

WELLBORN CABINET, INC.®

The Essence of Cabinetry

GREEN



CHOICE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT PROGRAM
QUARTER III UPDATE

FOREST MYTHS

Continuing our series of forestry myths, below are facts about how using wood helps fight global warming.

MYTH:

Using wood causes global warming.

FACT:

“Promotion of wood products can act as a greener alternative to more fossil-fuel intensive materials. Substituting a cubic metre of wood for other construction materials (concrete, blocks or bricks) results in the significant average of 0.75 to 1 tonne of CO₂ savings.” (International Institute for Environment and Development, Using Wood Products to Mitigate Climate Change, 2004)

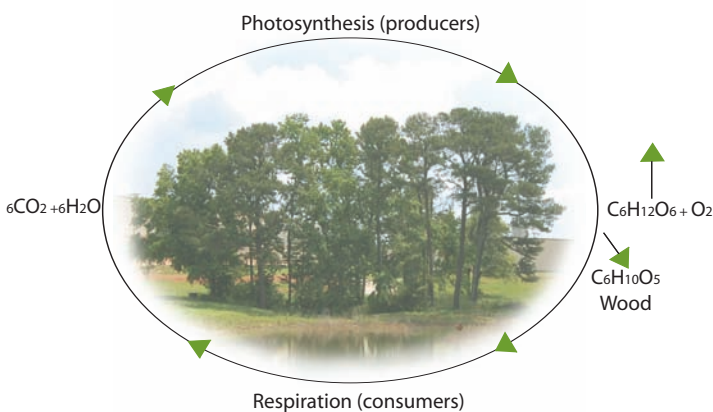
Minneapolis			Atlanta		
	Energy (Gigajoules)	GWP* (Kilograms CO ₂)		Energy (Gigajoules)	GWP* (Kilograms CO ₂)
Wood frame	651	37,047	Wood frame	398	21,367
Steel frame	764	46,826	Concrete frame	461	28,004
Difference	17%	26%	Difference	16%	31%

*Source: Consortium for Research on Renewable Industrial Materials
Global Warming Potential

FACT:

Growing trees absorb CO₂ and release clean oxygen. The CO₂ is stored—a process known as carbon sequestration—either in the trees or wood products made from the trees, until they burn or biodegrade. Trees absorb the most CO₂ while they're young and growing vigorously. At a certain point, usually between 50 and 300 years depending on the species and growing conditions, absorption tapers off.

(Wood and Green Building, www.beconstructive.com)

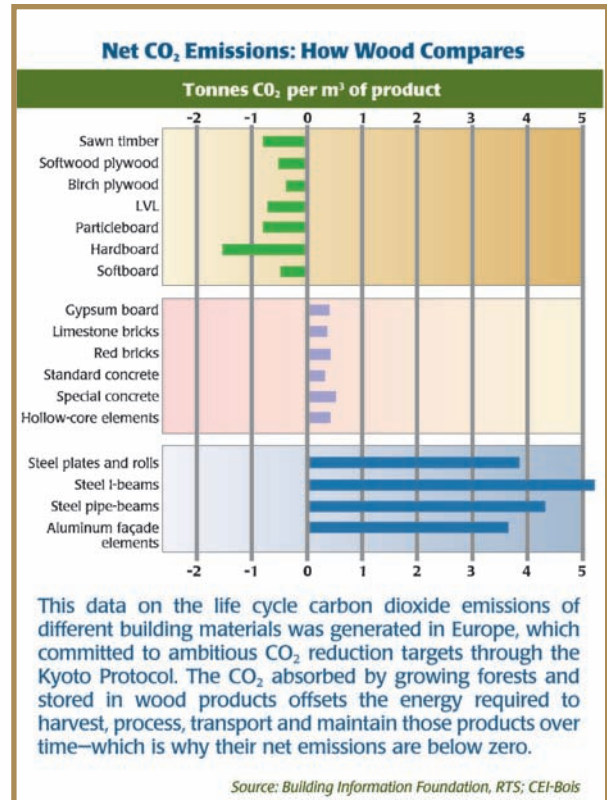


FACT:

