



GUTCHESS LUMBER™
Manufacturing since 1904
Employee Owners Committed to Excellence
An ESOP Company

The mission of Gutchess Lumber's harvesting and management team is to ensure repeated crops of timber through proper management and best practice forestry principals, while meeting the objectives and goals of the landowner.

Our hardwood lumber manufacturing operations are located in Central New York, Western New York and Southwestern Pennsylvania. Previously owned by four generations of the Gutchess family, we are now an employee owned company. With over a century of experience in the forest industry, the Gutchess family has instilled in us the belief that proper forest management is more than words, it is action. Having owned timberland for over 50 years, we know what sustainable harvesting really means. Our thousands of acres of timberland are located in the heart of some the choicest Hard Maple, Black Cherry, and Red Oak timber growing regions of the United States. Our lands also include Red Maple, Ash, White Oak and Basswood species. Our staff of professional foresters have managed these forests since 1958. We implement the selection method of harvest in our forests on 15 to 30 year cycles, whereby our professional foresters survey and mark each tree with the objective of maintaining the health of the forest and improving the quality of the timber stand. Each spring we plant thousands of new trees on our timberlands. Forests are actively managed for bee trees, den trees, nesting sites, and rookery areas. Soil and sedimentation planning is completed for all of our forests. Wetlands and their value to our ecosystem are supported and encouraged for their aesthetic and wildlife benefits.

Our forest lands are multi-use lands and include many diverse uses and users, including but not limited to: bird watching, trout fishing, horseback riding, wild flower viewing, berry picking, mushroom harvesting, hunting of small and large game, hiking and backpacking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and snow sledding. These ecosystems are used and enjoyed by all people interested in nature and the effect it has on our hearts and minds.

We are good neighbors to everyone in the local communities, paying our fair share of real

property taxes and participating with public ordinances and projects. We work closely with Township, County, and State highway departments for information, road maintenance permits, and bonding. We follow and exceed all regulatory requirements needed to protect our waters from pollution. We cross streams at low impact points using our portable bridges to insure minimal disturbance, treating all streams and tributaries with the respect they deserve.

Our foresters, timber harvesters and timber trucking personnel are trained professionals. They have the best equipment available to promote high quality workmanship, and receive continual training in forestry, safety, ecology, harvesting, and operating techniques. All of our staff have physicals and drug screenings annually to ensure their health and also the health of our fellow community members.

Gutchess Lumber™ is a proud member of the following responsible organizations: the New York State Forest Practice Board, the Empire State Forest Products Board, the American Tree Farm System, the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association, and the Society of American Foresters' Certified Forester Program. We are also proud to announce that thousands of acres of our forests have received PEFC Certification (PEFC/29-22-01/01) through PEFC's endorsement of the American Tree Farm System. PEFC is the largest independently audited sustainable forestry certification organization in the world. We warmly invite you to join us in the use of PEFC Certified products and become a part of the sustainable development solution of the wood products industry worldwide.

Our team is ready to compete with all the challenges facing our industry and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. Be assured that our products have not only a rich history, but also a stewardship that will sustain you and us into the future.

