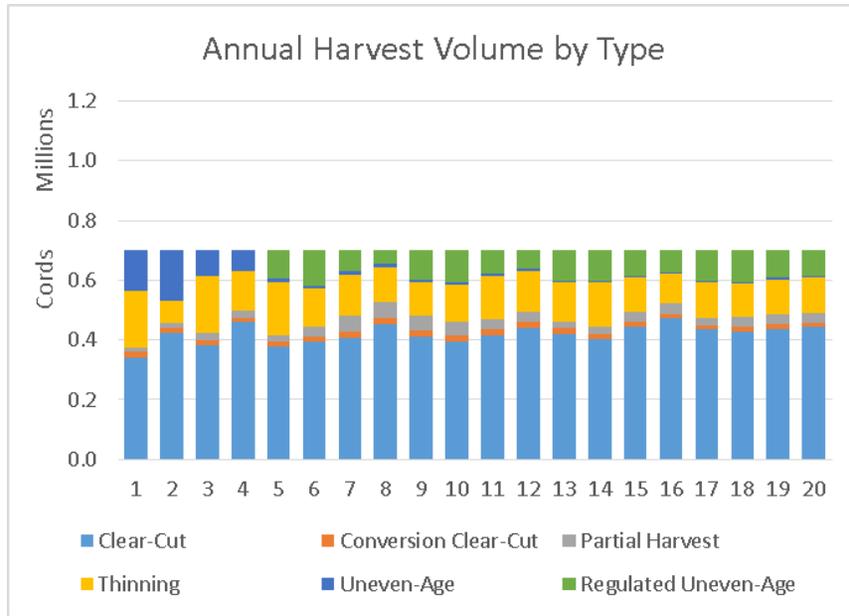
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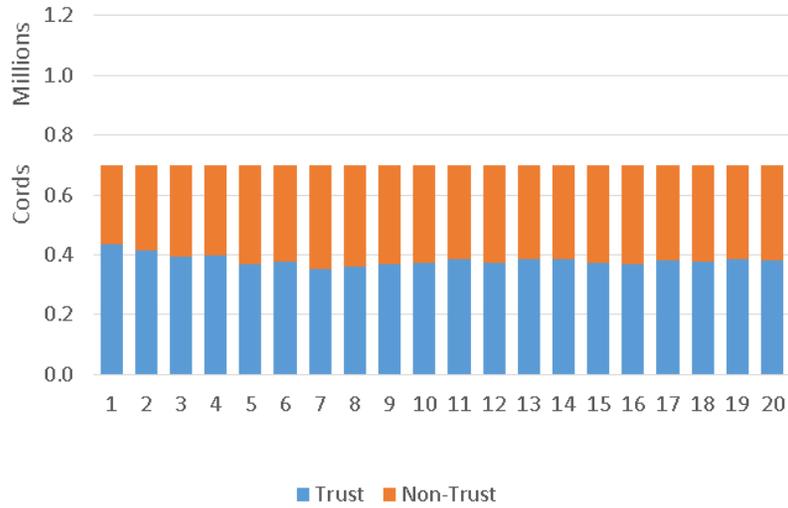
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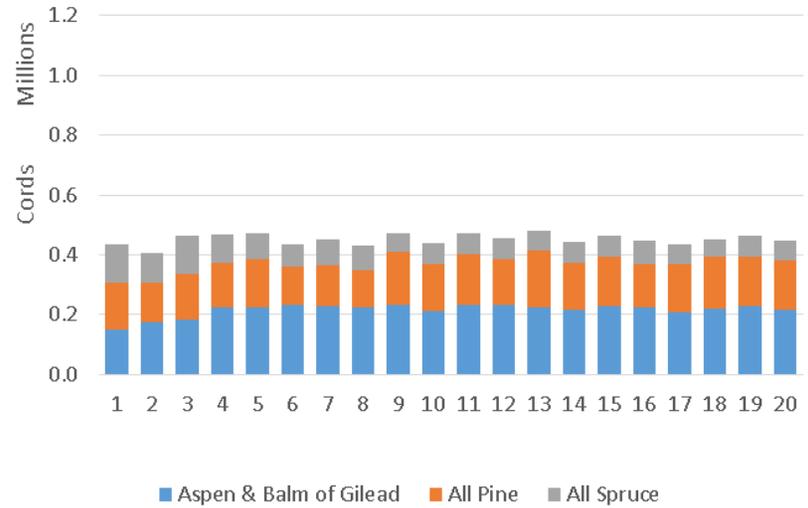
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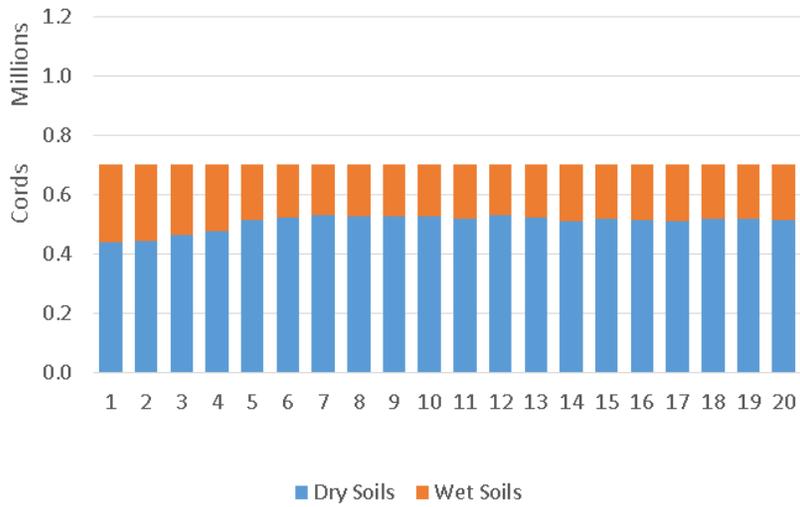
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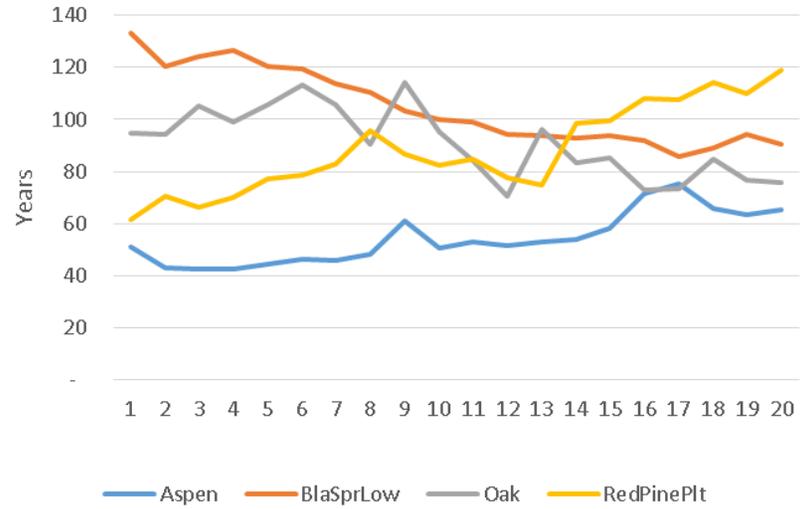
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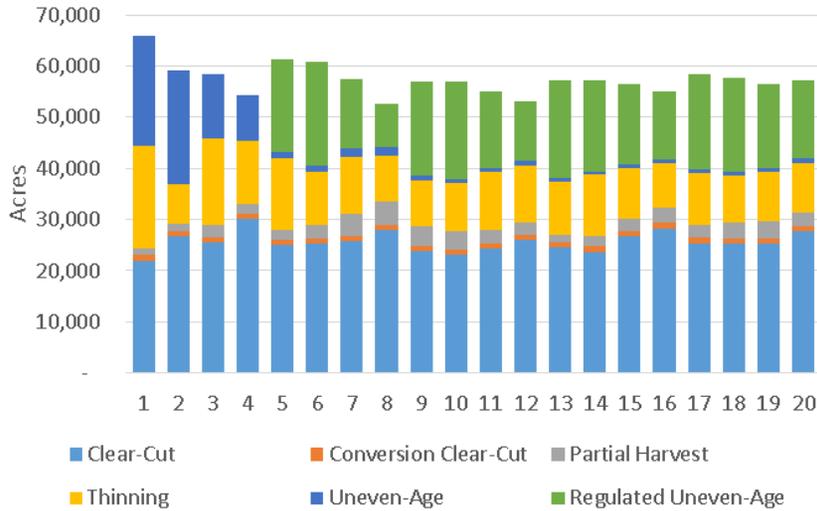
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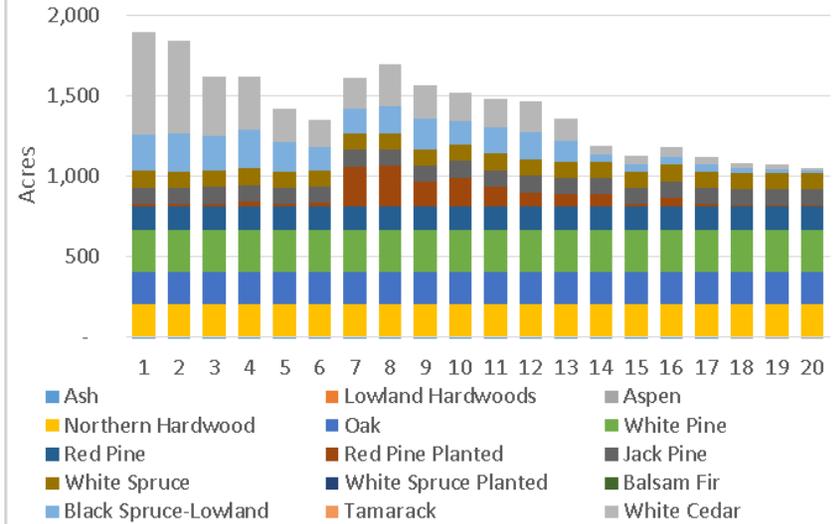
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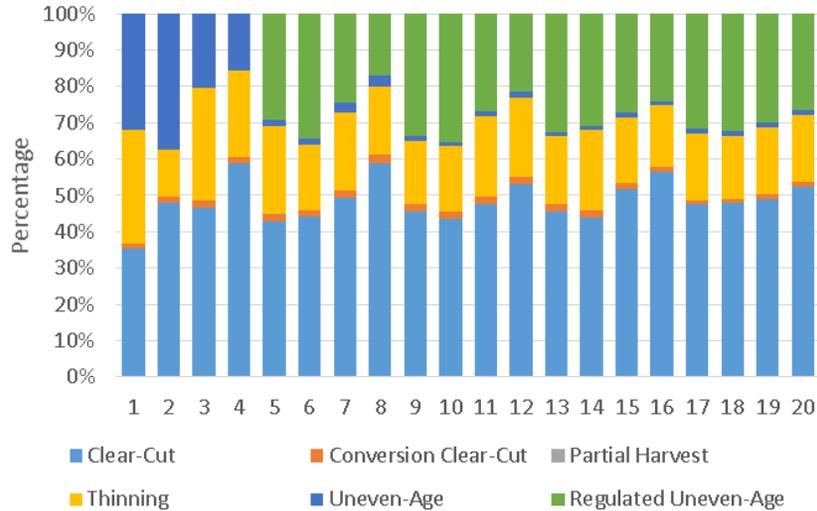
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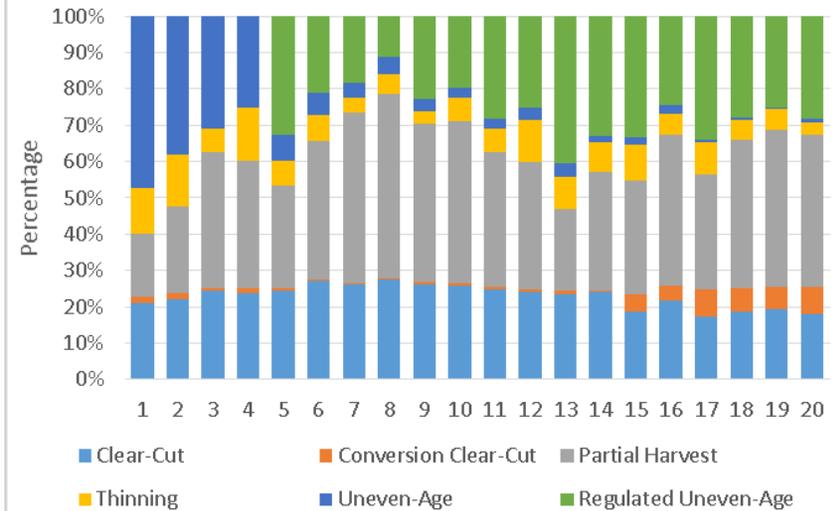
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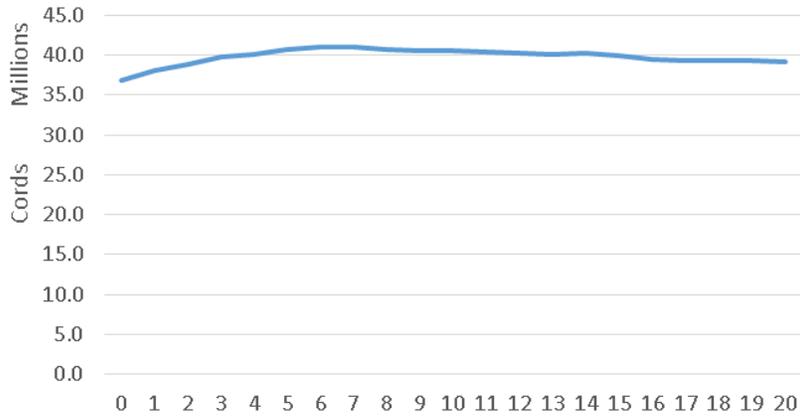
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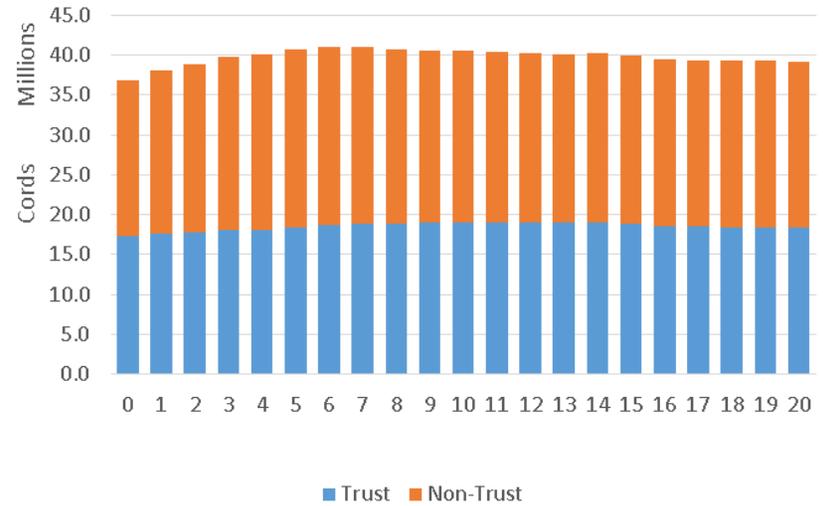
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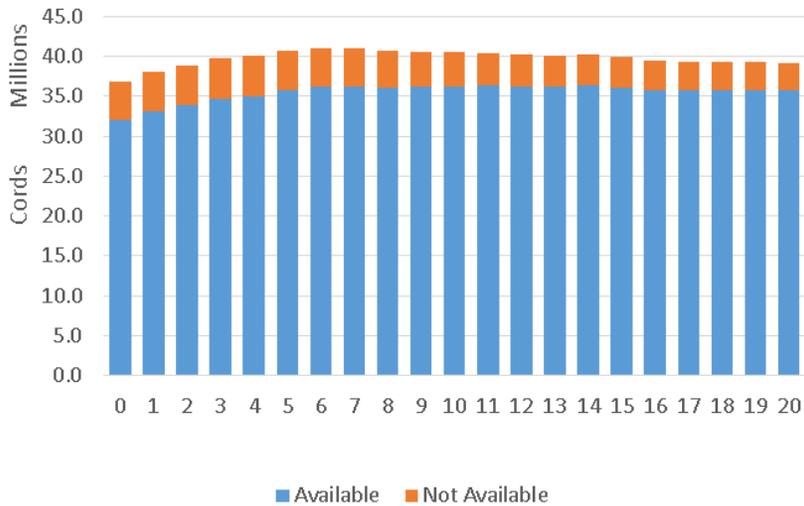
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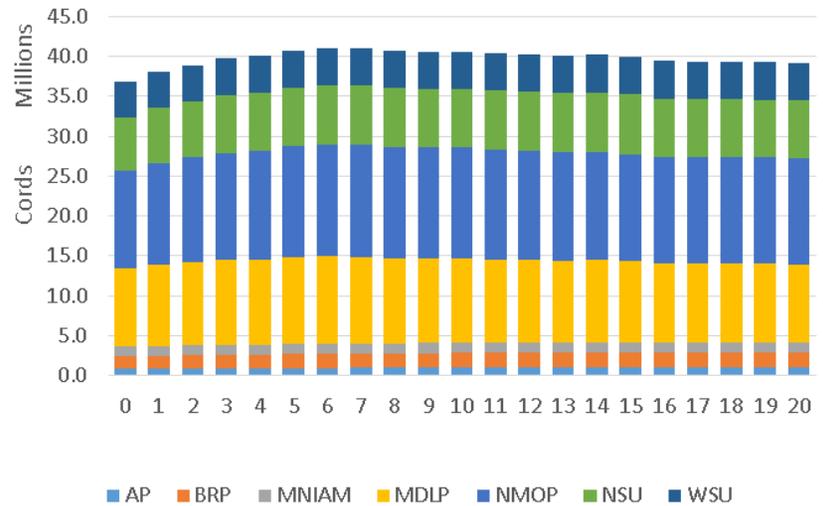
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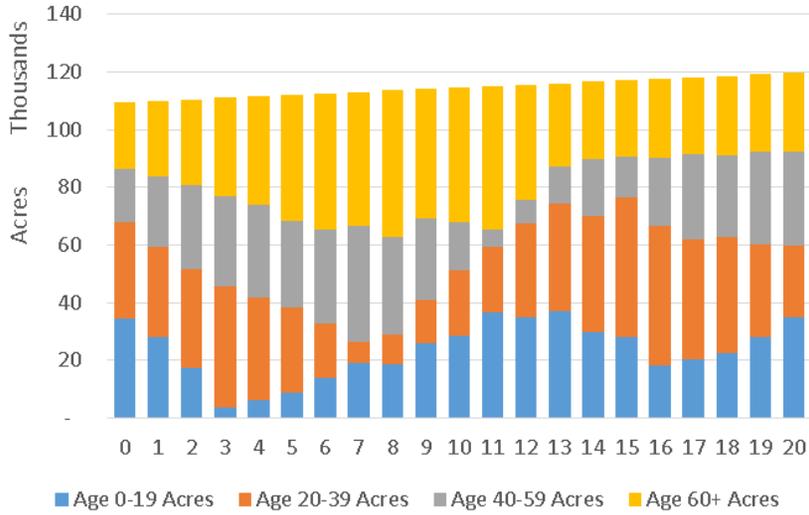


