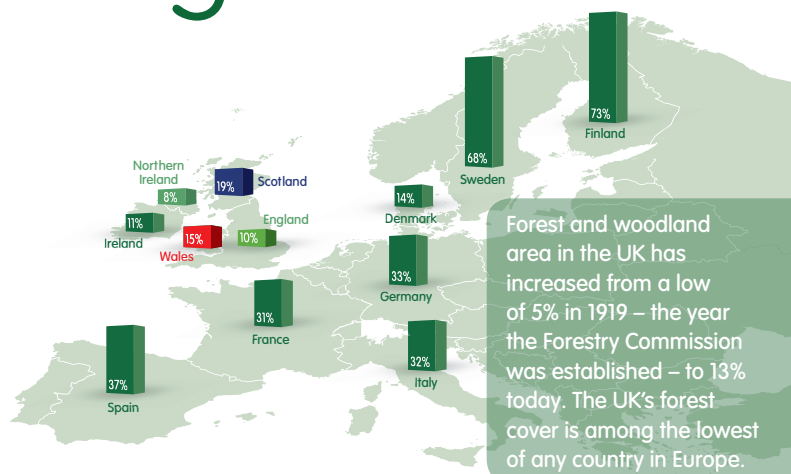
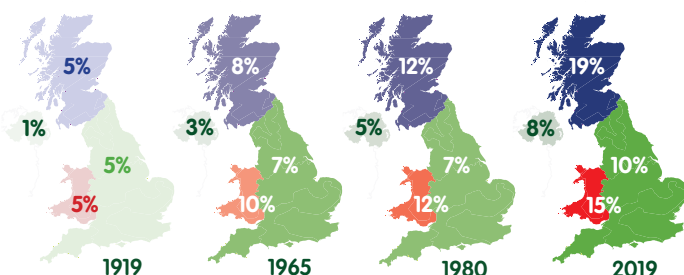


Forestry Facts & Figures 2019

Woodland area

The area of woodland in the UK now stands at 3.17 million hectares. This represents 10% of the land area in England, 19% in Scotland, 15% in Wales and 8% in Northern Ireland.

Changes in woodland area in the UK over time



Forest and woodland area in the UK has increased from a low of 5% in 1919 – the year the Forestry Commission was established – to 13% today. The UK's forest cover is among the lowest of any country in Europe.

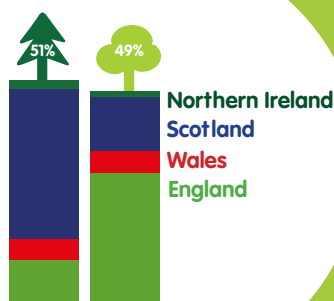
New planting in the UK

28.3 thousand hectares (1975/76)



Conifers and broadleaves

The overall proportion of conifers and broadleaves is half and half across the UK, but these proportions vary in each country.



Forest and woodland certification

44% of forests and woodland in the UK are certified by the international sustainability standards FSC and PEFC. The majority of certified woodland is in public ownership.

Wood production



Private sector woodlands accounted for 60% of softwood production in 2018 (11.4 million green tonnes) and 90% of hardwood production (0.7 million green tonnes).

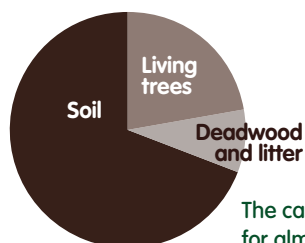


UK-grown softwood and hardwood

Quantities of UK-grown roundwood for timber processing and other uses.



Carbon



The carbon stored in forest soils accounts for almost 70% of total forest carbon stock.

Employment in forestry & wood processing in the UK



Imports and exports

The UK is the second largest net importer of forest products in the world.

