Proper reclamation of skid trails prevents soil erosion, enhances recreational opportunities and provides access.

Our loggers use directional felling to minimize disturbance to the residual stand.

Managed forests produce a greater yield of timber, diversity in wildlife, aesthetic appeal and increased recreational opportunities than unmanaged forests.

Affiliations

- Society of American Foresters
- American Tree Farm System
- Ohio Forestry Association
- Killbuck Valley Woodlands Interest Group

Yoder Lumber clients have harvested more than 1 million trees.

Yoder Lumber has worked on more than 300,000 acres of land.

Yoder Lumber has been harvesting trees for more than 70 years.

More than 4,000 Ohio landowners* are satisfied clients.

*References available upon request.

Contact one of our foresters to discover your forest's potential.

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Yoder Lumber
Forest Management

Forest Landowner Assistance Program

History

Yoder Lumber Company, a family owned business, has been a leader in the production of Appalachian hardwood lumber Since 1944. We are located in the heart of Amish country, Holmes County Ohio. Our forest management services covers Northeast, Central, and Southeast Ohio. We offer free estimates with no obligation, professional advice, and a professional plan after learning your objectives. Our logging operations are executed with care to ensure a healthy forest when we have completed. We have provided a brief overview of forest management and our operation. We look forward to working with you in the future, and we thank you for taking an interest in our company.

Yoder Lumber is an Ohio Voluntary Master Logger Company in which our loggers have completed all requirements including:

- Best Management Practices (BMP's) training to reduce soil erosion and improve the appearance of timber harvesting activities;
- Safe and efficient timber harvesting;
- Workers compensation and liability coverage.

What is forest management?

Forest Management is the art, science, and business of managing a forest for its most productive and beneficial use bases for the landowners' objective.

What does forest management do for you?

- Increases your woodlot income potential
- Develops recreation areas
- Creates wildlife habitat
- Promotes better conditions for future generations

What is involved in selling timber?

- Free evaluation and estimate
- Boundary line marking with GIS
- Proposals with harvest plan
- Contract preparation
- Harvesting with reclamation

Harvesting Technique

Yoder Lumber offers a variety of forest management opportunities that concentrate on individual landowner goals. We offer several different types of harvesting techniques that can achieve every objective. A landowner may desire a light timber harvest that can be implemented every 10 to 15 years. A different landowner may choose even-aged management for oak regeneration or for creating wildlife habitat. Our professional foresters can assist in determining which harvesting technique best fits the goals of each individual landowner.

Harvesting Techniques

- Selective Cutting
  - Single Tree Selection:
    - Single tree selection removes individual trees of all size classes including over mature and lower quality trees. This allows growing space for younger and higher quality trees.
  - Timber Stand Improvement:
    - This harvesting technique is designed to improve the stand by only cutting undesirable species, dead trees, and poorly formed trees. This is done to promote growth and health of the remaining trees.
  - Salvage Harvest:
    - This commercial harvest removes windthrow, insect killed, and/or disease killed timber.
- Evenaged Management
  - Shelterwood Harvest:
    - In this type of harvest the stand is removed in a series of cuttings to promote the establishment of an even aged stand. Although natural reseeding will occur; the intent of this technique is to protect and shelter the growing regeneration.
  - Clearcut:
    - This technique removes the stand's overstory in one harvest to replace the stand with new growth. This is usually done to improve timber quality and increase the amount of shade intolerant species.