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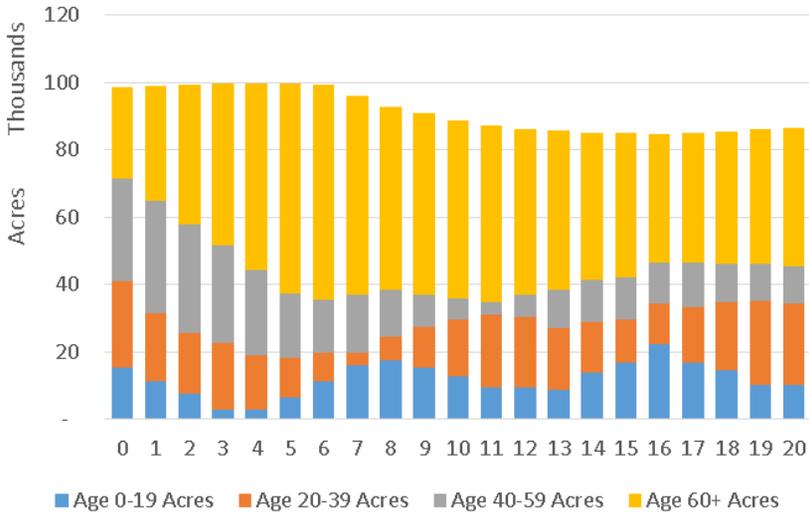
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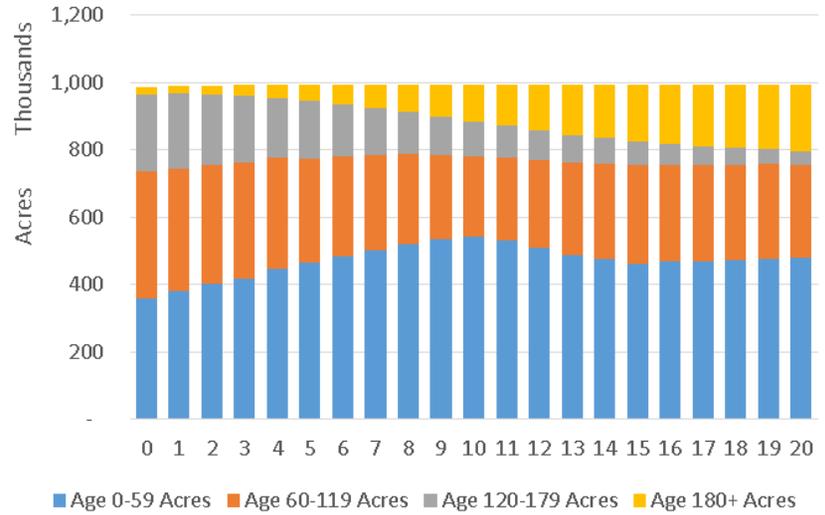
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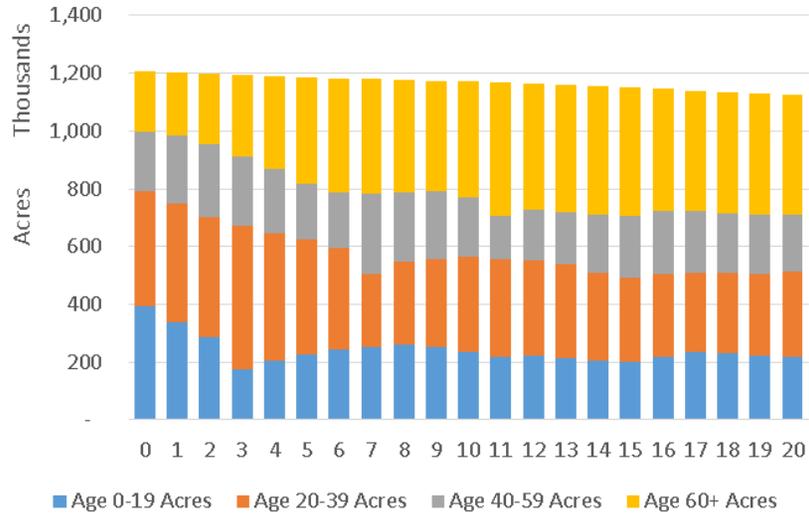
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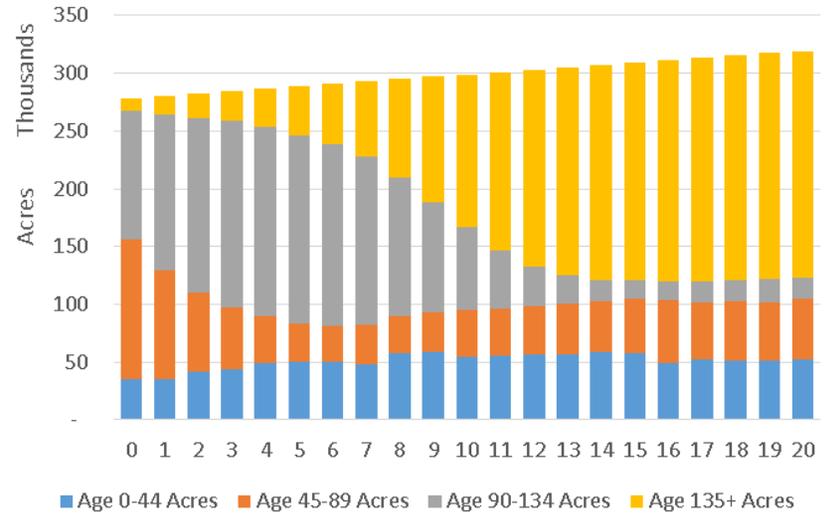
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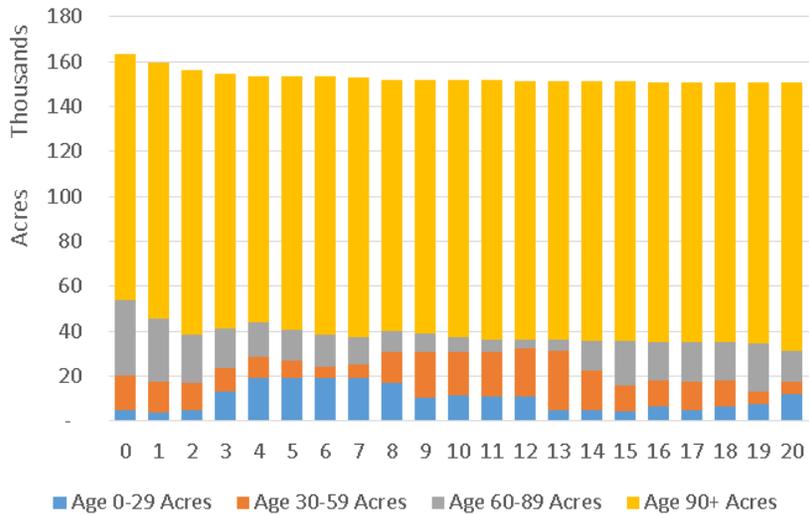
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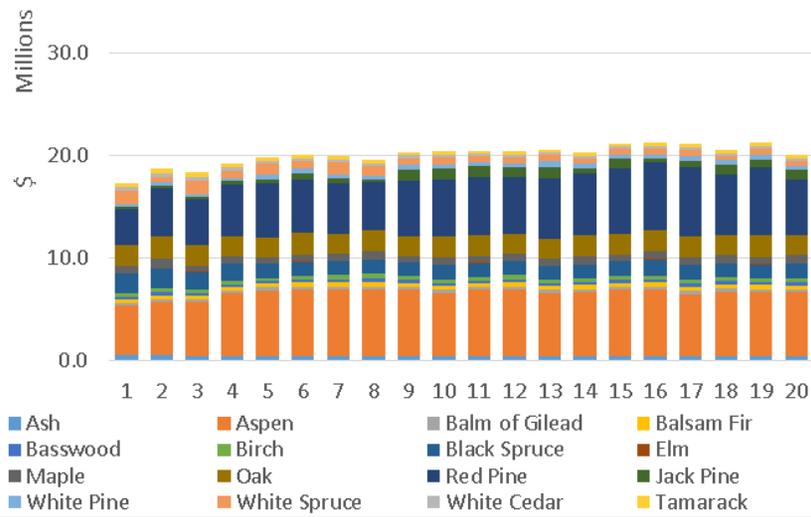
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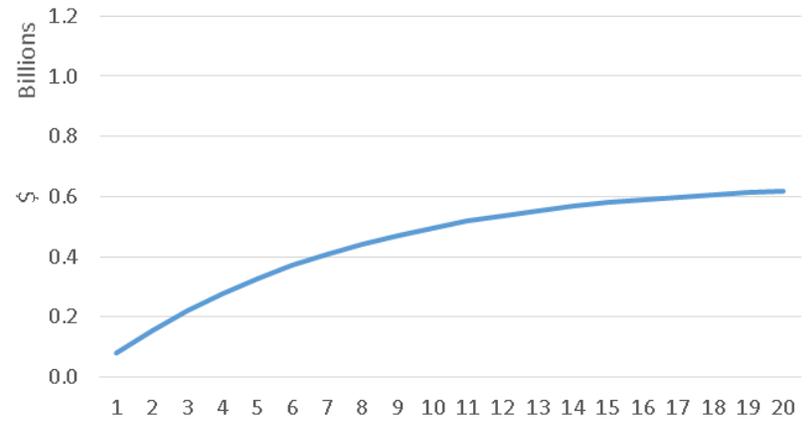
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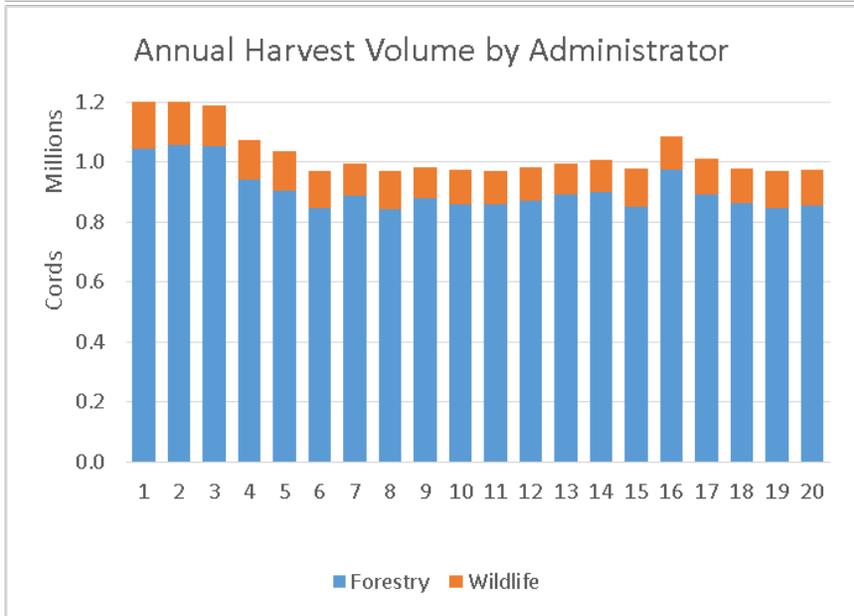
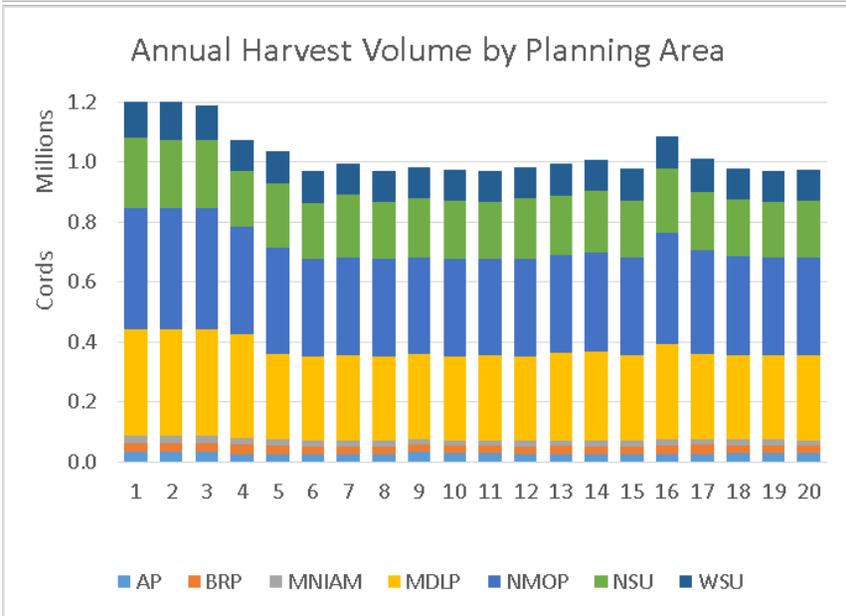
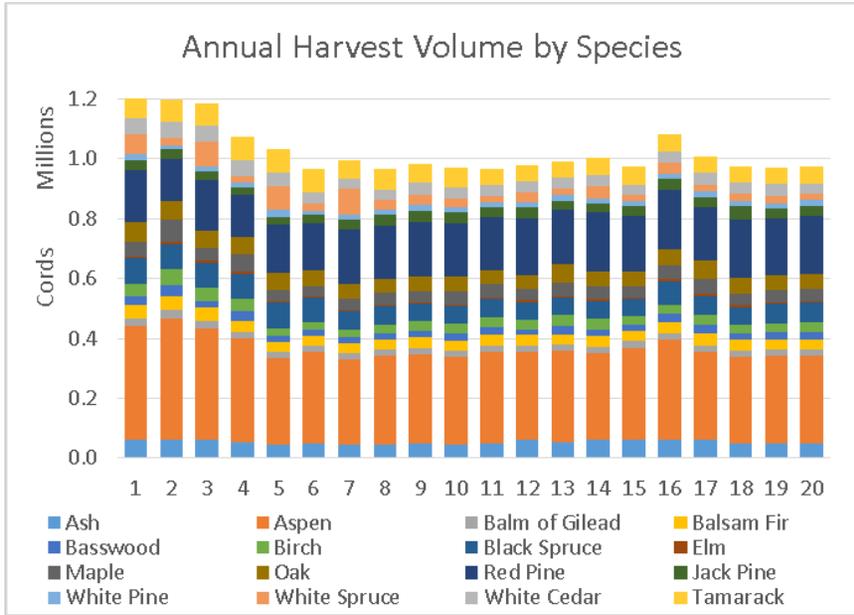
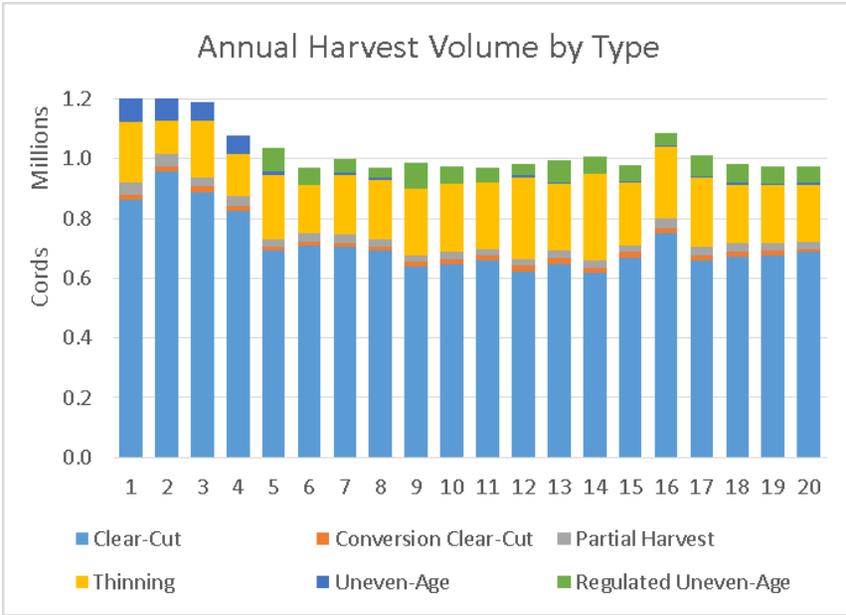
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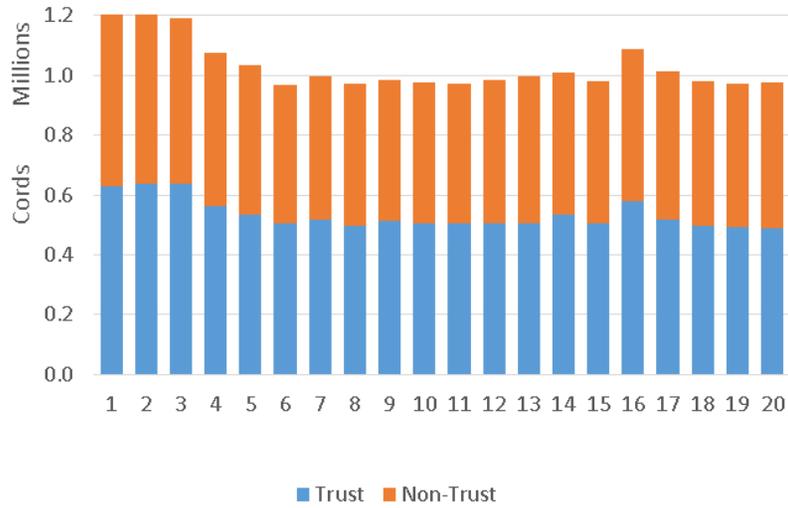
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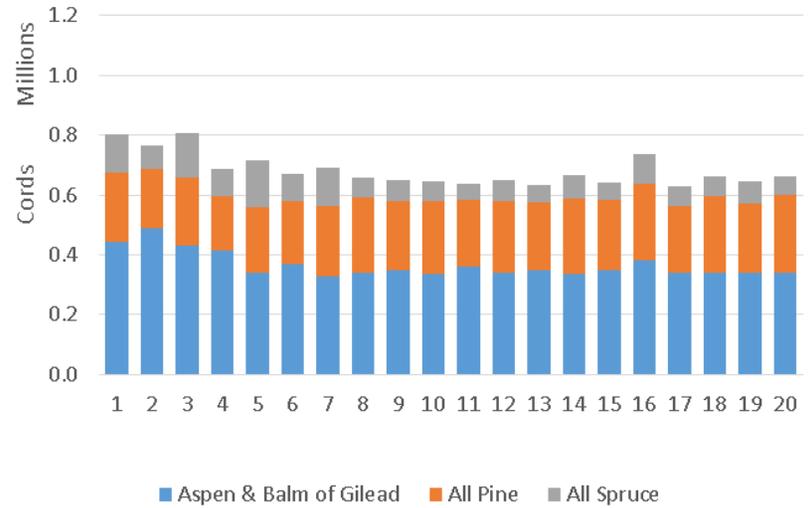
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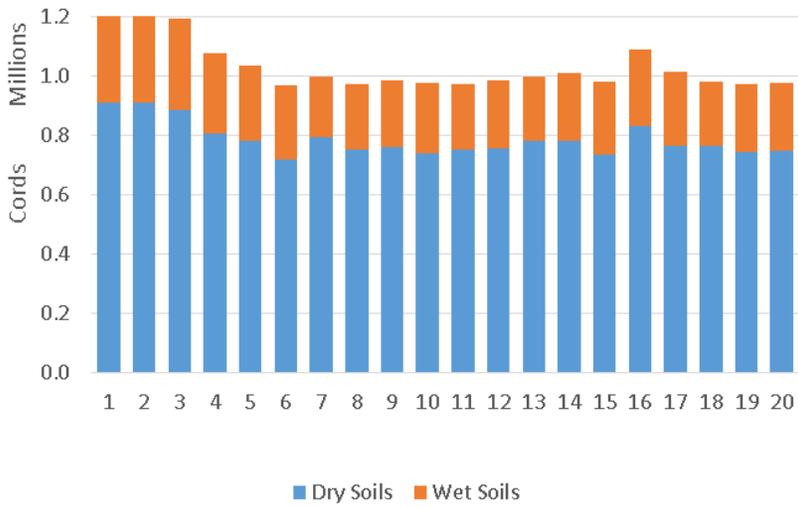
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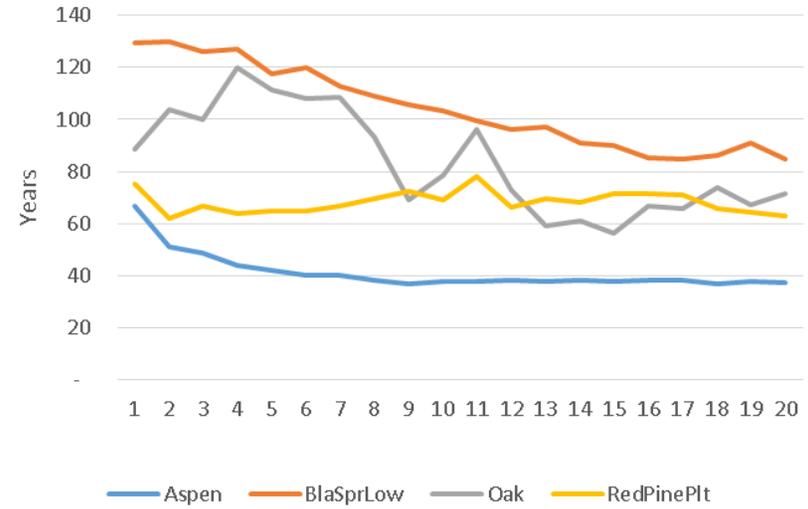
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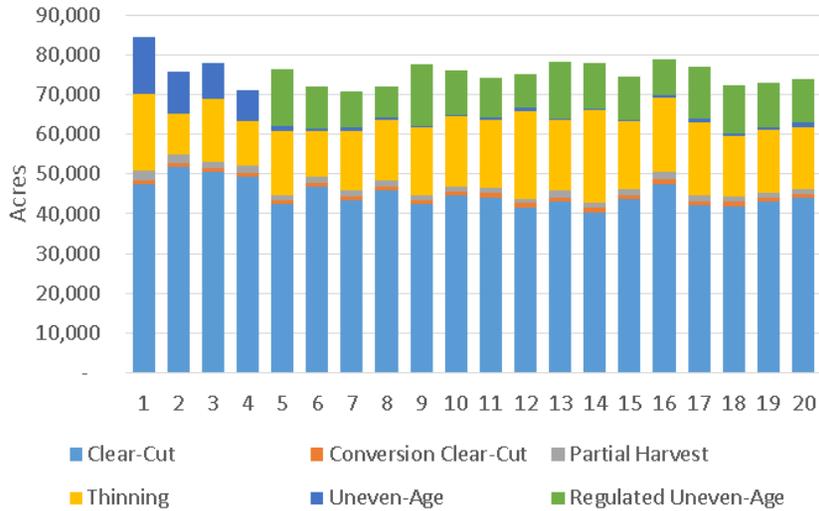
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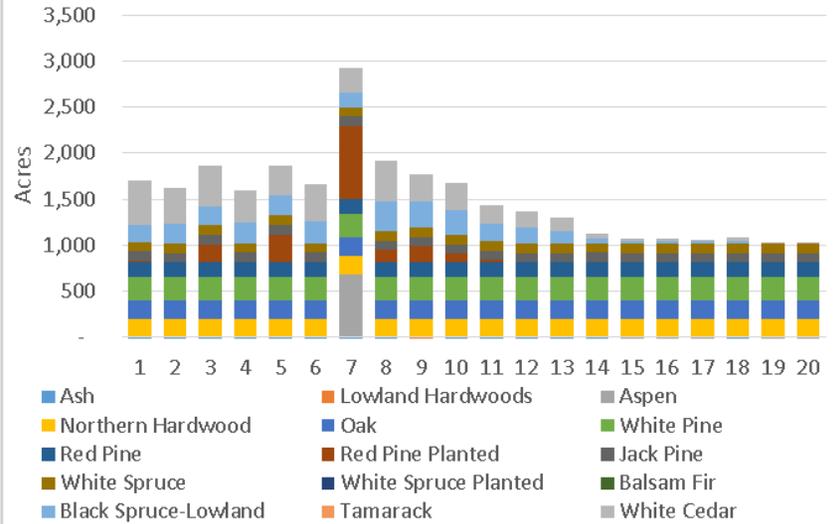
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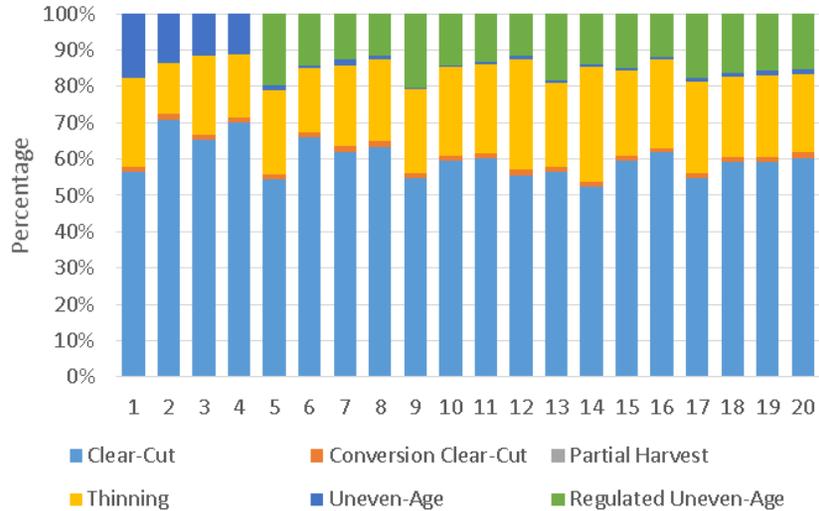
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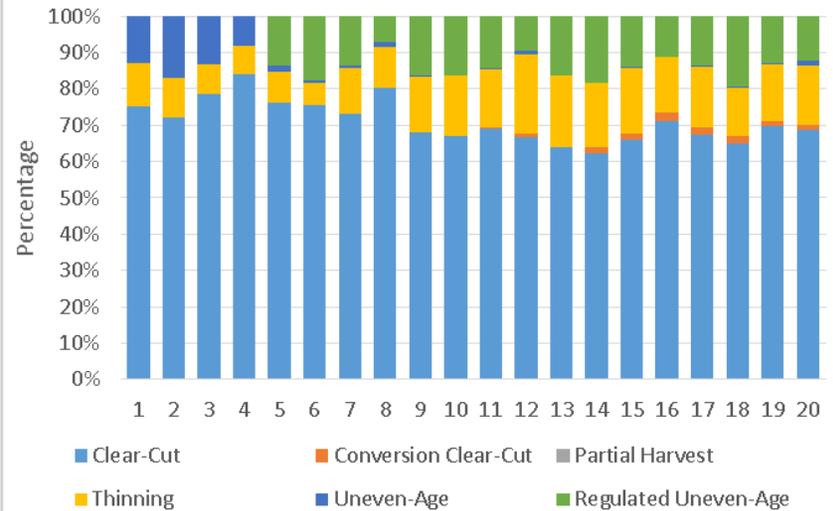
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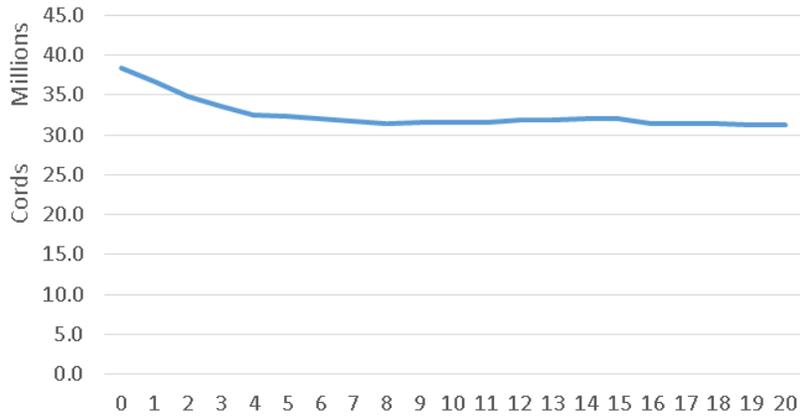
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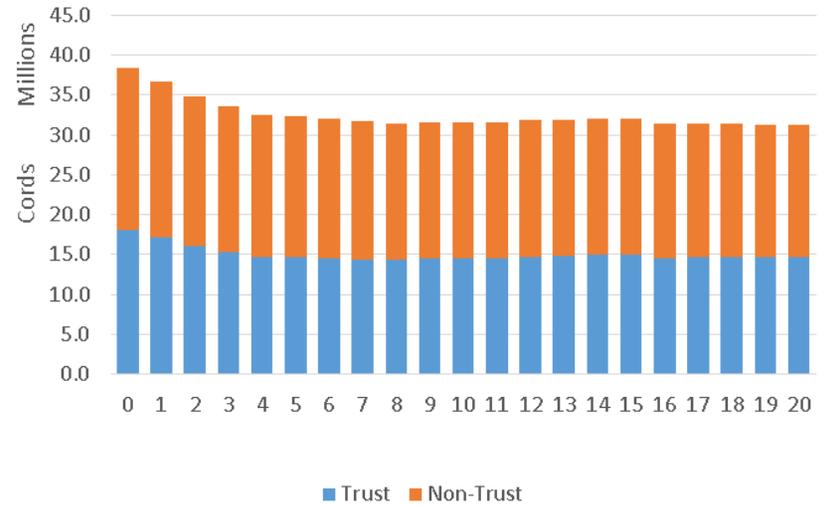
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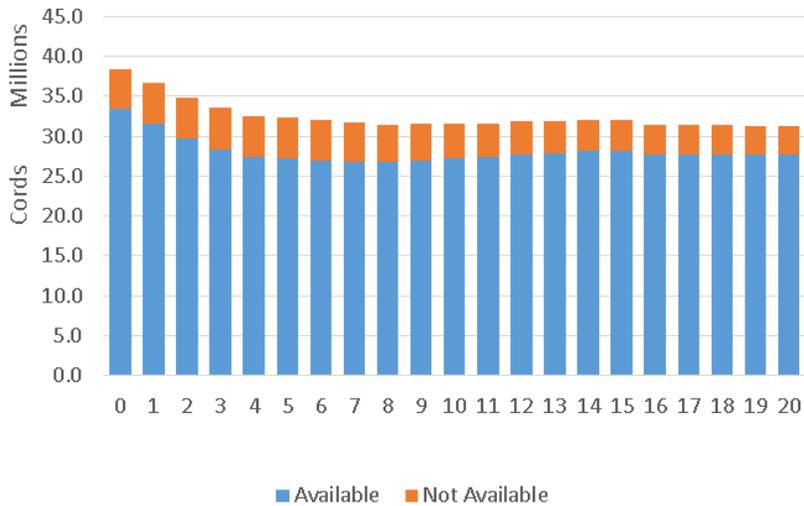
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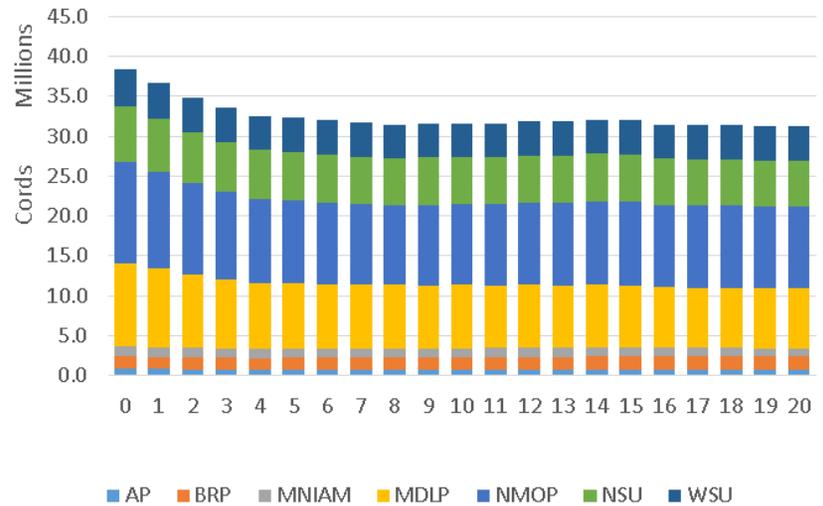
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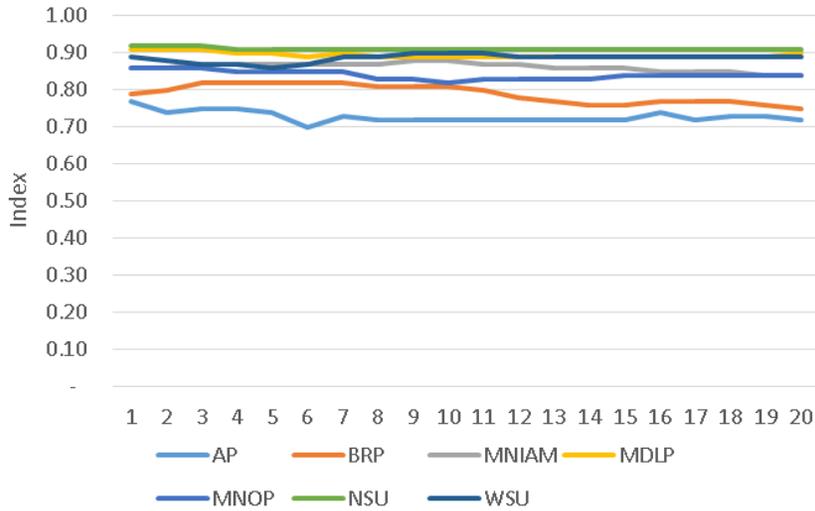
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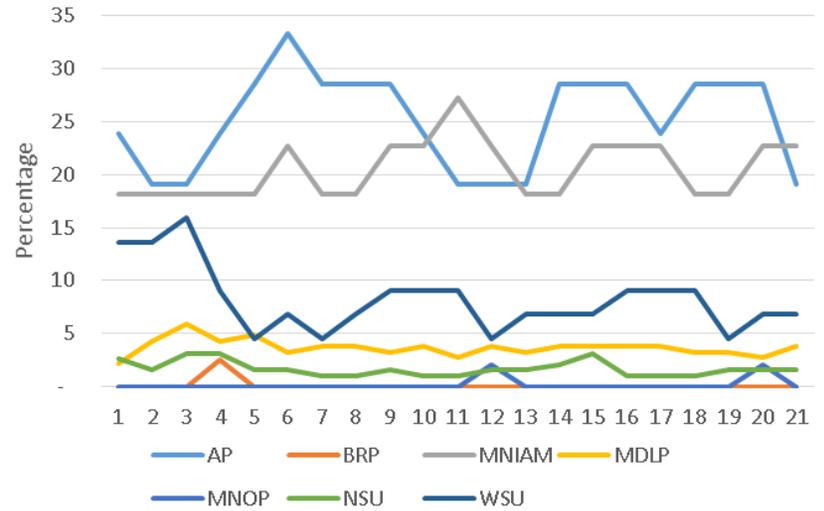
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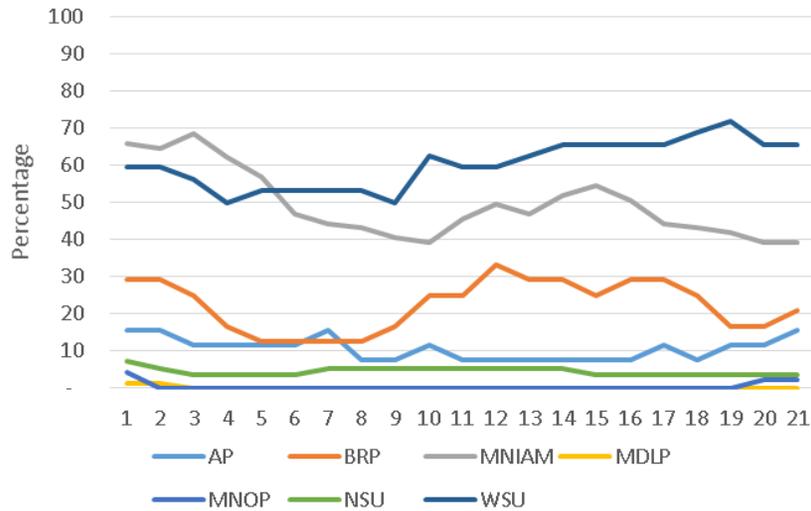
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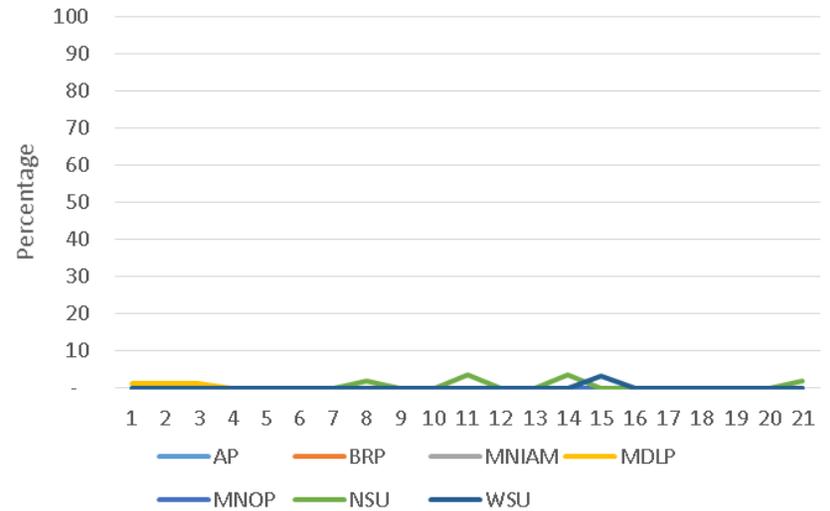
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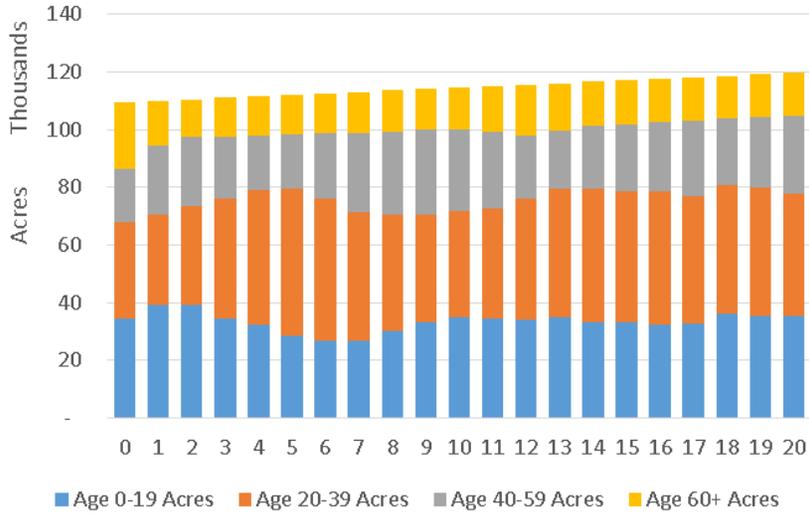
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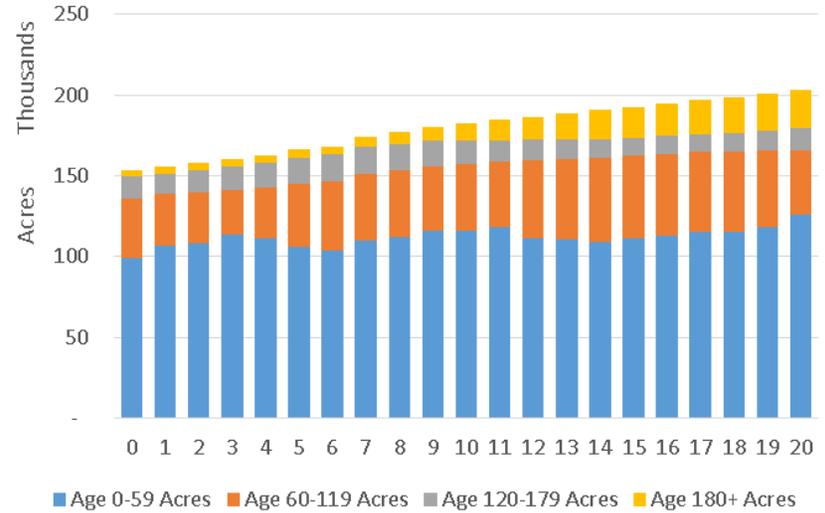
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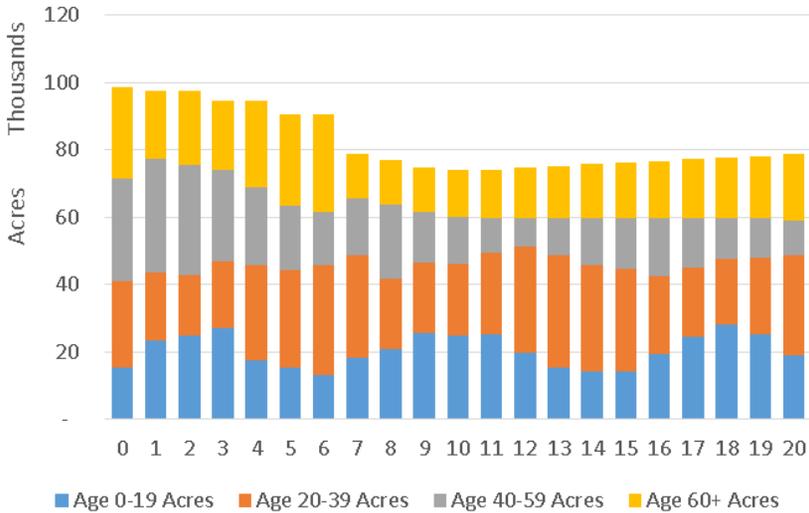
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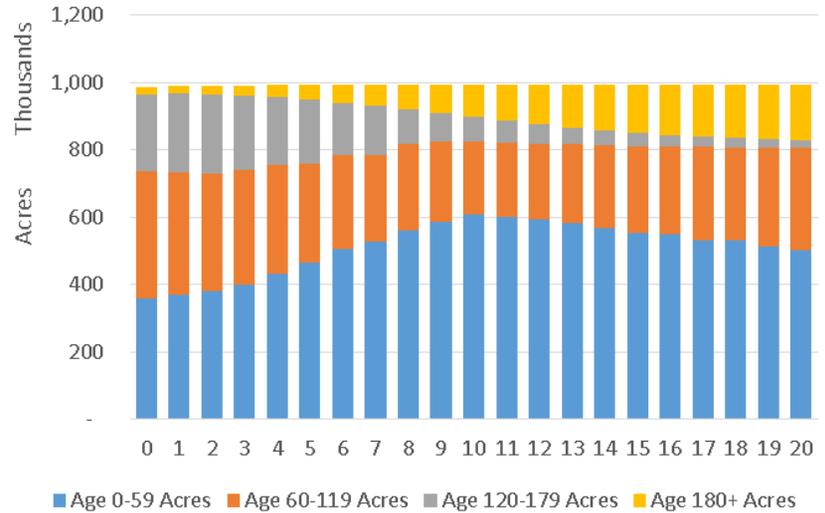
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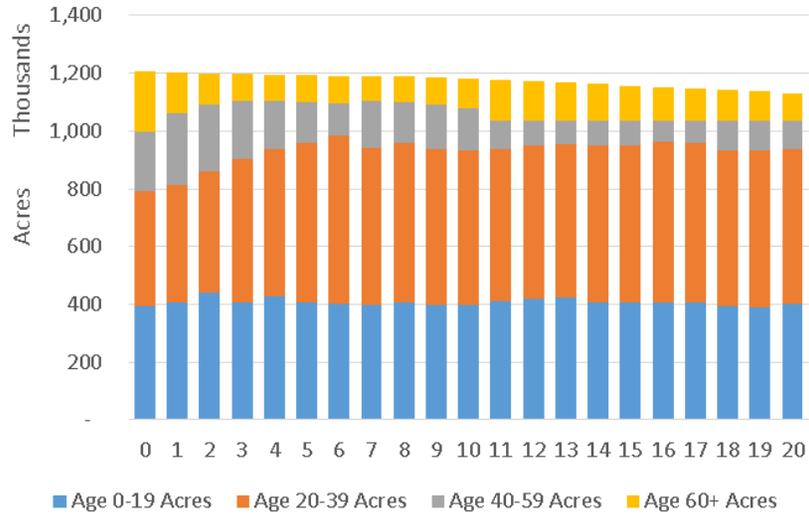
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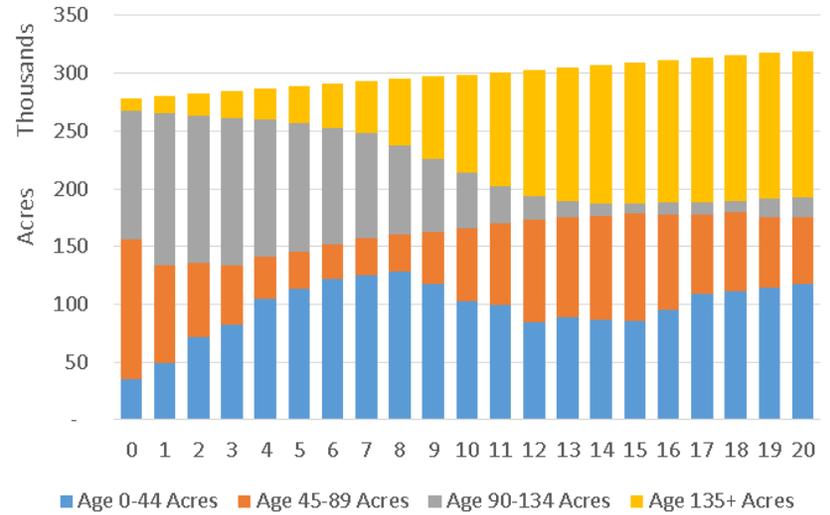
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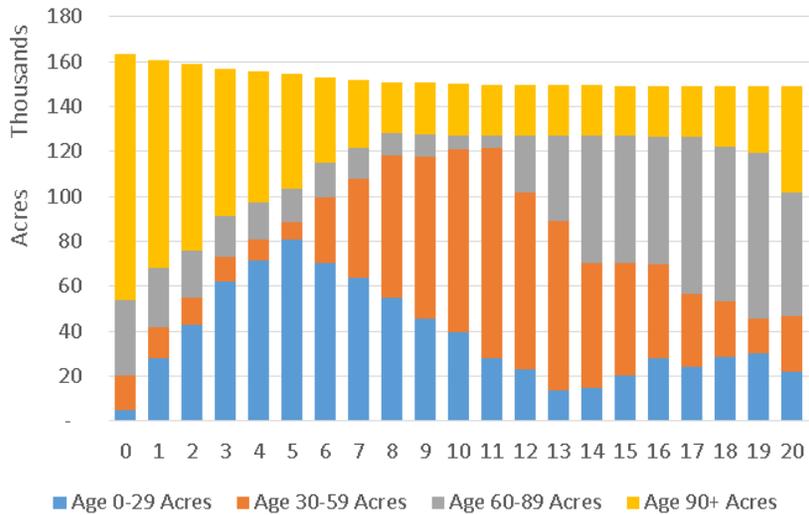
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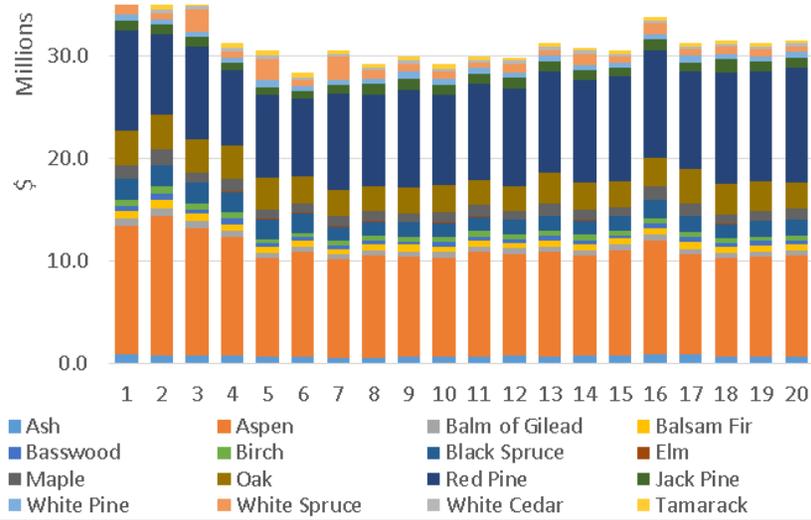
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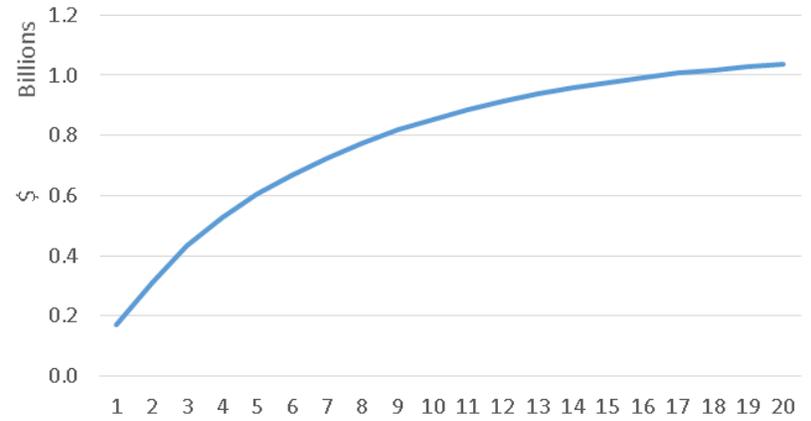
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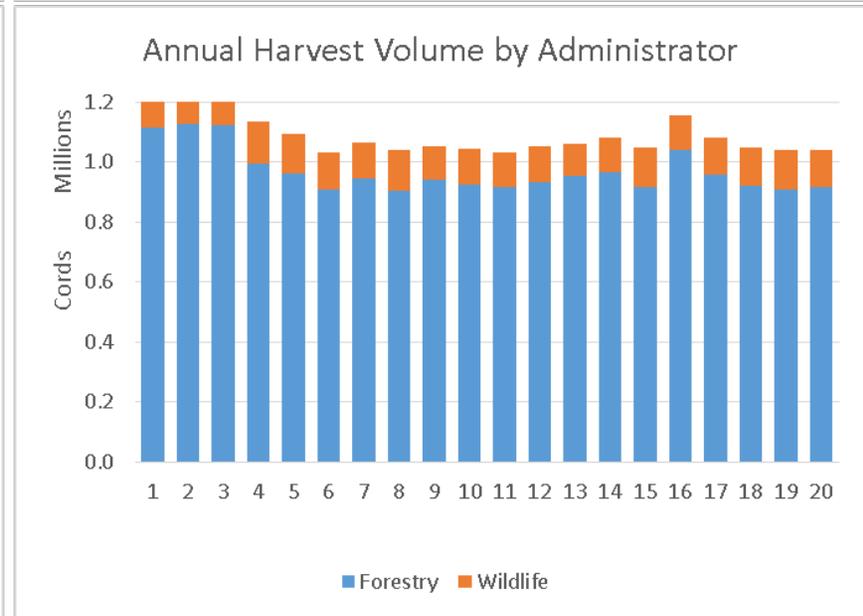
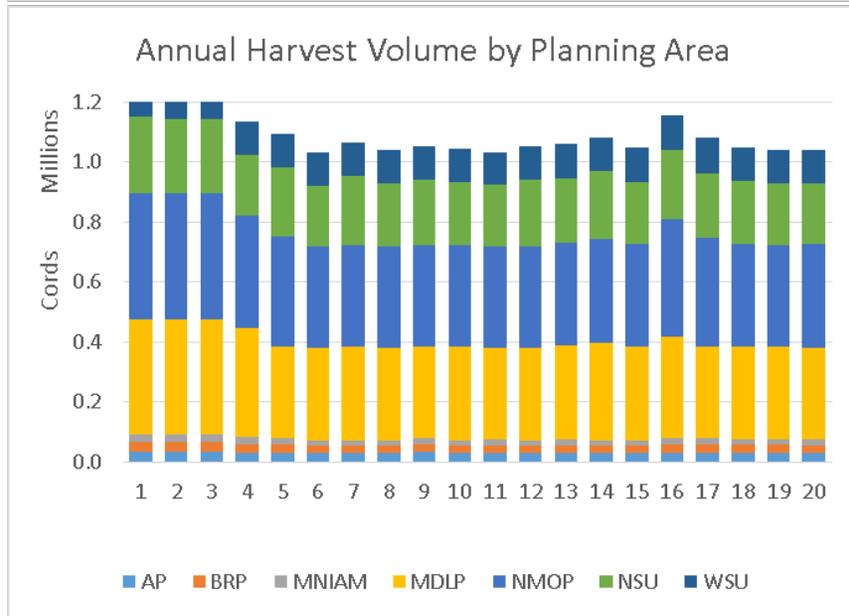
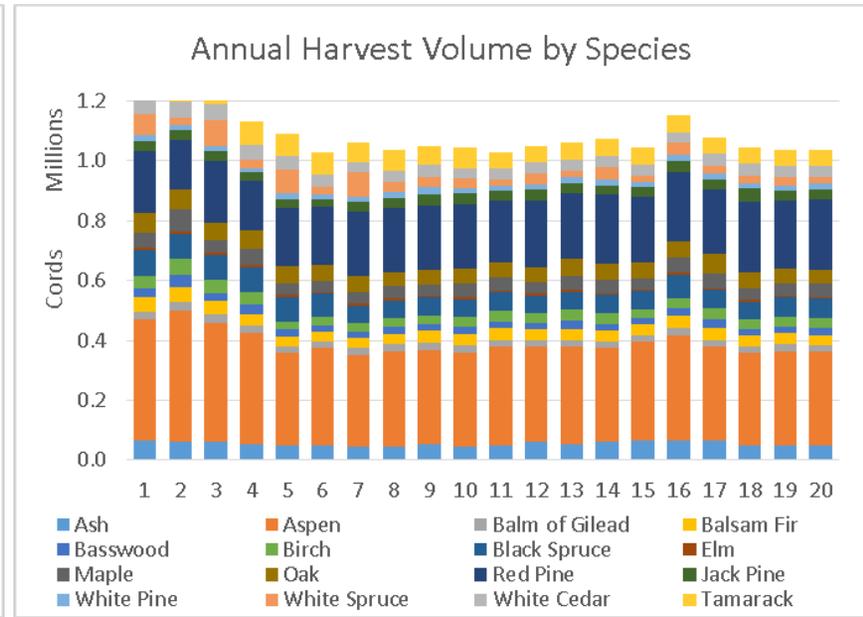
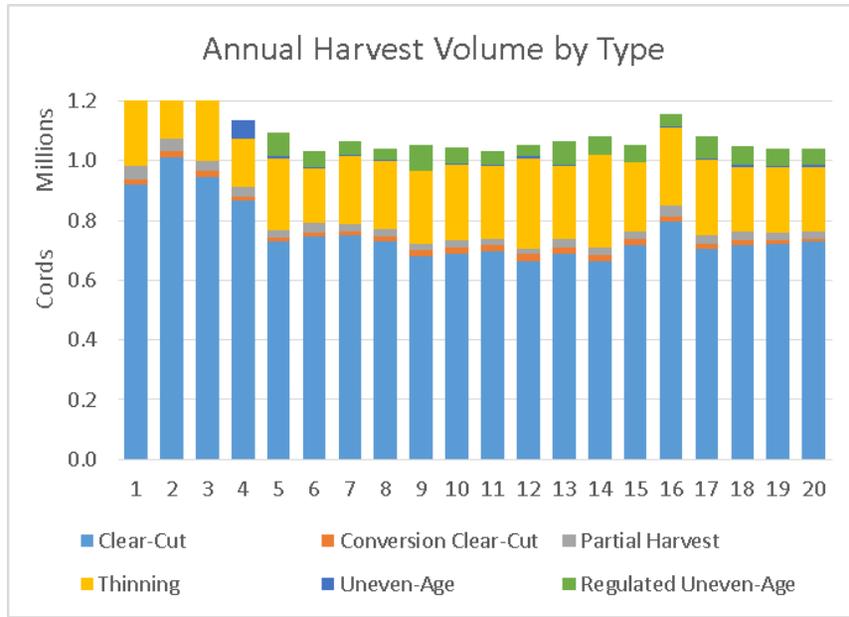
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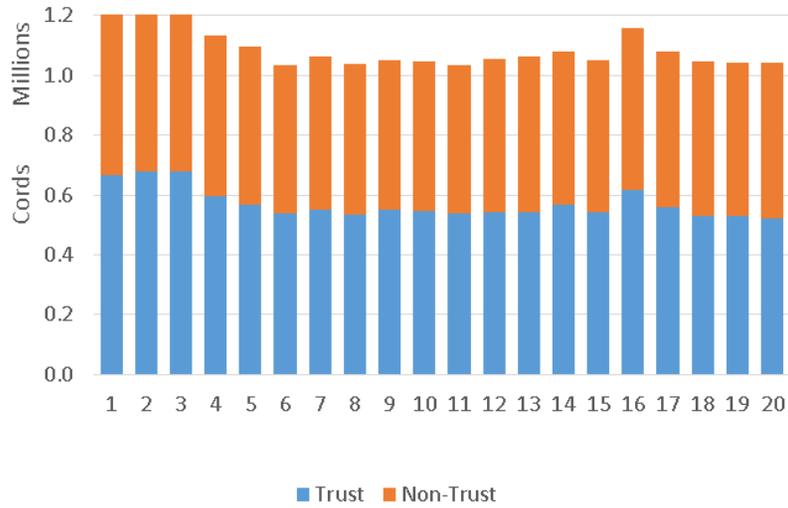
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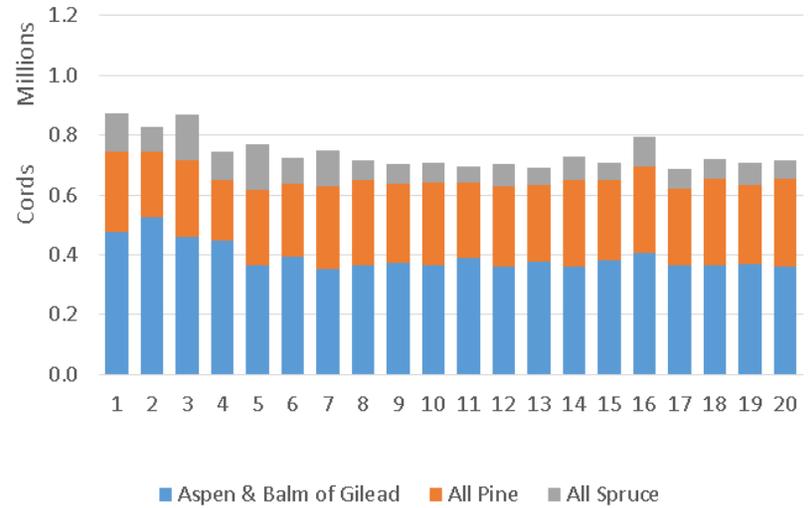
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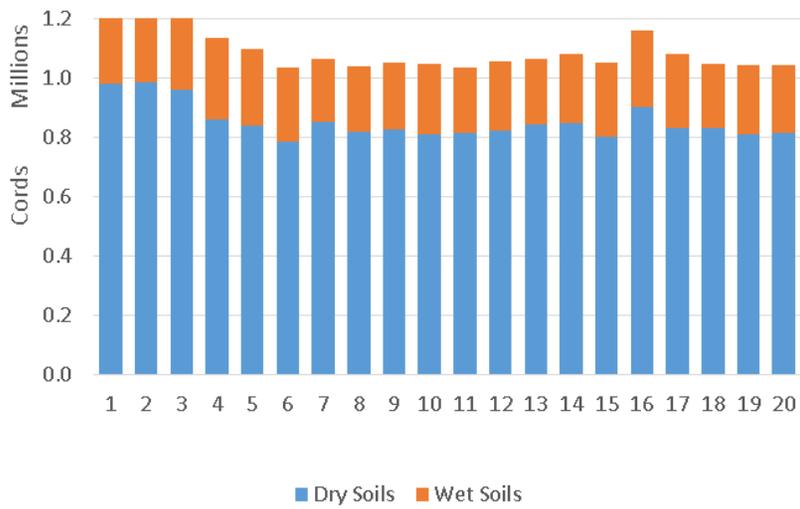
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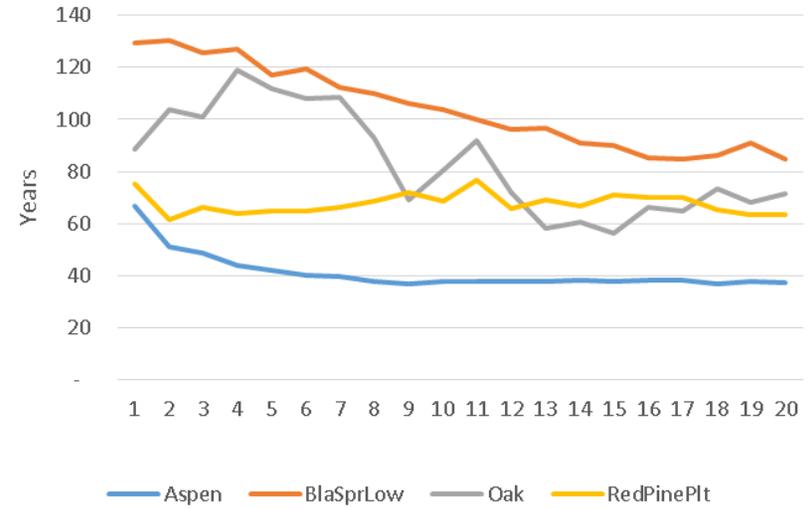
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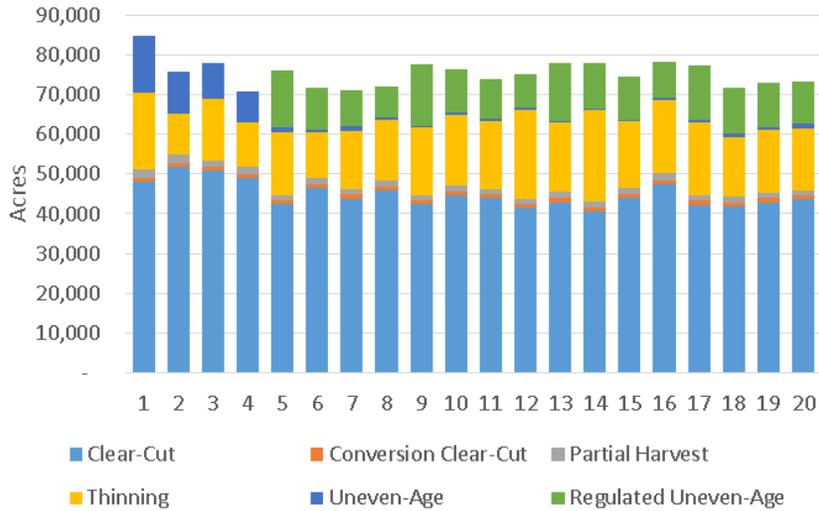
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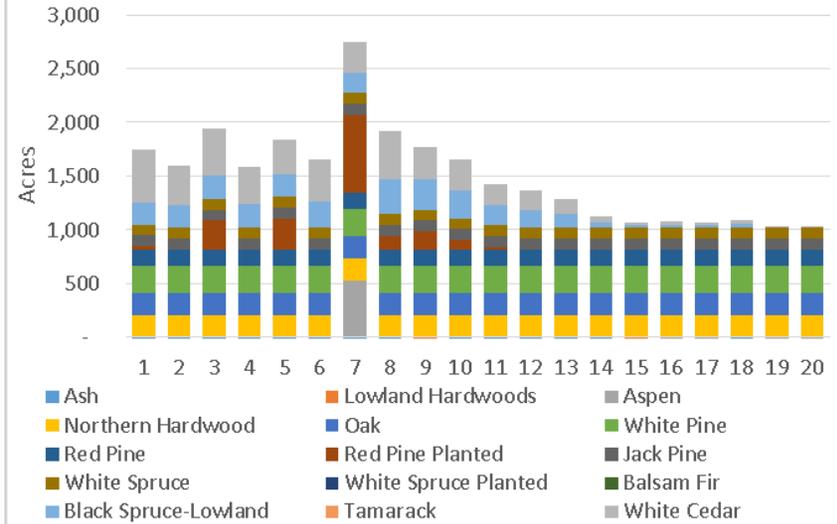
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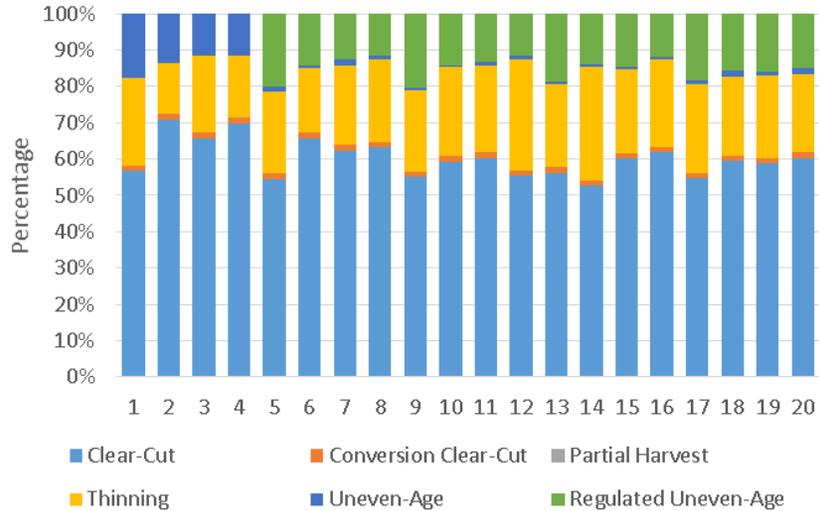
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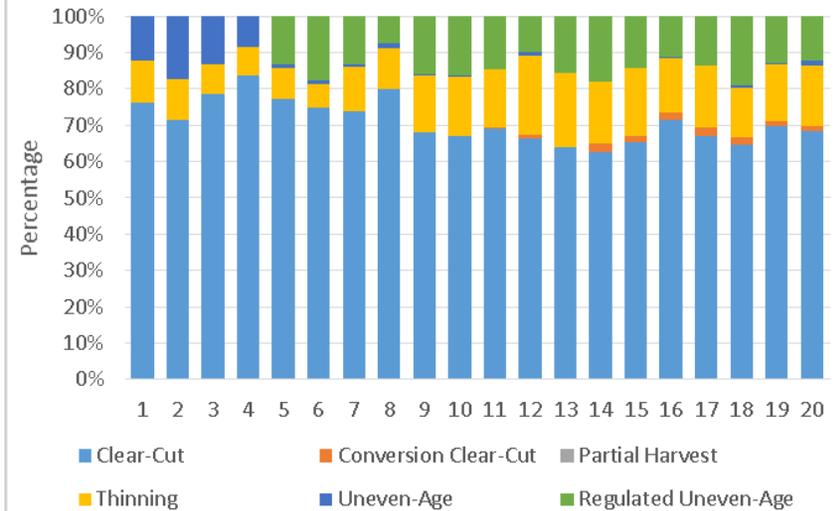
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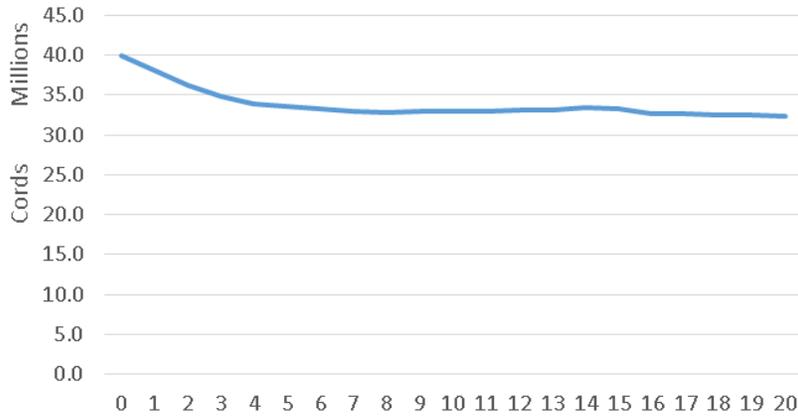
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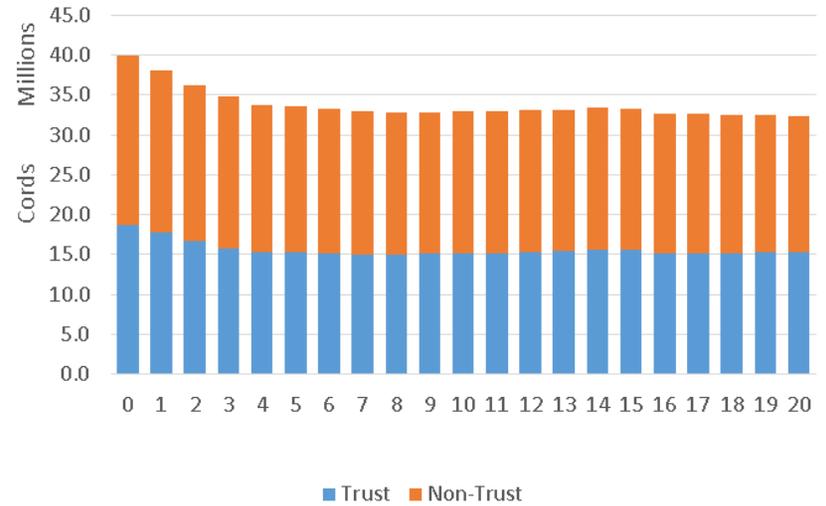
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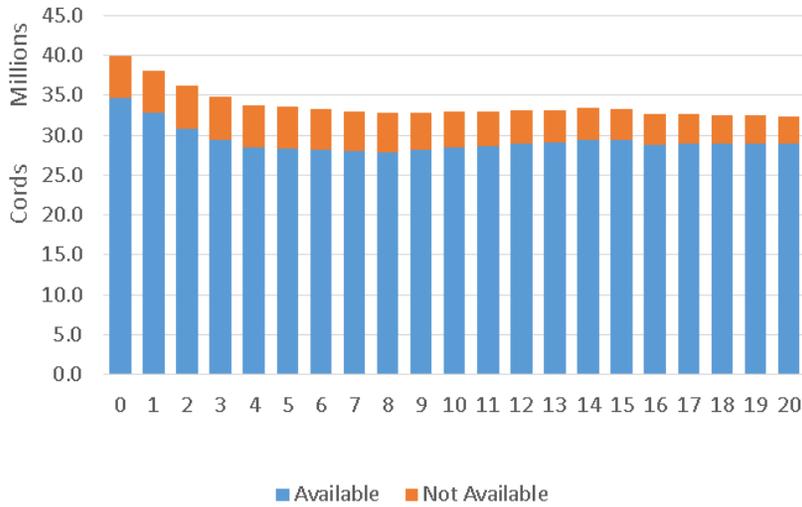
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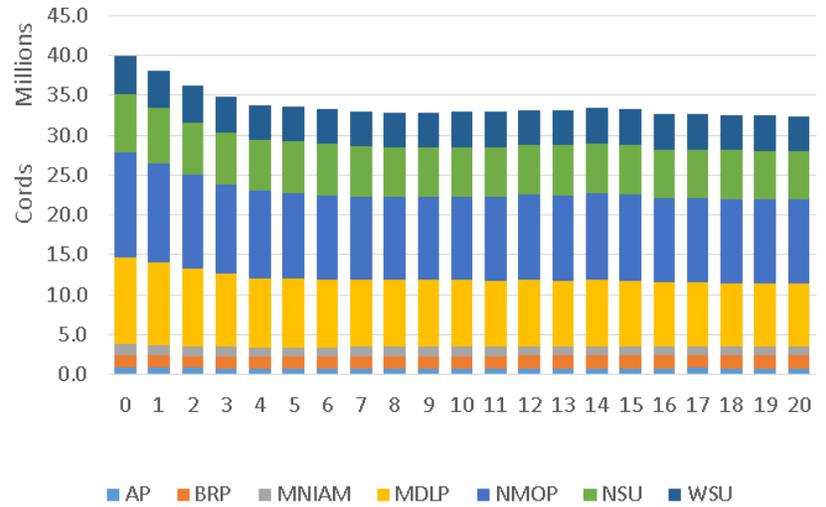
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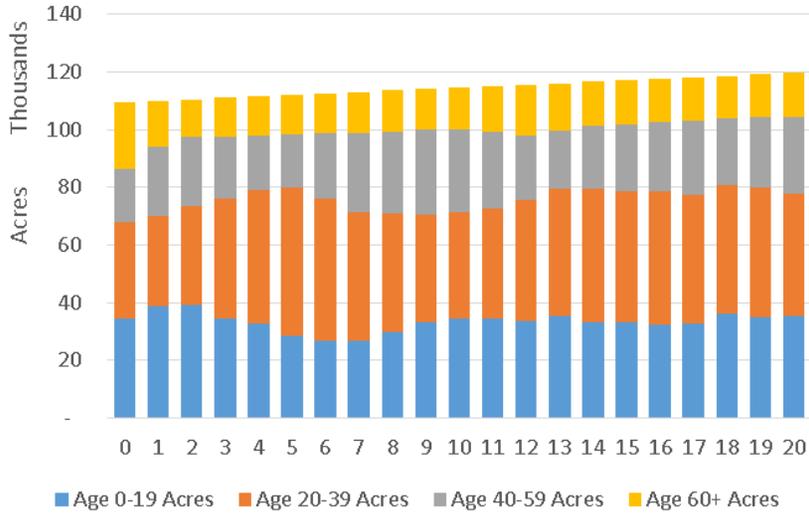


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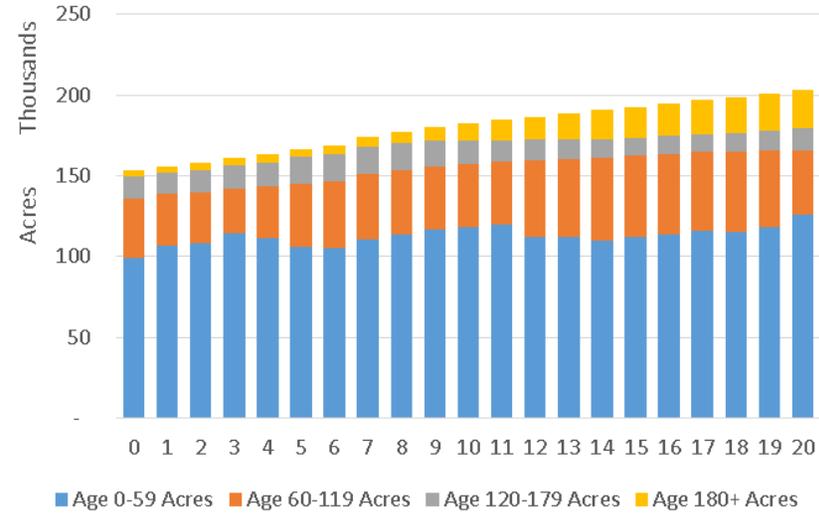




