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## Forest Products Market and Marketing in the Republic of Uzbekistan

The main kinds of forest products in Uzbekistan are wood, planting, fruit, berries and nuts of all kinds, and also valuable kinds of medicinal plants. The basic part of all removals are carried out by forestry enterprises of the Main Forestry Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

In 2004 in total in the Republic about 27000 cubic m of wood for the amount of 236 Thousand US Dollars were removed which basically were realized in domestic market. Tables with the data on removal of wood products and volume in national currency for the period from 1995 till 2004 are given below.

### Wood removal, cub. m

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<b>Industrial wood</b>	3582.0	3362.0	5697.9	5020.21	-	4916.99	9624.9	9487.6	8416.78	8472.52
<b>Wood fuel</b>	21711.0	23625.6	13808.9	11523.67	-	14035.82	12420.8	13060.85	8043.26	8819.75
<b>Brush-wood</b>	-	22701.0	16206.2	22919.7	-	10305.48	10901.7	9505.4	11915.0 6	9552.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>25293.0</b>	<b>49688.6</b>	<b>35713.0</b>	<b>39463.58</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29258.29</b>	<b>32947.4</b>	<b>32053.85</b>	<b>28375.1</b>	<b>26844.7</b>

### Value of wood removal, 1000 US Dollars

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<b>Industrial wood</b>	38.3	78.2	113.2	187.2	199.9
<b>Wood fuel including brushwood</b>	8.6	14.8	27.5	36.0	36.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>140.7</b>	<b>223.2</b>	<b>236.3</b>

Now in the forestry sector more than 500 tons of removed foodstuff, medicinal plants, the assortment of wild-growing and cultural species of medicinal and food plants are totaled up to

35 kinds. For last four years forestry enterprises of the Republic of Uzbekistan removed more than 987 tons of medicinal plants and the forest food products sold for the sum 202.7 Thousand US Dollars.

#### Non-wood products removal

Name	2001		2002		2003		2004		Total	
	T	1000 USD	T	1000 USD	T	1000 USD	T	1000 USD	T	1000 USD
<b>Medicinal plants</b>	201.8	26.0	207.0	43.7	210.5	61.7	254.4	59.2	873.7	190.6
<b>Food forest products</b>	26.3	2,2	30.7	3.2	35.1	4,2	41.2	2,5	113.3	12.1
<b>Total</b>	228.1	28.2	237.7	46.9	245.6	65.9	295.6	61.7	987.0	202.7

In the specialized forestry enterprises annually the areas for crop of annual and long-term forest food products, such as coriander, basil, fennel, onions, dog-rose etc. are increased. By 2020 it is envisaged to increase the sowing and planting of forest food products on the area up to 800-1000 hectares, and volumes of removal up to 1000-1500 tons which will satisfy needs of the population of the country in forest food products.

Shops of consumer goods made the goods for the amount of 210,5 Thousand US Dollars. More 50 million of seedlings of valuable species were grown from the seeds. 2004 tons of wheat and more than 2487 tons of vegetables and fruits were removed. With the purpose of satisfaction of needs of the private medical industry more than 300 tons of medicinal plants were collected, and more than 200 thousand packages of medicinal plants were delivered for needs of chemist's enterprises.

For six months of the current year more than 14000 cubic m of wood were removed and sold to the population of the republic for the amount of 125.4 Thousand US Dollars. 5.5 million pieces of standard planting material were grown, 1.1 million of them gratuitously transferred, including 45 thousand of seedlings of coniferous species to friendly Afghanistan. The consumer goods for the amount of 123.4 Thousand US Dollars were produced. 100 tons of raw material of medicinal plants are supplied to the medical industry and in the chemist's network. All above-stated products are sold in the domestic market.

Export of wood and wood fuel makes small percent in comparison with import. Import of wood production is mainly done from Russia and Kazakhstan.

### Charcoal and wood fuel

	Unit	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Import</b>						
<b>Charcoal</b>	T	15.6	0	0	0.5	1
<b>Wood fuel</b>	Cubic m	3000.1	11185.2	312.2	208.1	0.4
<b>Export</b>						
<b>Wood fuel</b>	Cubic m	30.5	0	0	0	1562.4

### Industrial roundwood and processed material, cub. m

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Import</b>	359779.9	983853.5	465460.7	611169.8	618027.3
<b>Export</b>	974,4	3347,2	3806,3	5563	3263,1

Except for wood the medicinal plants, planting material, seeds of various trees and bush are exported. The share of export in the forestry of the republic is insignificant and it is necessary to increase the volume of export and to expand deliveries of seeds, planting material, forest food products, the hunting services.

Due to lack of funds there is no opportunity to build new shops on packaging of medicinal plants which could be competitive to other manufacturers in the external market. Investments or creation of joint ventures on processing and packaging of medicinal plants and forest food products are necessary for our economy.

As the state body, the forestry carries out marketing through stock exchanges, retail shops, drugstores and other shops. The personnel occupied with manufacture of non-wood products for high results in work is encouraged with the allowance and goods.

The existing market dictates the prices, the prices fall if the market is sated with the goods.

The facultative lessons on marketing are given in all high schools, including the Faculty of Forestry of the Tashkent State Agrarian University where on the 4 year the lectures on marketing and monitoring of forest products and food forest products are given. Besides in Tashkent Forest Reclamation College the lectures on marketing of forest products, monitoring and management are given.