Wood is carbon neutral. In fact, because of the carbon sink effect of the forests, wood from sustainable managed forests can actually be better than carbon neutral. If you use enough wood, a building can be carbon neutral—or better! (wood for good, www.woodforgood.com)

FACT:

Homes made from wood do more to address climate change than homes built with other materials. Lifecycle Assessment (LCA) studies show that wood products have the best environmental footprint of all building products (as much as 70 per cent smaller than steel or concrete) in terms of greenhouse gases, energy use, air and water pollution).



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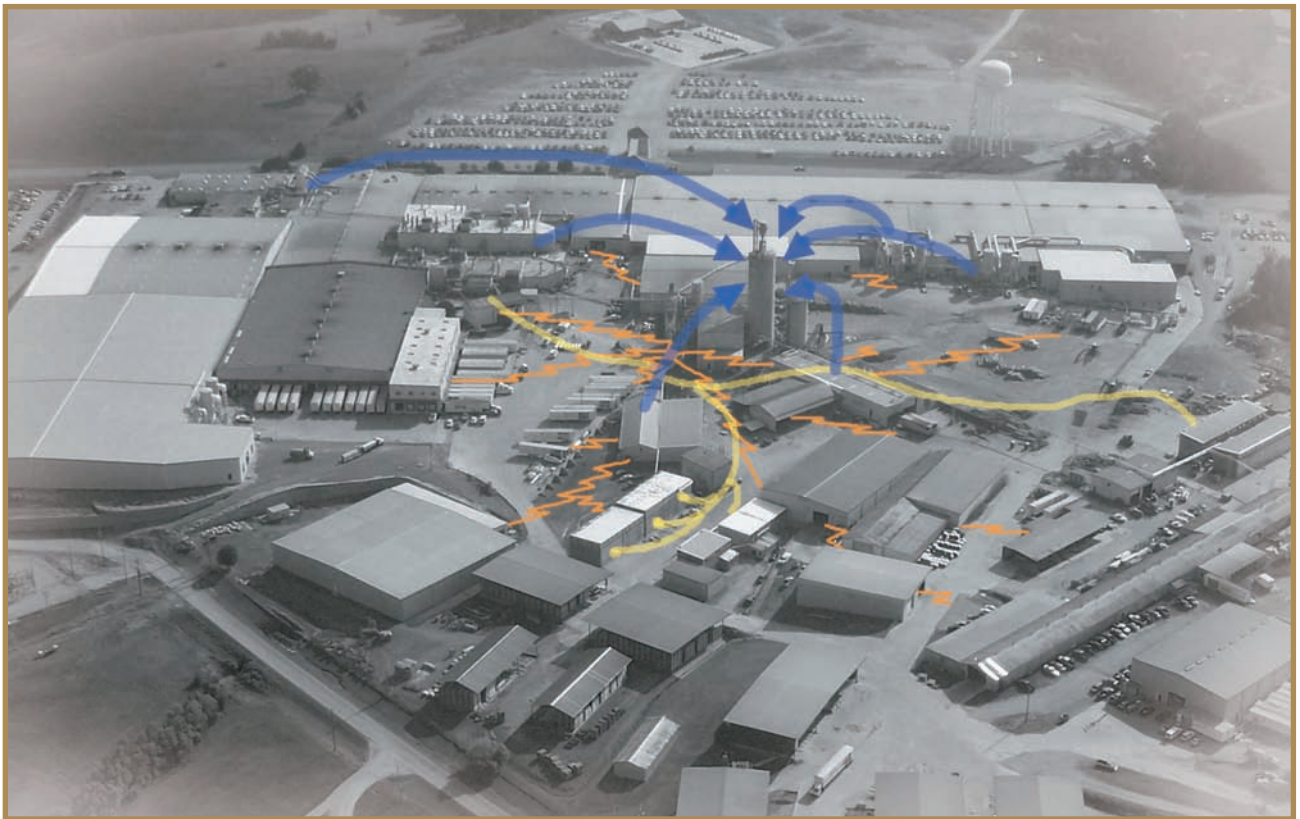
Trees absorb one tonne of carbon dioxide for every cubic metre's growth. They also produce the oxygen we breathe—almost 3/4 tonne of oxygen for every cubic metre's growth. (wood for good, www.woodforgood.com)