Jack Pine and Uplands Black Spruce Age



Red and White Pine Age



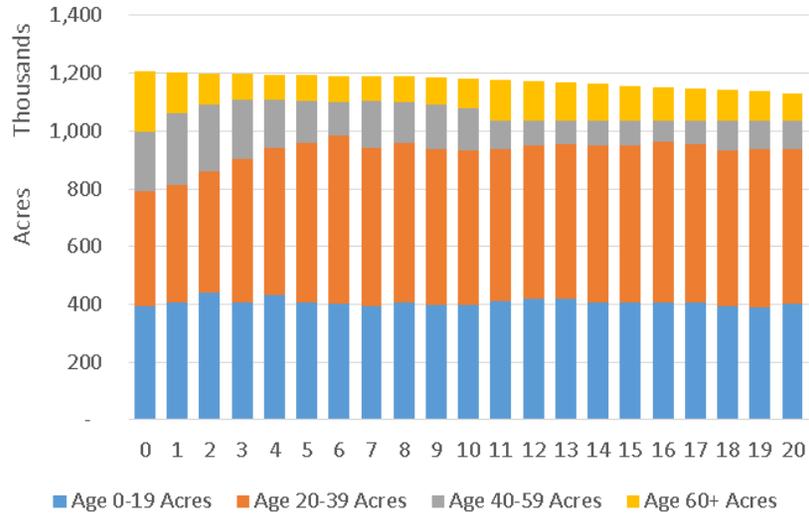
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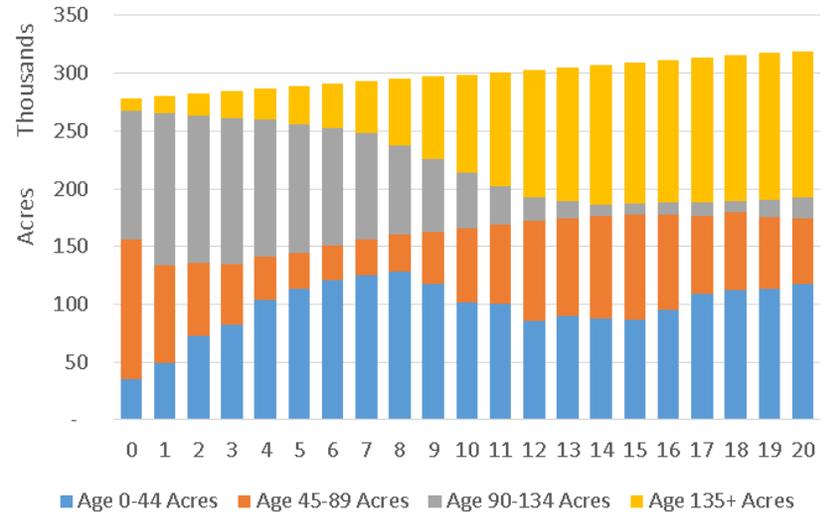
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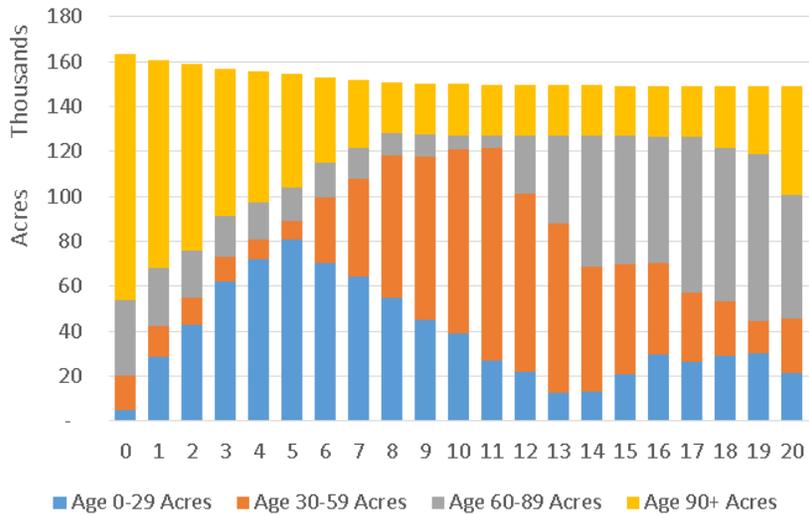
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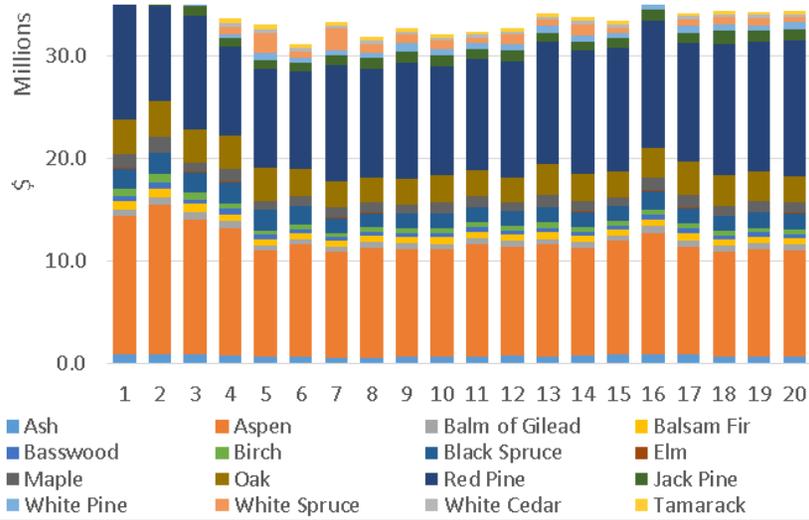
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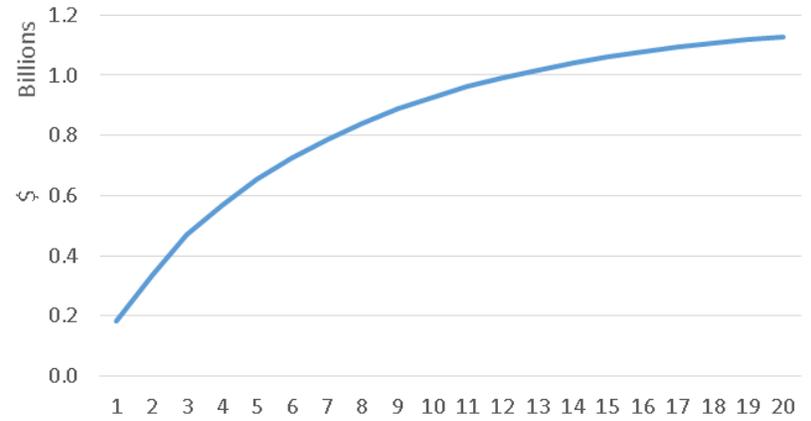
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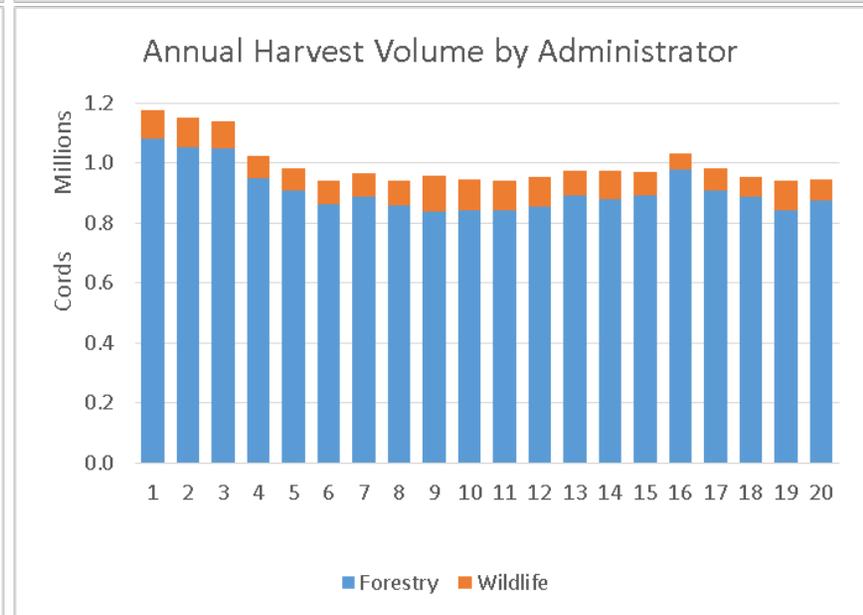
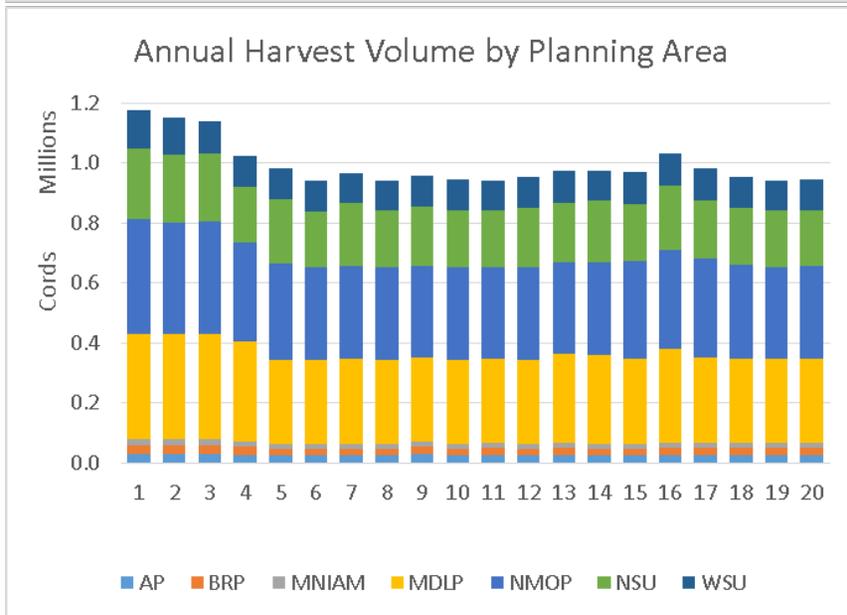
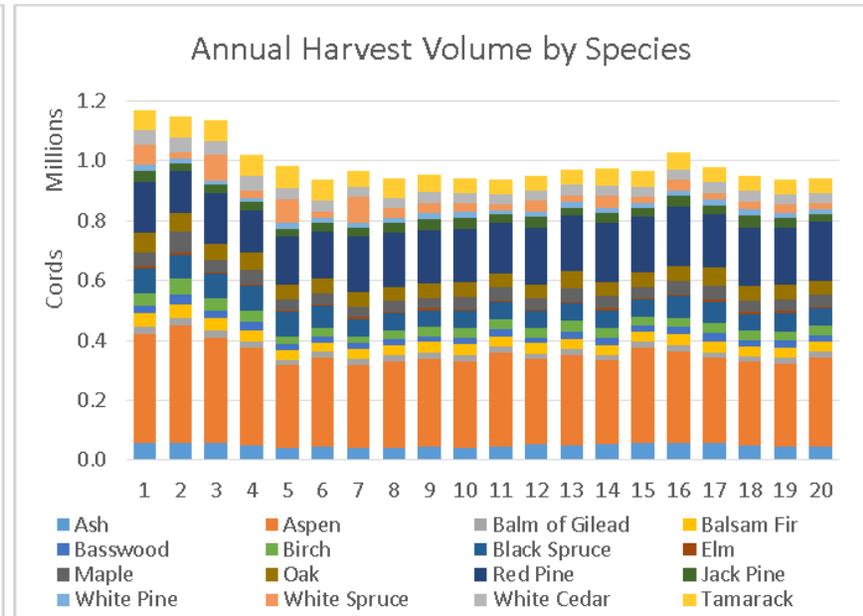
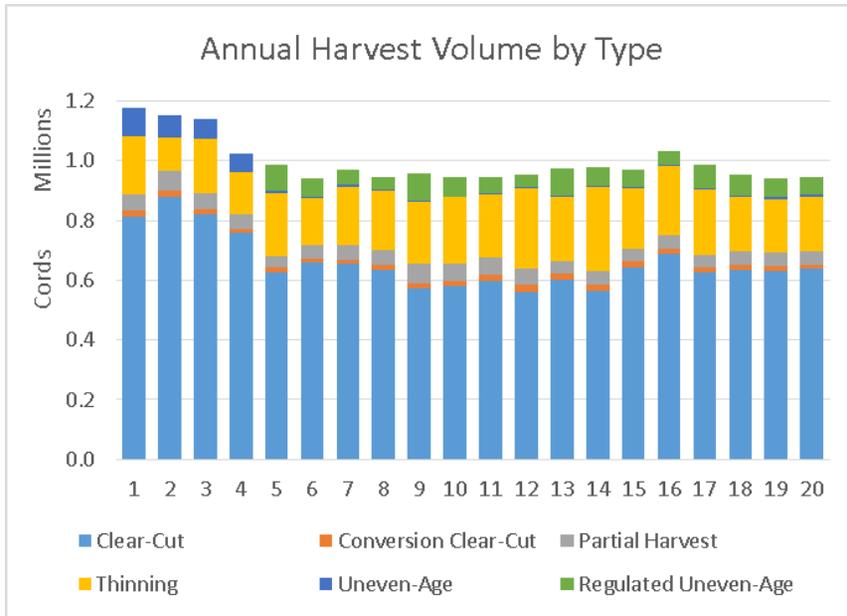
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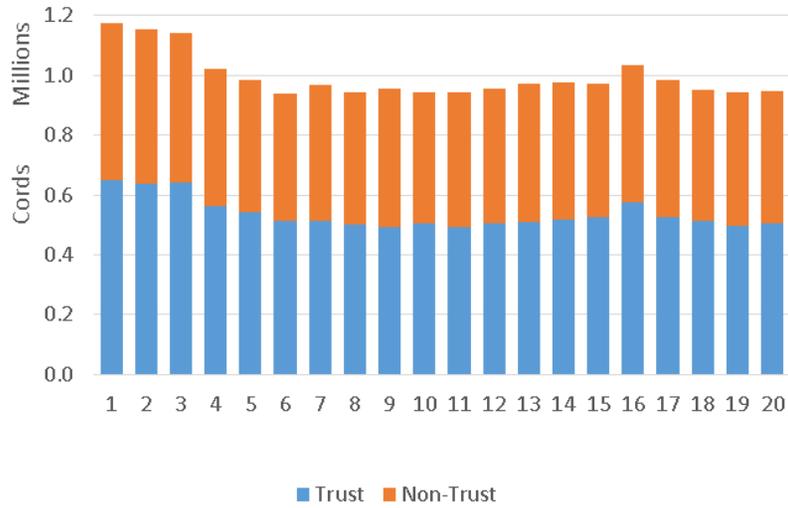
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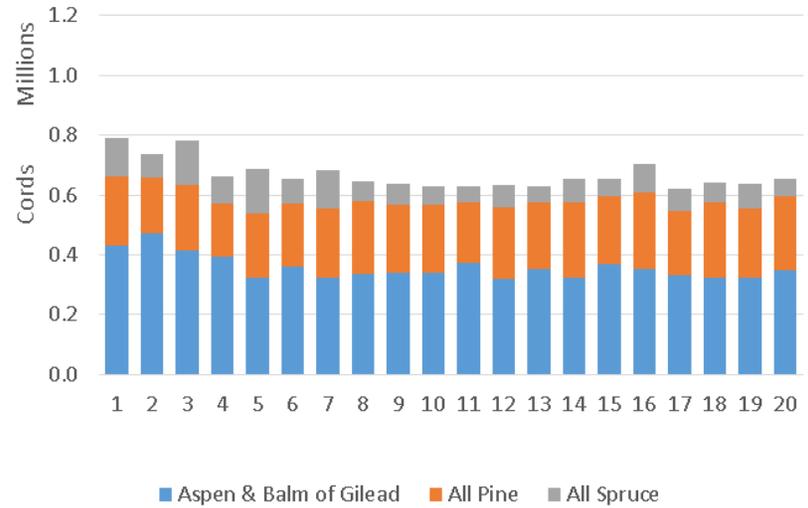
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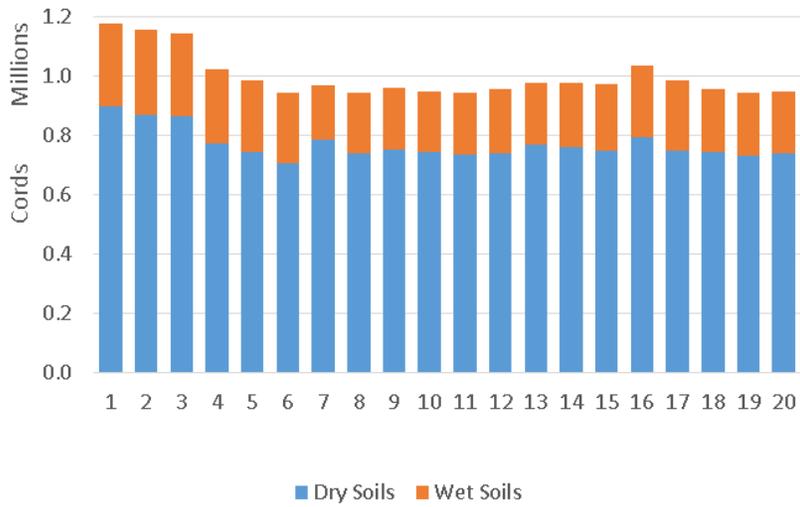
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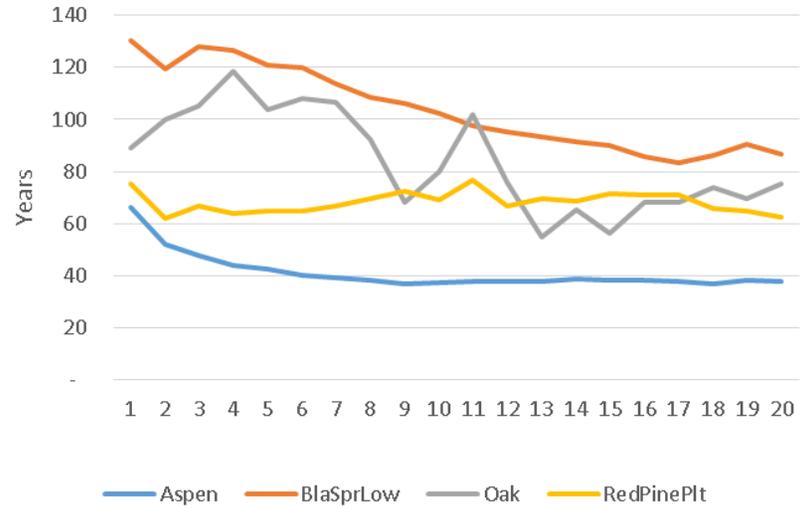
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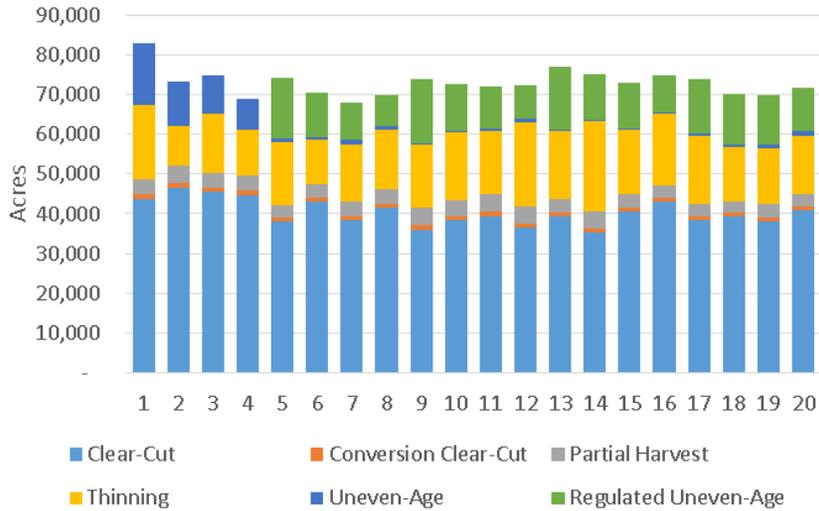
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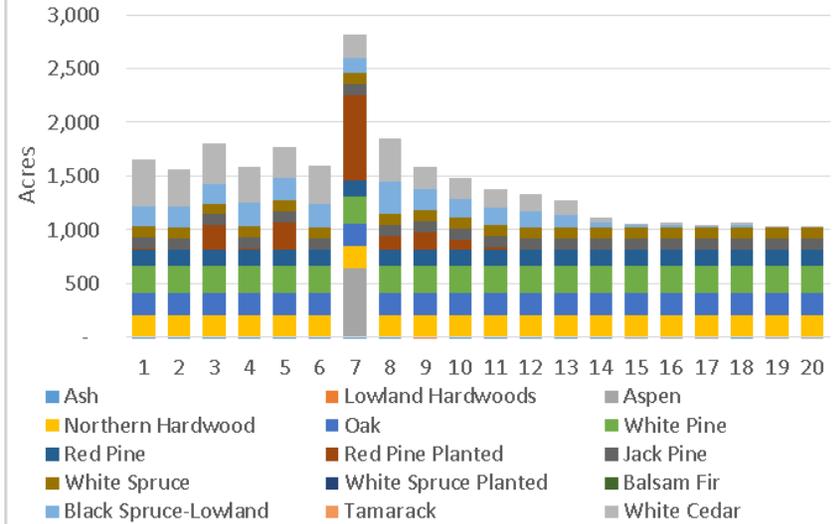
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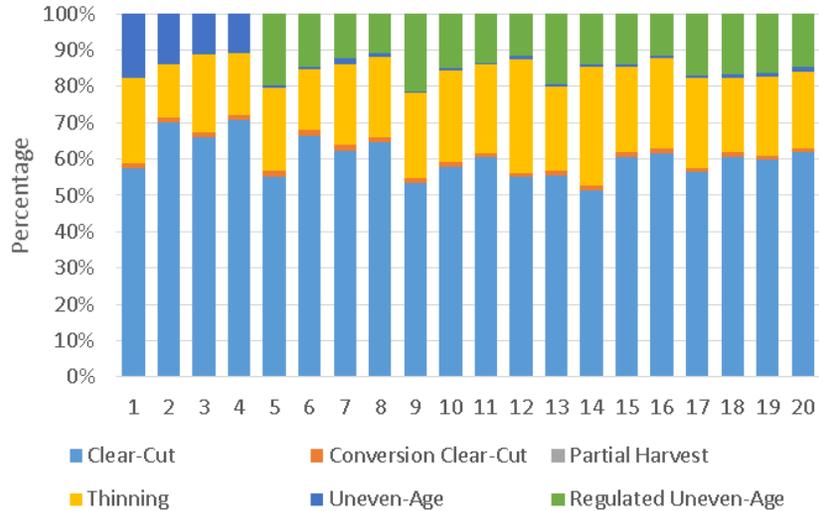
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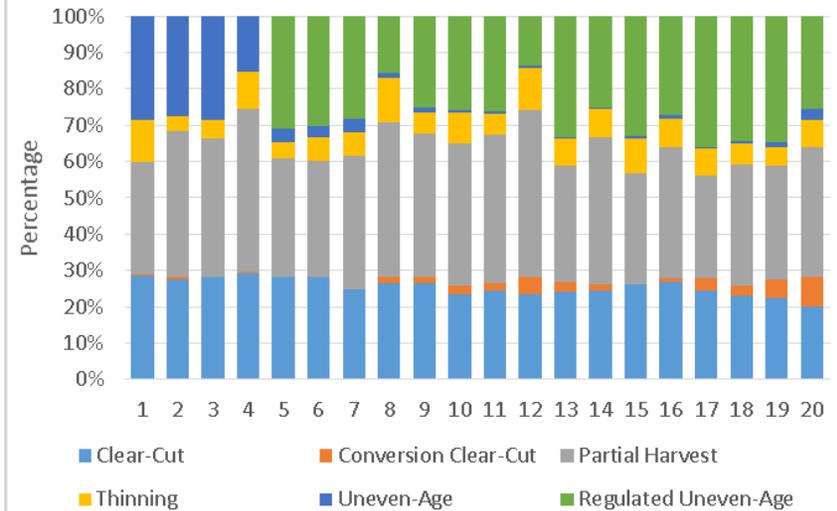
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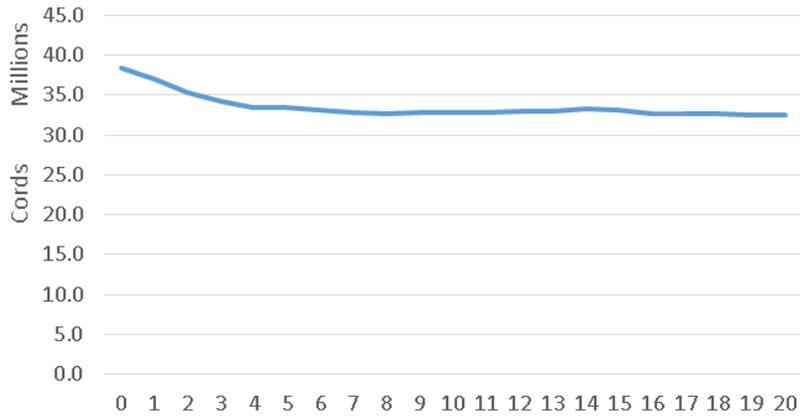
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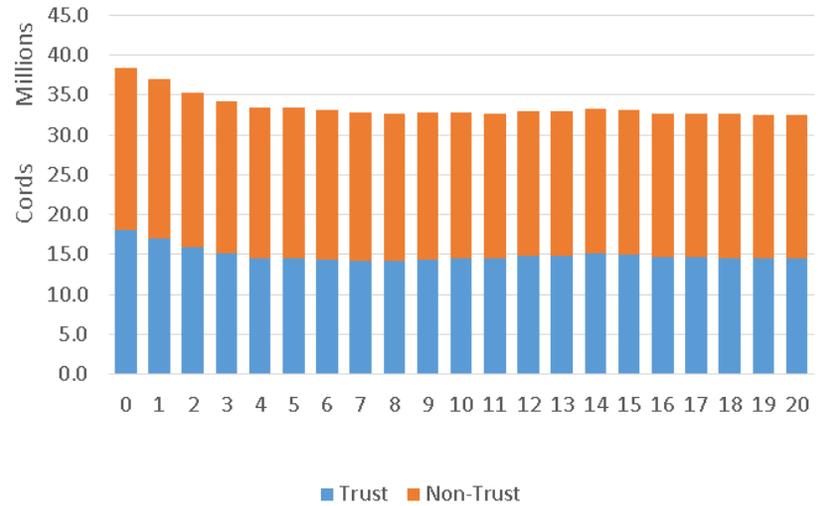
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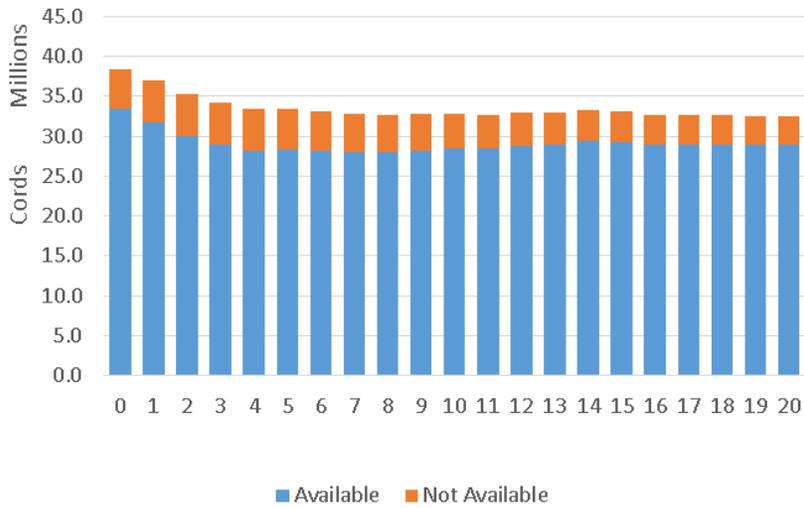
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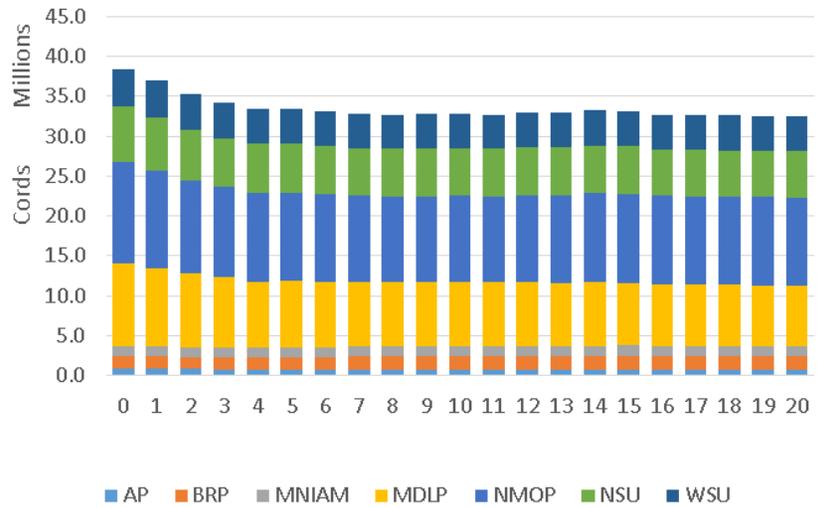
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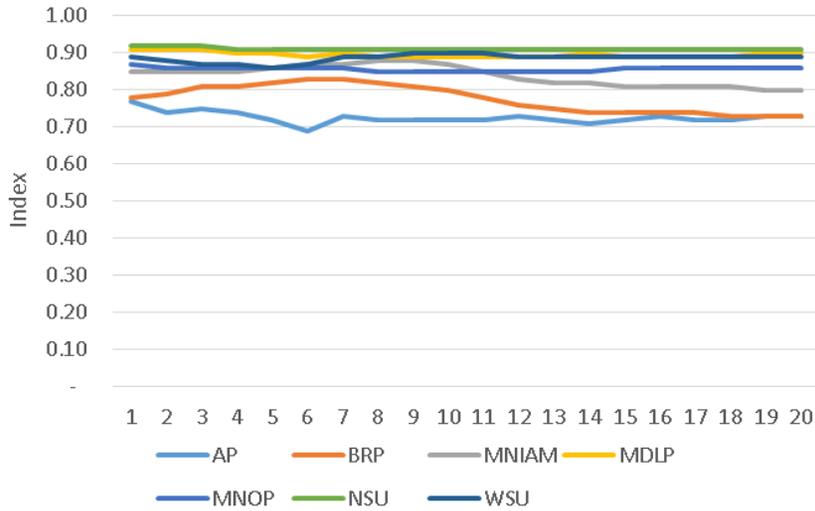
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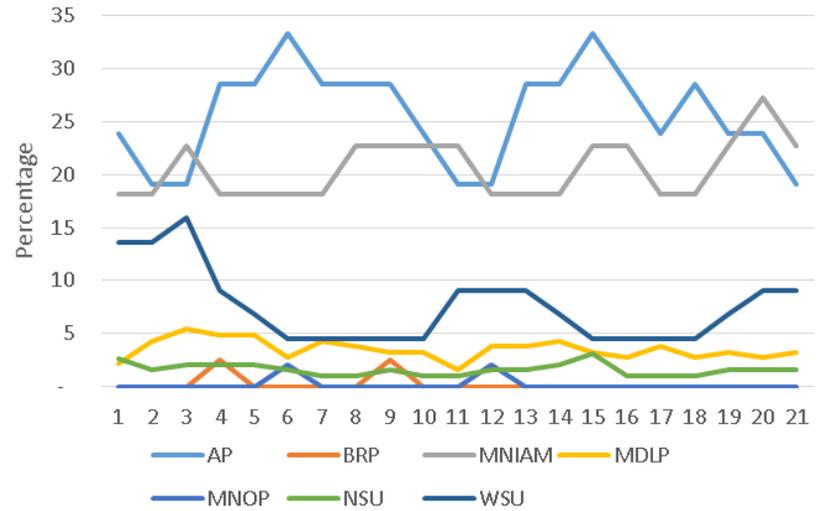
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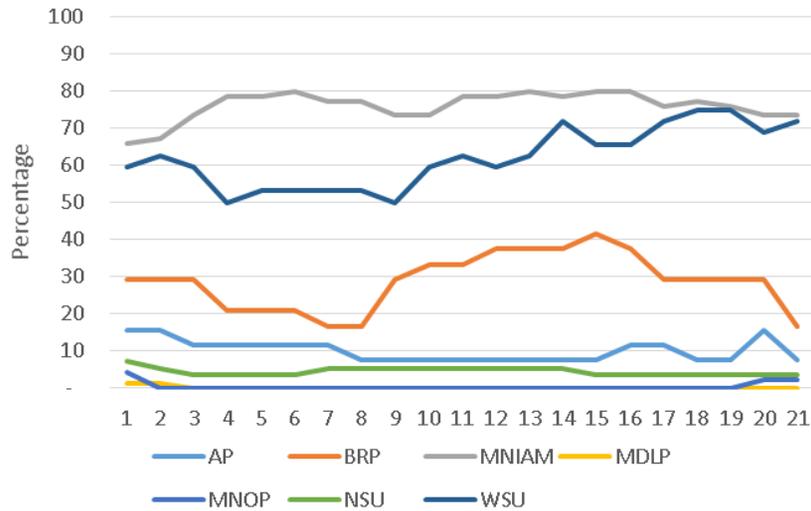
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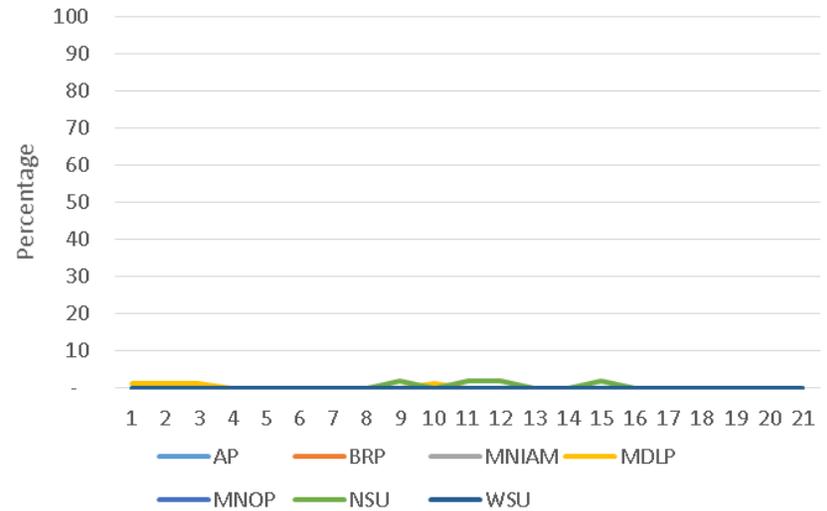
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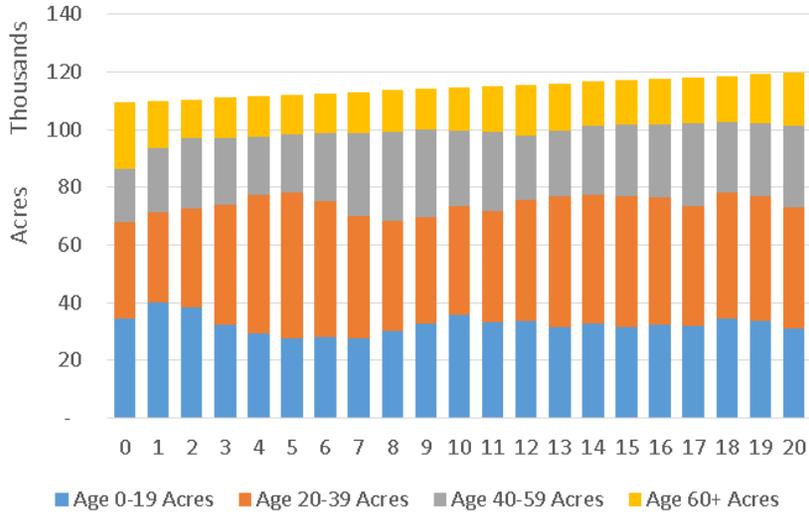
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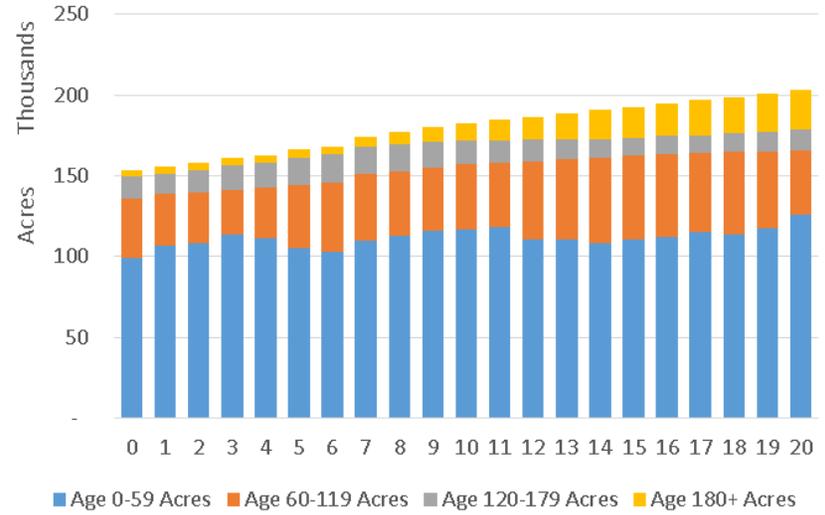
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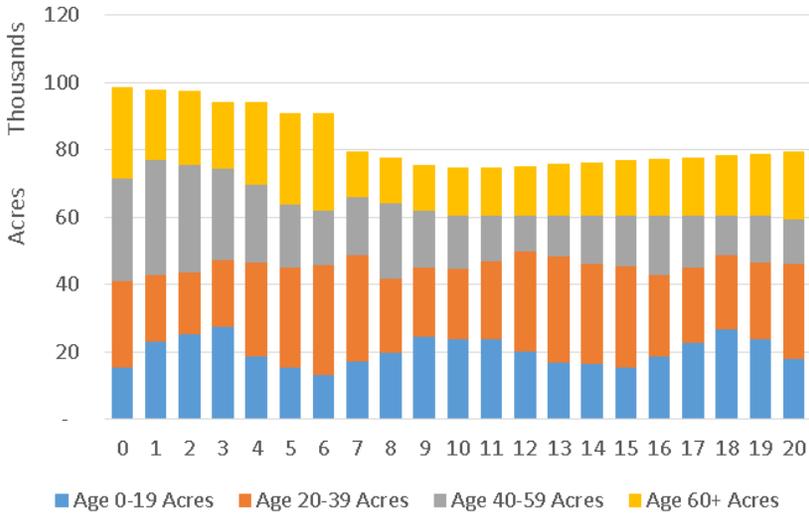
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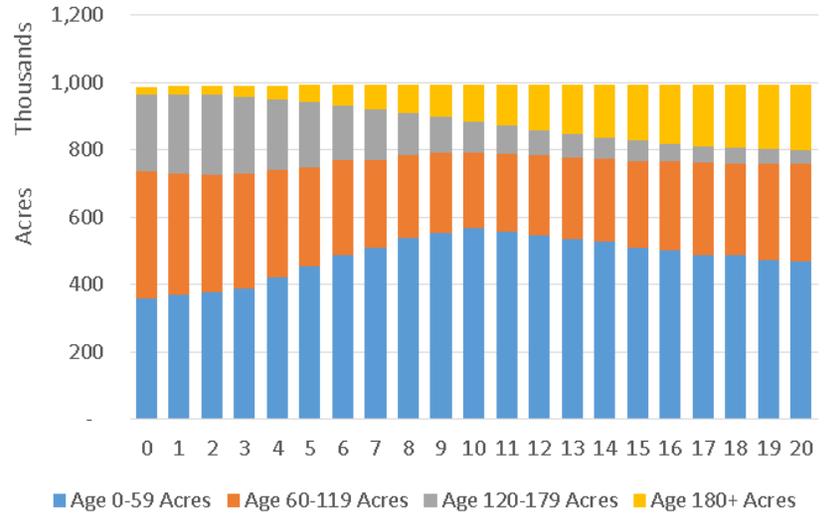
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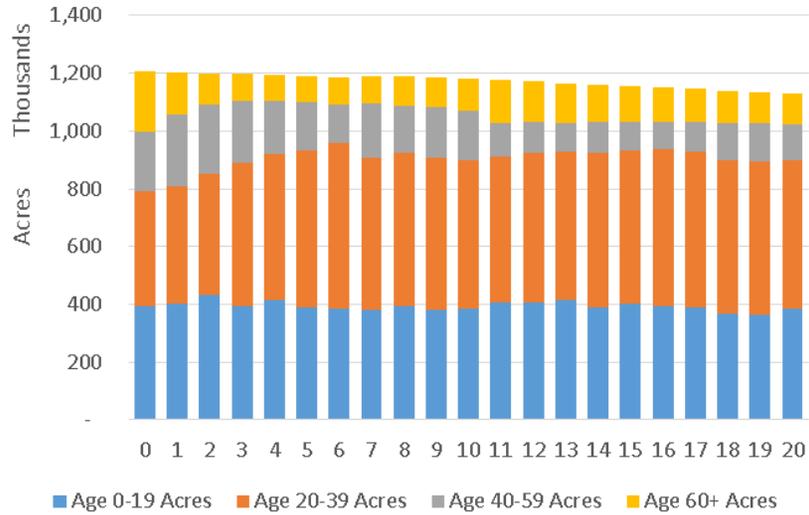
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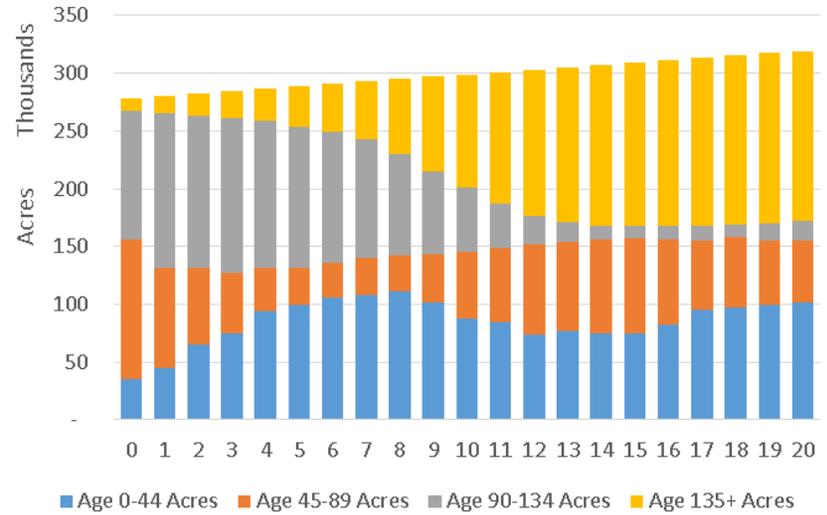
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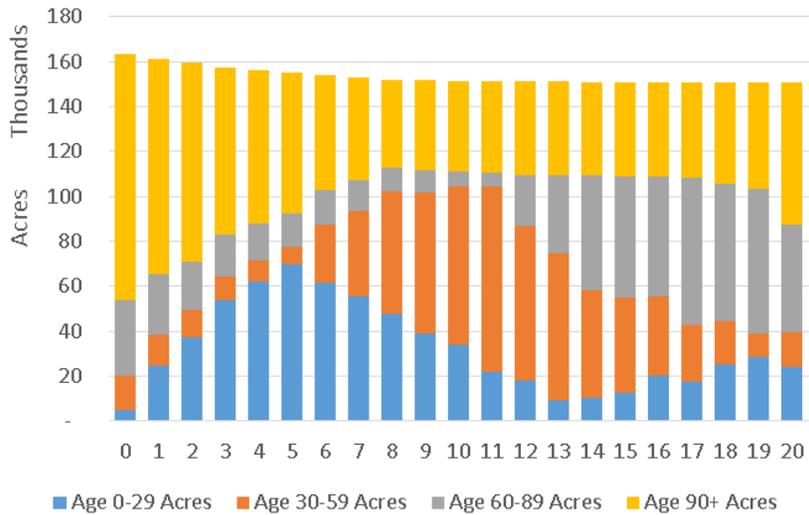
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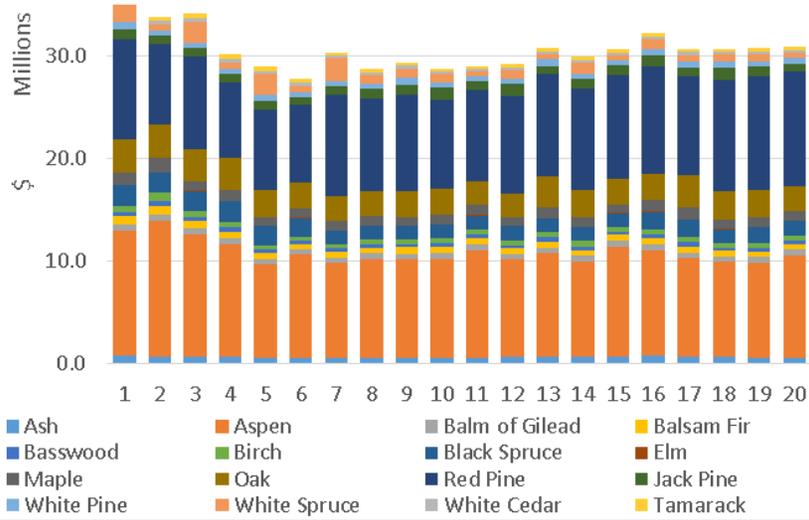
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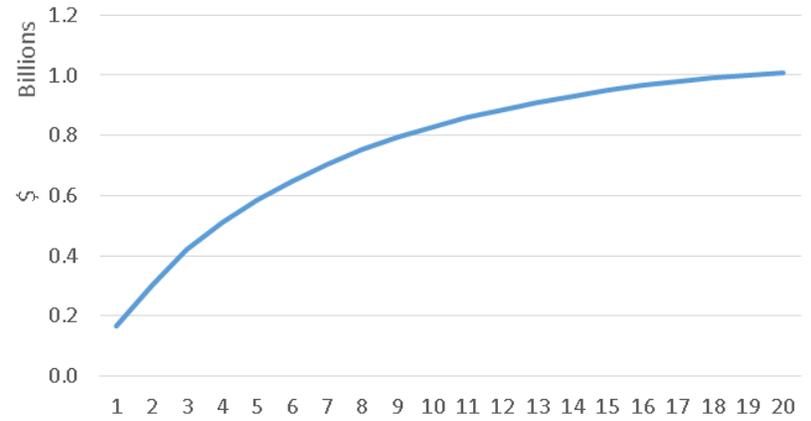
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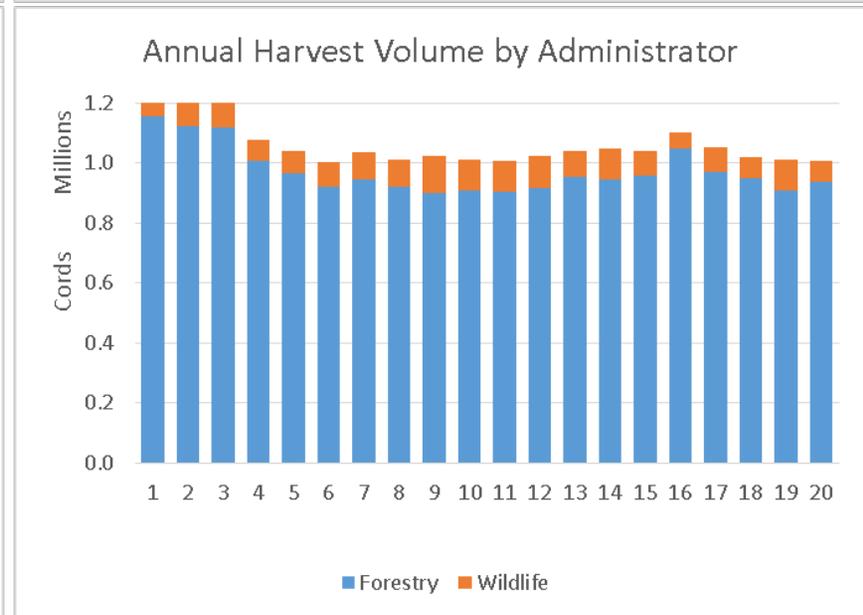
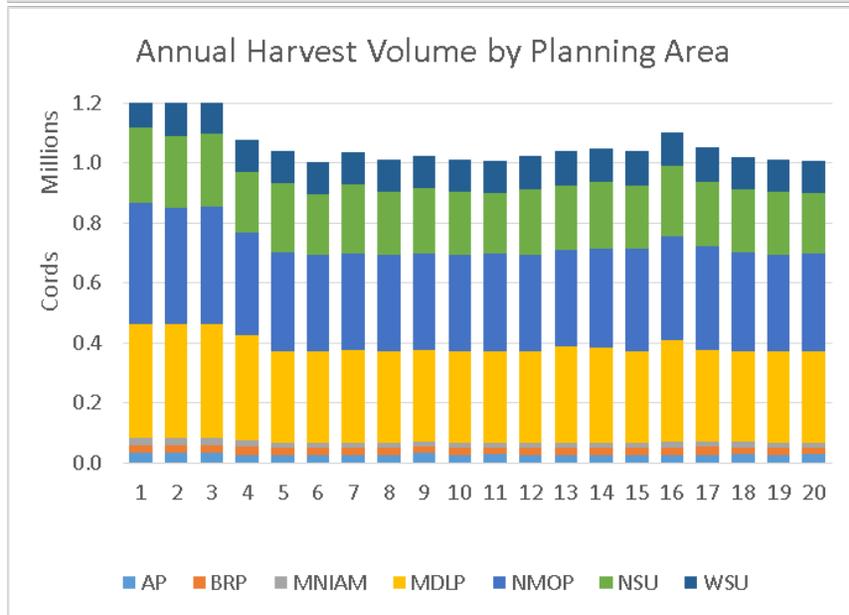
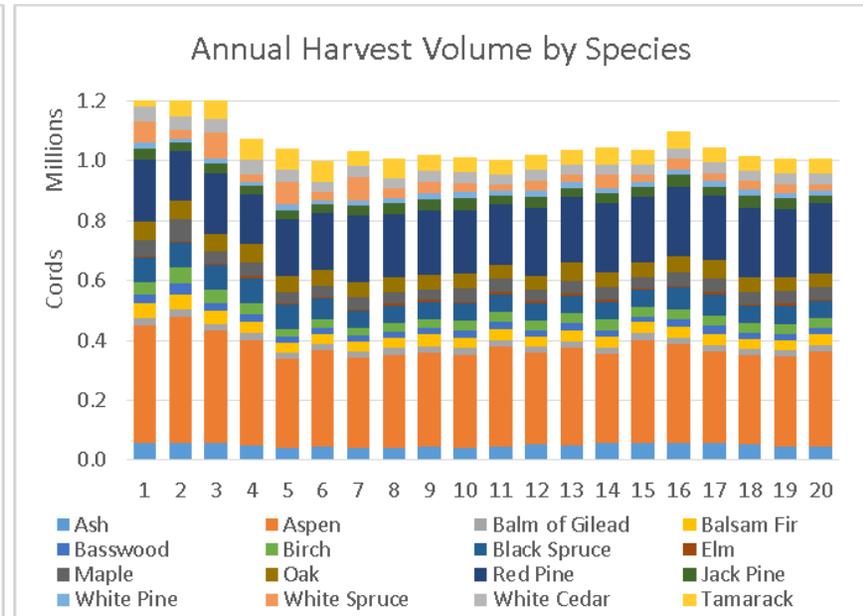
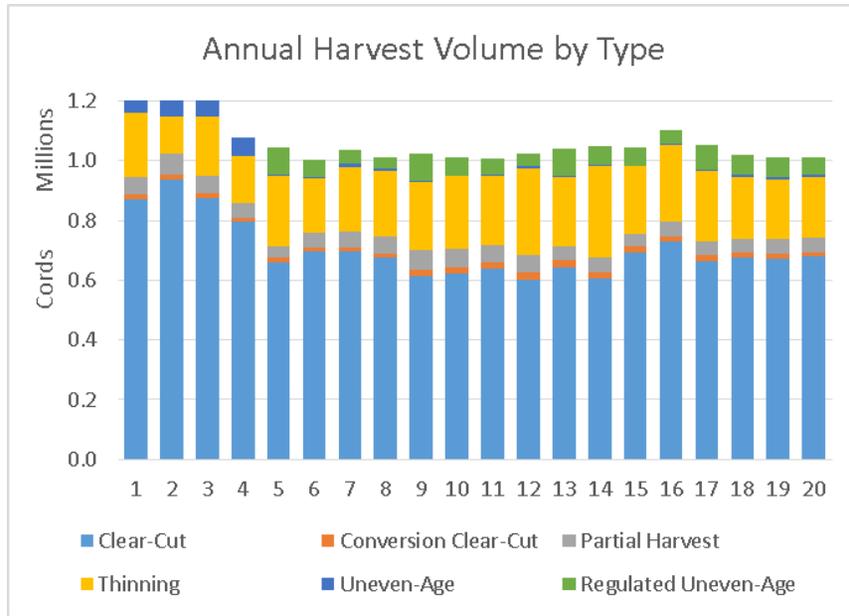
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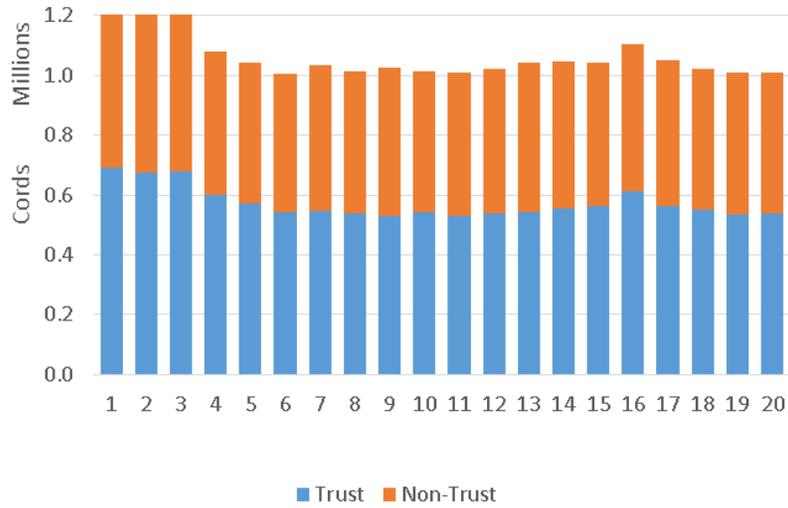
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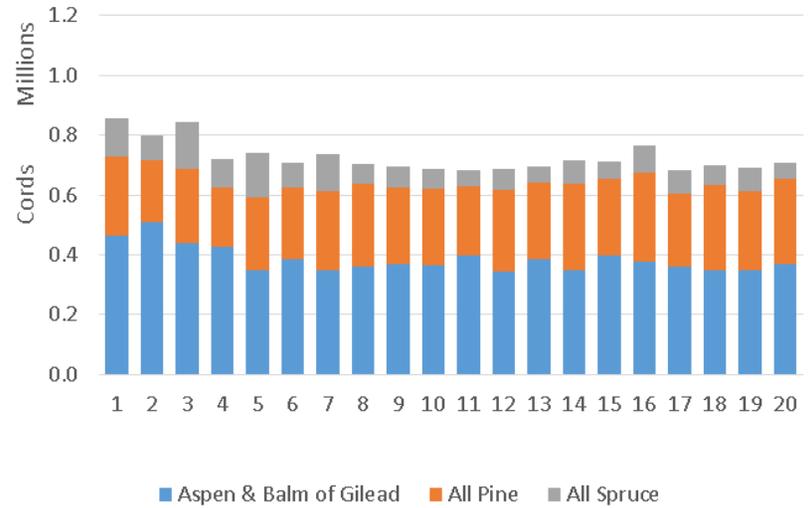
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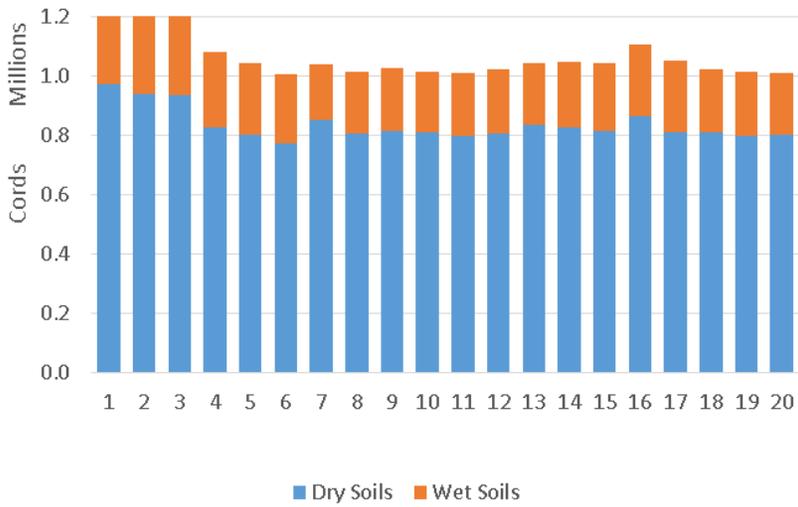
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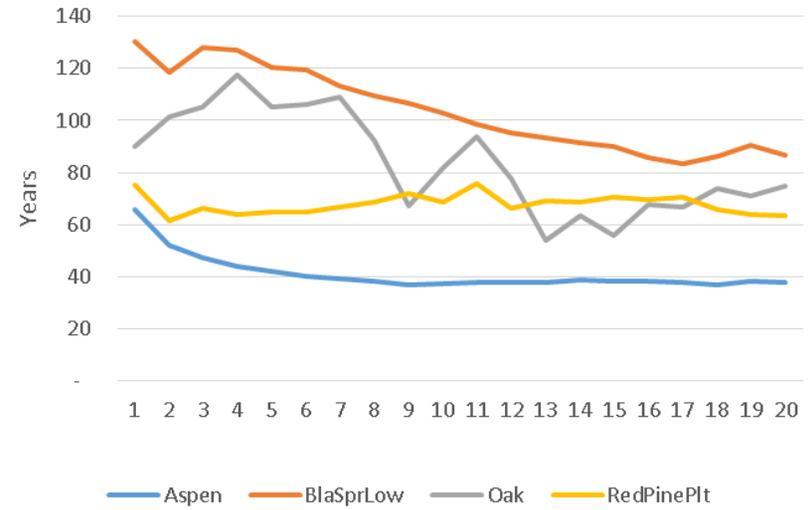
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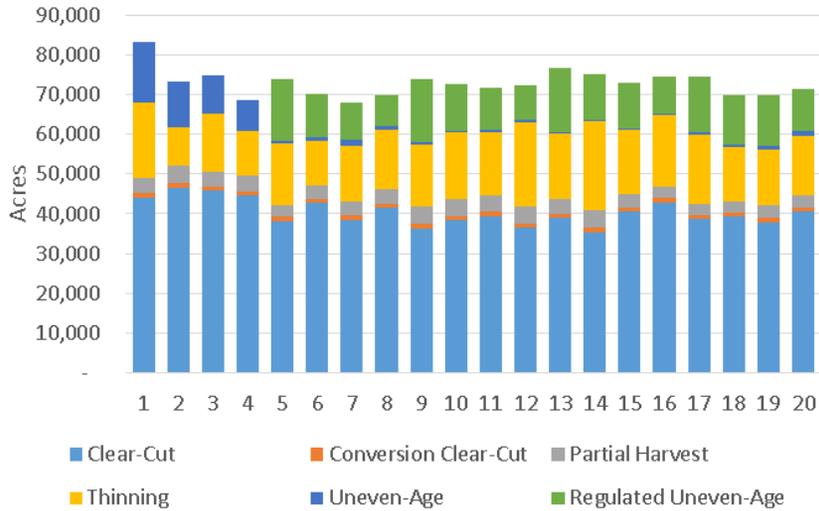
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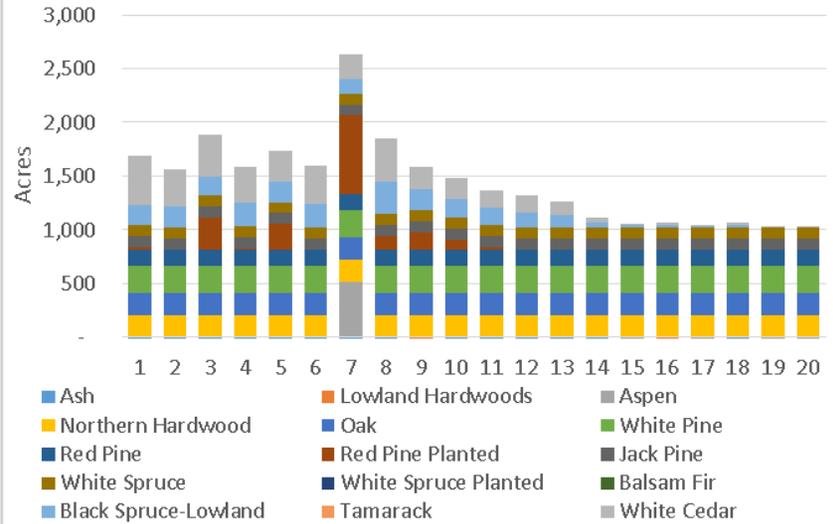
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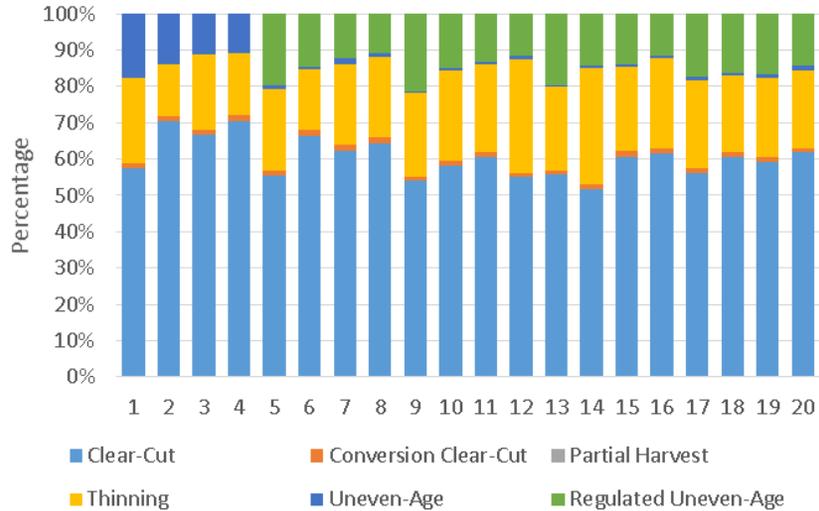
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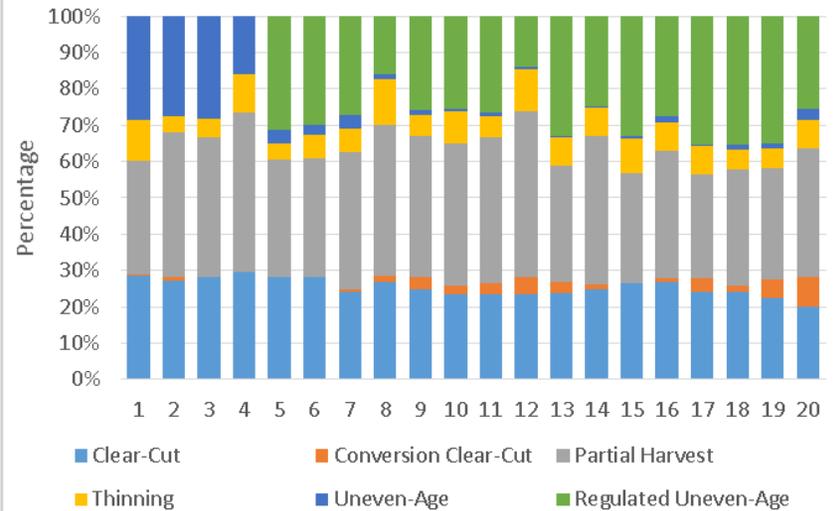
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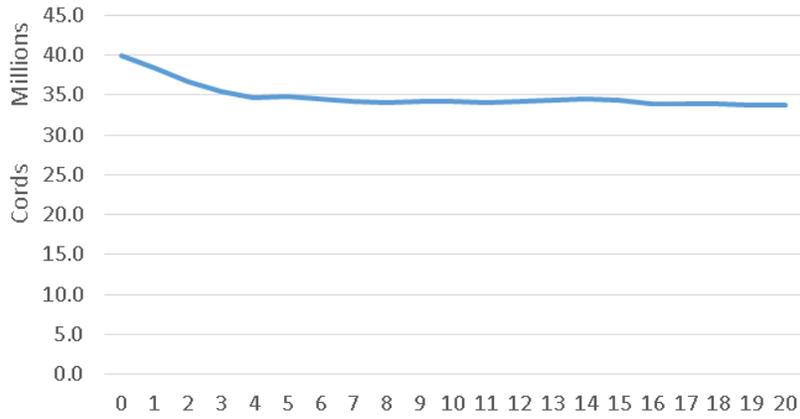
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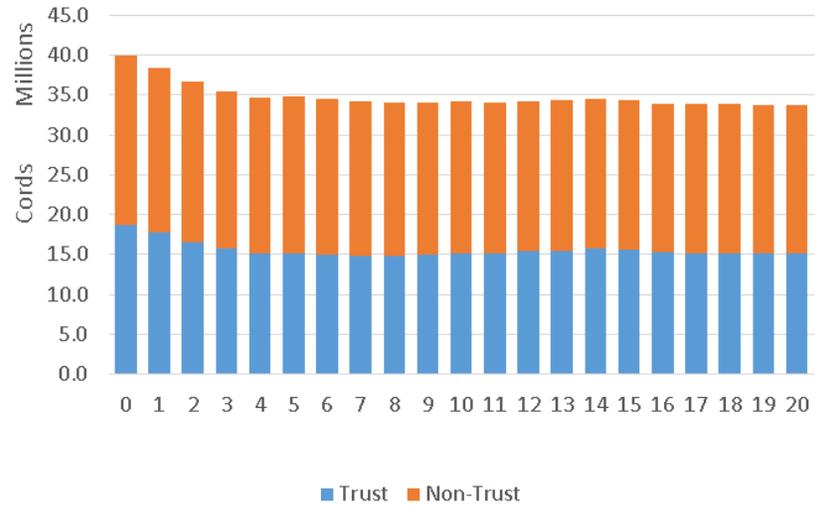
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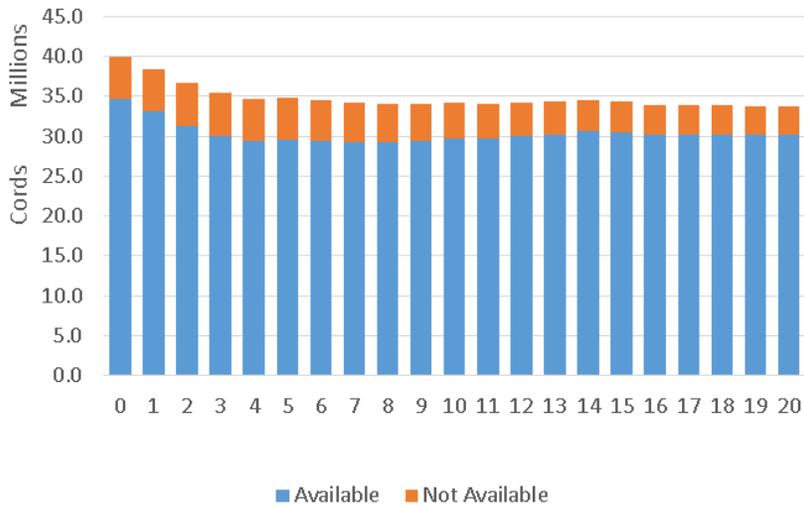
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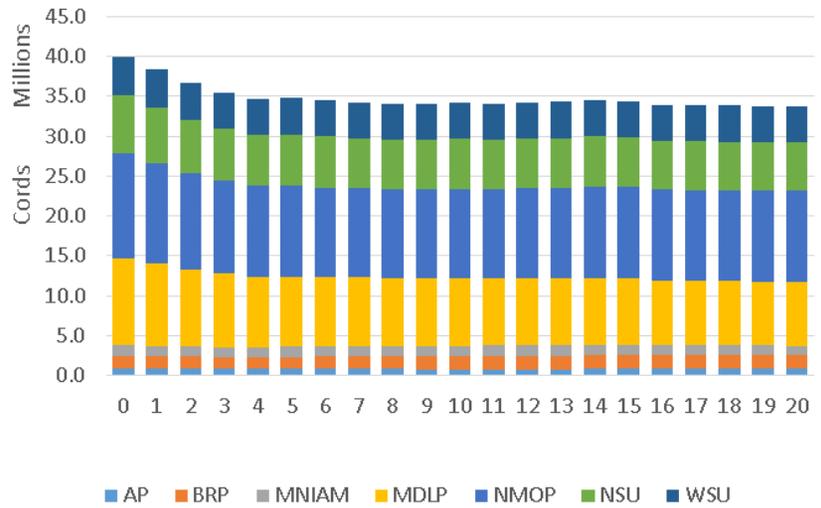
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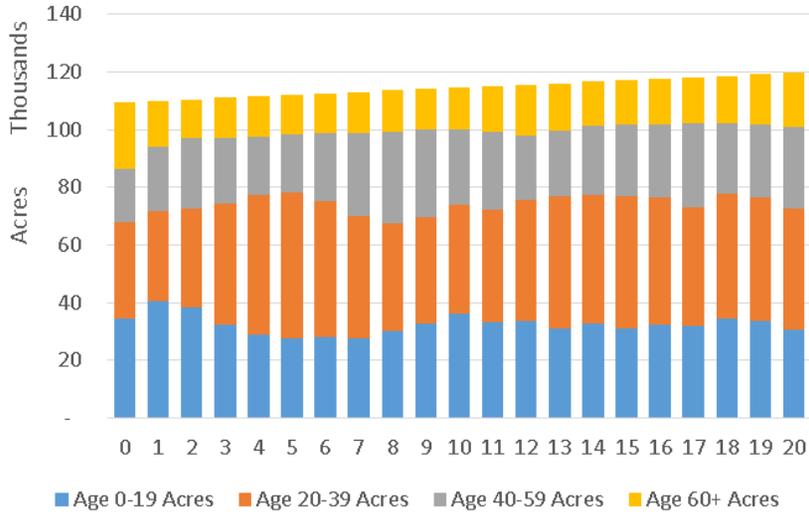


