

Harvesting

- Provincial and territorial regulations govern harvesting of Canada's forests and all harvested areas must be reforested. Each province and territory sets an allowable annual cut (AAC) based on the sustainable growth rate of the particular forest area. The goal is to maintain biological diversity while considering economic and social factors.
- In 2008, approximately 680 000 hectares of forest were harvested.
- About 446 000 hectares were replanted and 35 000 hectares were seeded.

Area of forest disturbed	Million hectares	Percentage change from previous year
Area burned (2009)	0.8	-55.5
Area defoliated by major insects* (2008)		
Forest tent caterpillar	1.6	-27.5
Mountain pine beetle (2009)	8.9	-11.5**
Spruce budworm	1.0	-21.5
Area affected by pathogens		
<i>Armillaria</i> root disease***	203.0	0.0
Area harvested (2008)	0.7	-11.4
* Area includes moderate to severe defoliation		
** Percentage change from 2007		
*** Area affected remains constant year to year but <u>disease intensity changes</u>		
Sources: Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, Canadian Forest Service, National Forestry Database and British Columbia Ministry of Forests and Range		