WOOD IS ENERGY CONSERVATIVE

Wood has the lowest embodied energy of any mainstream building material. A tonne of brick requires four times the amount of energy to produce sawn softwood, concrete five times, glass six times, steel 24 times and aluminum 125 times. (wood for good, www.woodforgood.com)

WELLBORN'S FACTORY ENERGY SAVINGS COULD HEAT 5,124 HOMES AND PROVIDE ELECTRICITY FOR 345 HOMES

Wellborn's Three Boiler Co-Generation Plant consumes 95% of manufactured wood shavings as fuel to generate 3.1 million kilowatt hours of clean electricity for the facility, which is 20% of the plant electricity requirements. We also utilize the steam from the wood fired Co-Generation Plant in our Dry Kilns, Heating Ovens and Paint Room. This process saved 300,773 (MCF) thousand cubic feet of natural gas, a nonrenewable resource, in 2007.



WOOD SHAVINGS

Collected from 11 baghouses and 6 cyclones, Wellborn's dust collection system is closed-loop. Particulate matter never becomes airborne. This system reduces air pollution because particulates are not exposed to the outdoors and achieves maximum transfers to the dust silos. Over 40,000 tons of dust were used last year to generate clean steam and electricity.

ELECTRICITY

Electricity from the co-generation plant is delivered to many areas of the plant. Wellborn continues to look at upgrades to the power generation to become more self-sufficient.

STEAM

Steam is utilized as the primary heating source to our critical operations. Steam greatly reduces dependence on non-renewable resources, such as natural gas, and produces no pollution during use.

IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY - GREEN DAY AT WELLBORN



Wellborn promoted recycling on St. Patrick's Day in March 2008. Departments set up displays about how they recycle here at work. Wellborn employees collect paper, plastic and aluminum cans for recycling. Wellborn recycles about 175 tons of steel and aluminum and over 300,000 pounds of cardboard and paper annually.

WELLBORN'S TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT WON THE "IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY" GREEN DISPLAY CONTEST.

WELLBORN'S ENVIRONMENTAL BELIEF STATEMENT

It is Wellborn Cabinet, Inc.'s corporate-wide goal to fully incorporate leading environmental practices, policies and standards throughout our enterprise — from our suppliers through final delivery to our customers. Our environmental responsibility has extended to include selecting, educating and embracing suppliers based on their commitment to similar environmental practices including sustainable or recycled raw materials as well as low emission products where applicable.

Wellborn endorses the industry-wide efforts and commitment of the KCMA organization and their development of their Environmental Stewardship Program Certification (ESP). The ESP program provides the only standards for manufacturers in the Kitchen & Bath cabinet industry that truly defines and measures the holistic environmental performance of a manufacturing enterprise — not just its end products.

The ESP program establishes a standard, measurable benchmark for environmental performance. This certification validates our performance to adhere to high standards for air quality, product resource management, process resource management, environmental stewardship and community relations. Wellborn, along with our affiliate operations, are fully certified under this program. In looking to the future, Wellborn has committed to recertify annually as the program adopts new industry standards and practices.

In addition to the ESP program, Wellborn will continually search for new technologies and processes to improve our high standards of environmental conformance for our products and operations. We will also continue to partner with our suppliers and industry associations in a joint effort to embrace the changes necessary to ensure that we all have a more healthy environmental future for our generation, as well as for our children and grandchildren.

Wellborn's demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship offers our consumers the assurance that the cabinets they buy are the Green Choice for their family and the environment.