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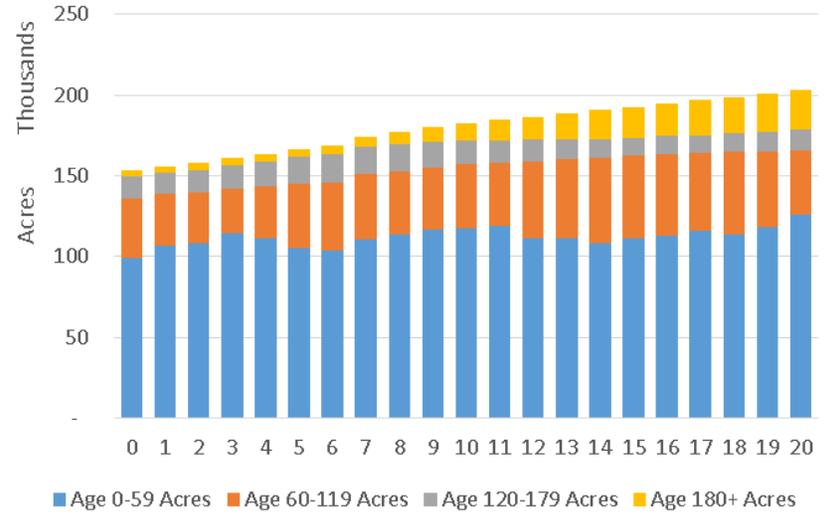




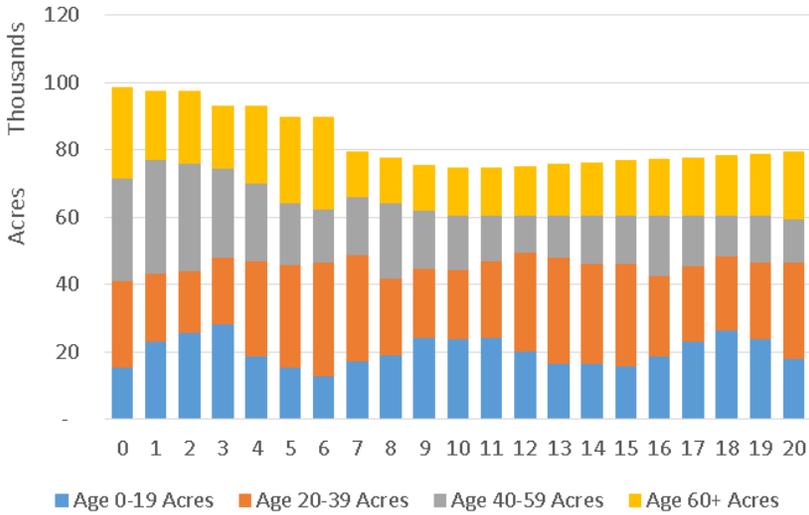
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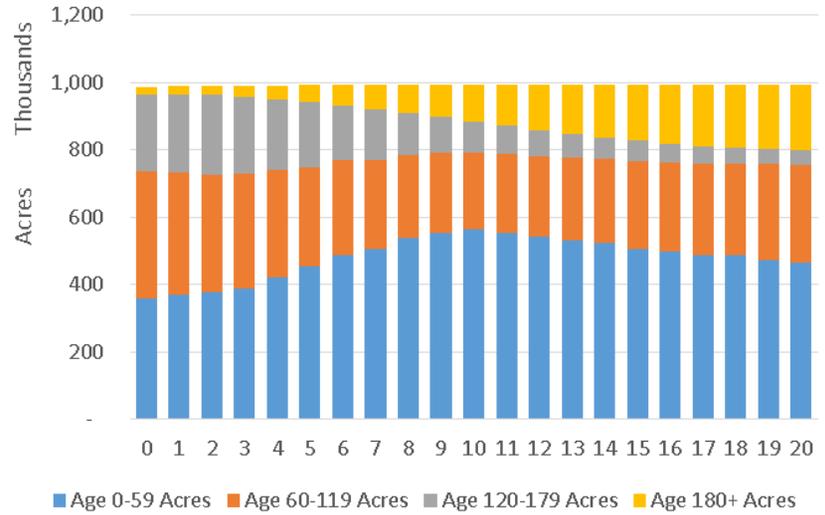
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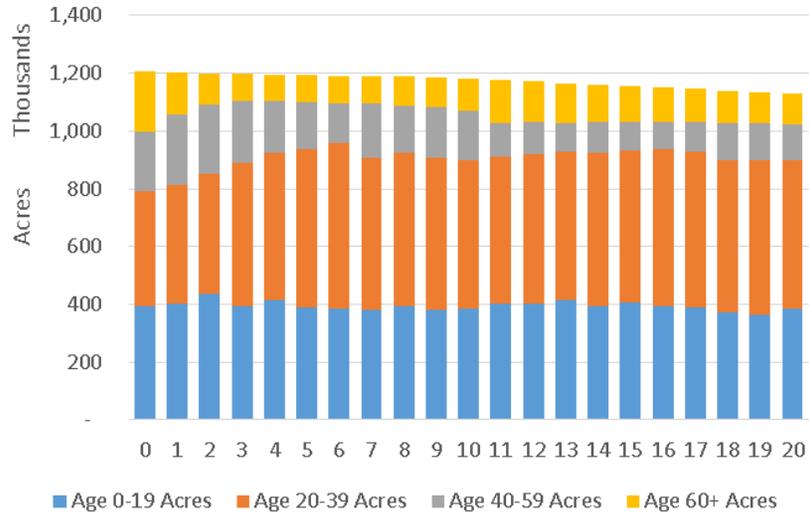
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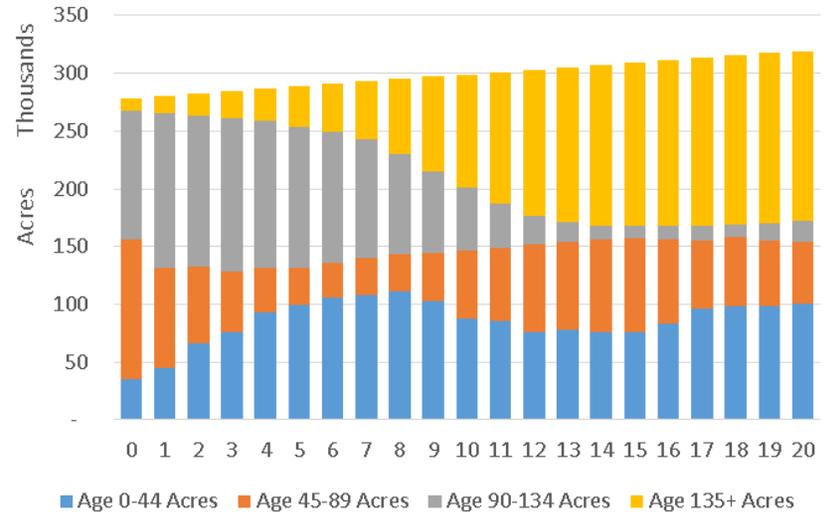
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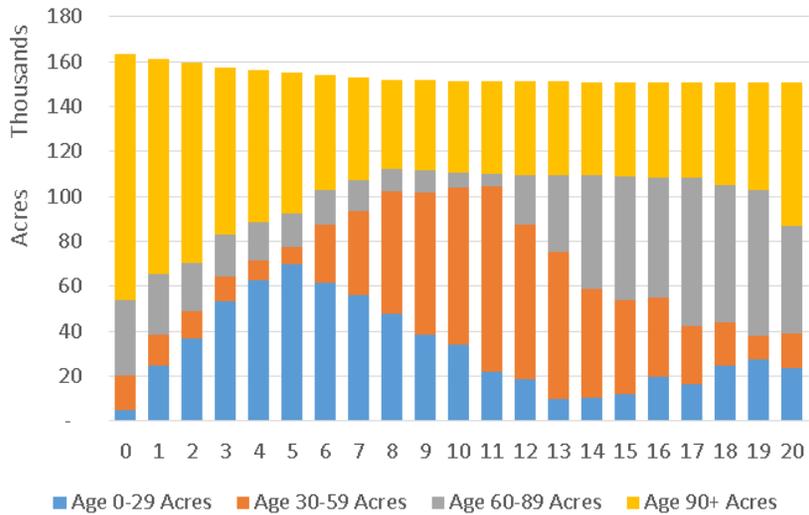
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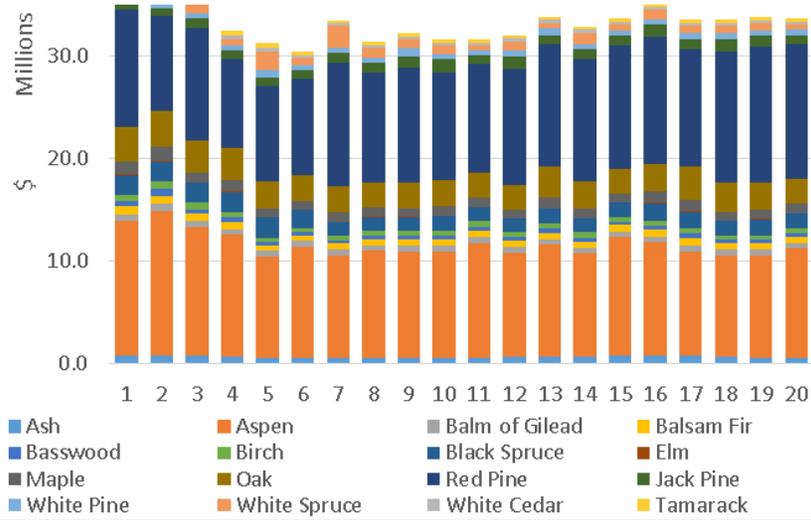
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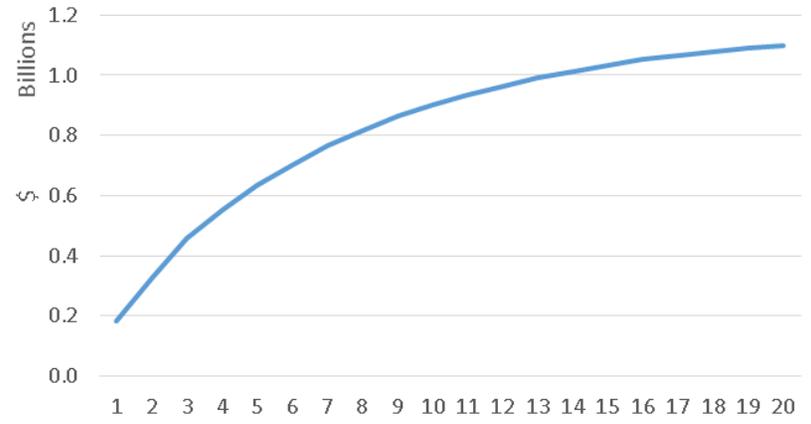
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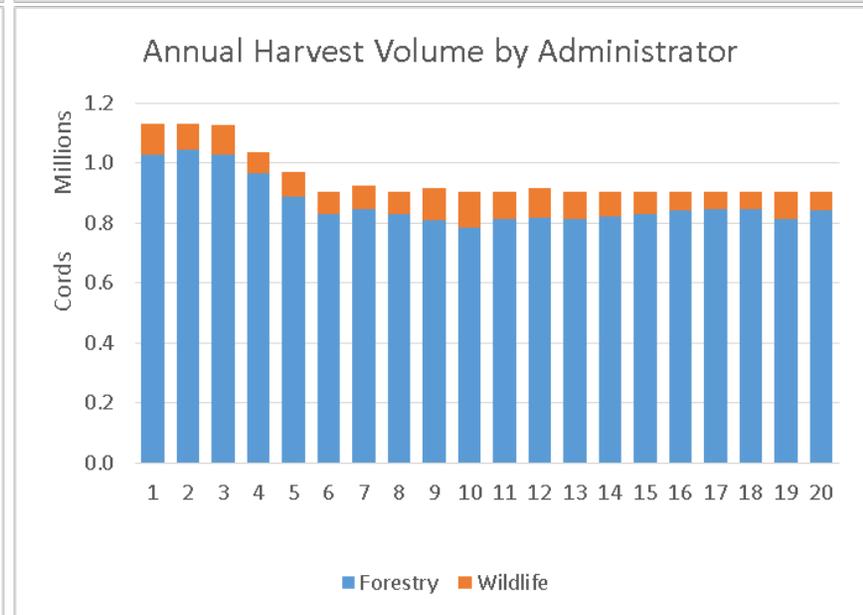
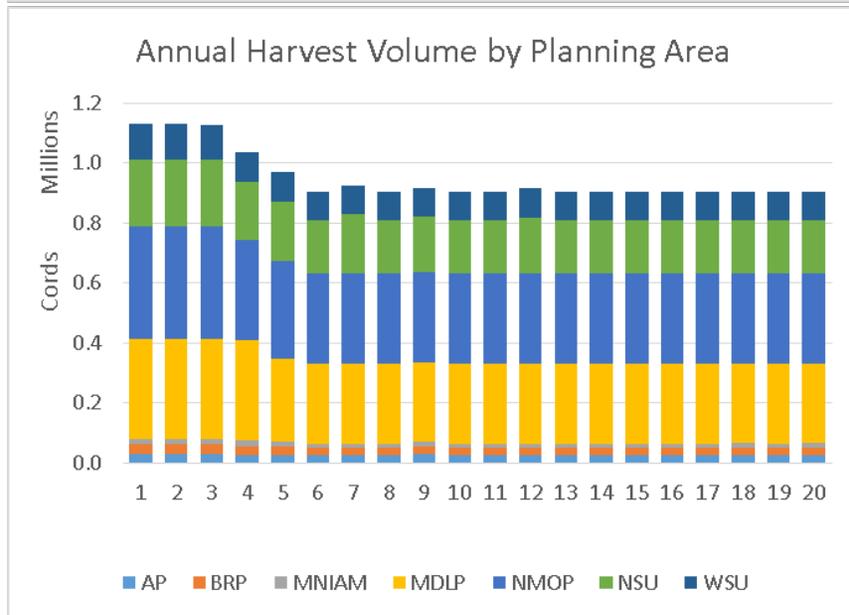
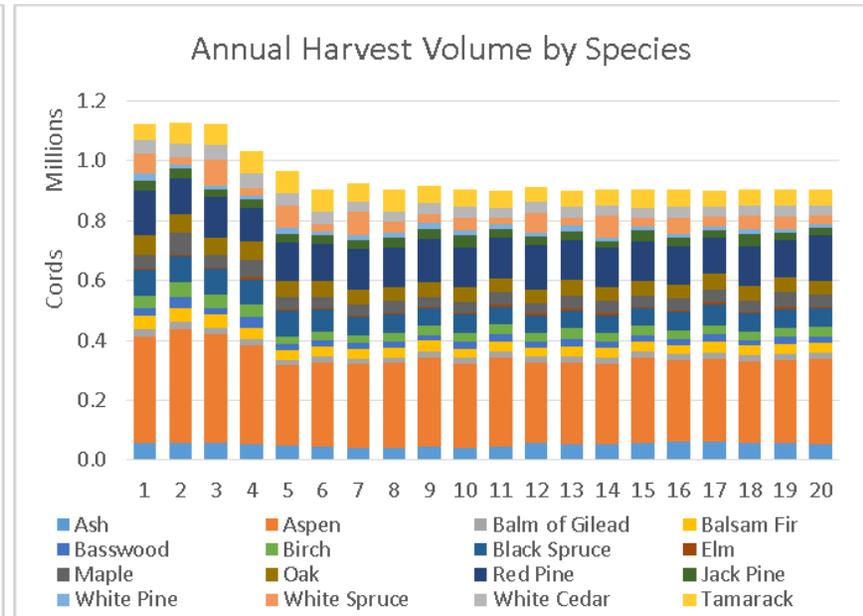
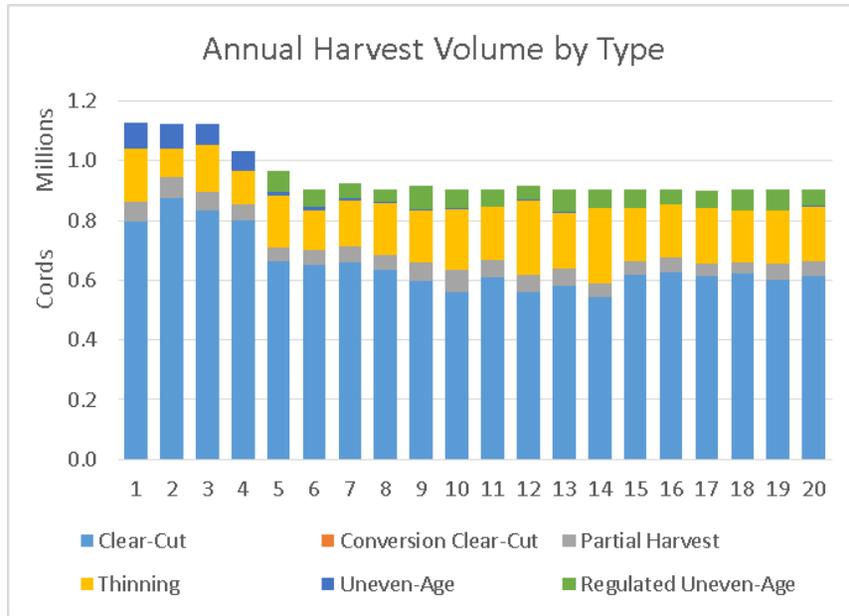
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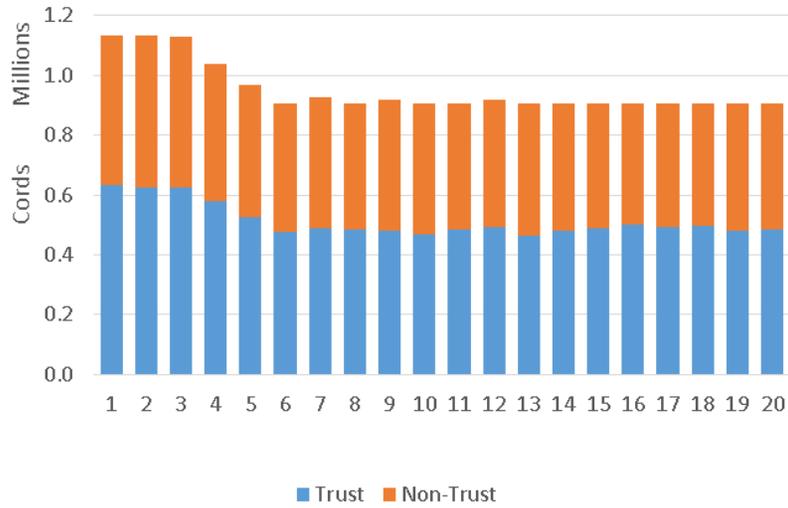
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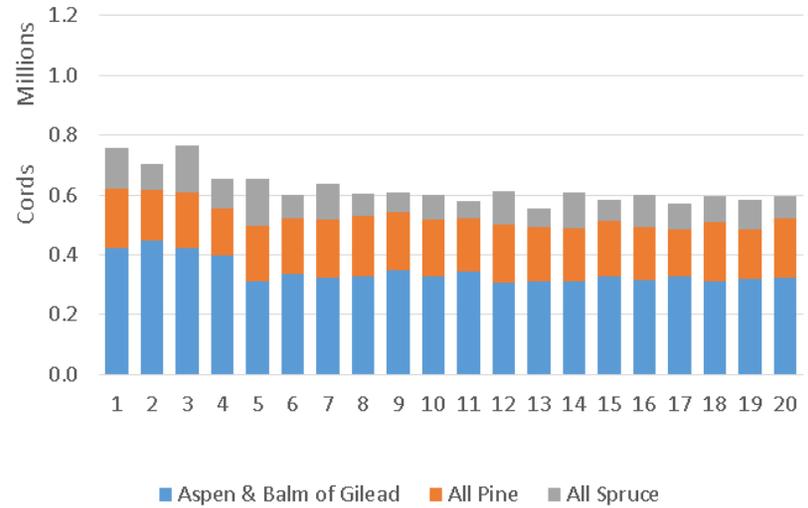
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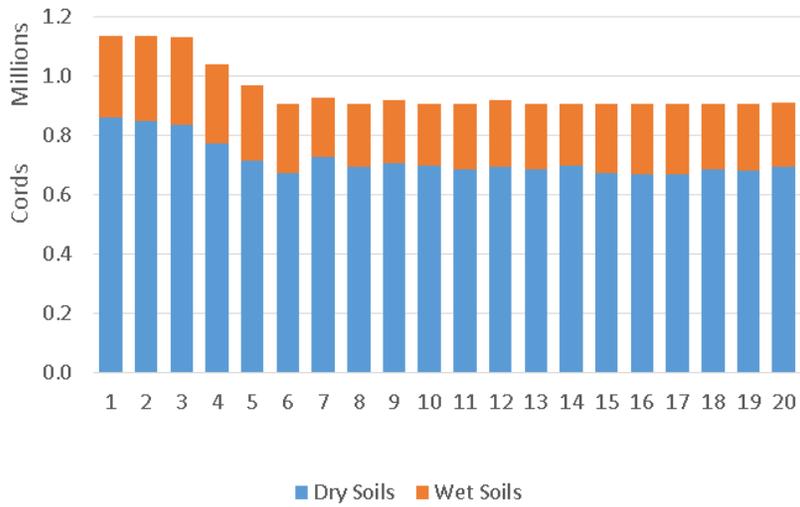
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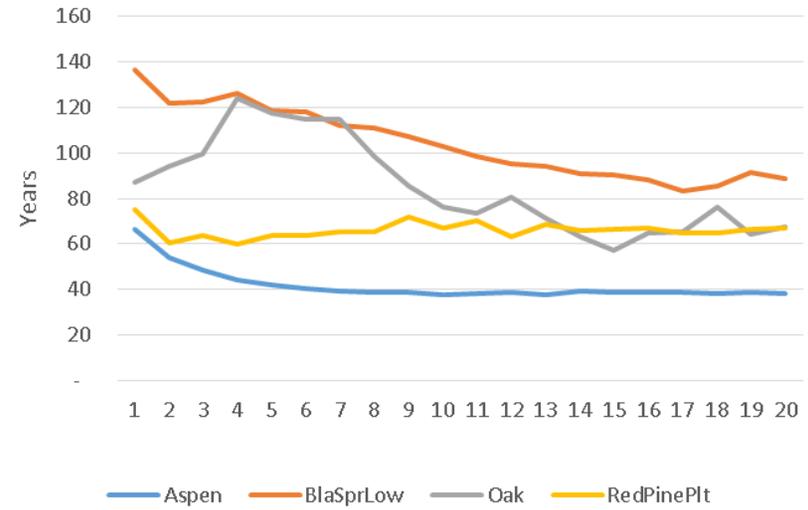
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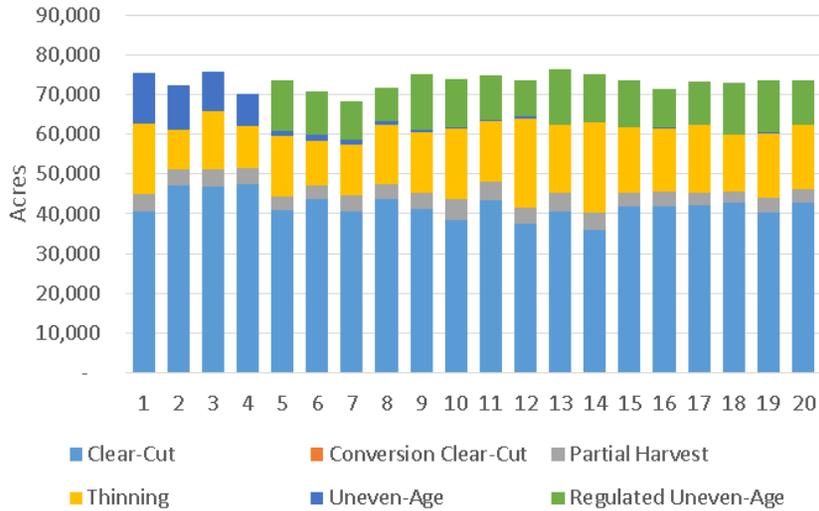
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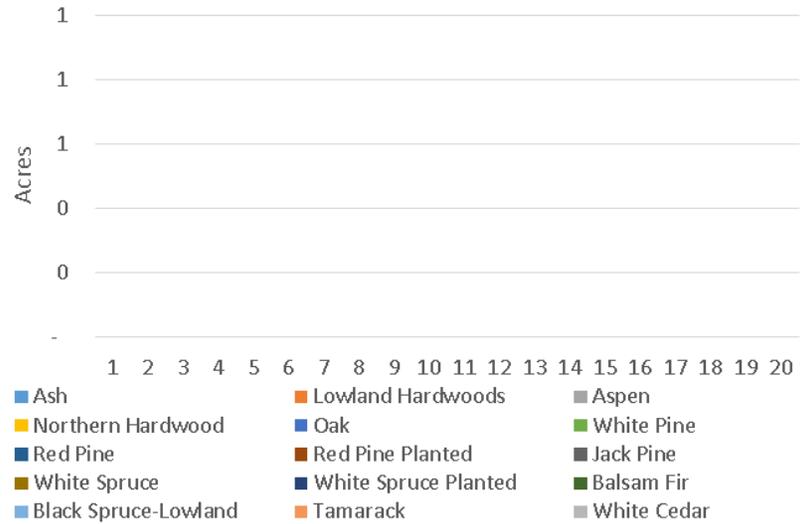
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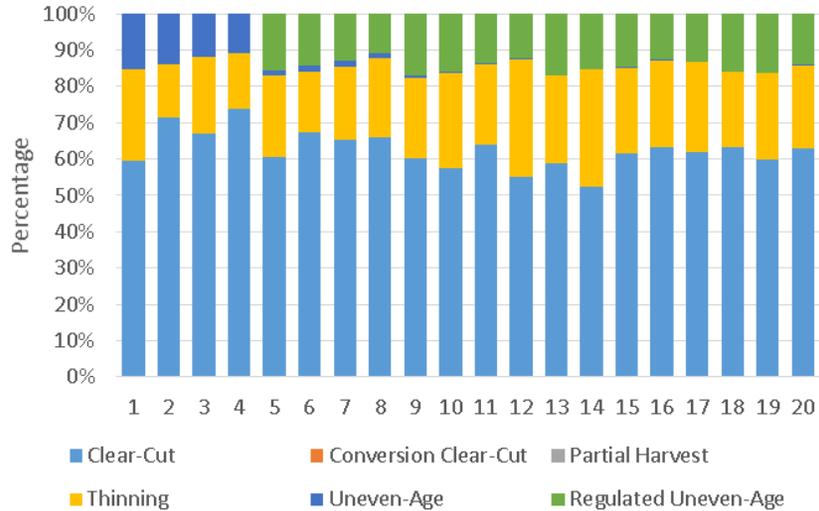
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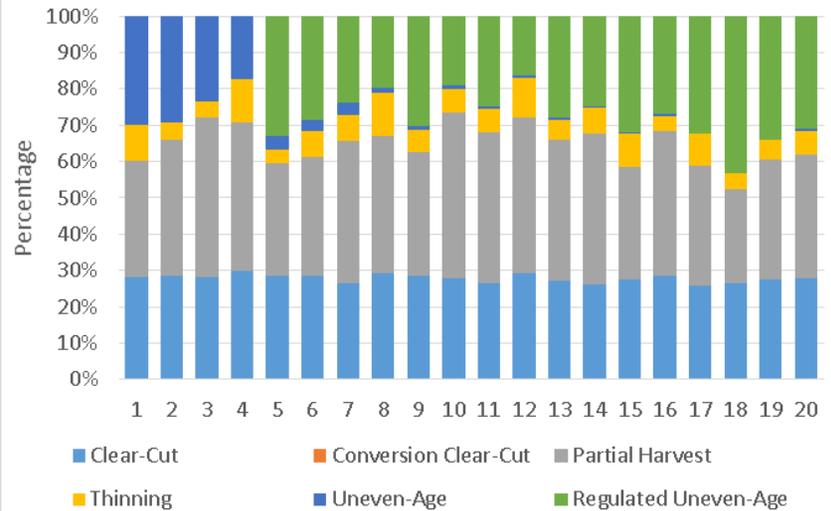
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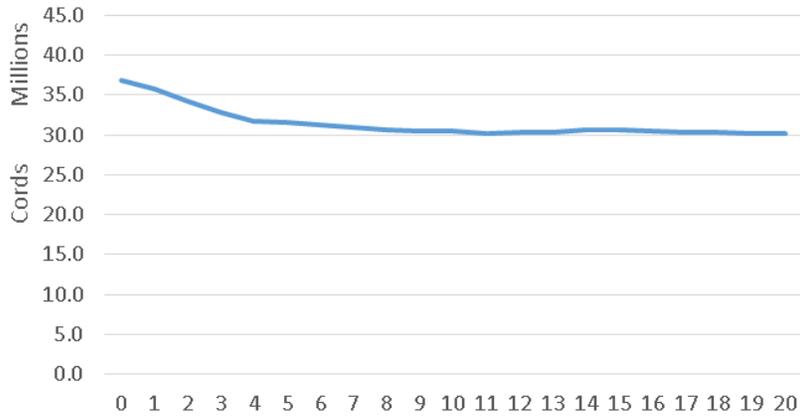
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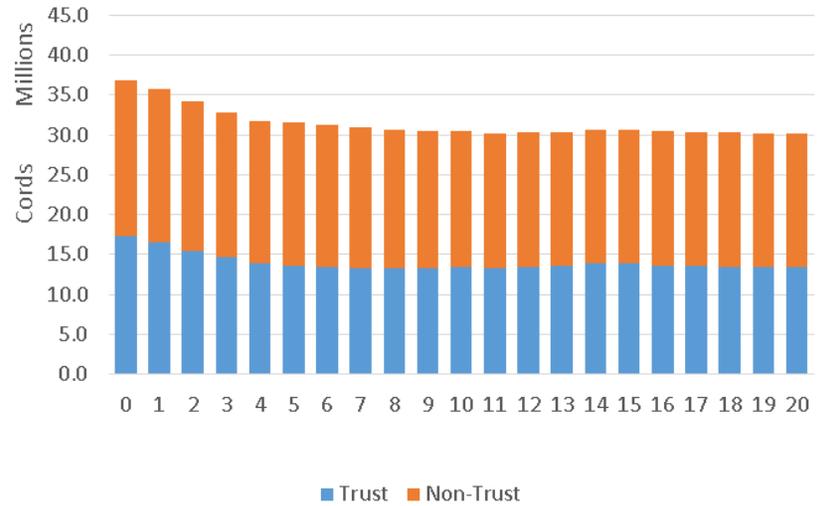
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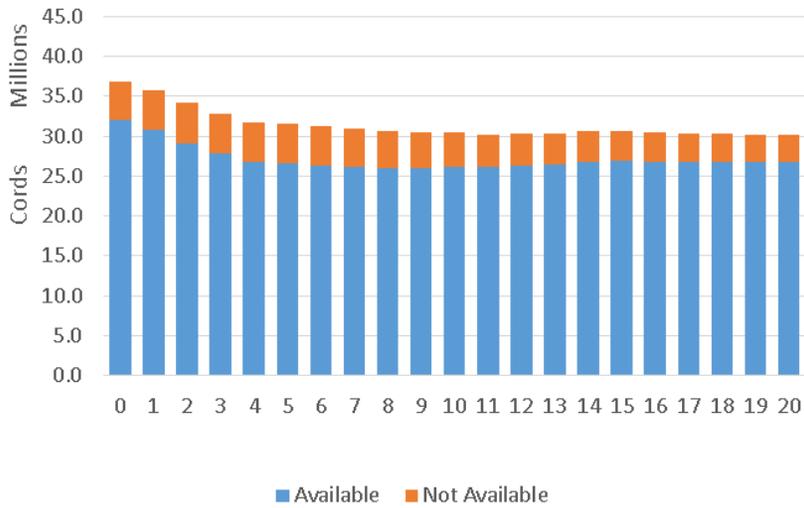
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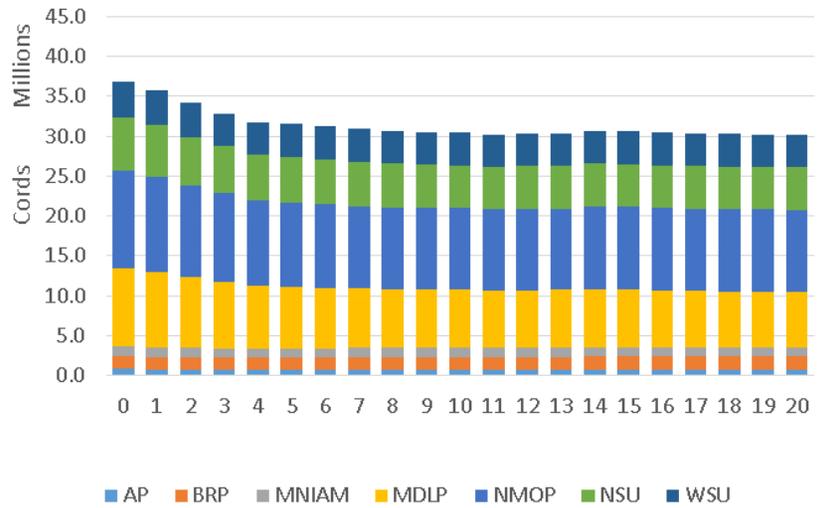
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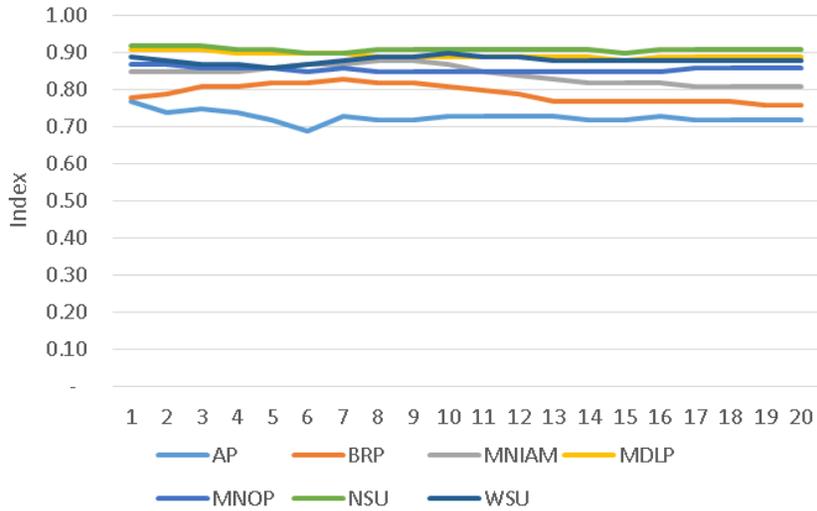
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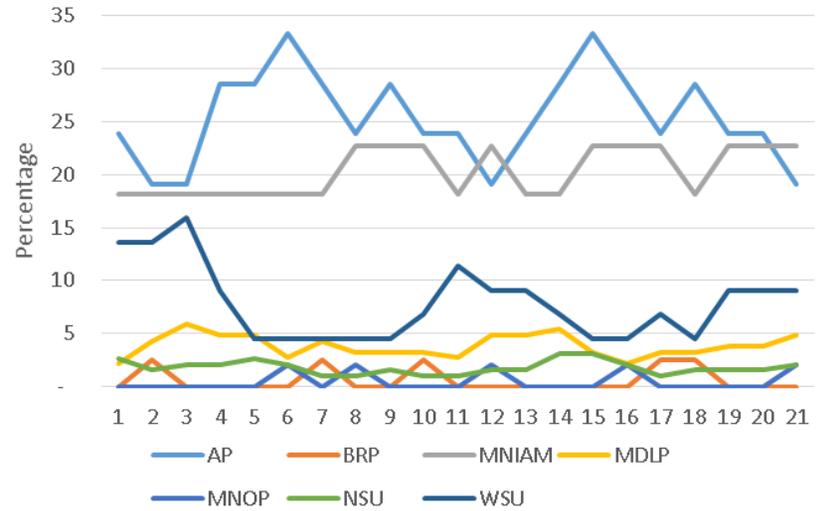
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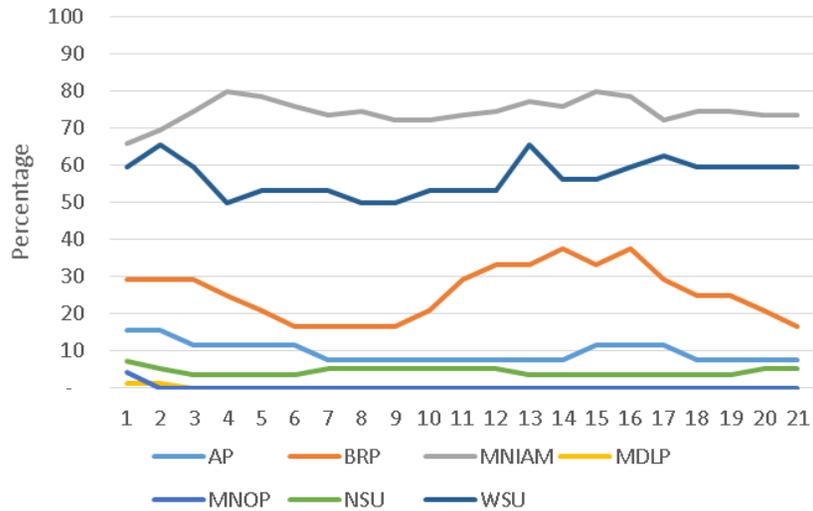
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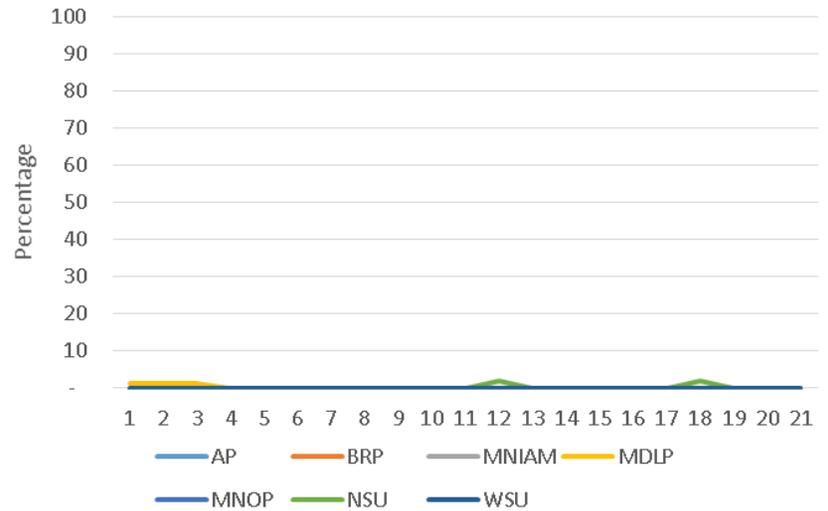
### Open Watersheds by Planning Area



### Old Forest Guild by Planning Area



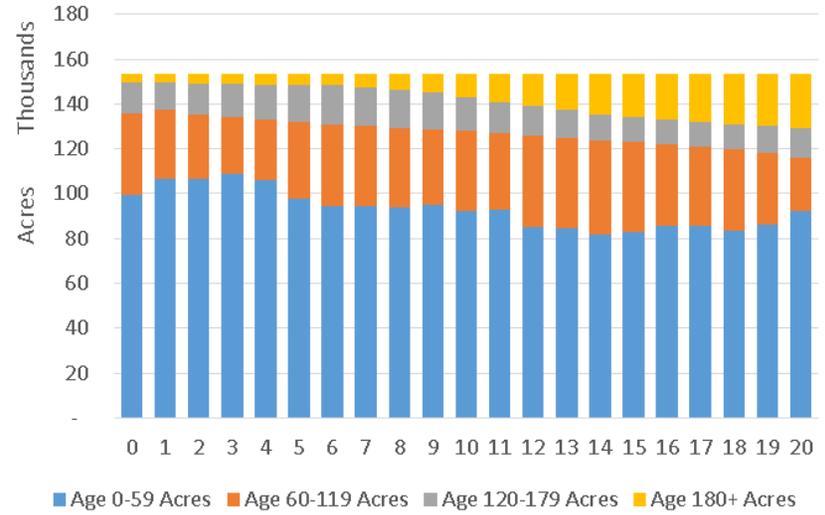
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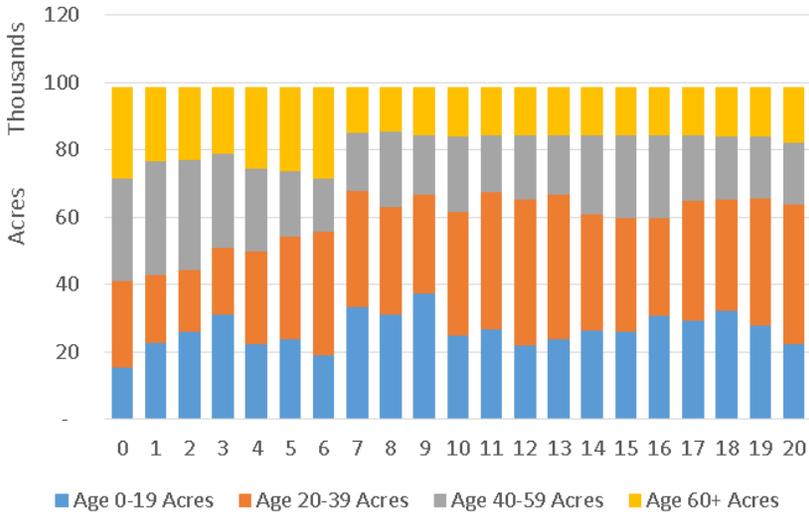
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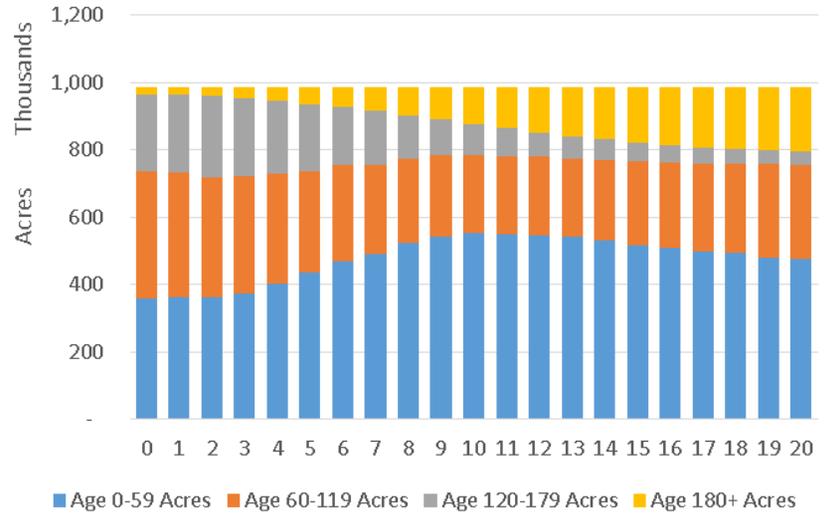
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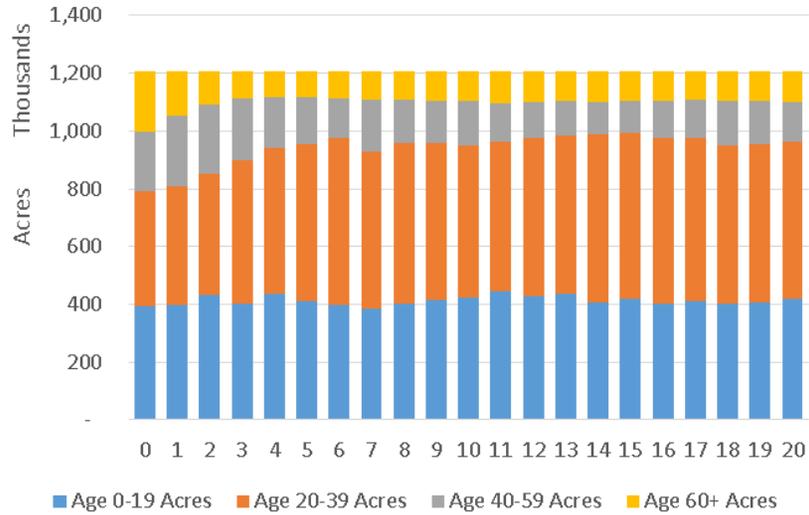
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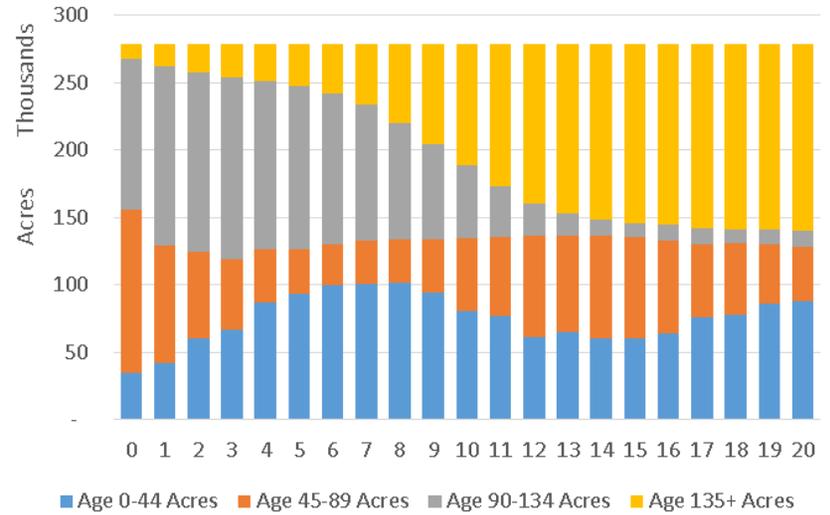
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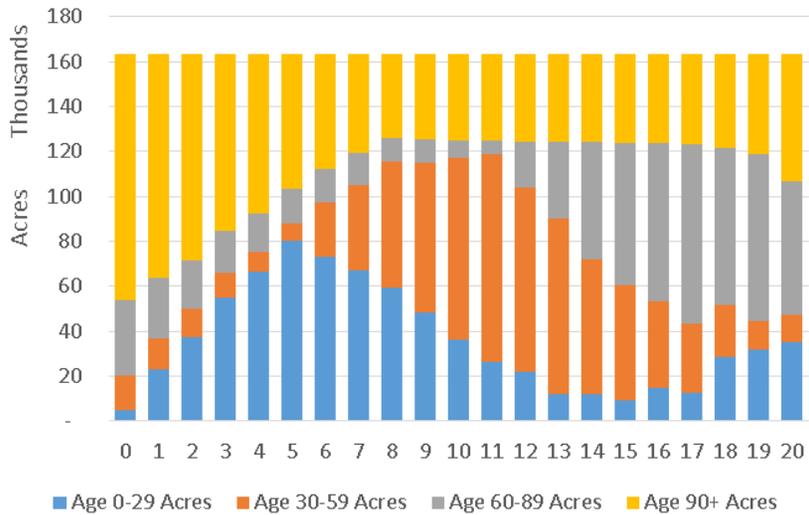
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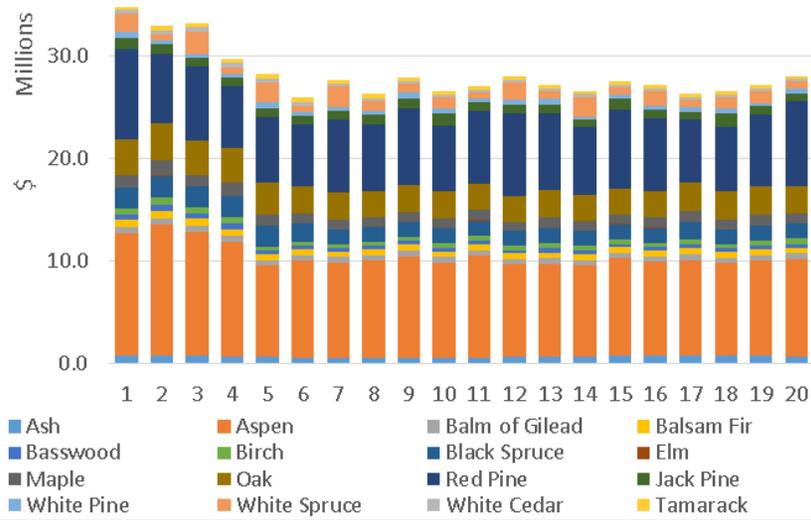
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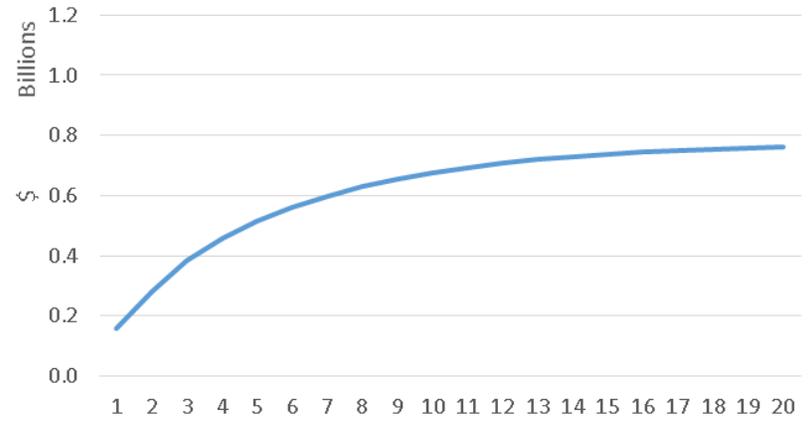
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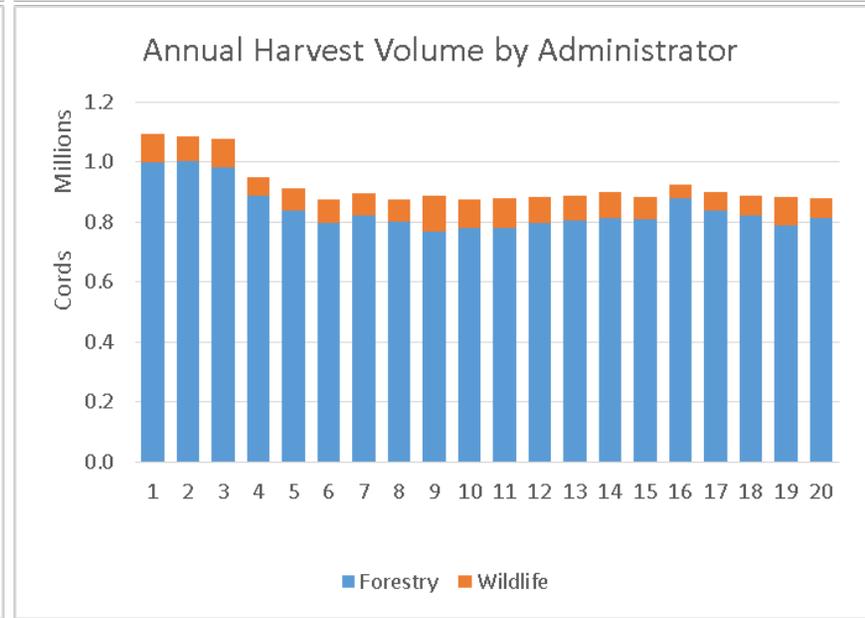
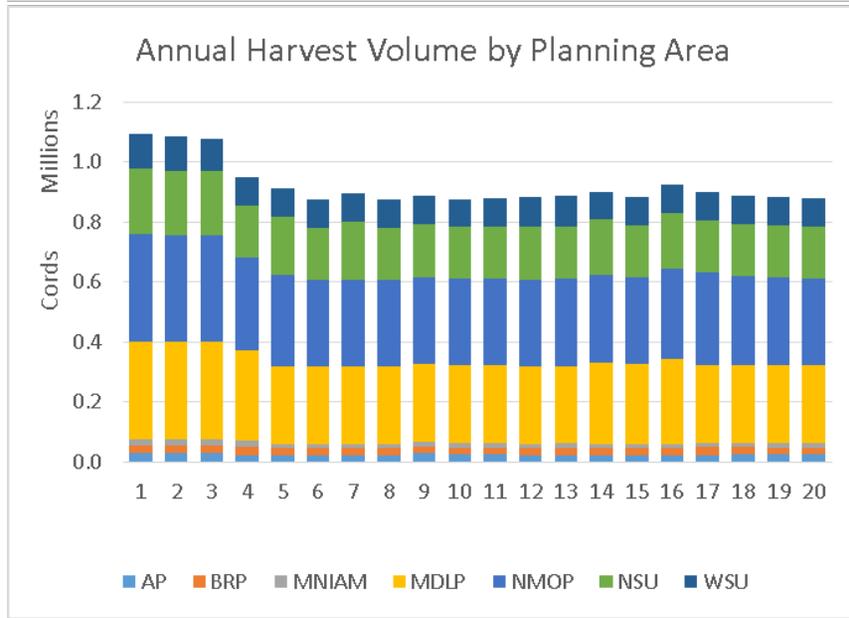
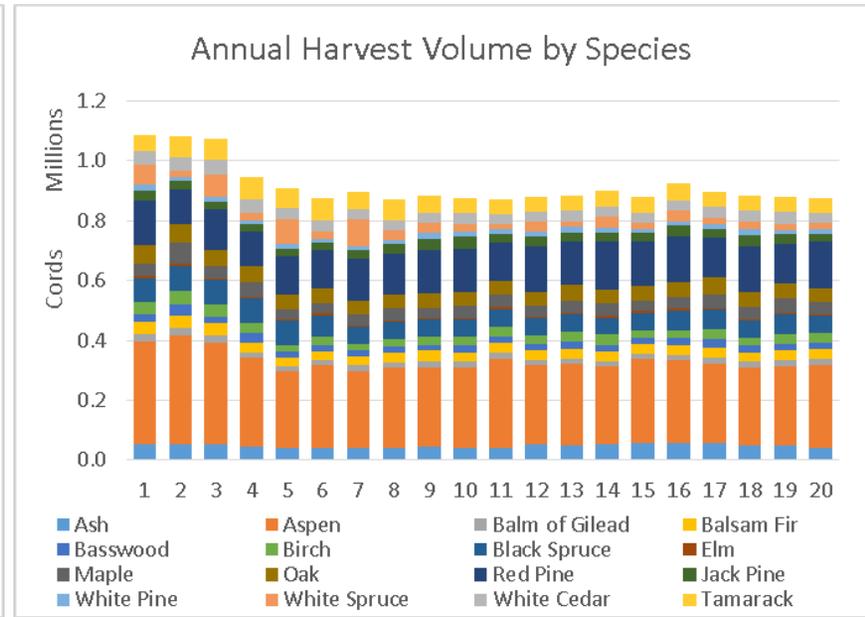
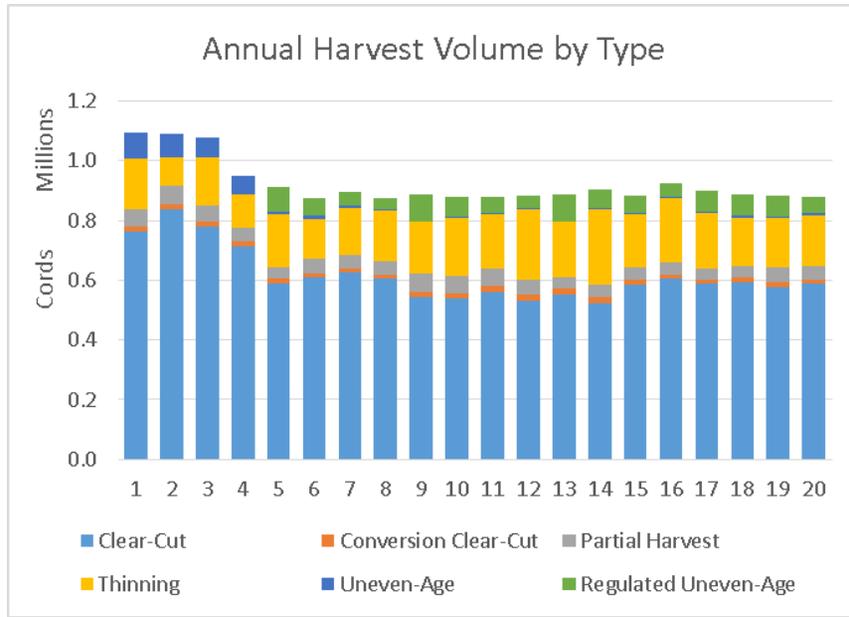
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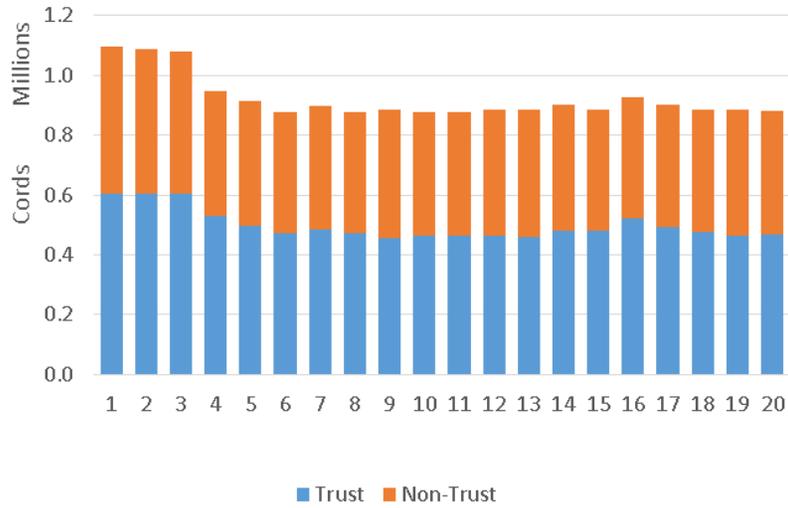
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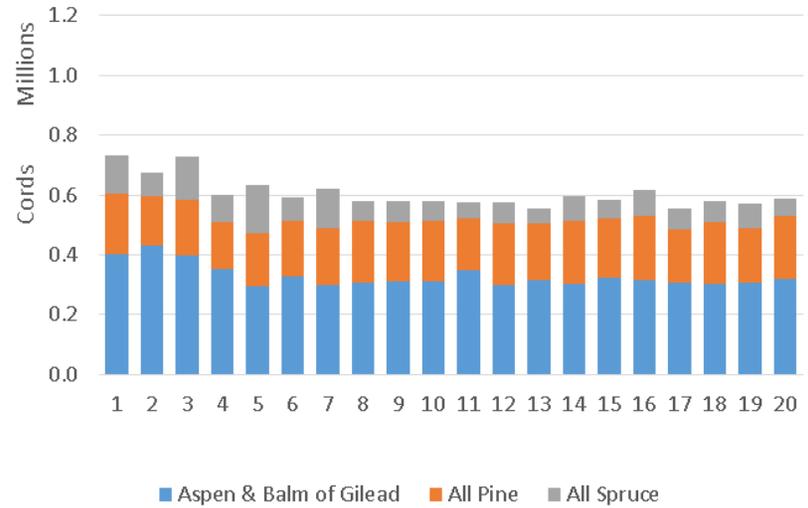
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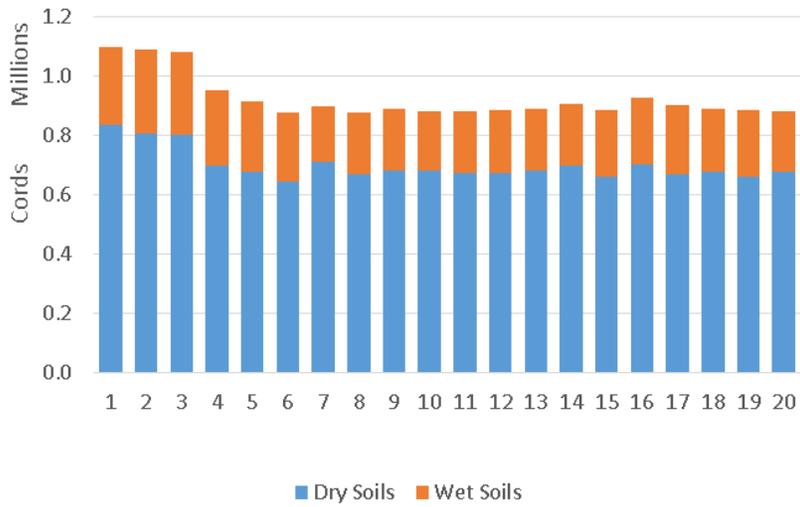
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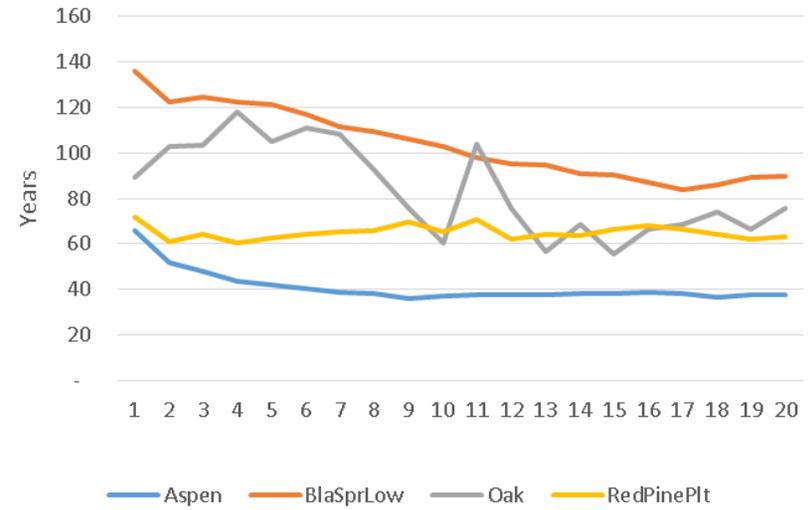
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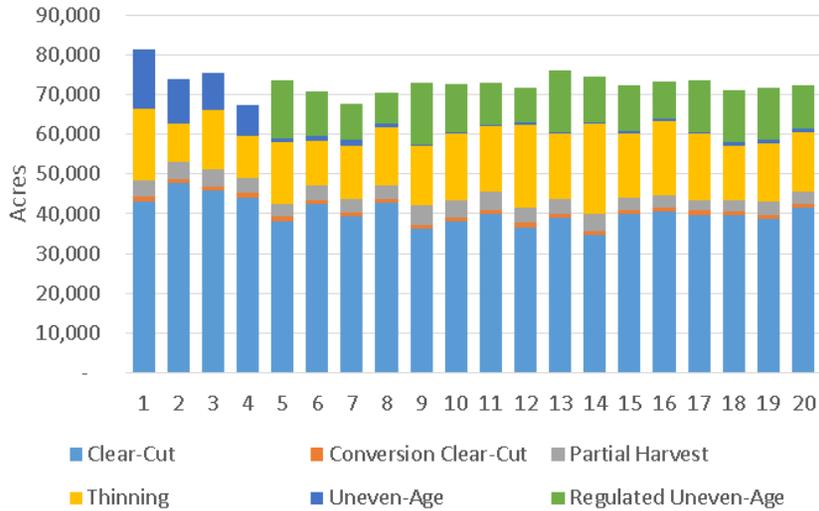
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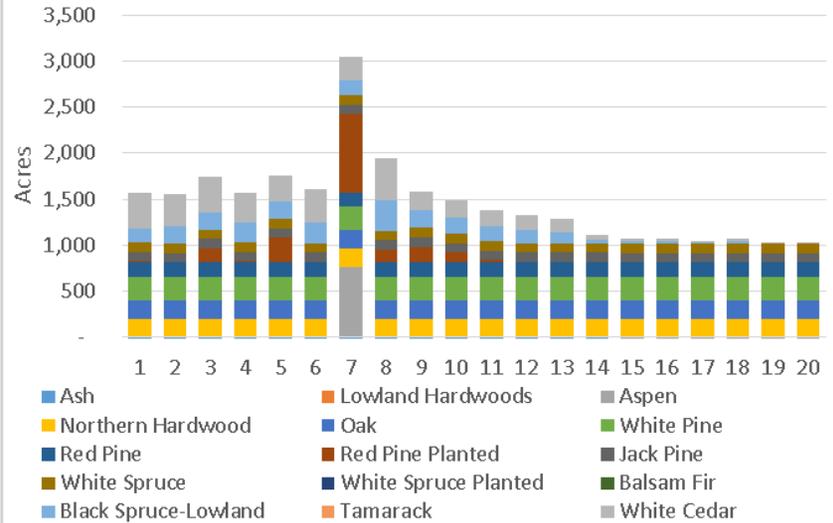
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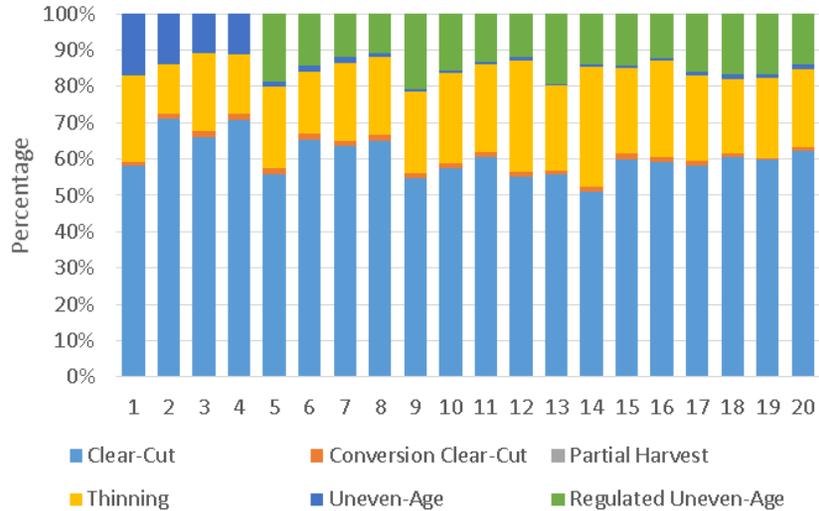
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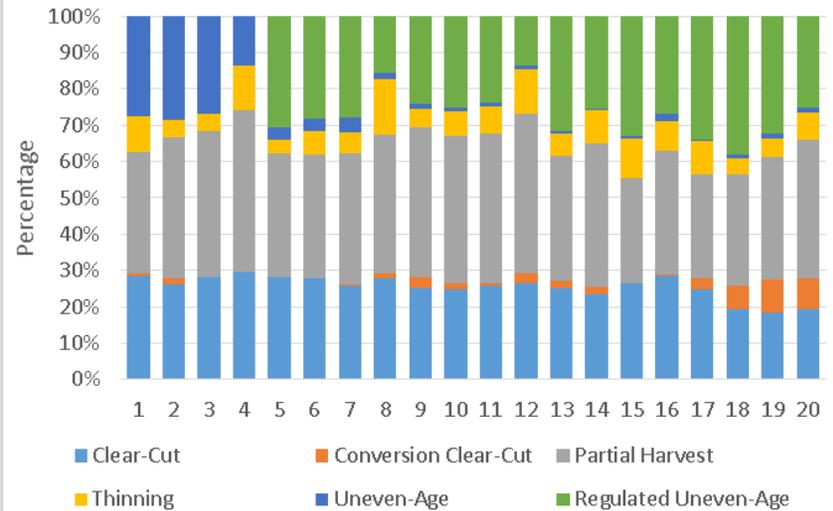
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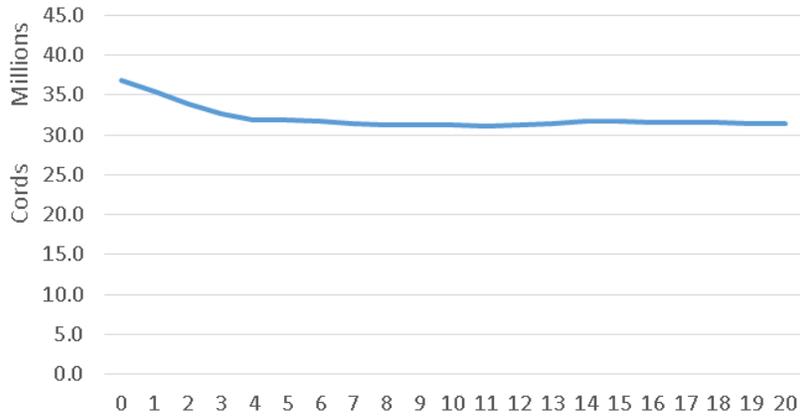
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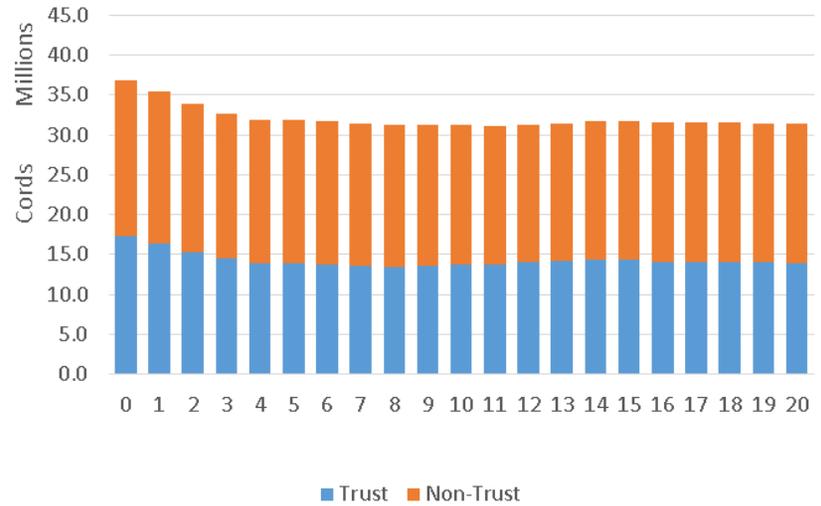
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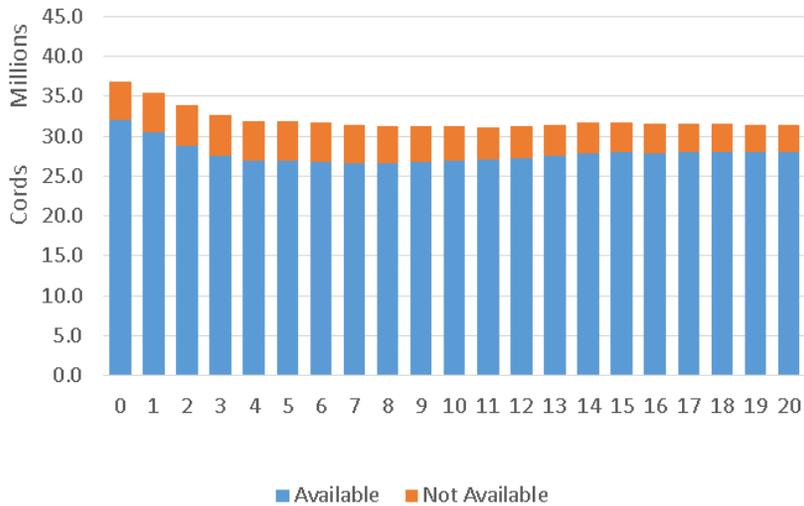
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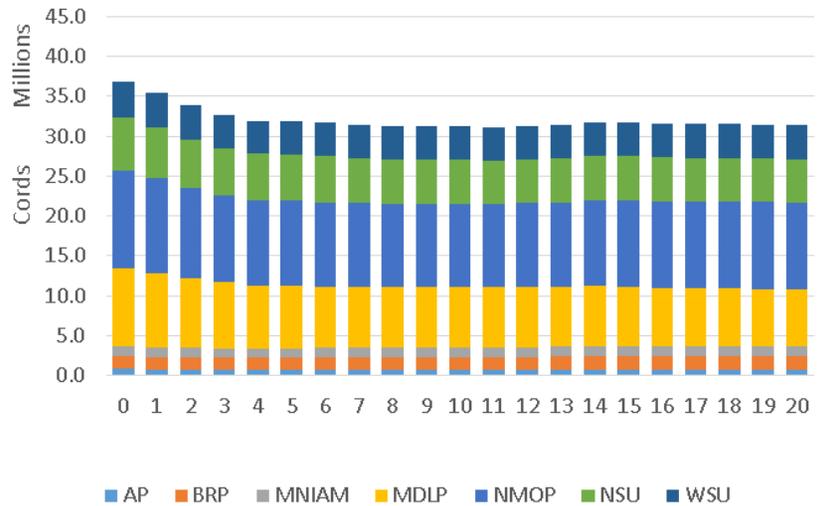
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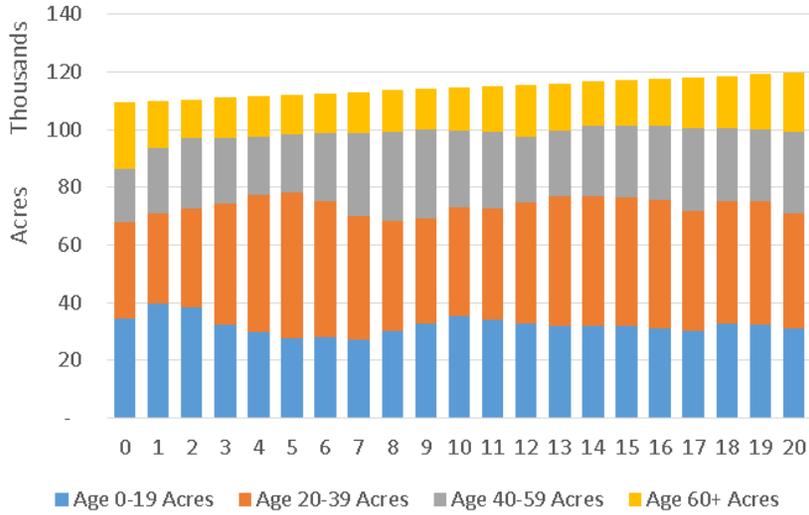


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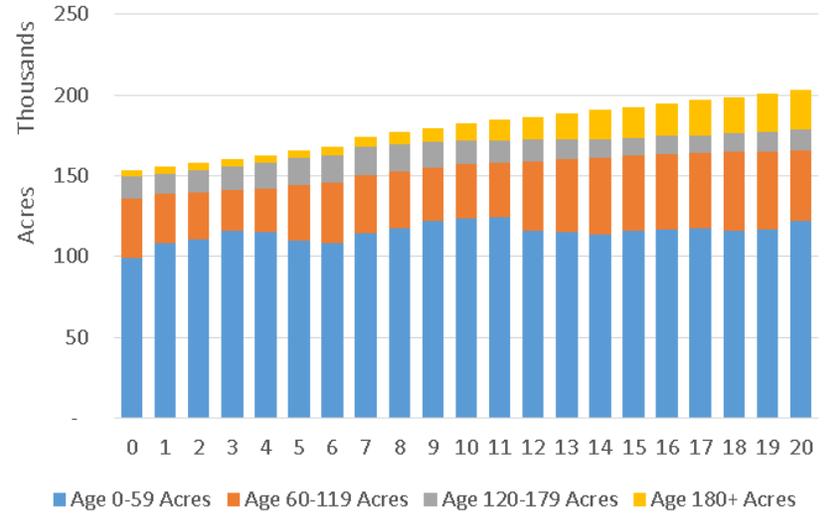




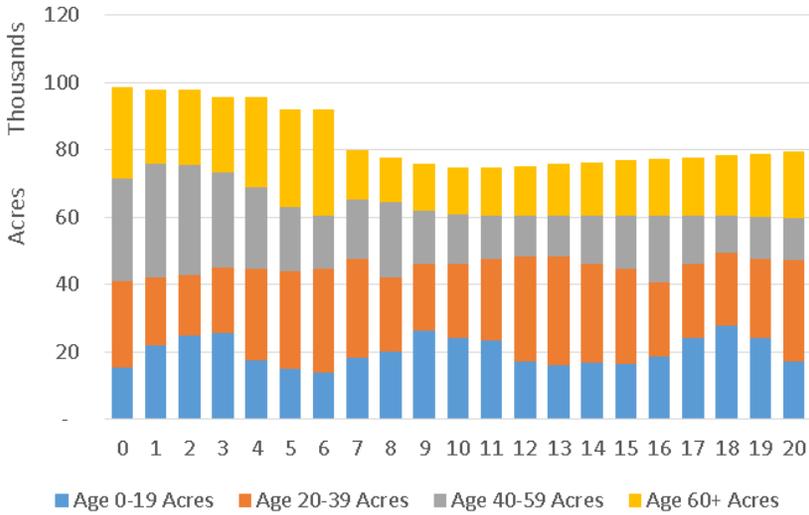
Jack Pine and Uplands Black Spruce Age



Red and White Pine Age



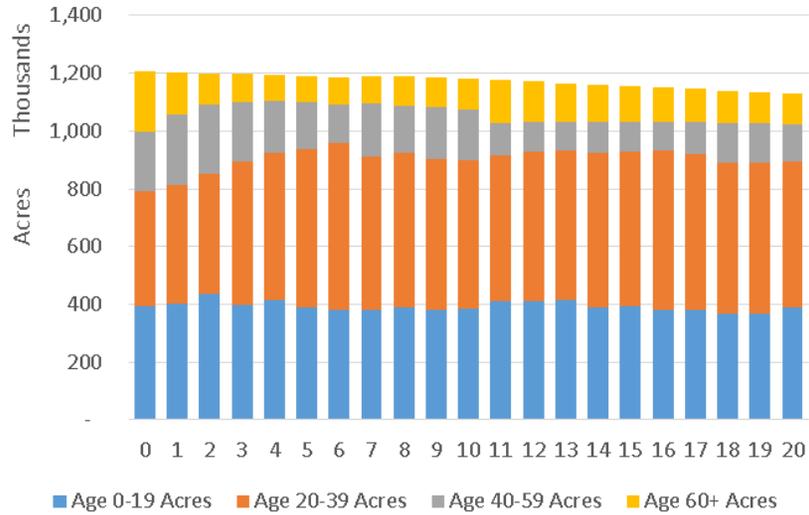
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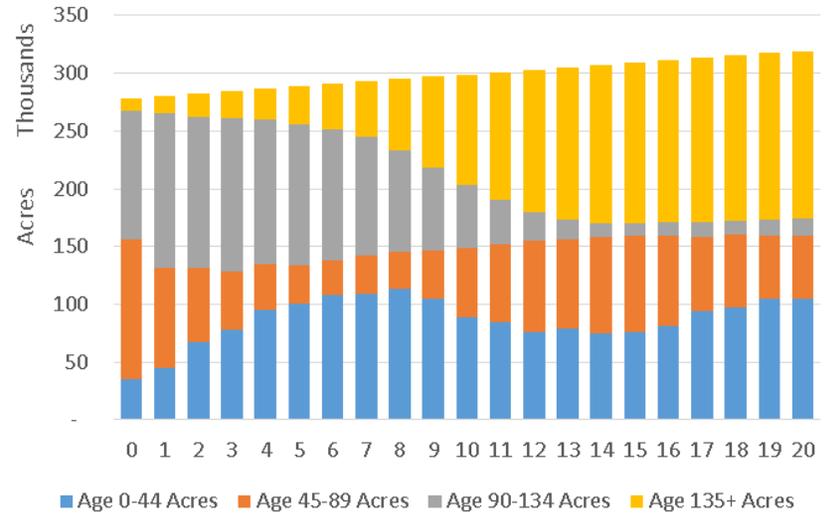
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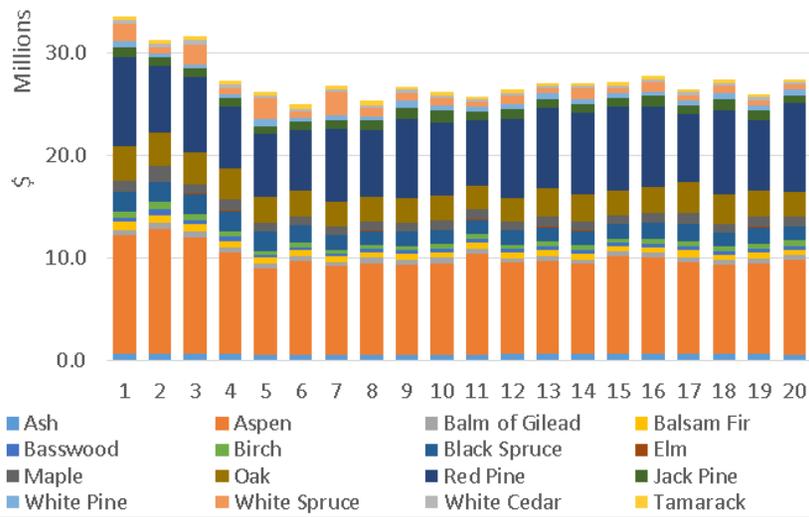
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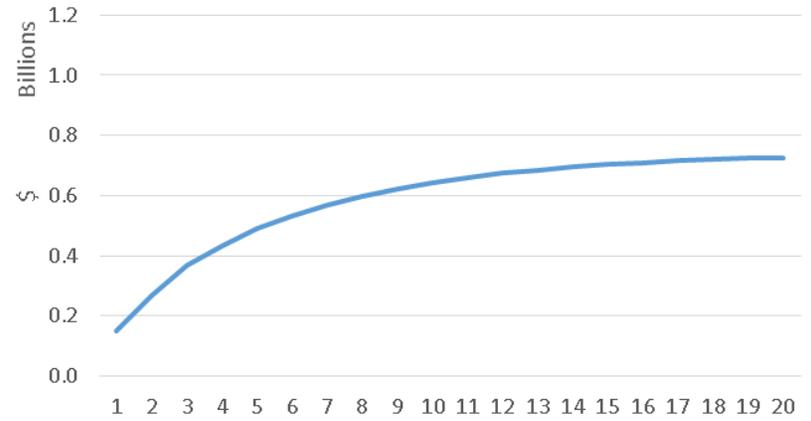
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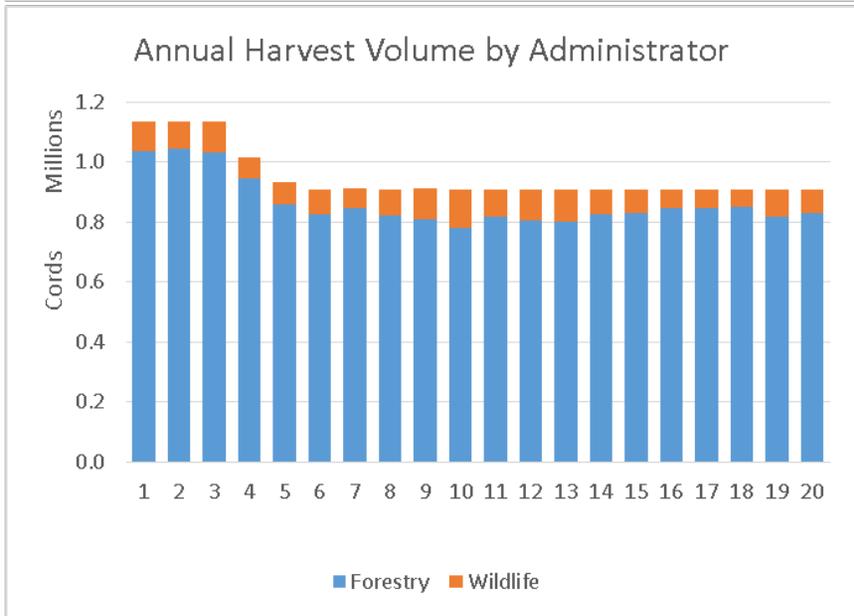
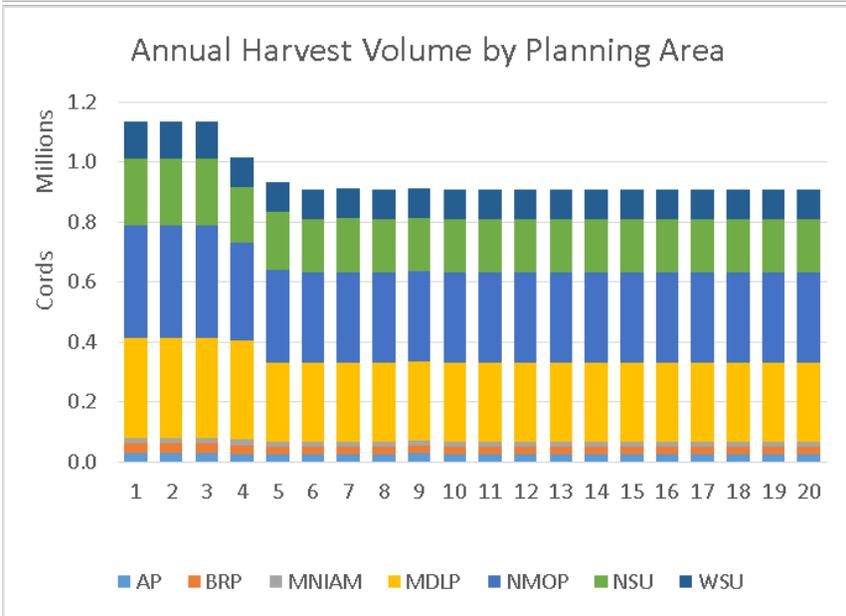
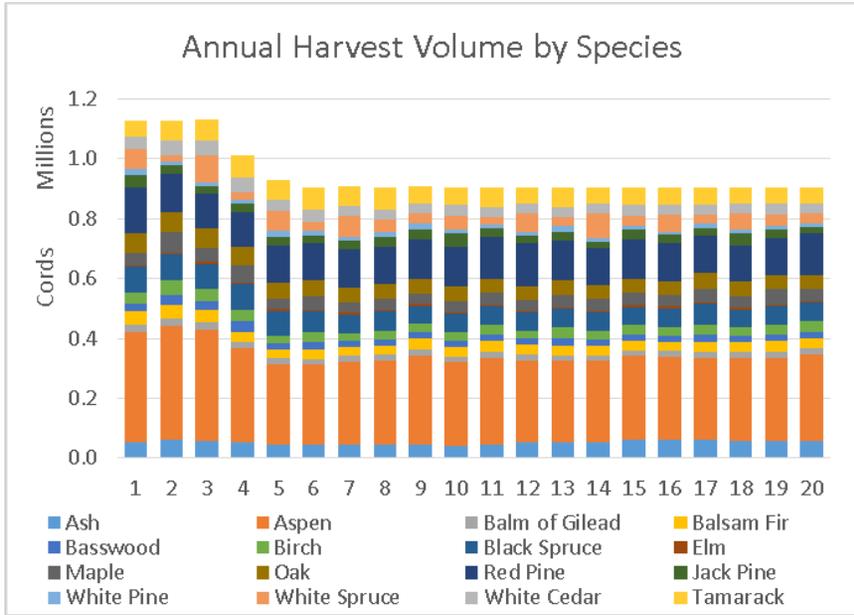
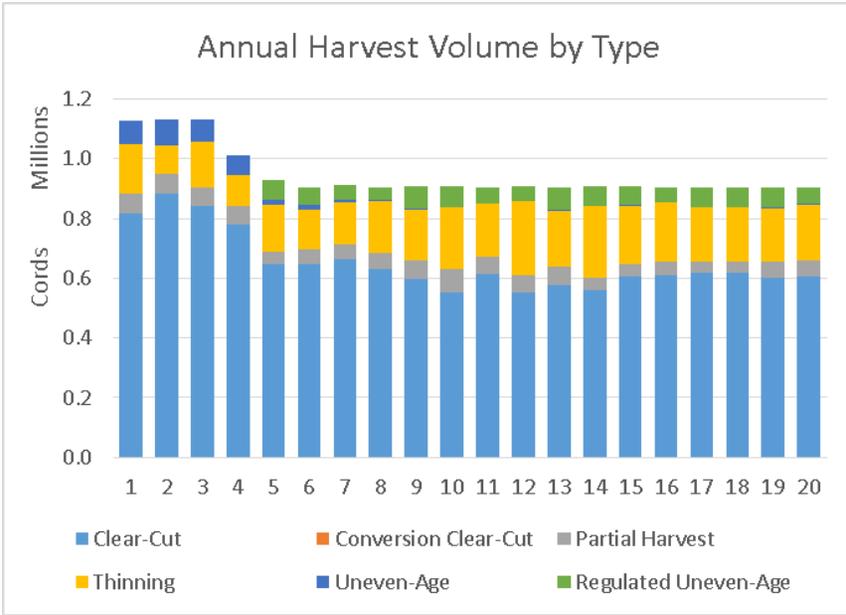
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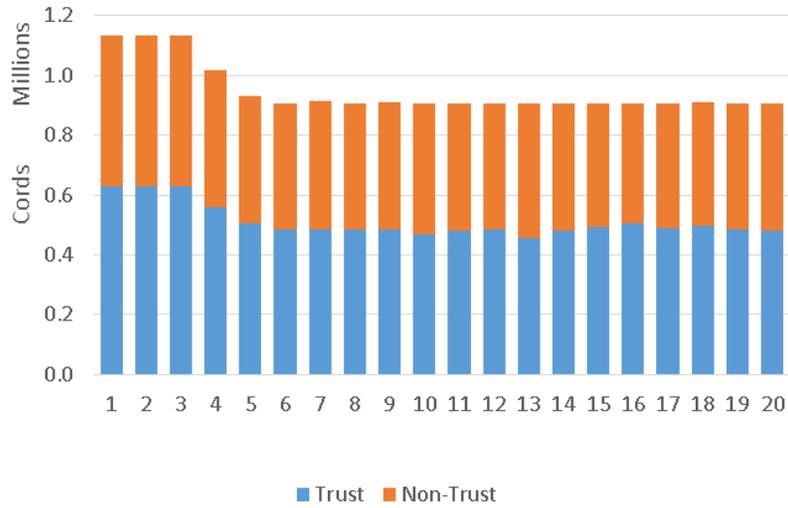
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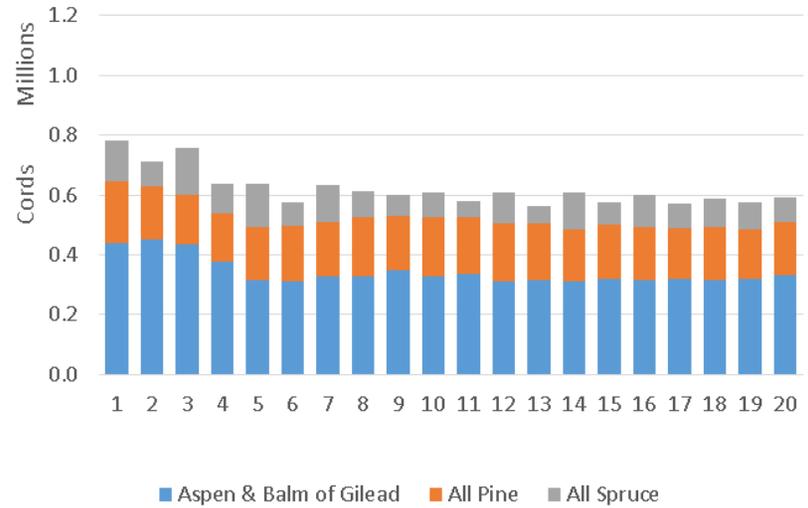
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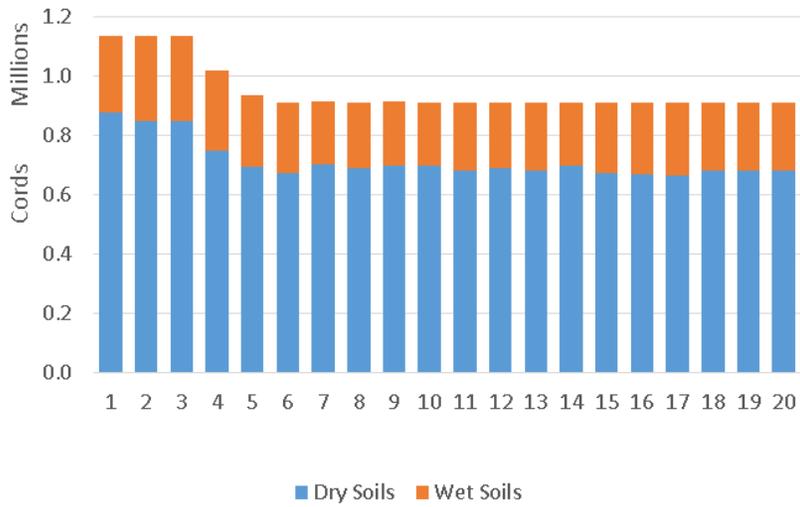
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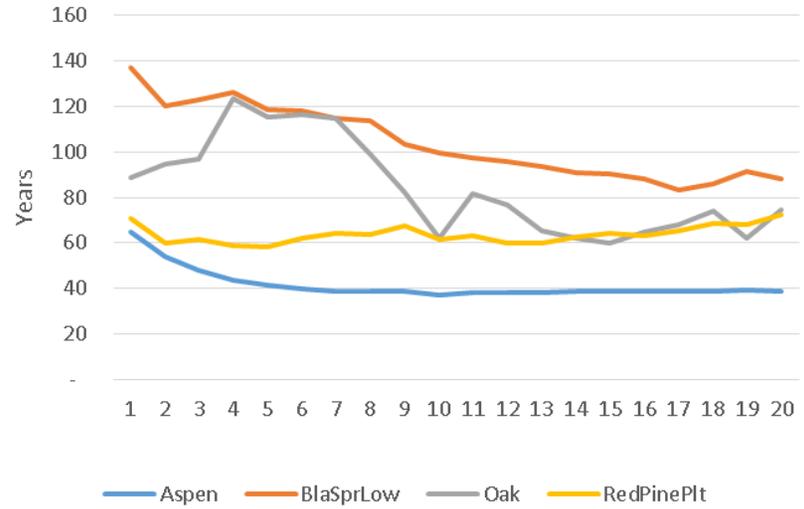
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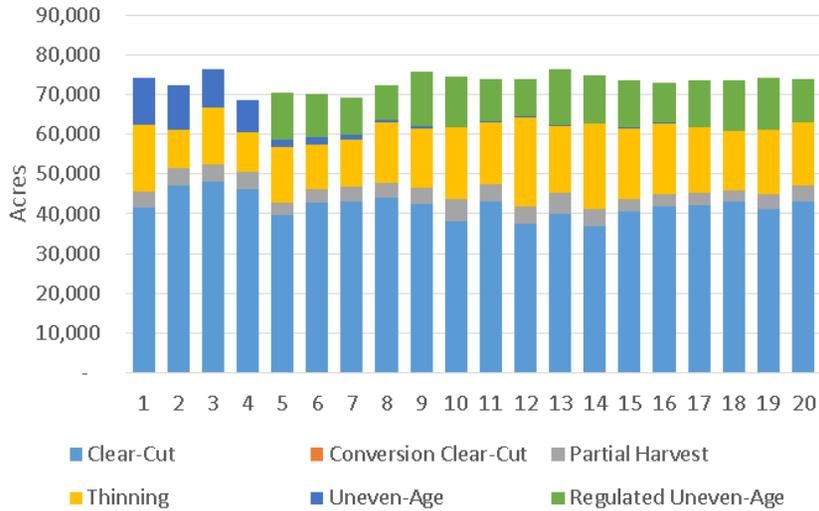
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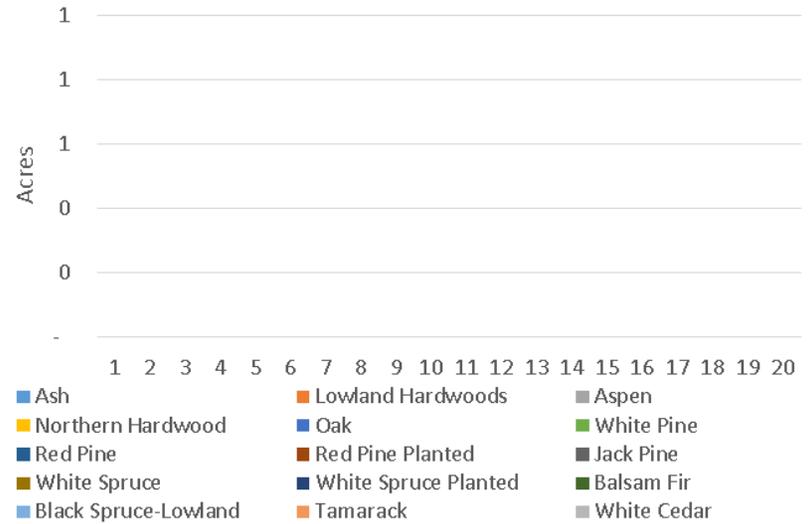
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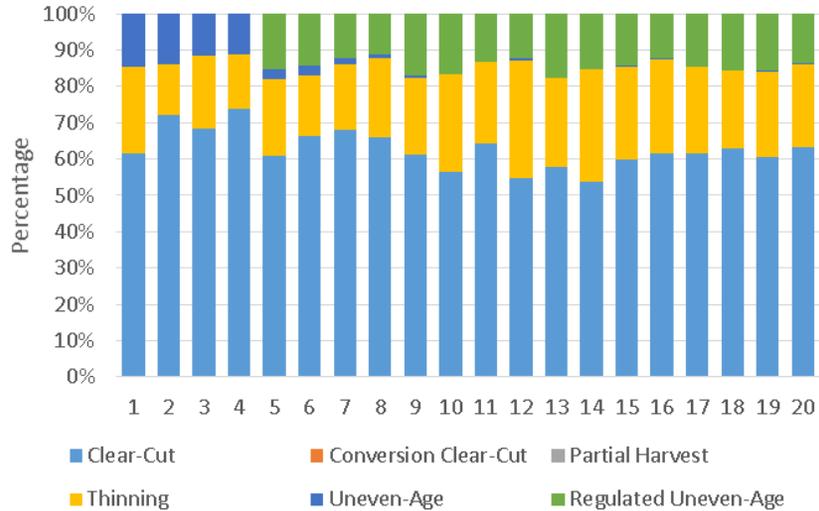
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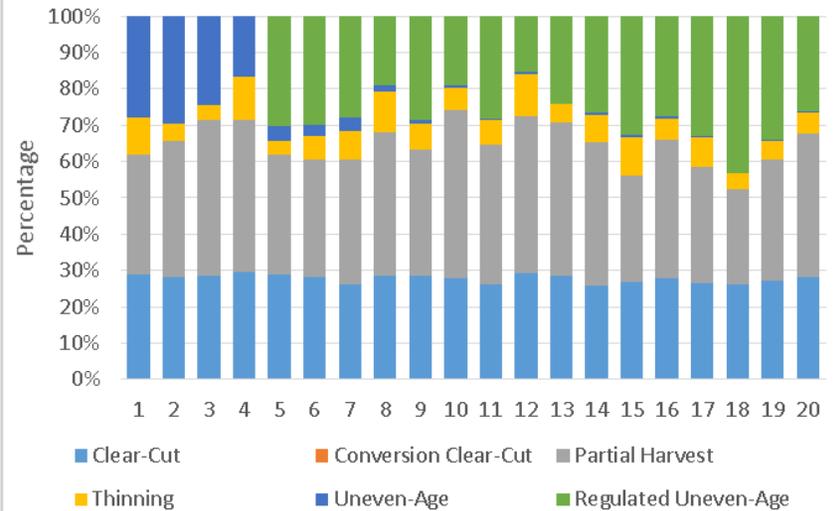
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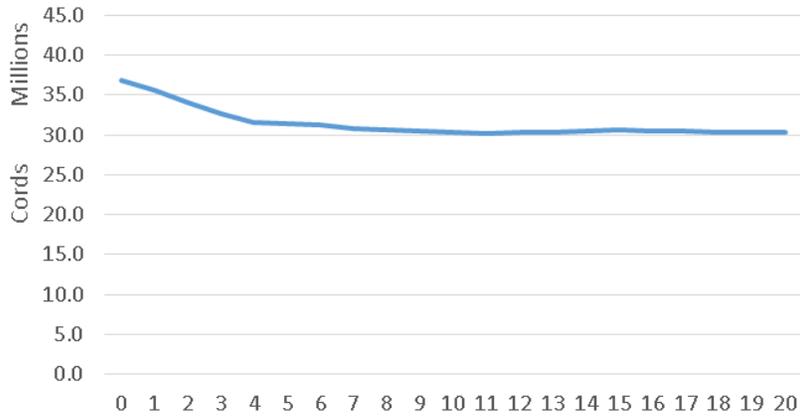
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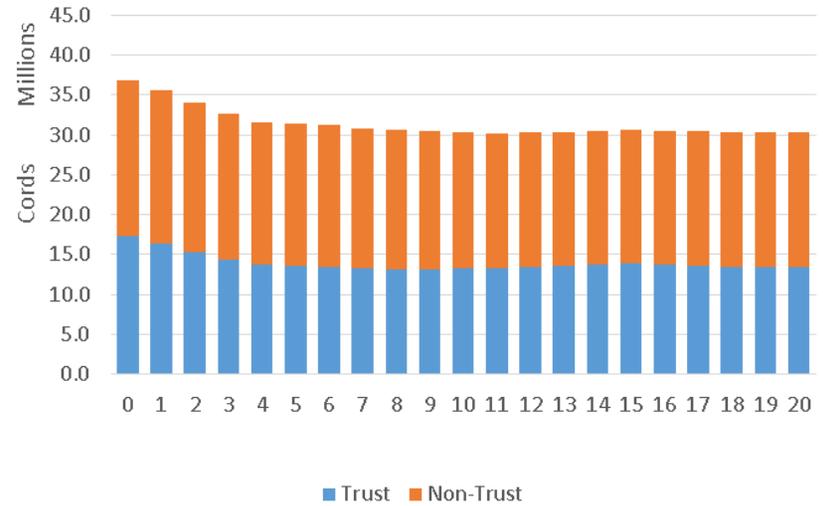
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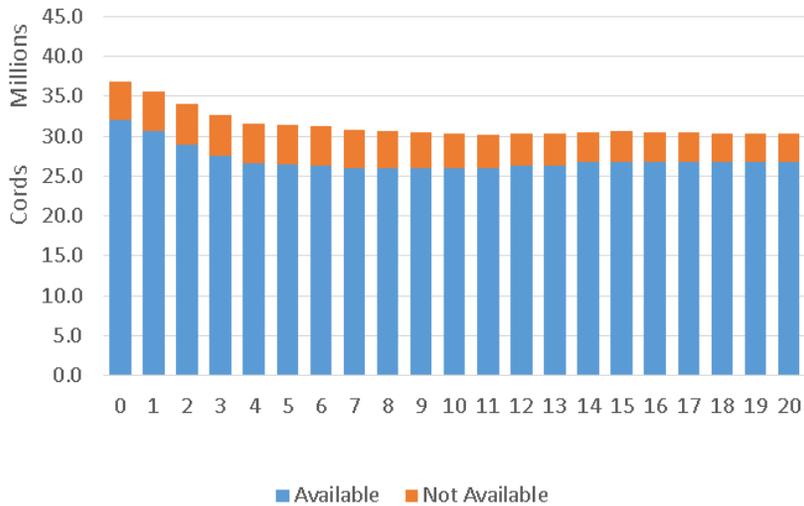
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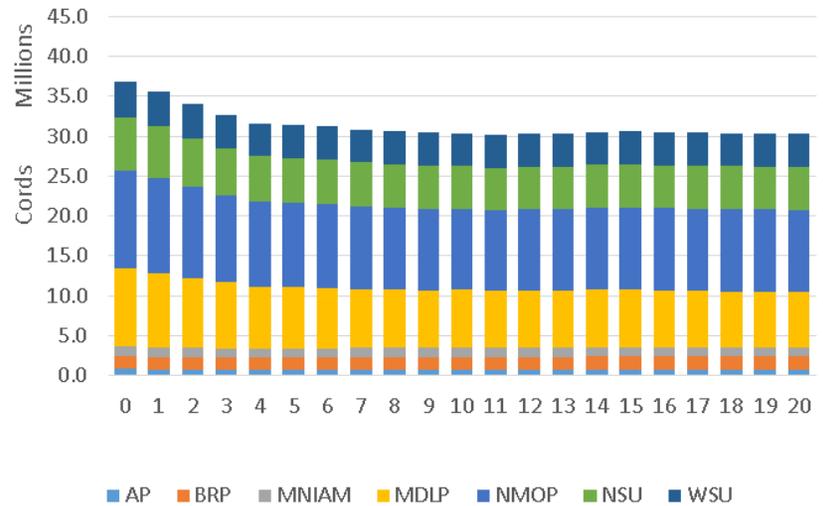
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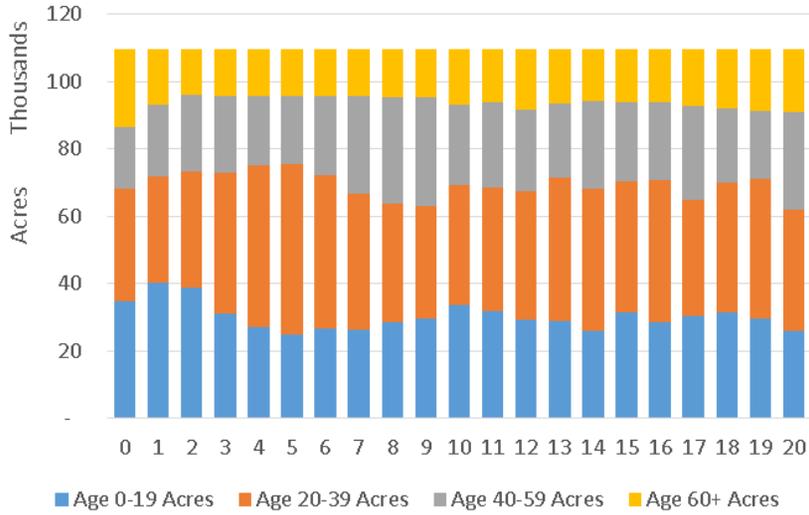


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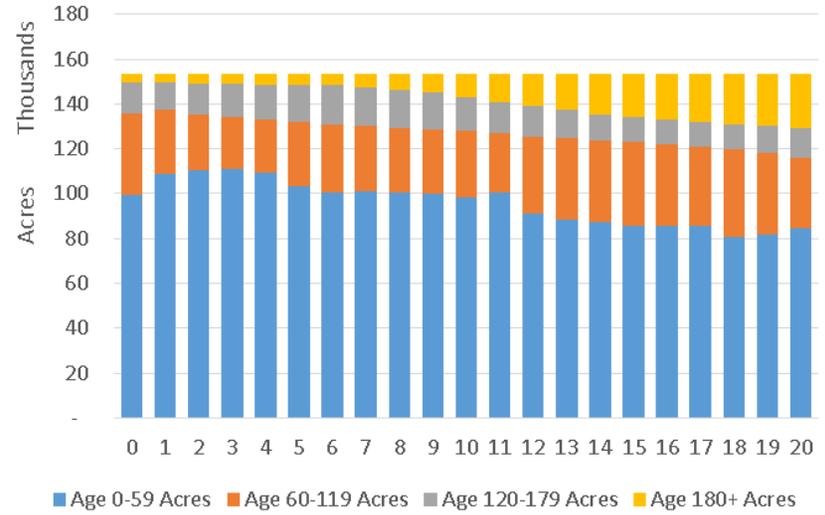




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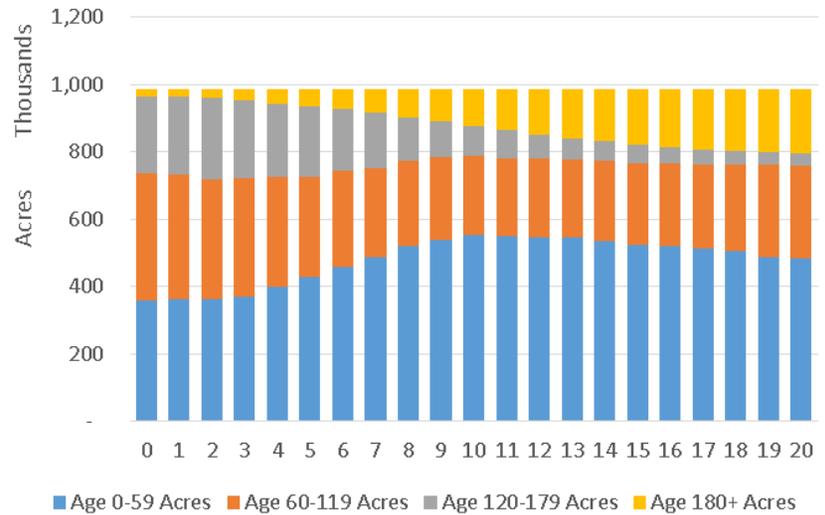
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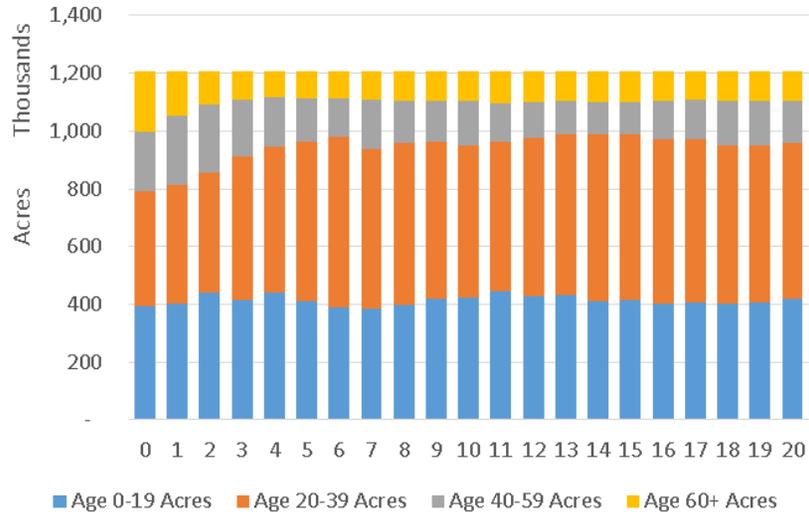
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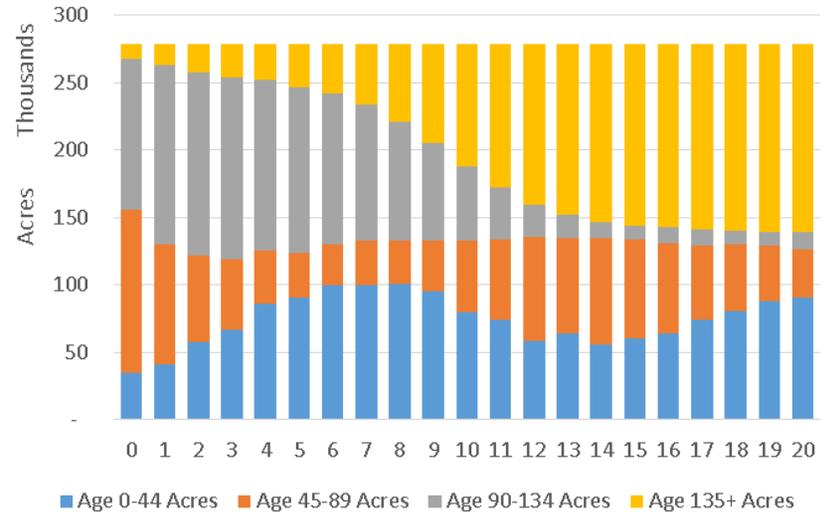
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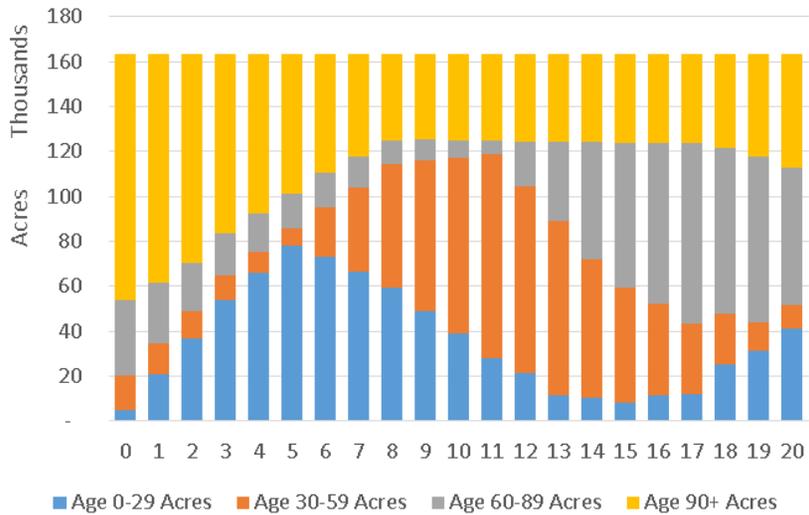
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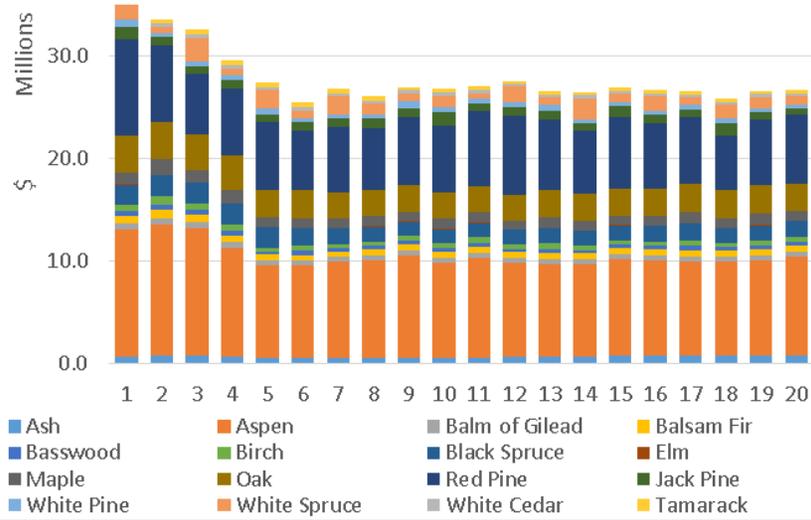
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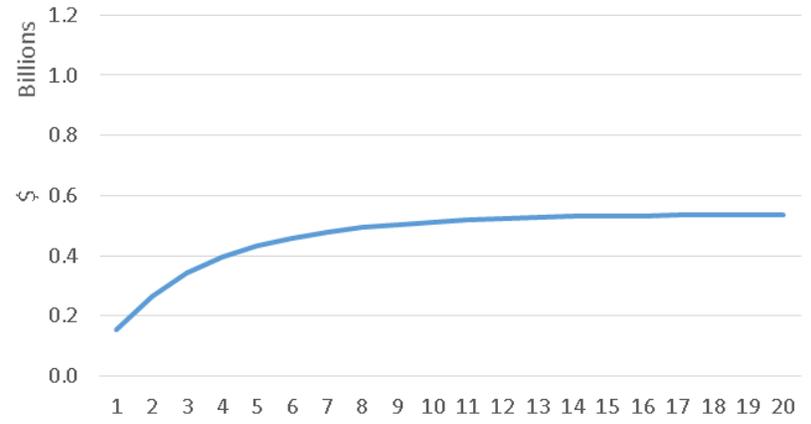
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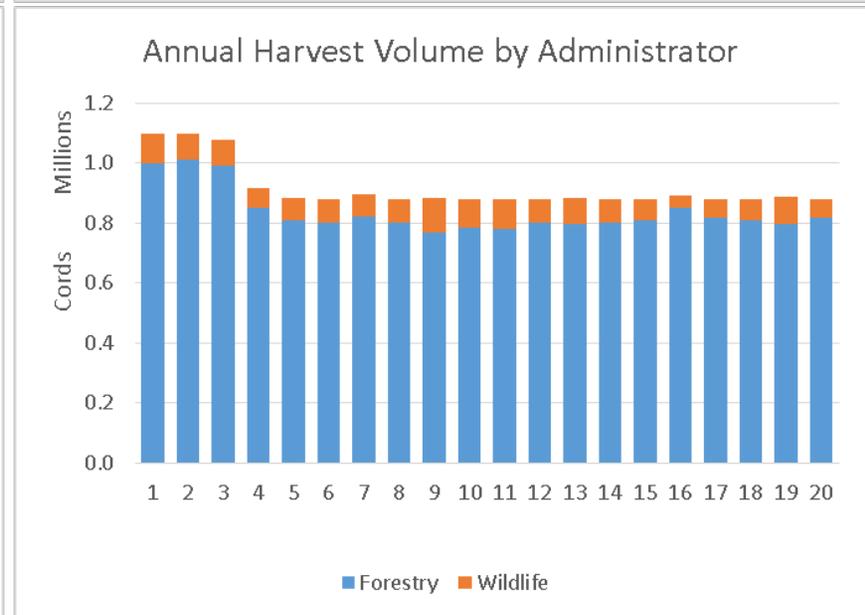
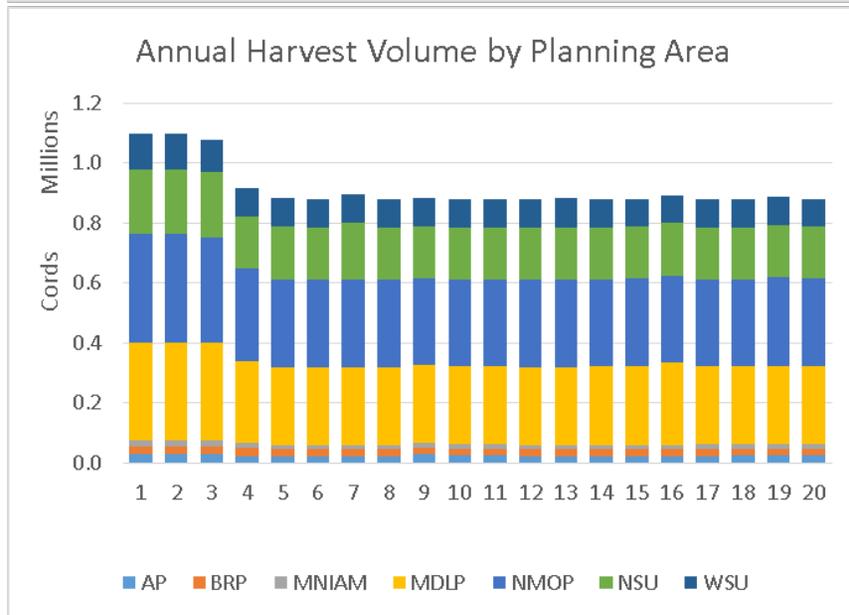
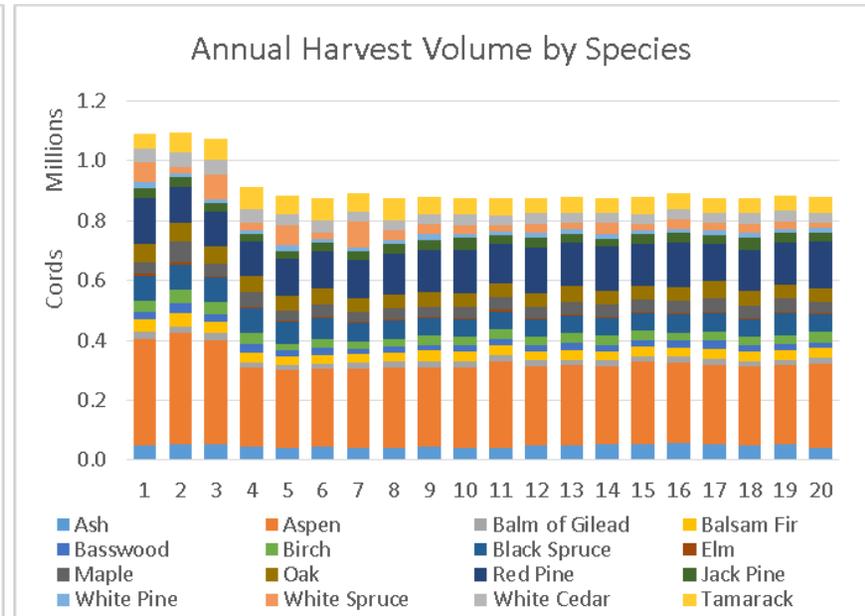
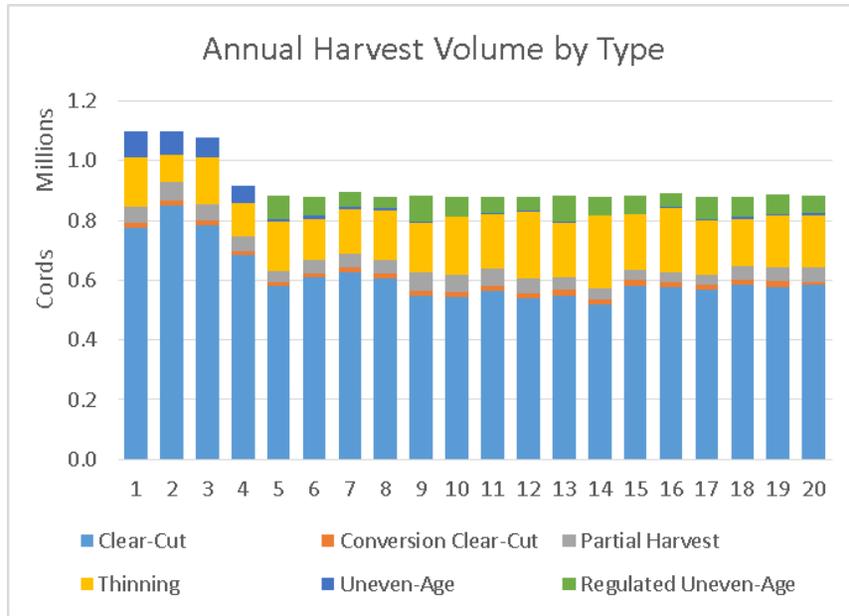
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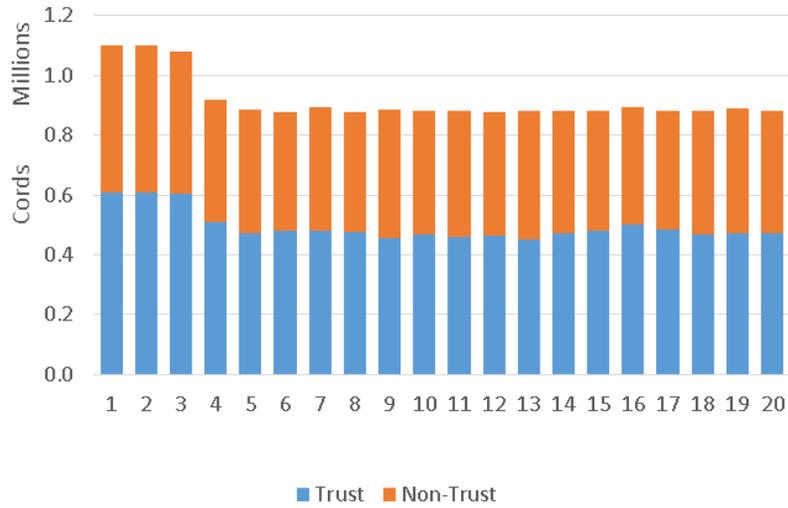
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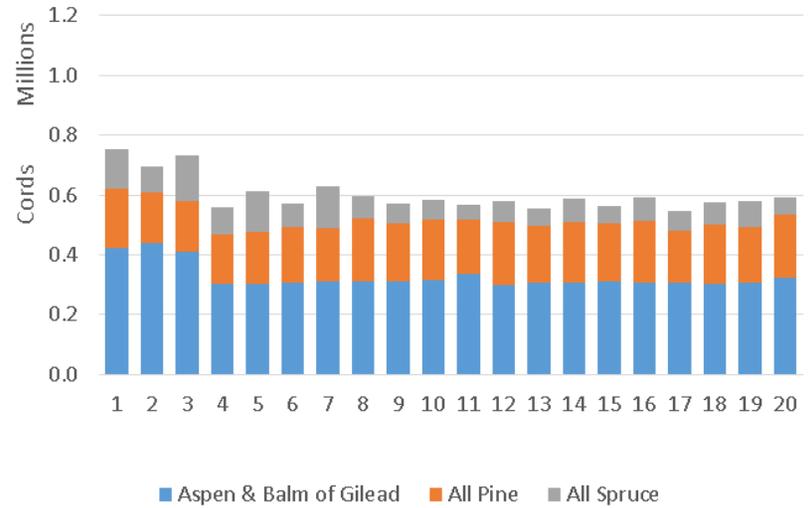
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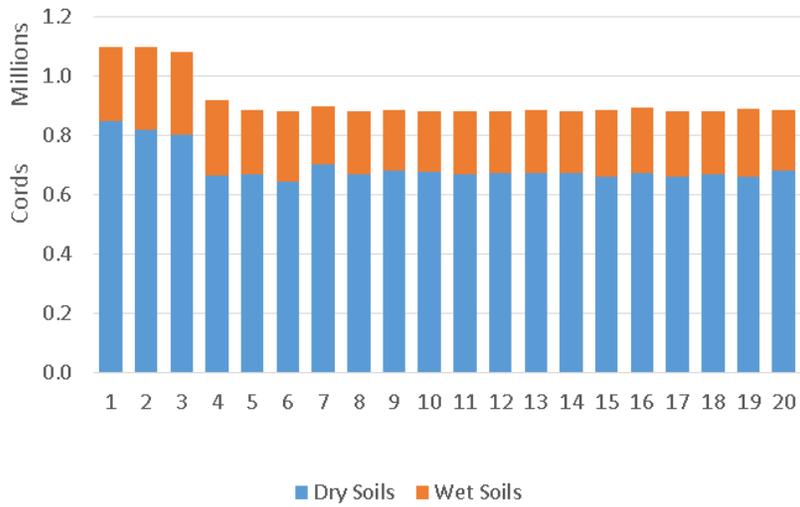
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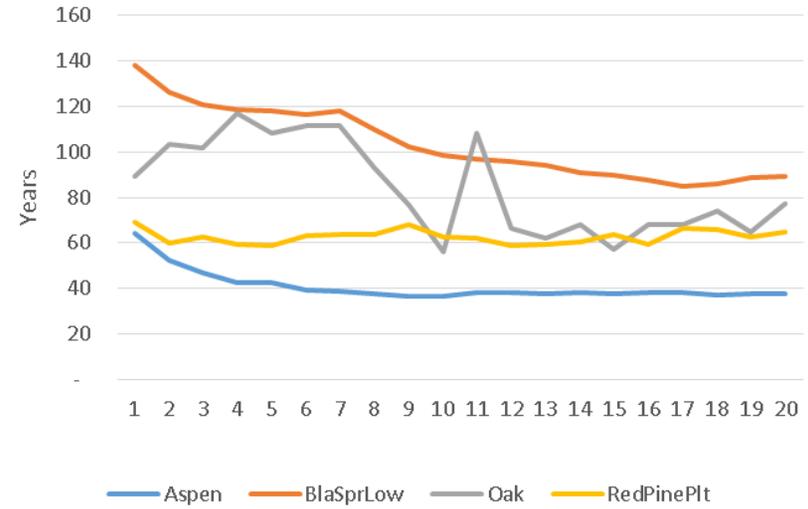
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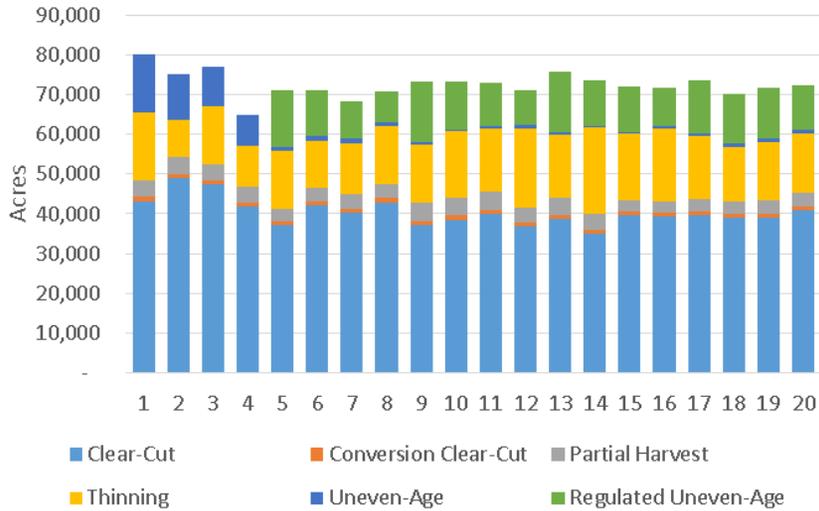
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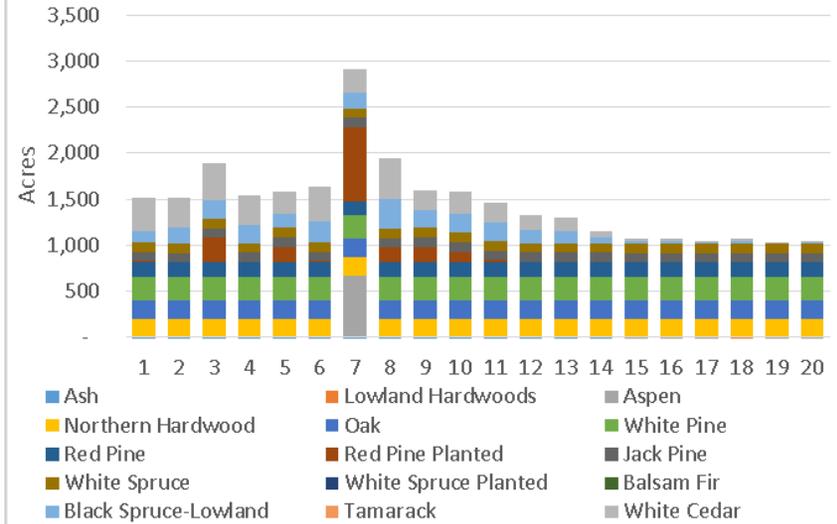
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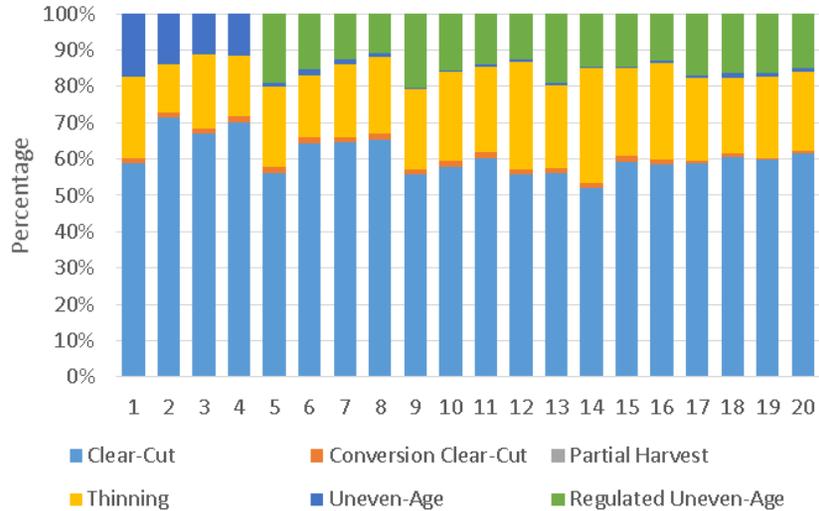
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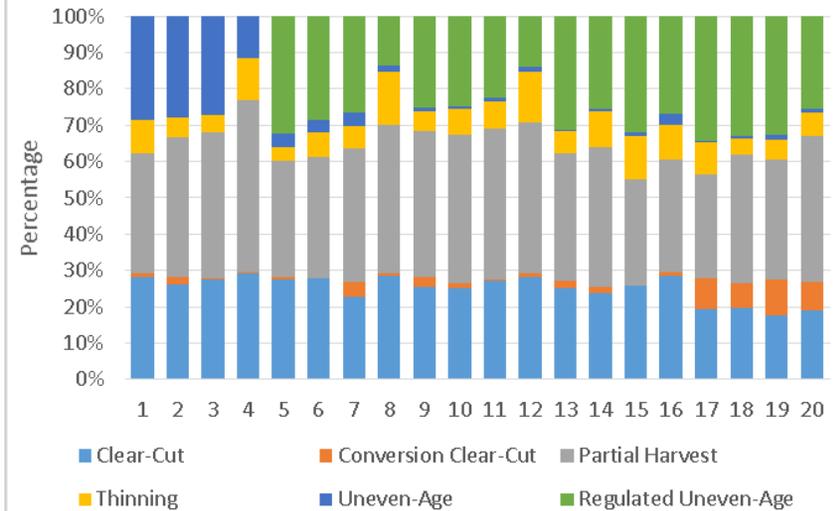
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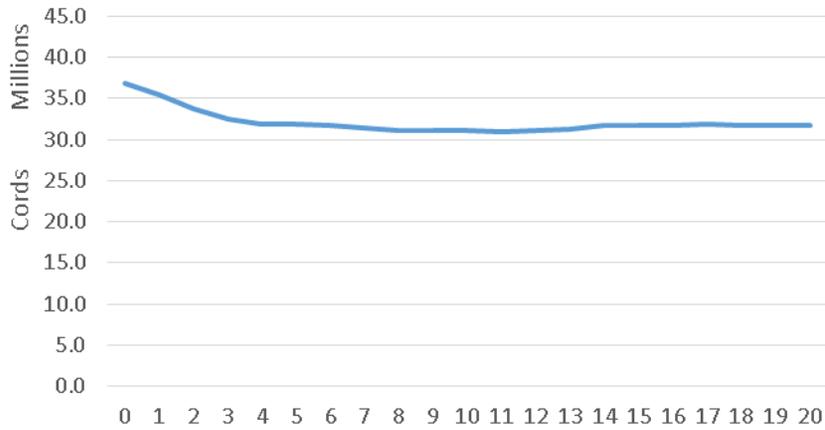
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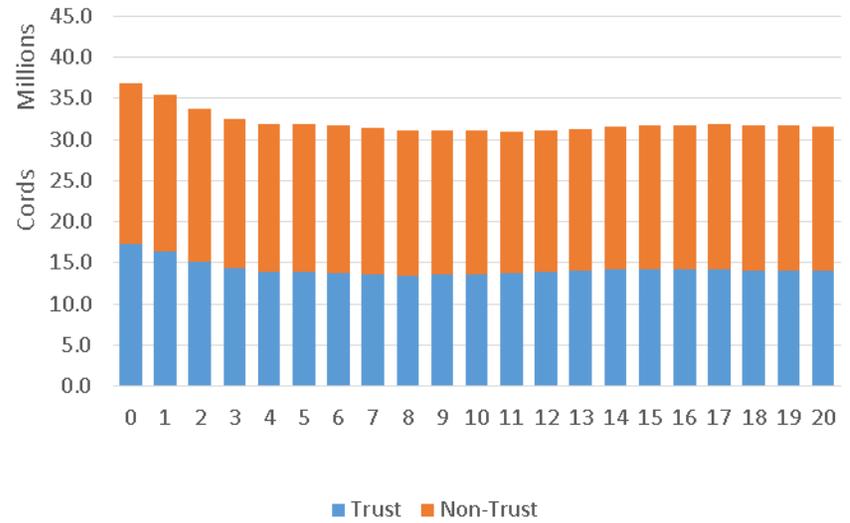
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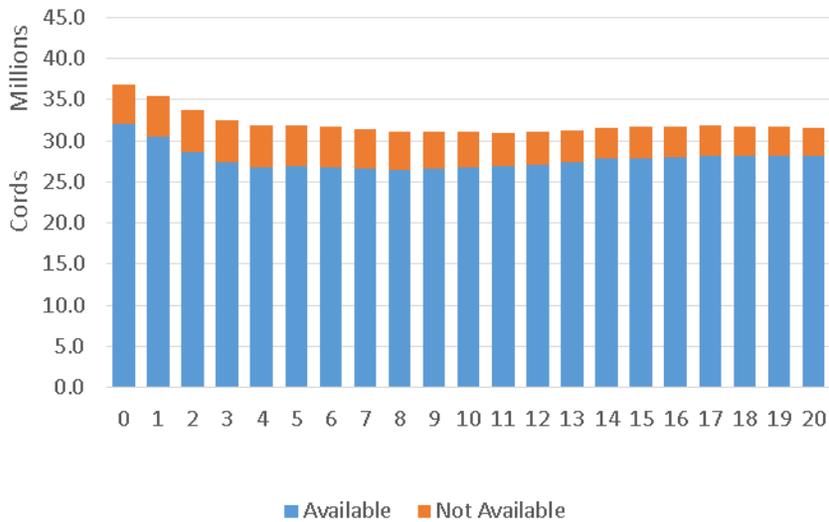
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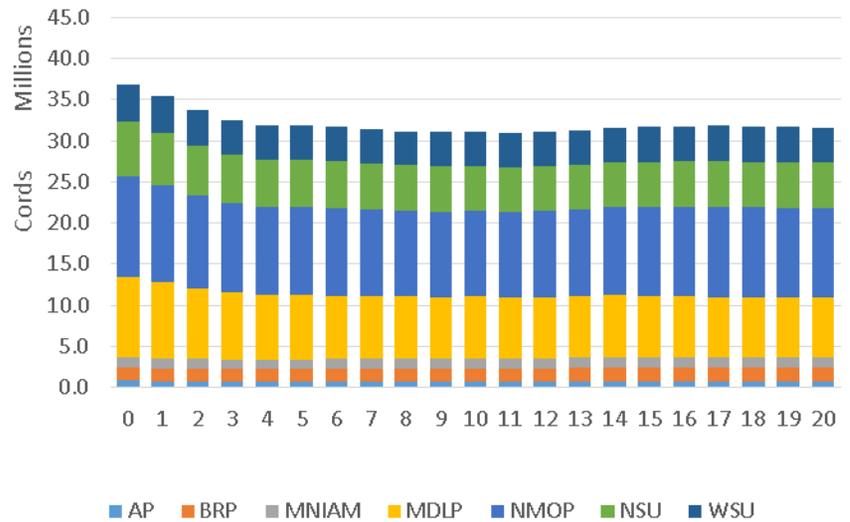
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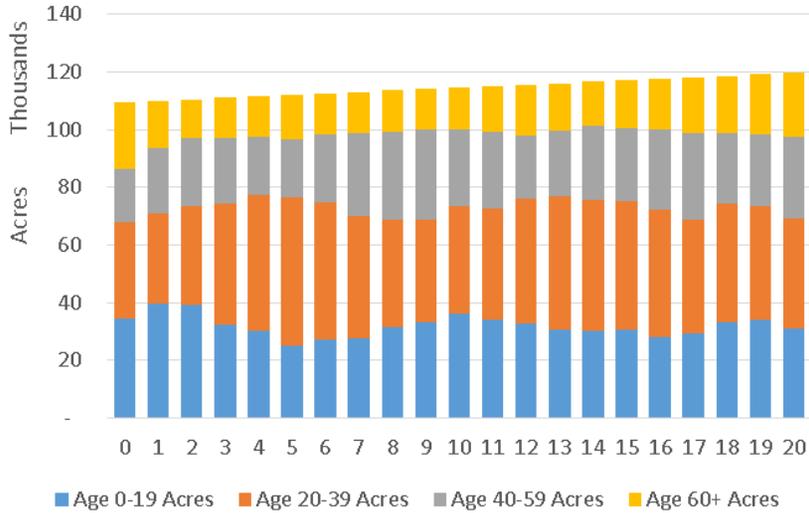


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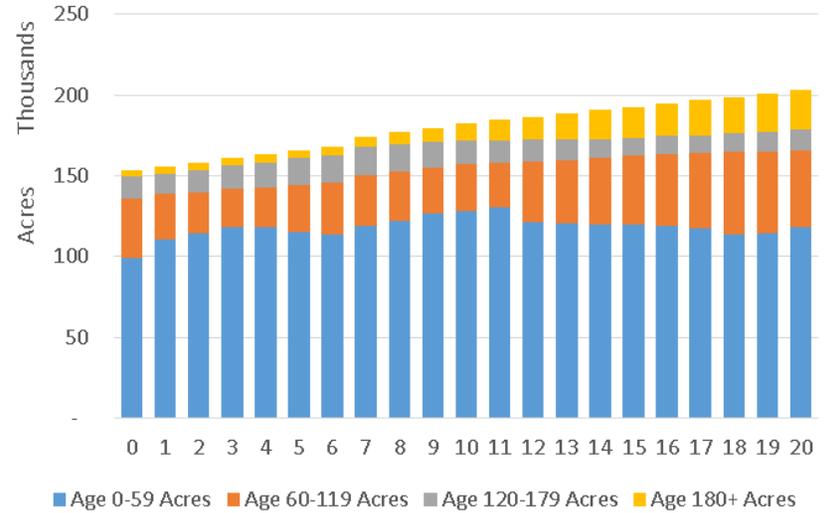




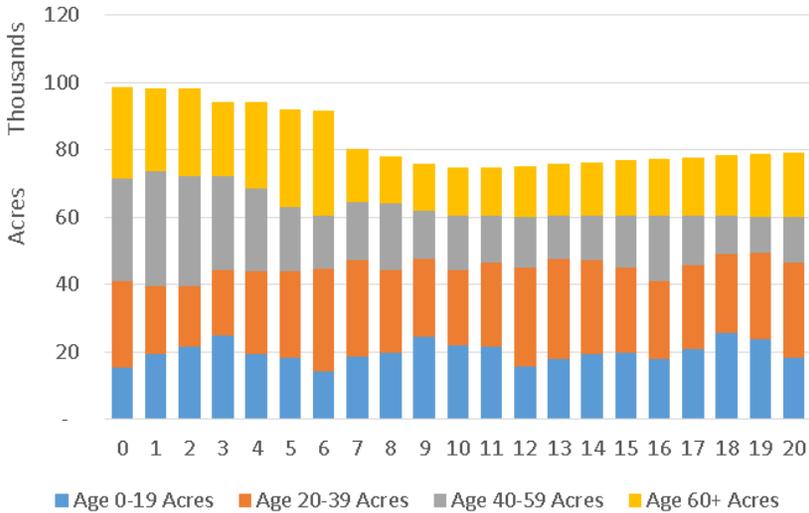
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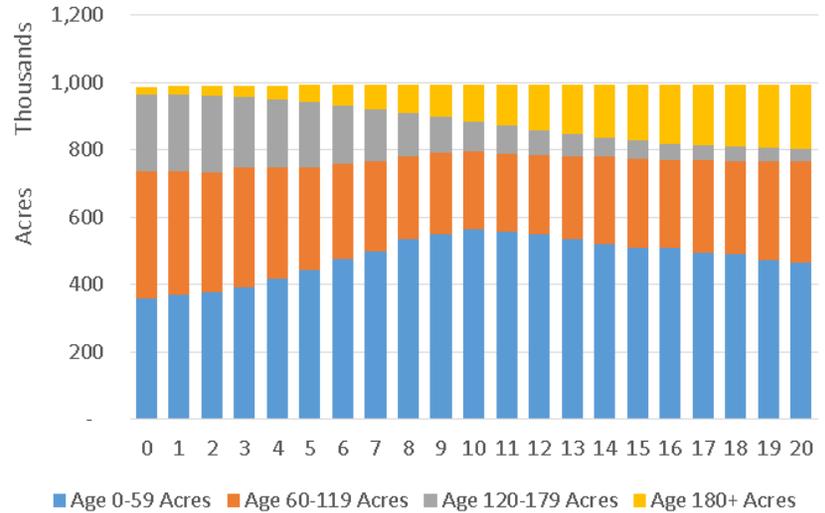
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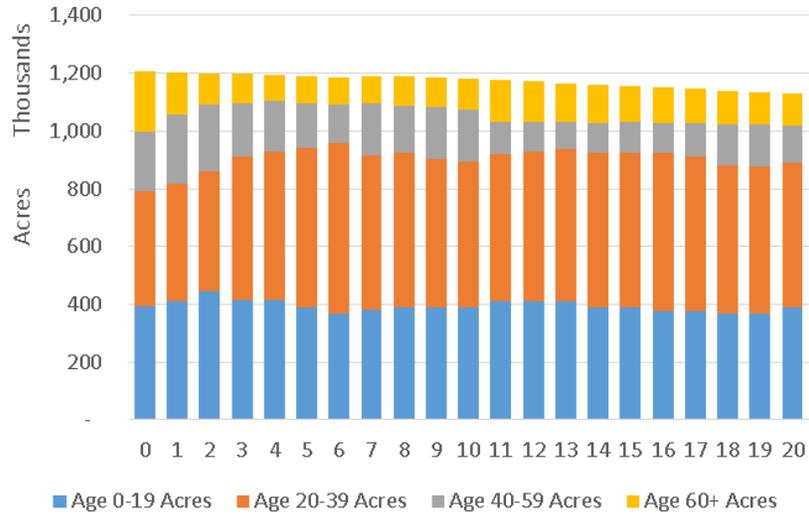
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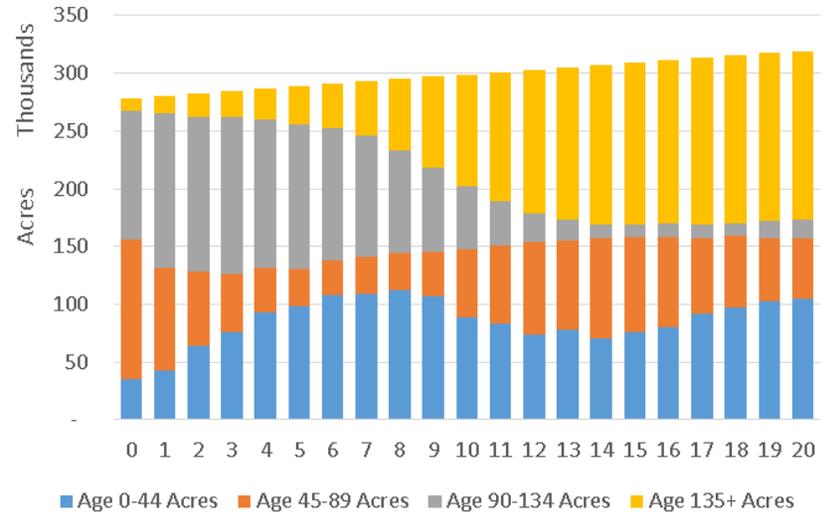
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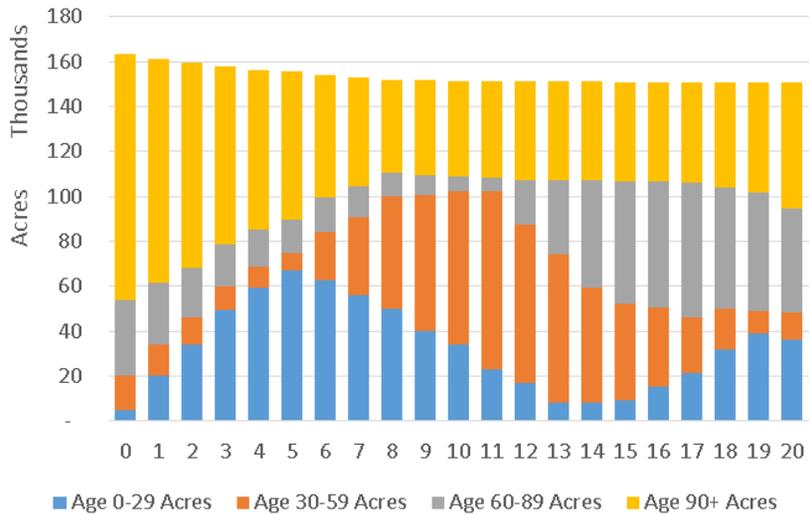
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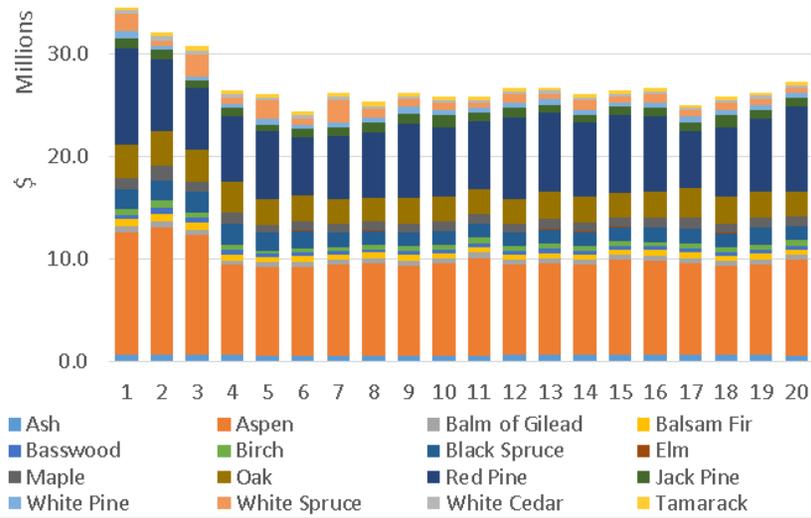
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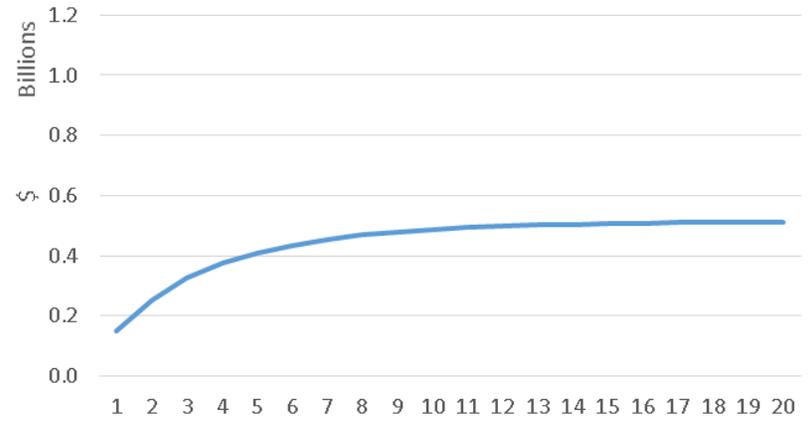
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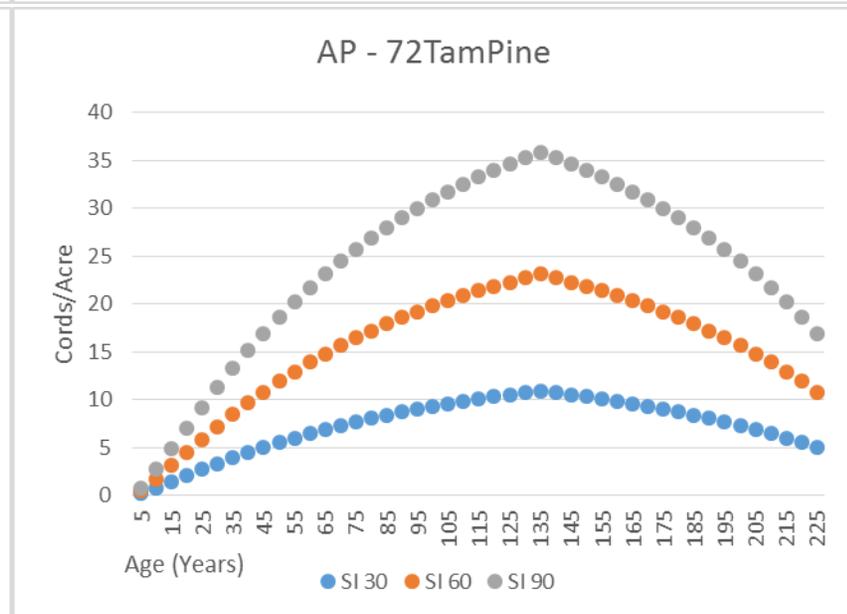
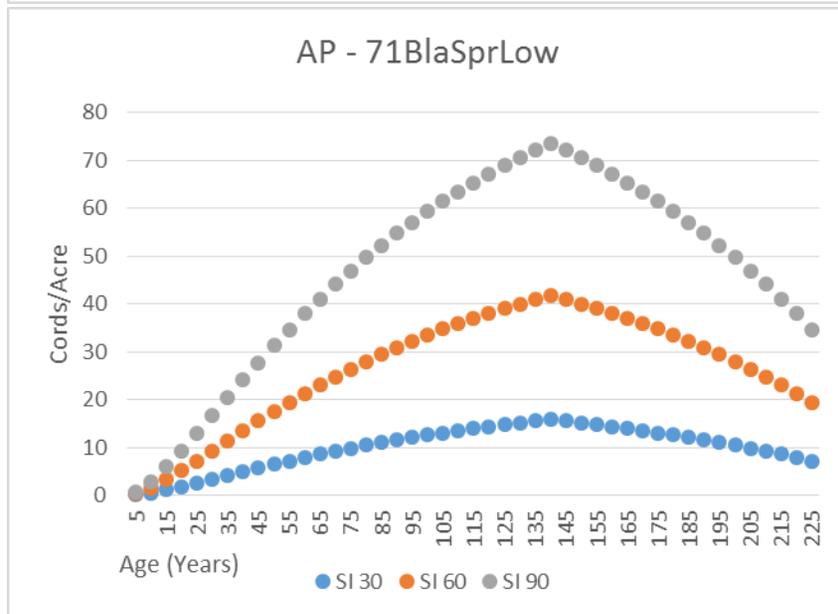
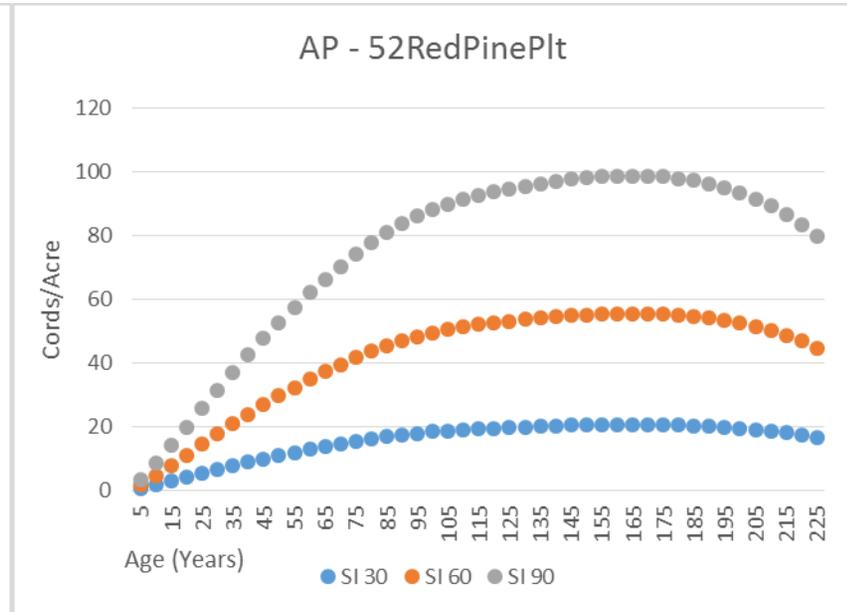
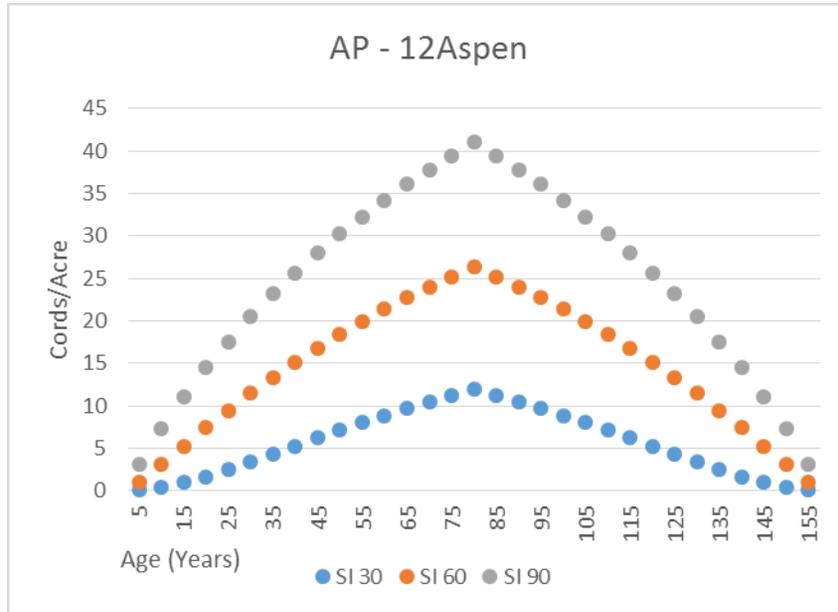
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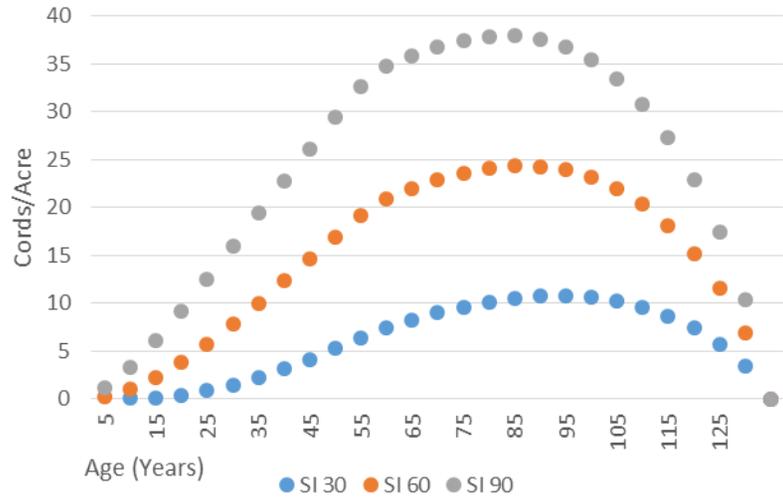
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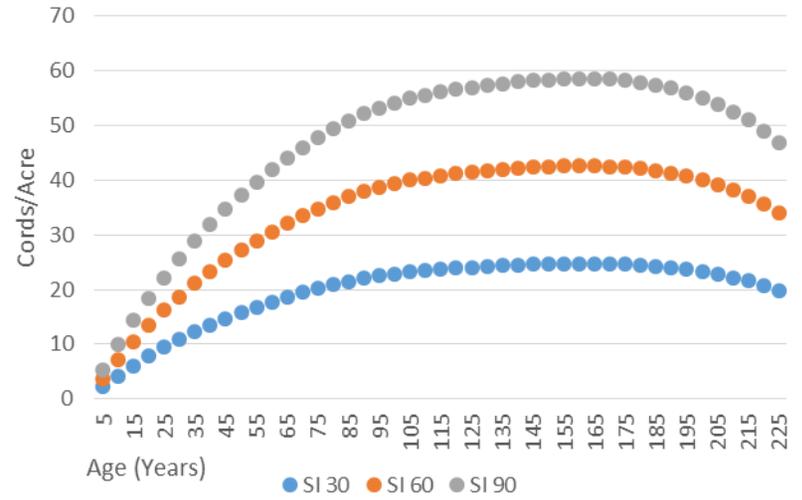
## Appendix I: Selected Inventory Yield Tables



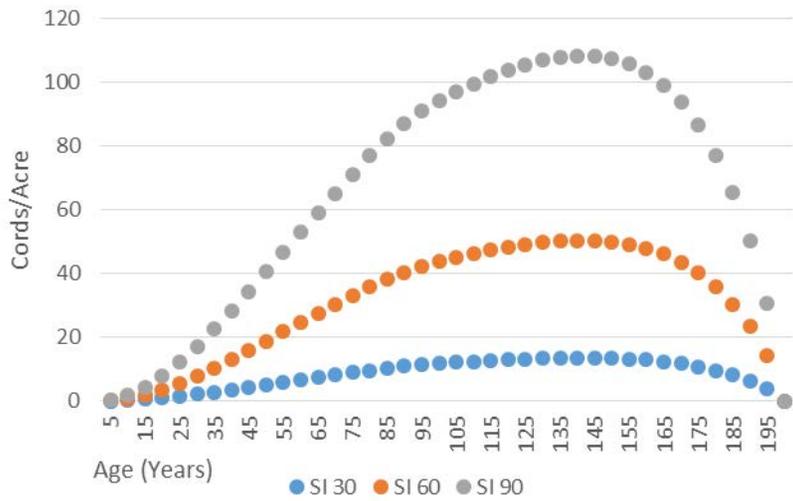
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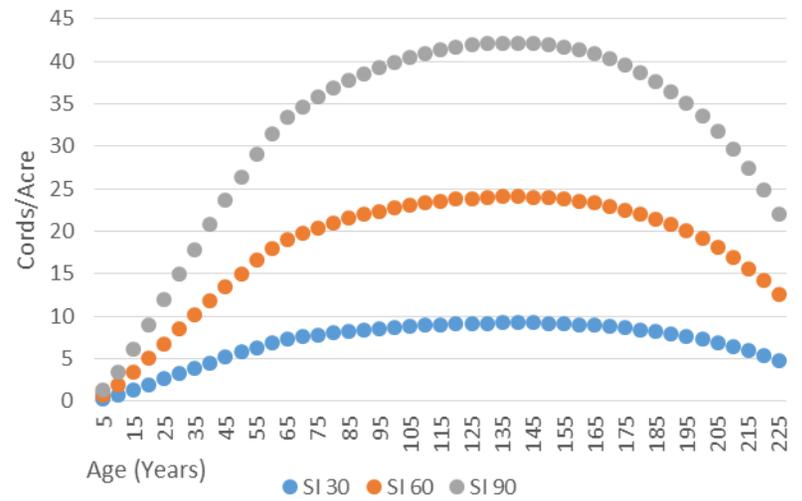
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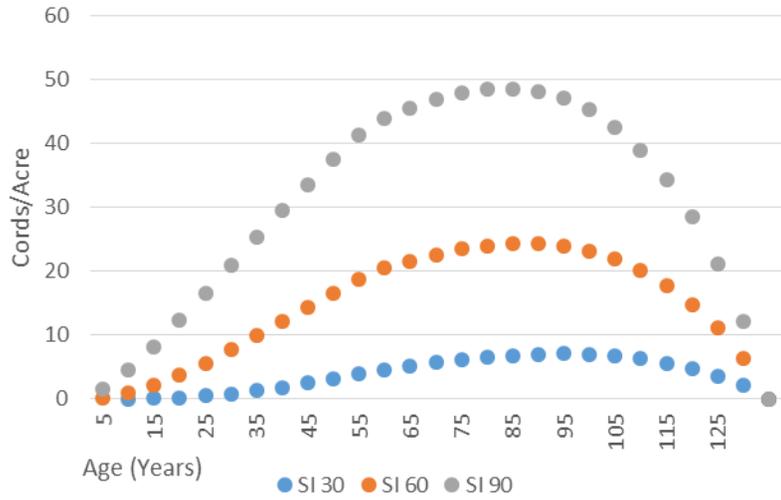
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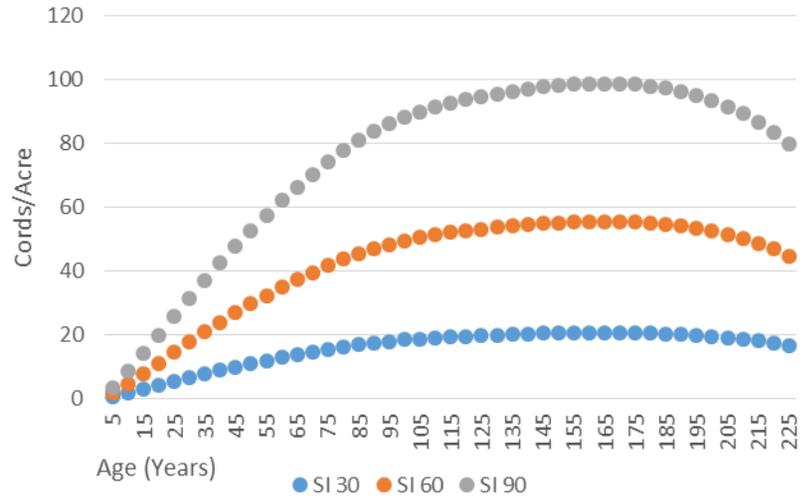
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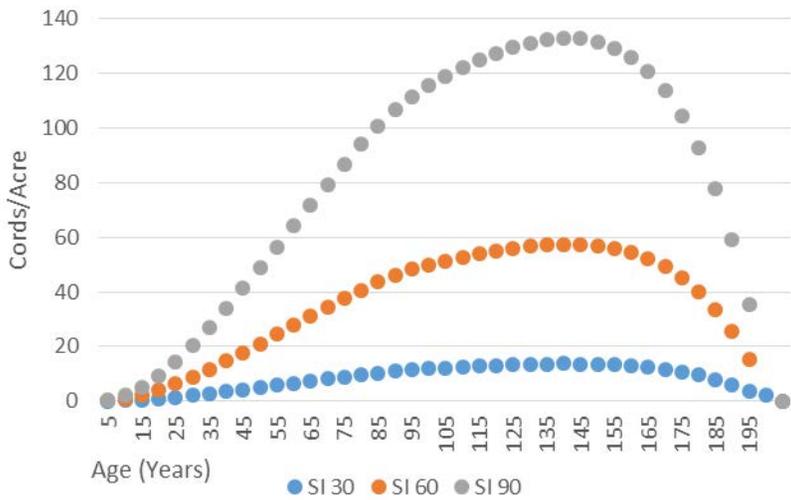
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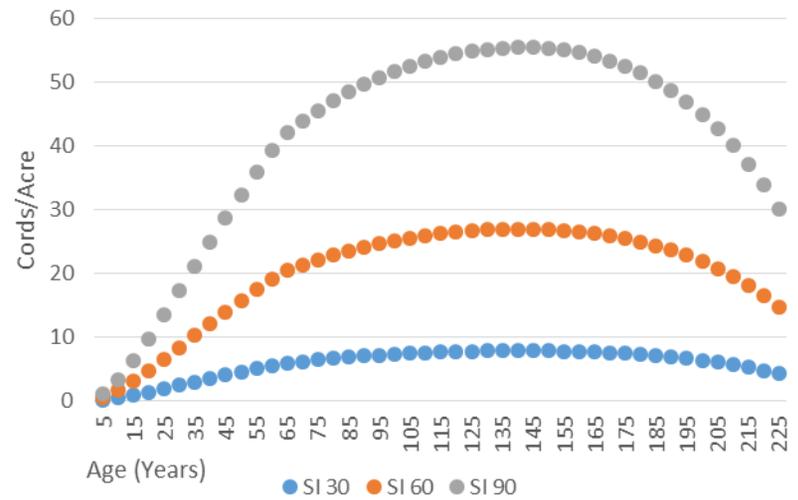
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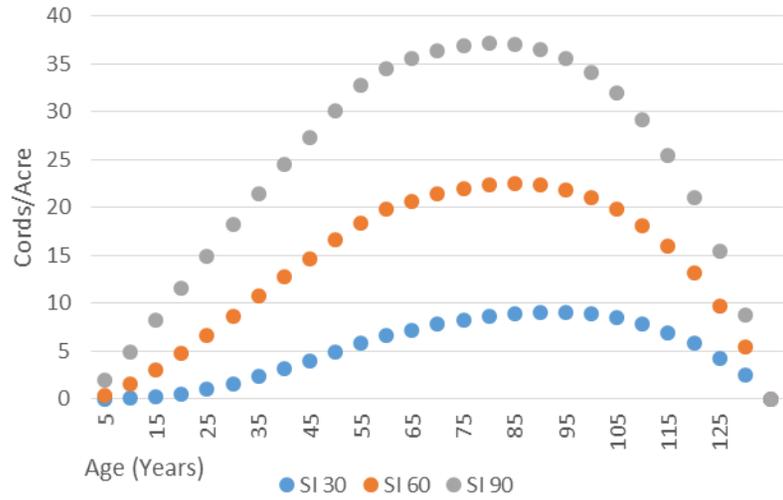
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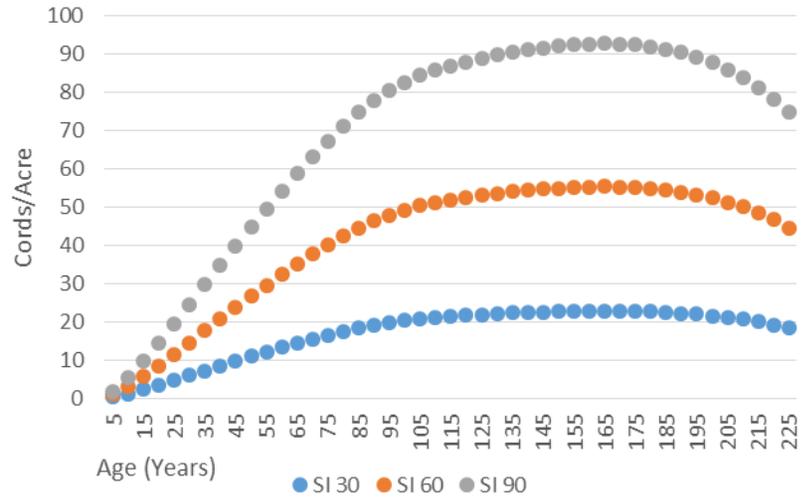
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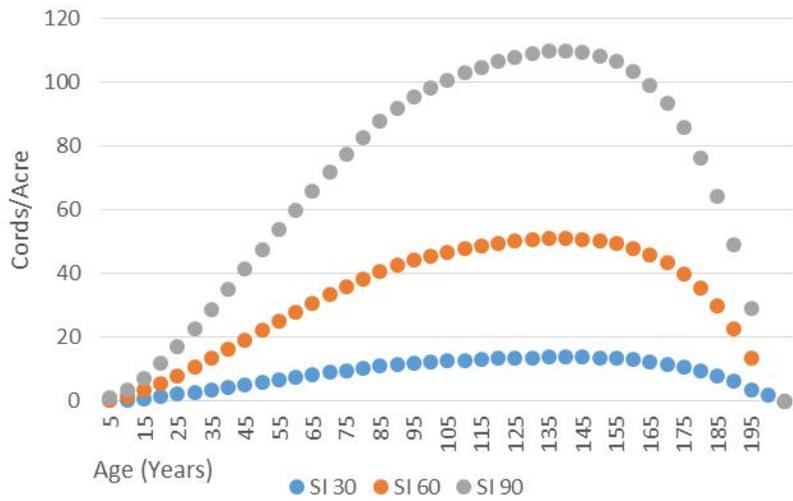
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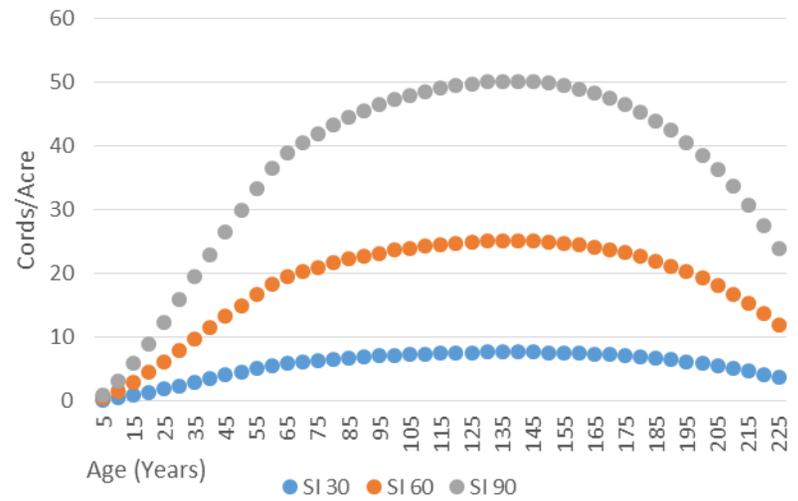
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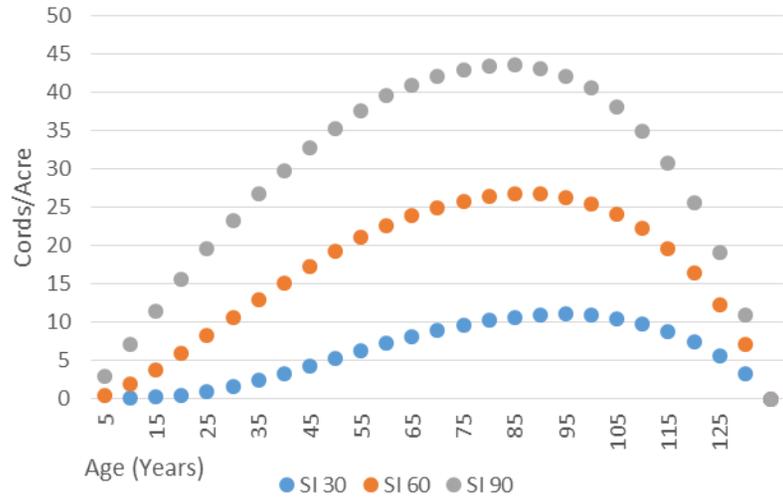
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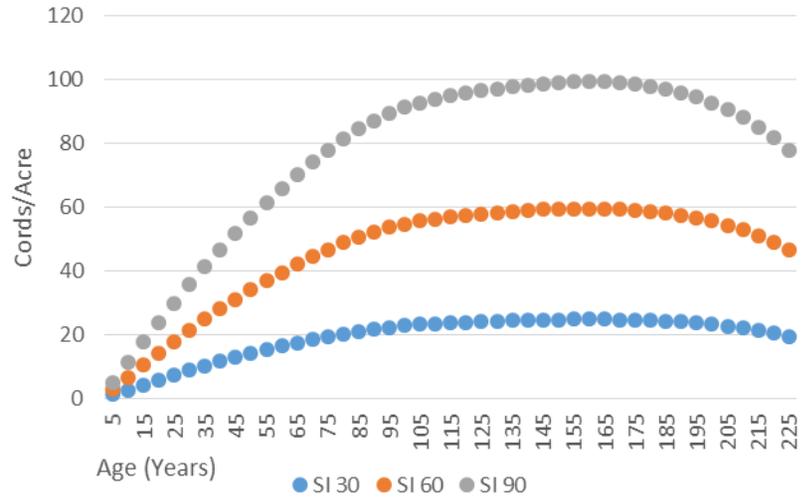
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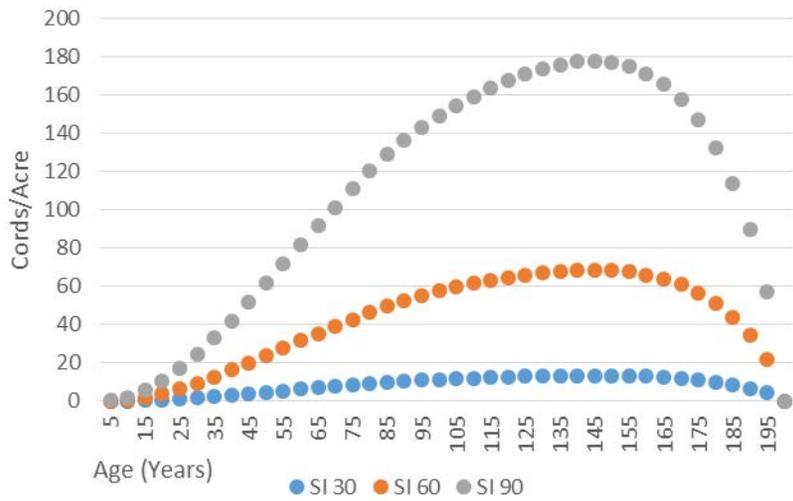
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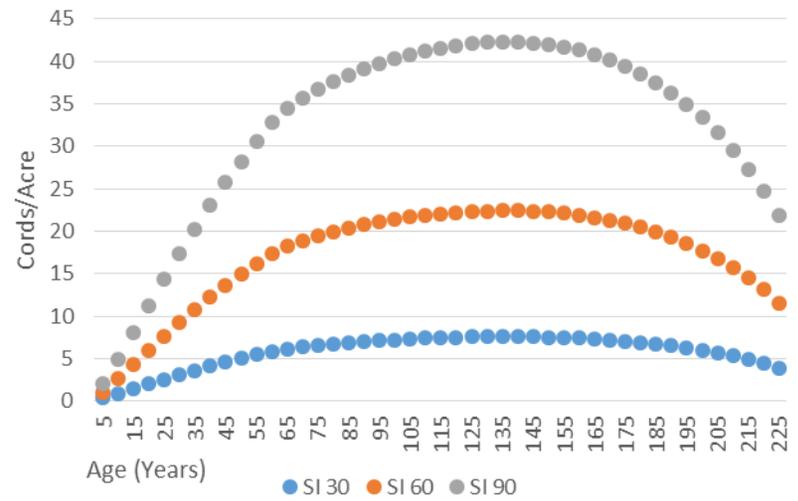
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## Appendix J: Species Mix by Cover Type Data

The MN DNR yield tables represent stand-level basal area and volume by cover type and planning area, but many cover types have a mixed species composition. Accurate calculations of timber value strongly depend on knowledge of constituent species (Schuler 2004<sup>14</sup> Christensen and Peet 1981<sup>15</sup>), but this information is not explicitly available from the yield tables. Rather than build species-level yield tables, MN DNR used species composition from FIA data corresponding to SFRMPs, mapping the finer spatial scale of FIA composition assessments onto the more coarse scale of the FIM dataset.

The total volumes for each plot and each species' volume are tallied, then each species' total is divided by the plot totals, producing a percentage species occupies. This percentage is applied to the yield table. For example, if an aspen cover-type stand typically has on average 74% of its volume from aspen then 74% of the total estimated stand volume from the yield curve is assumed to come from aspen species, while the other 24% may come from other species such as spruce or other hardwoods in the proportion of volume they occupy.

As stated previously, species composition varies as a stand ages, however, stands nearing harvest are of most interest. Species compositions are developed for stands nearing normal rotation age (NRA) or the economic rotation ages (ERA) used by the DNR. This analysis used a minimum age for a plot to be included in species compositions, to be within 5-10 years of normal rotation age. In addition to the near rotation age species compositions, another set of species compositions was developed for NSU, NMOP, MDLP, and WSU. For these sections—aspen, black spruce, oak, northern hardwoods, and natural red pine cover types—species compositions were developed for three different age periods starting at age 0 and going 30-50 years beyond normal rotation age depending on cover-type. This was done to improve composition resolution through time in these major cover types before harvest, as well as after a potential harvest period to have greater resolution of potential species mixes in the standing and harvest inventory.

The MN DNR uses empirical yield tables, meaning future yields mirror those observed in historical stands of comparable site index from a similar geographic area (Leary, 1991<sup>16</sup>). Forest planning models can be more accurate if stand-level yields are calculated from growth models that use inventory-derived tree lists as their input. With this approach, planners avoid assuming that future stands will have the same species composition, size class distribution, and spatial configuration as those historical stands that

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<sup>14</sup> Schuler, Thomas M. "Fifty years of partial harvesting in a mixed mesophytic forest: composition and productivity." *Canadian Journal of Forest Research* 34.5 (2004): 985-997.

<sup>15</sup> Christensen, Norman L., and Robert K. Peet. "Secondary forest succession on the North Carolina Piedmont." *Forest succession*. Springer New York, 1981. 230-245.

<sup>16</sup> Leary, R.A. 1991. Near-normal, empirical, and identity yield tables for estimating stand growth. *Ca. J. For. Res.* 21: 353-362

defined the empirical yield tables. A tradeoff to using individual-based growth models is their requirement of detailed inventory data, as well as existence of a trustworthy model.

Developing growth model yield tables can also be a more expensive process than curve fitting procedures used to generate empirical yield tables. Growth models exist for many regions, e.g. USFS FVS Lake States variant, but may require calibration for specific locations, which is another data-limited step. Although the MN DNR can access FIM and FIA data that could serve as tree lists for model calibration and yield forecasting, we used the existing empirical yield tables to reduce costs and stay on schedule. In the next section, we compare MN DNR yields to yields reported in the literature using sources that reported empirical yields.







WSU - General Species Composition for Each Cover Type																
Cover Type	ASP	BAG	BIR	JP	WP	RP	WS	BF	BS	TAM	WC	BASS	OAK	ELM	MAP	ASH
Ash	0.0502	0.0130	0.0234	-	-	-	0.0133	0.0417	-	0.0300	-	0.0420	0.0648	0.0700	0.0625	0.5825
Lowland Hardwoods	0.0502	0.0130	0.0234	-	-	-	0.0133	0.0417	-	0.0300	-	0.0420	0.0648	0.0700	0.0625	0.5825
Aspen	0.6625	0.0230	0.0600	-	-	-	0.0100	0.0300	0.0100	-	-	0.0100	0.0700	0.0120	0.0625	0.0500
Birch	0.2200	-	0.4300	-	0.0200	0.0120	0.0220	0.0900	-	-	-	-	0.0720	-	0.0940	0.0400
Balm of Gilead	0.6625	0.0230	0.0600	-	-	-	0.0100	0.0300	0.0100	-	-	0.0100	0.0700	0.0120	0.0625	0.0500
Northern Hardwoods	0.0800	-	0.0500	-	0.0120	-	-	0.0240	-	-	-	0.1800	0.2130	0.0100	0.3810	0.0500
Offsite Oak	0.0840	-	0.0200	-	-	0.0150	0.0250	-	-	-	-	0.1520	0.5800	0.0120	0.0800	0.0320
Oak	0.0840	-	0.0200	-	-	0.0150	0.0250	-	-	-	-	0.1520	0.5800	0.0120	0.0800	0.0320
Central Hardwoods	0.0900	0.0300	0.0500	0.0100	0.0100	0.0200	0.0100	0.0200	0.0100	-	-	0.1800	0.1200	0.0300	0.3700	0.0500
White Pine Natural	0.0700	-	-	-	0.5900	0.0900	0.0500	-	0.0500	0.0300	-	-	0.0800	-	0.0400	-
White Pine Planted	0.0700	-	-	-	0.5900	0.0900	0.0500	-	0.0500	0.0300	-	-	0.0800	-	0.0400	-
Scotts Pine	-	-	0.0200	0.0600	0.0100	0.8500	0.0100	0.0100	0.0100	-	-	-	0.0300	-	-	-
Red Pine-Natural	-	-	0.0200	0.0600	0.0100	0.8500	0.0100	0.0100	0.0100	-	-	-	0.0300	-	-	-
Red Pine-Planted	-	-	-	0.0300	0.0200	0.9100	0.0100	0.0100	0.0100	-	-	-	0.0100	-	-	-
Jack Pine	0.1400	-	0.0400	0.6200	-	0.1200	-	0.0700	-	-	-	-	0.0100	-	-	-
White Spruce-Natural	0.0900	-	0.0100	-	-	-	0.7800	0.0800	-	0.0400	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Spruce-Planted	0.0800	-	-	0.0100	0.0100	0.0200	0.8500	0.0100	0.0102	-	-	-	0.0100	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	-	-	0.0300	-	0.1700	-	0.0600	0.1000	-	0.3100	-	-	0.0300	0.0400	0.2500	0.0100
Black Spruce Lowlands	-	-	0.0100	-	0.0100	-	-	-	0.6200	0.3600	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tamarack	-	-	-	-	0.0300	-	-	-	0.1500	0.8000	-	-	-	-	0.0100	0.0200
White Cedar	-	0.0100	0.0200	-	0.0100	0.0100	0.0100	0.0300	0.0700	0.0800	0.7500	-	-	-	-	0.0100
Black Spruce Uplands	-	-	0.0100	-	0.0100	-	-	-	0.6200	0.3600	-	-	-	-	-	-

MDLP-Species Compositions at Different Age Points																	
Aspen	ASP	BAG	BIR	JP	WP	RP	WS	BF	BS	TAM	WC	BASS	OAK	ELM	MAP	ASH	other
0-30	0.5105	0.0352	0.0447	0.0069	0.0206	0.0315	0.0197	0.0376	0.0020	0.0023	0.0074	0.0405	0.0979	0.0180	0.0562	0.0599	0.0089
31-60	0.7233	0.0338	0.0300	0.0070	0.0029	0.0168	0.0100	0.0313	0.0011	0.0020	0.0035	0.0145	0.0471	0.0065	0.0348	0.0342	0.0011
61-90	0.6627	0.0188	0.0471	0.0060	0.0069	0.0104	0.0178	0.0523	0.0067	0.0032	0	0.0261	0.0504	0.0069	0.0107	0.0305	0.0434
Oak	ASP	BAG	BIR	JP	WP	RP	WS	BF	BS	TAM	WC	BASS	OAK	ELM	MAP	ASH	other
0-40	0.0829	0.0008	0.0055	0.0053	0.0134	0.0007	0.0036	0.0113	0	0	0.0355	0.2055	0.5526	0.0074	0.0496	0.0209	0.0050
41-80	0.1539	0.0100	0.0533	0.0104	0.0089	0.0120	0.0055	0.0051	0	0	0	0.1214	0.4612	0.0057	0.0971	0.0515	0.0039
81-120	0.0937	0.0056	0.0403	0.0007	0.0015	0.0091	0.0004	0.0122	0	0	0	0.1300	0.5493	0.0018	0.0905	0.0600	0.0046
Black Spruce	ASP	BAG	BIR	JP	WP	RP	WS	BF	BS	TAM	WC	BASS	OAK	ELM	MAP	ASH	other
0-40	0.0208	-	0.0640	-	0.5344	-	-	0.1583	0.1179	0.1045	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
41-80	0.0266	-	0.0086	0.0100	0.0214	0.0025	-	0.0179	0.6208	0.2381	0.0510	0	-	-	-	0.0004	0.0027
81-120	0.0070	-	-	-	0	-	-	0.0012	0.6132	0.3187	0.0598	-	-	-	-	-	-
North. Hard.	ASP	BAG	BIR	JP	WP	RP	WS	BF	BS	TAM	WC	BASS	OAK	ELM	MAP	ASH	other
0-40	0.1104	0.0047	0.0289	0	0.0111	0.0171	0.0100	0.0075	0	-	-	0.2622	0.2249	0.0153	0.2674	0.0254	0.0151
41-80	0.1344	0.0026	0.0833	0.0021	0.0143	0.0071	0.0084	0.0218	0.0003	-	0.0024	0.2210	0.1530	0.0030	0.3048	0.0332	0.0085
81-120	0.0622	0.0016	0.0562	0	0.0171	-	0.0014	0.0183	-	-	0.0118	0.2875	0.1262	0.0031	0.3482	0.0517	0.0147
Red Pine	ASP	BAG	BIR	JP	WP	RP	WS	BF	BS	TAM	WC	BASS	OAK	ELM	MAP	ASH	other
0-55	0.1413	0.0024	0.0283	0.1028	0.0327	0.5565	0	0.0025	-	-	-	0.0043	0.0833	0.0044	0.0257	0.0004	0.0155
56-111	0.1098	0	0.0521	0.0561	0.0898	0.6148	0.0041	0.0151	0	-	-	0.0019	0.0408	0.0001	0.0148	0	0.0005
112-165	0	-	0.1607	-	0.0272	0.6424	-	0.0937	0.0028	-	-	-	0.0017	-	0.0716	-	-

Rest of State - General Species Composition for Each Cover Type																	
Cover Type	ASP	BAG	BIR	JP	WP	RP	WS	BF	BS	TAM	WC	BASS	OAK	ELM	MAP	ASH	
Ash	0.0400	0.0400	0.0200	-	0.0100	-	-	0.0200	-	-	0.0400	0.0300	0.0300	0.0400	0.2000	0.5100	
Lowland Hardwoods	0.0400	0.0400	0.0200	-	0.0100	-	-	0.0200	-	-	0.0400	0.0300	0.0300	0.0400	0.2000	0.5100	
Aspen	0.6089	0.0823	0.0468	0.0128	0.0050	0.0058	0.0203	0.0665	0.0116	0.0068	0.0060	0.0087	0.0318	0.0116	0.0337	0.0335	
Birch	0.1355	0.0106	0.4005	0.0150	0.0117	0.0106	0.0420	0.1084	0.0376	0.0424	0.0278	0.0069	0.0255	0.0111	0.0505	0.0498	
Balm of Gilead	0.6089	0.0823	0.0468	0.0128	0.0050	0.0058	0.0203	0.0665	0.0116	0.0068	0.0060	0.0087	0.0318	0.0116	0.0337	0.0335	
Northern Hardwoods	0.0900	0.0300	0.0500	0.0100	0.0100	0.0200	0.0100	0.0200	0.0100	-	-	0.1800	0.1200	0.0300	0.3700	0.0500	
Oak	0.0889	0.0028	0.0315	0.0050	0.0042	0.0053	0.0030	0.0023	-	0.0010	0.0002	0.1290	0.5253	0.0378	0.0400	0.0413	
Central Hardwoods	0.0900	0.0300	0.0500	0.0100	0.0100	0.0200	0.0100	0.0200	0.0100	-	-	0.1800	0.1200	0.0300	0.3700	0.0500	
White Pine Natural	0.0714	0.0017	0.0400	0.0324	0.5554	0.1023	-	0.0321	0.0107	0.0038	-	0.0076	0.0679	0.0002	0.0290	0.0054	
White Pine Planted	0.0714	0.0017	0.0400	0.0324	0.5554	0.1023	-	0.0321	0.0107	0.0038	-	0.0076	0.0679	0.0002	0.0290	0.0054	
Red Pine-Natural	0.1300	0.0003	0.0520	0.1563	0.0573	0.4889	0.0204	0.0191	0.0062	-	0.0013	0.0008	0.0434	0.0009	0.0187	0.0009	
Red Pine-Planted	0.0452	0.0036	0.0154	0.0361	0.0227	0.8178	0.0163	0.0166	0.0050	-	0.0010	0.0005	0.0070	0.0007	0.0083	0.0001	
Jack Pine	0.0730	0.0025	0.0299	0.6425	0.0234	0.0720	0.0167	0.0551	0.0565	0.0044	-	-	0.0156	0.0016	0.0021	0.0022	
White Spruce-Natural	0.0660	0.0024	0.0445	0.0104	-	0.0213	0.6489	0.1154	0.0198	0.0053	0.0275	0.0002	-	0.0237	0.0025	0.0067	
White Spruce-Planted	0.0512	0.0038	0.0184	-	0.0036	0.0048	0.7847	0.0661	0.0062	0.0064	0.0094	0.0055	0.0182	0.0008	0.0093	0.0038	
Balsam Fir	0.1116	0.0199	0.0809	0.0098	0.0298	0.0237	0.0678	0.2984	0.1437	0.0850	0.0735	-	0.0053	0.0010	0.0180	0.0629	
Black Spruce Lowlands	0.0141	0.0005	0.0121	0.0144	0.0066	0.0031	0.0041	0.0240	0.7088	0.1947	0.0155	-	-	-	0.0012	0.0007	
Tamarack	0.0035	0.0013	0.0109	0.0020	0.0042	0.0037	0.0018	0.0092	0.1264	0.7867	0.0408	-	0.0007	-	0.0010	0.0059	
White Cedar	0.0182	0.0084	0.0414	-	0.0052	0.0350	-	0.0412	0.0502	0.0631	0.7276	-	-	0.0019	0.0021	0.0220	
Black Spruce Uplands	0.0141	0.0005	0.0121	0.0144	0.0066	0.0031	0.0041	0.0240	0.7088	0.1947	0.0155	-	-	-	0.0012	0.0007	

## Appendix L: Regulated Uneven-Age Harvest Volumes

Cover Type	Administrator	Site Index	Regulated Uneven-Age Harvest Volume (Cords/Acre)
01Ash	F	45Minus	5.0
		50	5.3
		55	5.5
		60	5.8
		65	6.0
		70Plus	6.5
	W	45Minus	4.0
		50	4.3
		55	4.5
		60	4.8
		65	5.0
		70Plus	5.5
09LowHrdw	F	45Minus	5.0
		50	5.3
		55	5.5
		60	5.8
		65	6.0
		70Plus	6.5
	W	45Minus	4.0
		50	4.3
		55	4.5
		60	4.8
		65	5.0
		70Plus	5.5
20NorthHrdw	F	45Minus	7.0
		50	7.5
		55	8.0
		60	8.5
		65	9.3
		70	10.0
		75	11.0
		80	12.0
		85	12.0
		90	12.0

Cover Type	Administrator	Site Index	Regulated Uneven-Age Harvest Volume (Cords/Acre)
	W	45Minus	7.0
		50	7.5
		55	8.0
		60	8.5
		65	9.3
		70	10.0
		75	11.0
		80	12.0
		85	12.0
		90	12.0
30oak	F	45Minus	7.0
		50	7.5
		55	7.5
		60	7.8
		65	8.0
		70Plus	9.0
	W	45Minus	6.0
		50	6.5
		55	6.5
		60	6.8
40CentHrdw	F	65	7.0
		70	8.0
		75	8.5
		80	9.3
		85	10.0
		90	11.0
		45Minus	12.0
		50	12.0
		55	12.0
		60	12.0
	W	45Minus	6.0
		50	6.5
		55	7.0
		60	7.5
		65	8.3

Cover Type	Administrator	Site Index	Regulated Uneven-Age Harvest Volume (Cords/Acre)
		70	9.0
		75	10.0
		80	11.0
		85	11.0
		90	11.0
51WhiPine & 51WhiPinePlt	F	45Minus	6.0
		50	7.3
		55	7.8
		60	8.3
		65	9.2
		70	10.0
		75	11.0
		80	11.0
		85	11.0
	90	11.0	
	W	45Minus	6.0
		50	7.3
		55	7.8
		60	8.3
		65	9.2
		70	10.0
		75	11.0
		80	11.0
		85	11.0
90		11.0	
61WhitSpr	F	All	4.0
	W	All	4.0
73WhiCed	All	All	4.0

## Appendix M: Thinning Harvest Volumes

Cover Type	Administrator	Entry	Thinning Volume (Cords/Acre)
01Ash	All	All	10
09LowHrdw	All	All	10
20NorthHrdw	All	All	10
30Oak	All	All	8
40CentHrdw	All	All	10
51WhiPinePlt	F	Thin #1	10
	F	Thin #2	12
	F	Thin #3	15
	F	Thin #4	15
	F	Thin #5	15
	F	Thin #6	15
	W	All	12
52RedPine	F	Thin #1	10
	F	Thin #2	12
	F	Thin #3	15
	F	Thin #4	15
	F	Thin #5	15
	F	Thin #6	15
52RedPinePlt	F	Thin #1	10
	F	Thin #2	12
	F	Thin #3	15
	F	Thin #4	15
	F	Thin #5	15
	F	Thin #6	15
	W	All	12
53JacPine	All	All	10
54ScotPine	All	All	10
61WhitSprPlt	All	All	10
79OffOak	All	All	8

## Appendix N: Stumpage Revenue

Species	Harvest Type	Stumpage (\$/Cord)		
		AP	BRP	All Other
Aspen	All	\$ 3.50	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00
Balm of Gilead	All	\$ 2.80	\$ 20.00	\$ 28.00
Birch	All	\$ 1.50	\$ 23.00	\$ 15.00
Basswood	All	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ 14.00
Oak	All	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 32.00
Maple	All	\$ -	\$ 140.00	\$ 14.00
Ash	All	\$ 1.20	\$ 45.00	\$ 12.00
Elm	All	\$ -	\$ 22.00	\$ 6.00
Black Walnut	All	\$ -	\$1,250.00	\$ -
Cotton Willow	All	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00
Other Hardwoods	All	\$ 1.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00
Balsam Fir	All	\$ 1.80	\$ 9.00	\$ 18.00
Black Spruce	All	\$ 2.40	\$ 12.00	\$ 24.00
Jack Pine	All	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00
Red Pine	Non Red Pine CT	\$ -	\$ 29.00	\$ 42.00
	Thin Age 30	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
	Thin Age 35 – 40	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
	Thin Age 45 – 50	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
	Thin Age 55+	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
	CC Age 60	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
	CC Age 65 – 90	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
	CC Age 90+	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Tamarack		\$ 0.60	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
White Pine		\$ -	\$ 22.00	\$ 32.00
White Spruce		\$ -	\$ 13.00	\$ 26.00
White Cedar		\$ 0.80	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00

## Appendix O: Forest-Age Diversity Goals

Planning Area	Forest Type	Age Class			
		1	2	3	4
AP	1	41	41	41	41
	2	20	20	20	20
	3	67	67	67	67
	4	1,415	1,415	1,415	1,415
	5	21,221	21,221	21,221	21,221
	6	465	465	465	465
	7	851	851	851	851
BRP	1	1	1	1	1
	2	693	693	693	693
	3	26	26	26	26
	4	1	1	1	1
	5	345	345	345	345
	6	12,532	12,532	12,532	12,532
	7	2,292	2,292	2,292	2,292
MDLP	1	4,719	4,719	4,719	4,719
	2	15,546	15,546	15,546	15,546
	3	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406
	4	47,635	47,635	47,635	47,635
	5	86,549	86,549	86,549	86,549
	6	21,819	21,819	21,819	21,819
	7	11,623	11,623	11,623	11,623
MNIAM	1	120	120	120	120
	2	1,052	1,052	1,052	1,052
	3	90	90	90	90
	4	420	420	420	420
	5	2,885	2,885	2,885	2,885
	6	7,605	7,605	7,605	7,605
	7	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043
NMOP	1	11,849	11,849	11,849	11,849
	2	5,255	5,255	5,255	5,255
	3	8,683	8,683	8,683	8,683
	4	163,618	163,618	163,618	163,618
	5	93,665	93,665	93,665	93,665
	6	767	767	767	767
	7	14,603	14,603	14,603	14,603
NSU	1	9,853	9,853	9,853	9,853
	2	13,488	13,488	13,488	13,488

Planning Area	Forest Type	Age Class			
		1	2	3	4
	3	10,327	10,327	10,327	10,327
	4	28,446	28,446	28,446	28,446
	5	64,825	64,825	64,825	64,825
	6	5,558	5,558	5,558	5,558
	7	4,658	4,658	4,658	4,658
WSU	1	780	780	780	780
	2	2,310	2,310	2,310	2,310
	3	1,063	1,063	1,063	1,063
	4	5,325	5,325	5,325	5,325
	5	31,746	31,746	31,746	31,746
	6	20,903	20,903	20,903	20,903
	7	5,860	5,860	5,860	5,860

## Appendix P: NPC Growth Stages Goals

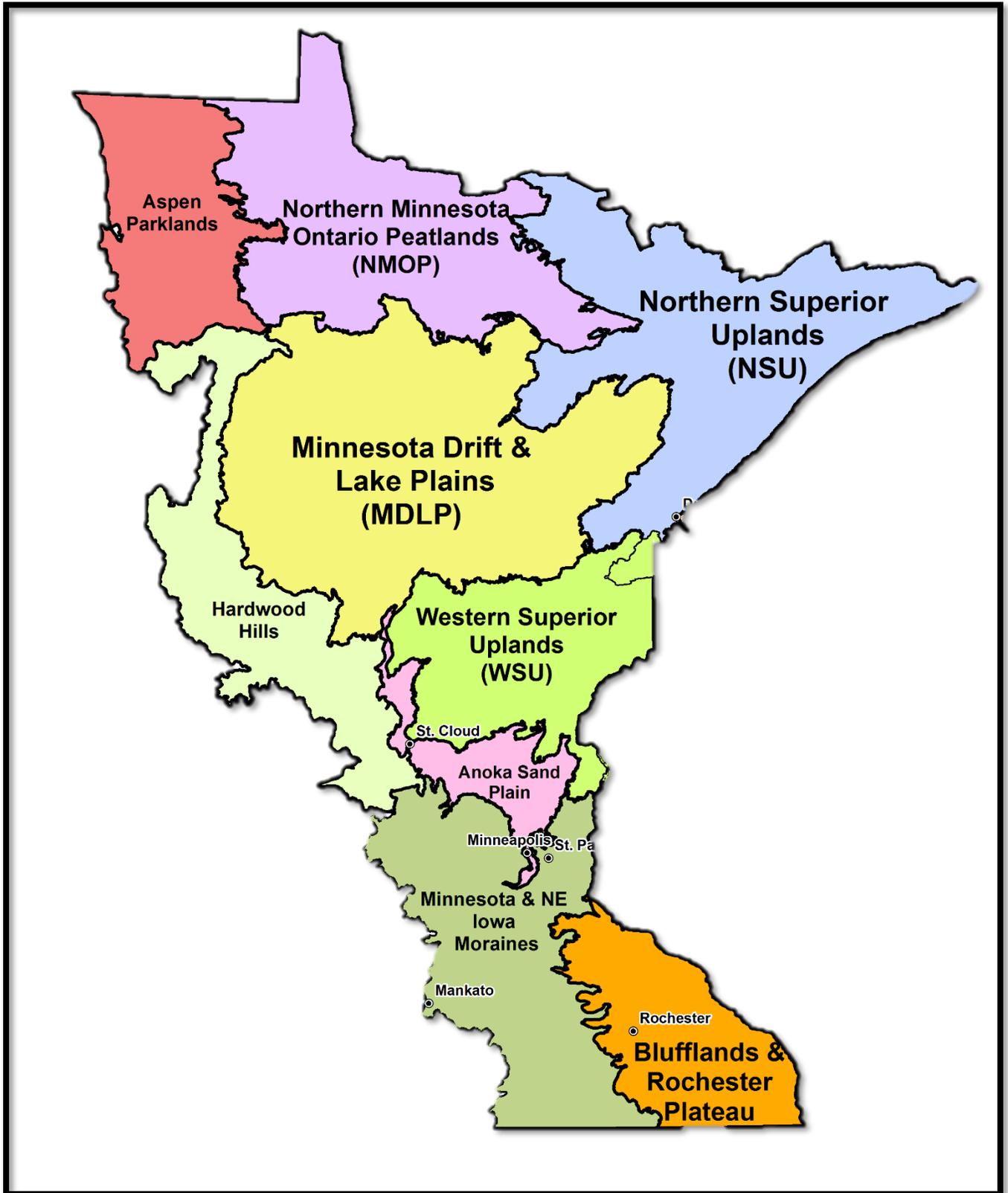
NPC	Growth Stage	Percentage of Acres
APn80	0-55	30
APn80	55-205	70
APn81	0-55	38
APn81	55+	62
FDc12	0-55	76
FDc12	55-115	22
FDc12	115+	2
FDc23	0-55	73
FDc23	55-75	18
FDc23	75-155	8
FDc23	155+	1
FDc24	0-55	71
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FDc24	75-155	10
FDc24	155-195	1
FDc24	195+	0
FDc25	0-55	40
FDc25	55-135	57
FDc25	135+	3
FDc34	0-55	47
FDc34	55-95	31
FDc34	95-135	13
FDc34	135-175	3
FDc34	175+	6
FDn12	0-55	61
FDn12	55-75	17
FDn12	75-195	20
FDn12	195+	2
FDn22	0-55	59
FDn22	55-75	16
FDn22	75-115	14
FDn22	115+	11
FDn32	0-55	57
FDn32	55-95	25
FDn32	95+	18
FDn33	0-35	14

<b>NPC</b>	<b>Growth Stage</b>	<b>Percentage of Acres</b>
FDn33	35-55	27
FDn33	55-125	44
FDn33	125+	15
FDn43	0-35	17
FDn43	35-55	30
FDn43	55-95	31
FDn43	95-115	5
FDn43	115+	17
FDs27	0-55	19
FDs27	55+	81
FDs37	0-75	79
FDs37	75+	21
FDs38	0-55	26
FDs38	55-135	72
FDs38	135+	2
FDw24	0-35	69
FDw24	35+	31
FDw34	0-35	64
FDw34	35+	36
FDw44	0-35	69
FDw44	35+	31
FFn57	0-55	31
FFn57	55-95	45
FFn57	95+	24
FFs59	0-35	7
FFs59	35-155	85
FFs59	155+	8
FPn62	0-55	14
FPn62	55+	86
FPn63	0-55	11
FPn63	55-115	36
FPn63	115+	53
FPn71	0-55	27
FPn71	55+	73
FPn72	0-55	13
FPn72	55+	87
FPn81	0-55	34
FPn81	55+	66
FPn82	0-55	23

<b>NPC</b>	<b>Growth Stage</b>	<b>Percentage of Acres</b>
FPn82	55+	77
FPs63	0-55	19
FPs63	55+	81
FPw63	0-55	27
FPw63	55+	73
MHc26	0-35	21
MHc26	35-55	31
MHc26	55-135	45
MHc26	135+	3
MHc36	0-35	7
MHc36	35-95	75
MHc36	95+	18
MHc37	0-55	40
MHc37	55-135	57
MHc37	135+	3
MHc47	0-55	23
MHc47	55-155	73
MHc47	155+	4
MHn35	0-55	39
MHn35	55-95	51
MHn35	95-205	8
MHn35	205-295	1
MHn35	295+	1
MHn44	0-35	24
MHn44	35-95	60
MHn44	95-195	14
MHn44	195+	2
MHn45	0-75	29
MHn45	75-95	16
MHn45	95-155	38
MHn45	155-195	3
MHn45	195+	14
MHn46	0-35	17
MHn46	35-95	68
MHn46	95+	15
MHn47	0-55	34
MHn47	55-75	31
MHn47	75-195	32
MHn47	195+	3

<b>NPC</b>	<b>Growth Stage</b>	<b>Percentage of Acres</b>
MHs37	0-55	24
MHs37	55-95	60
MHs37	95+	16
MHs38	0-35	7
MHs38	35-75	35
MHs38	75+	58
MHs39	0-35	4
MHs39	35-75	50
MHs39	75+	46
MHs49	0-55	18
MHs49	55+	82
WFn53	0-55	32
WFn53	55-75	10
WFn53	75-105	34
WFn53	105-155	15
WFn53	155+	9
WFn55	0-75	54
WFn55	75-195	43
WFn55	195+	3
WFn64	0-75	55
WFn64	75-135	35
WFn64	135+	10
WFs57	0-55	18
WFs57	55+	82
WFw54	0-55	52
WFw54	55-105	21
WFw54	105+	27

# Appendix Q: Map of MN DNR Planning Areas



## Appendix R: Matrix of Model Results

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	Present Value of Stumpage Revenue (\$)	Annual Harvest Volume (Cords)	Percentage Priority Harvest Volume	Average Age of Clear-Cut (Years)	Total Inventory (Cords)	Total Trust Inventory (Cords)	Annual Growth (Cords)
Scenario 1.1.1	988,645,833	1,158,460	64%	83	35,671,231	16,693,410	3,407,913
Scenario 1.1.2	948,024,253	1,134,353	65%	84	35,272,377	16,500,376	3,428,013
Scenario 1.2.2	920,851,652	1,099,122	66%	84	35,477,116	16,401,569	3,412,480
Scenario 1.2.3	913,715,360	1,094,542	66%	84	35,463,396	16,405,078	3,414,930
Scenario 1.2.4.1	913,185,266	1,092,819	66%	84	35,477,444	16,411,583	3,414,471
Scenario 1.2.4.2	656,566,789	691,991	61%	83	38,142,943	17,751,791	3,255,216
Scenario 1.2.4.3	548,480,408	604,799	56%	94	37,993,438	17,762,402	3,351,274
Scenario 1.2.4.4	754,279,575	821,159	59%	83	37,316,852	17,417,578	3,318,076
Scenario 2.1.1	907,171,904	1,099,122	62%	86	35,563,369	16,491,156	3,436,847
Scenario 2.1.2	748,144,274	800,000	56%	84	37,108,087	17,351,722	3,416,886
Scenario 2.1.3	542,804,739	600,000	56%	83	37,707,494	17,629,324	3,350,295
Scenario 2.2.1	897,330,207	1,094,542	64%	88	35,664,181	16,394,884	3,402,162
Scenario 2.2.2	729,517,958	800,000	62%	89	37,492,088	17,283,721	3,337,993
Scenario 2.2.3	619,865,175	700,000	62%	84	38,096,487	17,630,142	3,254,914
Scenario 3.1.1	1,037,386,782	1,210,977	66%	84	36,713,836	17,168,068	3,650,063
Scenario 3.1.2	1,127,898,952	1,289,939	67%	84	38,138,337	17,835,257	3,882,596
Scenario 3.2.1	1,009,295,280	1,175,791	67%	84	36,916,825	17,073,581	3,634,746
Scenario 3.2.2	1,098,965,661	1,255,335	68%	84	38,340,760	17,720,520	3,864,537
Scenario 4.1.1	759,887,495	1,125,946	67%	84	35,720,961	16,513,702	3,387,725
Scenario 4.1.2	726,139,206	1,095,791	67%	85	35,461,503	16,419,125	3,406,508
Scenario 4.2.1	536,498,248	1,126,601	69%	84	35,589,041	16,442,351	3,370,834
Scenario 4.2.2	511,443,068	1,098,048	68%	84	35,390,751	16,352,353	3,390,284

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	Clear-Cut Operable Acres	Clear-Cut Acres as Percentage of Operable	Annual Cover Type Conversion Acres	Native Plant Community Deviations (Acres)	Percentage of Old Forest Guild Hexagons	Percentage of Young Forest Guild Hexagons	Percentage of Open Priority Catchments	Forest-Age Diversity Index
Scenario 1.1.1	1,007,909	23%	-	907,412	25.4%	0.3%	4.5%	0.88
Scenario 1.1.2	1,002,407	25%	1,670	923,699	25.4%	0.3%	4.5%	0.88
Scenario 1.2.2	953,290	24%	1,644	916,206	26.3%	0.6%	4.5%	0.88
Scenario 1.2.3	953,290	24%	1,648	915,466	26.3%	0.3%	4.5%	0.88
Scenario 1.2.4.1	953,290	24%	1,647	915,330	26.3%	0.6%	3.4%	0.88
Scenario 1.2.4.2	953,290	11%	1,916	834,314	30.7%	0.9%	3.8%	0.88
Scenario 1.2.4.3	953,290	13%	1,455	721,890	27.1%	1.2%	4.2%	0.88
Scenario 1.2.4.4	952,855	14%	1,890	853,391	26.5%	3.8%	4.2%	0.88
Scenario 2.1.1	953,290	24%	1,765	909,697	26.0%	0.3%	4.4%	0.88
Scenario 2.1.2	953,290	15%	1,511	849,728	25.1%	0.9%	4.4%	0.88
Scenario 2.1.3	953,290	12%	1,608	831,966	26.3%	1.2%	4.9%	0.88
Scenario 2.2.1	952,855	24%	1,816	908,182	27.7%	0.3%	4.4%	0.87
Scenario 2.2.2	952,855	14%	1,763	844,428	29.5%	0.6%	4.0%	0.88
Scenario 2.2.3	952,855	12%	1,891	839,627	30.1%	0.9%	3.8%	0.88
Scenario 3.1.1	923,927	27%	1,702	924,817	25.1%	0.3%	4.5%	0.87
Scenario 3.1.2	923,927	27%	1,752	927,586	25.1%	0.3%	4.5%	0.87
Scenario 3.2.1	953,290	24%	1,660	917,448	26.0%	0.6%	4.5%	0.88
Scenario 3.2.2	953,290	24%	1,686	919,182	26.0%	0.6%	4.5%	0.88
Scenario 4.1.1	958,000	22%	-	900,388	26.8%	0.3%	4.7%	0.88
Scenario 4.1.2	952,855	24%	1,575	915,816	26.5%	0.6%	4.5%	0.88
Scenario 4.2.1	958,000	23%	-	904,405	26.5%	0.3%	4.7%	0.88
Scenario 4.2.2	952,855	24%	1,515	912,503	26.3%	0.6%	4.5%	0.88

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	Present Value of Stumpage Revenue (\$)	Annual Harvest Volume (Cords)	Percentage Priority Harvest Volume	Average Age of Clear-Cut (Years)	Total Inventory (Cords)	Total Trust Inventory (Cords)	Annual Growth (Cords)
Scenario 1.1.1	988,645,833	1,063,739	69%	76	30,600,326	13,810,071	3,569,308
Scenario 1.1.2	948,024,253	972,588	68%	76	31,091,477	14,081,259	3,627,275
Scenario 1.2.2	920,851,652	925,125	69%	73	32,099,572	13,955,063	3,600,205
Scenario 1.2.3	913,715,360	922,717	69%	71	32,190,567	13,992,590	3,590,410
Scenario 1.2.4.1	913,185,266	921,180	69%	71	32,237,186	13,992,949	3,586,881
Scenario 1.2.4.2	656,566,789	744,931	66%	78	41,064,767	18,587,135	3,081,617
Scenario 1.2.4.3	548,480,408	601,915	65%	83	42,835,468	20,058,100	3,239,901
Scenario 1.2.4.4	754,279,575	826,797	69%	78	37,988,384	17,207,638	3,285,978
Scenario 2.1.1	907,171,904	925,125	70%	75	32,397,494	14,191,618	3,637,682
Scenario 2.1.2	748,144,274	800,000	68%	82	38,271,043	17,436,350	3,514,289
Scenario 2.1.3	542,804,739	600,000	59%	82	40,772,588	18,899,895	3,270,319
Scenario 2.2.1	897,330,207	922,717	68%	70	32,746,230	14,266,524	3,579,356
Scenario 2.2.2	729,517,958	800,000	67%	75	39,038,266	17,525,918	3,343,820
Scenario 2.2.3	619,865,175	700,000	67%	73	40,707,093	18,434,692	3,020,515
Scenario 3.1.1	1,037,386,782	1,035,138	69%	76	32,331,850	14,640,744	3,855,549
Scenario 3.1.2	1,127,898,952	1,095,510	70%	75	33,633,237	15,234,425	4,095,867
Scenario 3.2.1	1,009,295,280	984,966	70%	73	33,391,218	14,516,892	3,830,789
Scenario 3.2.2	1,098,965,661	1,042,938	71%	72	34,770,902	15,111,203	4,074,973
Scenario 4.1.1	759,887,495	968,068	68%	76	31,523,510	13,622,740	3,561,100
Scenario 4.1.2	726,139,206	912,655	69%	72	31,913,098	13,855,646	3,592,670
Scenario 4.2.1	536,498,248	930,200	69%	72	31,432,061	13,587,325	3,545,316
Scenario 4.2.2	511,443,068	885,048	69%	70	31,919,685	13,883,475	3,587,107

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	Clear-Cut Operable Acres	Clear-Cut Acres as Percentage of Operable	Annual Cover Type Conversion Acres	Native Plant Community Deviations (Acres)	Percentage of Old Forest Guild Hexagons	Percentage of Young Forest Guild Hexagons	Percentage of Open Priority Catchments	Forest-Age Diversity Index
Scenario 1.1.1	591,738	42%	-	1,161,727	18.3%	0.0%	5.1%	0.86
Scenario 1.1.2	561,421	39%	1,873	1,158,958	18.6%	0.0%	4.2%	0.86
Scenario 1.2.2	536,526	36%	1,756	1,115,757	26.8%	0.0%	3.8%	0.87
Scenario 1.2.3	535,286	36%	1,763	1,114,129	26.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.87
Scenario 1.2.4.1	537,352	36%	1,762	1,112,025	26.3%	0.0%	2.5%	0.87
Scenario 1.2.4.2	856,144	14%	1,379	775,177	59.6%	1.2%	2.9%	0.88
Scenario 1.2.4.3	1,073,879	10%	1,337	487,621	34.2%	0.0%	3.1%	0.89
Scenario 1.2.4.4	772,015	19%	1,492	874,041	31.3%	34.2%	3.6%	0.88
Scenario 2.1.1	556,489	33%	1,758	1,095,370	24.8%	0.0%	4.2%	0.87
Scenario 2.1.2	881,139	15%	1,586	868,149	26.0%	1.2%	3.3%	0.89
Scenario 2.1.3	980,143	11%	1,338	806,973	30.1%	1.5%	3.1%	0.89
Scenario 2.2.1	528,001	35%	1,777	1,099,865	28.3%	0.0%	3.6%	0.86
Scenario 2.2.2	813,647	16%	1,483	824,235	45.4%	1.8%	2.7%	0.88
Scenario 2.2.3	836,291	15%	1,419	817,515	58.4%	1.8%	3.3%	0.87
Scenario 3.1.1	504,685	43%	1,869	1,165,793	18.3%	0.0%	4.4%	0.86
Scenario 3.1.2	500,798	44%	1,842	1,167,911	18.6%	0.0%	4.4%	0.86
Scenario 3.2.1	530,346	37%	1,772	1,120,251	26.5%	0.0%	4.0%	0.87
Scenario 3.2.2	527,741	37%	1,737	1,119,938	26.5%	0.0%	4.0%	0.87
Scenario 4.1.1	552,269	38%	-	1,117,824	25.4%	0.0%	4.2%	0.87
Scenario 4.1.2	532,524	37%	1,752	1,118,936	25.7%	0.0%	4.2%	0.87
Scenario 4.2.1	547,735	37%	-	1,116,509	25.4%	0.0%	4.2%	0.87
Scenario 4.2.2	529,709	36%	1,586	1,117,886	25.7%	0.0%	3.6%	0.87

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	Present Value of Stumpage Revenue (\$)	Annual Harvest Volume (Cords)	Percentage Priority Harvest Volume	Average Age of Clear-Cut (Years)	Total Inventory (Cords)	Total Trust Inventory (Cords)	Annual Growth (Cords)
Scenario 1.1.1	988,645,833	939,553	64%	64	29,515,637	13,669,548	3,637,238
Scenario 1.1.2	948,024,253	915,254	65%	60	30,329,324	13,982,605	3,644,658
Scenario 1.2.2	920,851,652	880,284	65%	58	31,501,198	13,934,651	3,581,271
Scenario 1.2.3	913,715,360	875,858	65%	58	31,600,230	13,957,905	3,574,602
Scenario 1.2.4.1	913,185,266	875,813	65%	58	31,651,597	13,961,285	3,566,746
Scenario 1.2.4.2	656,566,789	689,472	61%	66	40,957,239	19,108,878	2,685,266
Scenario 1.2.4.3	548,480,408	612,152	62%	87	43,837,774	20,771,457	2,618,497
Scenario 1.2.4.4	754,279,575	798,135	65%	72	37,065,036	17,099,688	3,164,094
Scenario 2.1.1	907,171,904	880,284	62%	62	31,963,675	14,276,446	3,619,431
Scenario 2.1.2	748,144,274	800,000	64%	78	38,738,723	18,078,925	3,279,201
Scenario 2.1.3	542,804,739	600,000	64%	82	41,552,377	19,923,659	2,751,602
Scenario 2.2.1	897,330,207	875,858	65%	58	32,345,069	14,369,500	3,545,936
Scenario 2.2.2	729,517,958	800,000	62%	67	38,918,421	18,237,610	3,059,549
Scenario 2.2.3	619,865,175	700,000	63%	72	40,569,400	19,090,265	2,740,339
Scenario 3.1.1	1,037,386,782	975,381	66%	60	31,617,800	14,548,584	3,901,366
Scenario 3.1.2	1,127,898,952	1,046,830	68%	60	32,912,488	15,152,546	4,146,013
Scenario 3.2.1	1,009,295,280	944,563	67%	58	32,820,212	14,534,813	3,835,389
Scenario 3.2.2	1,098,965,661	1,013,655	68%	57	34,152,548	15,129,694	4,077,317
Scenario 4.1.1	759,887,495	905,524	66%	60	30,428,909	13,430,426	3,560,181
Scenario 4.1.2	726,139,206	877,765	66%	57	31,243,293	13,754,212	3,596,333
Scenario 4.2.1	536,498,248	907,152	67%	61	30,348,342	13,314,906	3,550,592
Scenario 4.2.2	511,443,068	879,709	66%	57	31,118,673	13,648,939	3,580,366

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	Clear-Cut Operable Acres	Clear-Cut Acres as Percentage of Operable	Annual Cover Type Conversion Acres	Native Plant Community Deviations (Acres)	Percentage of Old Forest Guild Hexagons	Percentage of Young Forest Guild Hexagons	Percentage of Open Priority Catchments	Forest-Age Diversity Index
Scenario 1.1.1	306,907	75%	-	1,175,510	18.3%	0.0%	4.2%	0.85
Scenario 1.1.2	335,797	67%	1,679	1,143,265	19.8%	0.3%	4.0%	0.85
Scenario 1.2.2	340,692	57%	1,498	1,074,420	28.0%	0.3%	3.6%	0.86
Scenario 1.2.3	339,301	57%	1,496	1,071,926	28.3%	0.0%	3.6%	0.86
Scenario 1.2.4.1	343,658	56%	1,496	1,071,840	28.3%	0.0%	2.5%	0.86
Scenario 1.2.4.2	866,320	13%	1,409	756,495	69.6%	0.3%	3.3%	0.87
Scenario 1.2.4.3	1,189,270	9%	1,394	306,944	50.7%	0.0%	2.7%	0.88
Scenario 1.2.4.4	693,583	21%	1,762	857,835	39.5%	62.8%	4.0%	0.88
Scenario 2.1.1	372,833	51%	1,572	1,043,226	27.4%	0.0%	3.1%	0.87
Scenario 2.1.2	948,480	13%	1,322	760,003	35.1%	1.2%	3.3%	0.90
Scenario 2.1.3	1,088,152	10%	1,325	761,079	36.9%	0.6%	3.4%	0.90
Scenario 2.2.1	354,154	52%	1,575	1,053,621	34.5%	0.6%	3.1%	0.86
Scenario 2.2.2	787,948	16%	1,428	777,563	69.9%	1.2%	3.4%	0.87
Scenario 2.2.3	838,679	14%	1,514	803,566	70.5%	1.5%	3.8%	0.87
Scenario 3.1.1	305,905	75%	1,680	1,147,201	19.5%	0.6%	3.8%	0.85
Scenario 3.1.2	303,646	76%	1,660	1,148,360	20.1%	0.6%	4.0%	0.85
Scenario 3.2.1	341,655	58%	1,487	1,077,175	28.0%	0.3%	3.3%	0.86
Scenario 3.2.2	342,365	58%	1,485	1,077,039	27.7%	0.3%	3.4%	0.86
Scenario 4.1.1	312,854	64%	-	1,107,523	25.7%	0.0%	3.8%	0.86
Scenario 4.1.2	335,889	59%	1,491	1,083,138	28.0%	0.0%	3.6%	0.86
Scenario 4.2.1	308,860	64%	-	1,107,893	25.4%	0.0%	3.6%	0.86
Scenario 4.2.2	337,504	59%	1,577	1,085,357	28.0%	0.0%	3.4%	0.86

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	Present Value of Stumpage Revenue (\$)	Annual Harvest Volume (Cords)	Percentage Priority Harvest Volume	Average Age of Clear-Cut (Years)	Total Inventory (Cords)	Total Trust Inventory (Cords)	Annual Growth (Cords)
Scenario 1.1.1	988,645,833	930,686	65%	52	29,466,877	13,757,638	3,566,792
Scenario 1.1.2	948,024,253	918,367	65%	51	30,904,306	14,427,471	3,557,068
Scenario 1.2.2	920,851,652	899,758	66%	53	32,004,523	14,477,661	3,483,987
Scenario 1.2.3	913,715,360	895,563	66%	53	32,123,205	14,514,048	3,474,952
Scenario 1.2.4.1	913,185,266	895,138	66%	53	32,152,921	14,506,793	3,462,899
Scenario 1.2.4.2	656,566,789	713,971	63%	66	40,128,428	18,833,132	2,281,046
Scenario 1.2.4.3	548,480,408	591,908	60%	83	43,537,192	20,849,073	2,309,649
Scenario 1.2.4.4	754,279,575	815,074	68%	68	36,736,255	17,099,317	3,074,623
Scenario 2.1.1	907,171,904	899,758	66%	55	32,398,329	14,694,535	3,529,704
Scenario 2.1.2	748,144,274	800,000	67%	75	38,701,549	18,331,708	3,190,503
Scenario 2.1.3	542,804,739	600,000	66%	91	41,157,186	19,982,391	2,806,883
Scenario 2.2.1	897,330,207	895,563	66%	53	32,826,084	14,825,088	3,426,225
Scenario 2.2.2	729,517,958	800,000	69%	66	38,110,965	17,668,591	2,833,434
Scenario 2.2.3	619,865,175	700,000	66%	69	39,903,270	18,831,152	2,507,073
Scenario 3.1.1	1,037,386,782	978,883	66%	51	32,050,540	14,949,005	3,796,020
Scenario 3.1.2	1,127,898,952	1,051,028	67%	51	33,272,913	15,537,372	4,031,226
Scenario 3.2.1	1,009,295,280	970,898	67%	52	33,126,387	14,998,553	3,715,755
Scenario 3.2.2	1,098,965,661	1,042,705	68%	52	34,378,195	15,591,950	3,949,864
Scenario 4.1.1	759,887,495	905,468	64%	52	30,613,643	13,841,622	3,534,537
Scenario 4.1.2	726,139,206	883,760	66%	53	31,727,979	14,312,708	3,501,171
Scenario 4.2.1	536,498,248	906,303	64%	52	30,565,495	13,828,838	3,539,296
Scenario 4.2.2	511,443,068	881,968	64%	53	31,671,259	14,247,584	3,511,035

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	Clear-Cut Operable Acres	Clear-Cut Acres as Percentage of Operable	Annual Cover Type Conversion Acres	Native Plant Community Deviations (Acres)	Percentage of Old Forest Guild Hexagons	Percentage of Young Forest Guild Hexagons	Percentage of Open Priority Catchments	Forest-Age Diversity Index
Scenario 1.1.1	279,432	87%	-	1,203,743	17.4%	0.0%	4.9%	0.85
Scenario 1.1.2	281,087	79%	1,073	1,156,651	21.2%	0.0%	4.7%	0.86
Scenario 1.2.2	316,588	65%	1,064	1,106,086	29.2%	0.0%	4.4%	0.86
Scenario 1.2.3	317,778	64%	1,063	1,106,812	29.8%	0.0%	4.4%	0.86
Scenario 1.2.4.1	321,681	63%	1,063	1,109,422	29.8%	0.0%	2.5%	0.86
Scenario 1.2.4.2	799,901	17%	1,145	895,139	76.7%	0.3%	3.1%	0.87
Scenario 1.2.4.3	1,096,567	9%	1,208	387,443	44.0%	0.0%	3.4%	0.88
Scenario 1.2.4.4	632,380	25%	1,123	940,761	39.5%	67.0%	3.1%	0.88
Scenario 2.1.1	368,496	54%	1,064	1,068,433	28.9%	0.0%	4.5%	0.87
Scenario 2.1.2	1,033,521	13%	1,236	825,891	32.2%	0.3%	2.9%	0.90
Scenario 2.1.3	1,100,996	12%	1,270	806,906	33.0%	0.3%	3.1%	0.90
Scenario 2.2.1	340,790	59%	1,063	1,087,445	34.5%	0.0%	4.0%	0.87
Scenario 2.2.2	774,314	19%	1,100	889,293	76.1%	0.6%	2.7%	0.88
Scenario 2.2.3	784,436	18%	1,123	928,448	76.7%	0.6%	2.7%	0.87
Scenario 3.1.1	258,867	87%	1,073	1,162,746	21.2%	0.0%	4.4%	0.86
Scenario 3.1.2	259,091	88%	1,073	1,165,025	20.9%	0.0%	4.7%	0.86
Scenario 3.2.1	318,884	66%	1,062	1,113,592	28.9%	0.0%	3.6%	0.86
Scenario 3.2.2	320,145	66%	1,062	1,113,711	28.9%	0.0%	3.6%	0.86
Scenario 4.1.1	301,057	72%	-	1,154,388	28.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.86
Scenario 4.1.2	312,699	66%	1,067	1,115,280	29.2%	0.0%	3.6%	0.86
Scenario 4.2.1	295,742	71%	-	1,156,285	27.7%	0.0%	3.8%	0.85
Scenario 4.2.2	310,317	66%	1,067	1,118,845	28.9%	0.0%	4.0%	0.86

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	Present Value of Stumpage Revenue (\$)	Annual Harvest Volume (Cords)	Percentage Priority Harvest Volume	Average Age of Clear-Cut (Years)	Total Inventory (Cords)	Total Trust Inventory (Cords)	Annual Growth (Cords)
Scenario 1.1.1	988,645,833	930,162	65%	53	28,777,424	13,574,793	3,614,928
Scenario 1.1.2	948,024,253	915,881	67%	52	29,950,821	14,059,820	3,580,573
Scenario 1.2.2	920,851,652	882,631	67%	53	31,163,483	13,867,177	3,497,597
Scenario 1.2.3	913,715,360	878,889	67%	53	31,210,864	13,889,835	3,496,705
Scenario 1.2.4.1	913,185,266	877,446	67%	53	31,240,579	13,883,733	3,485,003
Scenario 1.2.4.2	656,566,789	657,932	66%	75	39,082,864	17,952,497	2,343,044
Scenario 1.2.4.3	548,480,408	598,558	61%	82	43,234,080	20,772,285	2,096,884
Scenario 1.2.4.4	754,279,575	799,137	70%	67	35,950,137	16,731,855	3,229,082
Scenario 2.1.1	907,171,904	882,631	64%	56	31,976,005	14,327,683	3,551,516
Scenario 2.1.2	748,144,274	800,000	66%	69	38,522,464	18,171,112	3,143,206
Scenario 2.1.3	542,804,739	600,000	66%	82	41,896,672	20,095,978	2,800,344
Scenario 2.2.1	897,330,207	878,889	64%	55	32,234,194	14,392,057	3,419,038
Scenario 2.2.2	729,517,958	800,000	66%	65	37,340,119	17,158,271	2,865,057
Scenario 2.2.3	619,865,175	700,000	64%	75	39,218,535	18,336,420	2,699,535
Scenario 3.1.1	1,037,386,782	976,050	68%	52	31,219,992	14,723,249	3,799,270
Scenario 3.1.2	1,127,898,952	1,040,096	69%	52	32,397,752	15,318,445	4,036,624
Scenario 3.2.1	1,009,295,280	945,357	69%	53	32,462,672	14,525,246	3,720,536
Scenario 3.2.2	1,098,965,661	1,009,923	70%	52	33,686,038	15,119,372	3,954,091
Scenario 4.1.1	759,887,495	904,377	66%	53	30,173,458	13,377,114	3,537,647
Scenario 4.1.2	726,139,206	880,268	67%	53	31,411,842	13,969,670	3,474,321
Scenario 4.2.1	536,498,248	905,434	65%	54	30,254,604	13,443,528	3,539,412
Scenario 4.2.2	511,443,068	881,902	67%	53	31,638,484	14,085,416	3,467,309

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	Clear-Cut Operable Acres	Clear-Cut Acres as Percentage of Operable	Annual Cover Type Conversion Acres	Native Plant Community Deviations (Acres)	Percentage of Old Forest Guild Hexagons	Percentage of Young Forest Guild Hexagons	Percentage of Open Priority Catchments	Forest-Age Diversity Index
Scenario 1.1.1	285,441	82%	-	1,256,947	15.6%	0.3%	4.5%	0.85
Scenario 1.1.2	283,945	81%	1,019	1,237,391	18.9%	0.3%	4.2%	0.86
Scenario 1.2.2	317,208	67%	1,020	1,200,858	26.8%	0.6%	4.0%	0.86
Scenario 1.2.3	317,024	67%	1,020	1,204,325	27.7%	0.3%	4.0%	0.86
Scenario 1.2.4.1	321,012	66%	1,020	1,205,727	28.0%	0.3%	2.5%	0.87
Scenario 1.2.4.2	724,969	17%	1,058	1,124,894	78.8%	0.3%	2.9%	0.87
Scenario 1.2.4.3	1,132,257	9%	1,129	529,642	52.5%	0.0%	2.5%	0.88
Scenario 1.2.4.4	584,799	27%	1,030	1,076,383	37.2%	72.9%	3.4%	0.88
Scenario 2.1.1	361,443	58%	1,079	1,177,171	27.4%	0.0%	3.8%	0.87
Scenario 2.1.2	978,611	14%	1,187	997,428	35.7%	0.0%	4.0%	0.90
Scenario 2.1.3	1,071,541	10%	1,214	925,289	37.8%	0.6%	3.8%	0.90
Scenario 2.2.1	336,967	63%	1,060	1,220,010	33.9%	0.0%	4.0%	0.87
Scenario 2.2.2	690,823	22%	1,045	1,102,463	78.8%	1.2%	3.1%	0.88
Scenario 2.2.3	732,176	19%	1,050	1,116,491	79.4%	0.3%	3.3%	0.87
Scenario 3.1.1	261,649	87%	1,019	1,238,024	18.9%	0.3%	4.0%	0.86
Scenario 3.1.2	263,177	86%	1,019	1,235,189	19.5%	0.0%	4.0%	0.86
Scenario 3.2.1	317,815	66%	1,020	1,200,003	26.5%	0.0%	4.0%	0.87
Scenario 3.2.2	319,984	66%	1,020	1,197,922	26.8%	0.0%	4.0%	0.87
Scenario 4.1.1	311,231	72%	-	1,216,758	25.4%	0.0%	4.9%	0.86
Scenario 4.1.2	313,033	68%	1,021	1,192,288	26.5%	0.3%	4.4%	0.87
Scenario 4.2.1	303,527	74%	-	1,225,565	25.4%	0.0%	4.9%	0.86
Scenario 4.2.2	304,689	69%	1,037	1,194,183	27.1%	0.9%	4.4%	0.87