

# WELLBORN CABINET, INC.®

*The Essence of Cabinetry*

GREEN



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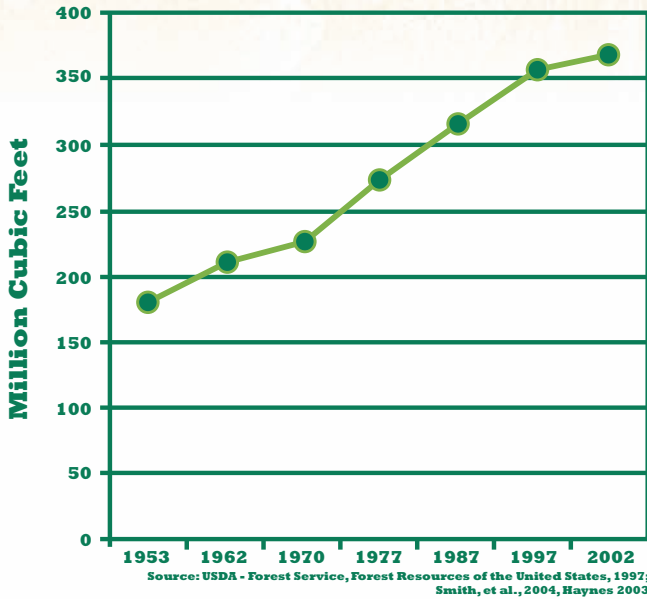
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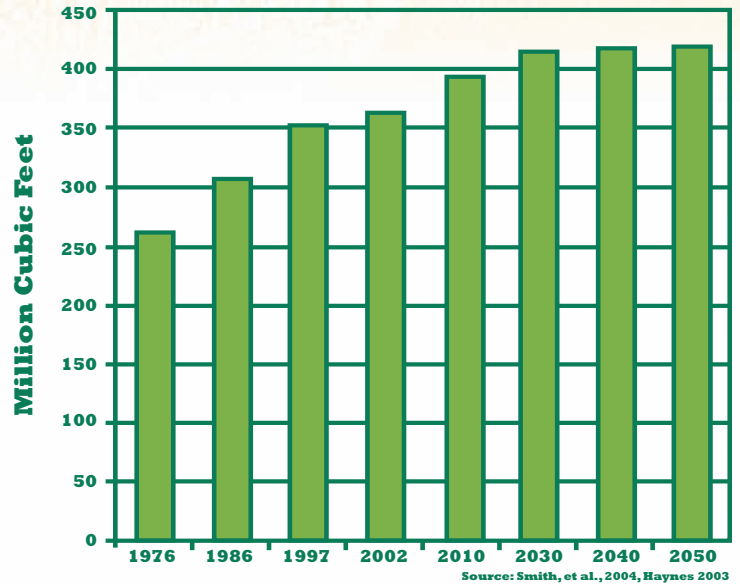
# HOW MUCH GREENER IS THE FOREST?

- The trend in hardwood acreage is upward and hardwood net growth exceeds removals. (National Hardwood Lumber Association, [www.natlhardwood.org](http://www.natlhardwood.org))
- Nearly twice as much hardwood grows each year as is harvested in the US. As a result, the volume of hardwoods alone in American forests today is 90% larger than it was 50 years ago. (Hardwood Information Center, [www.hardwoodinfo.com](http://www.hardwoodinfo.com))

**United States Hardwood Growing Stock Inventory, 1953-2002**



**United States Hardwood Inventory, 1976-2002, with Projections to 2050**

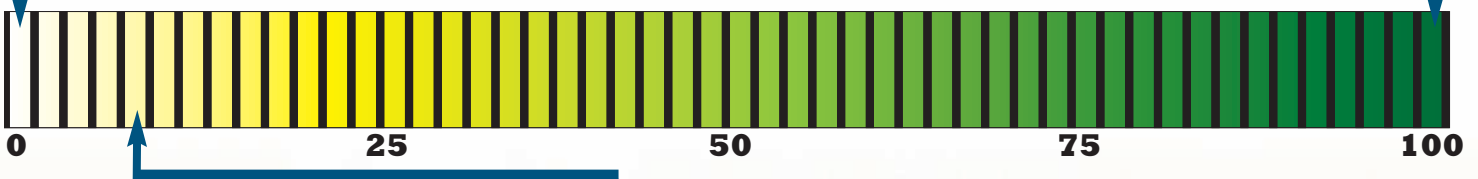


## FORESTRY & BIODIVERSITY

“No species has become extinct in North America due to forestry.” In some landscapes, forest management results in a wider range of age classes and ecosystem types than would normally occur in the absence of human activity. (GreenPeace Founder Patrick Moore, [www.greenspirit.com](http://www.greenspirit.com))



**Biodiversity Scale**

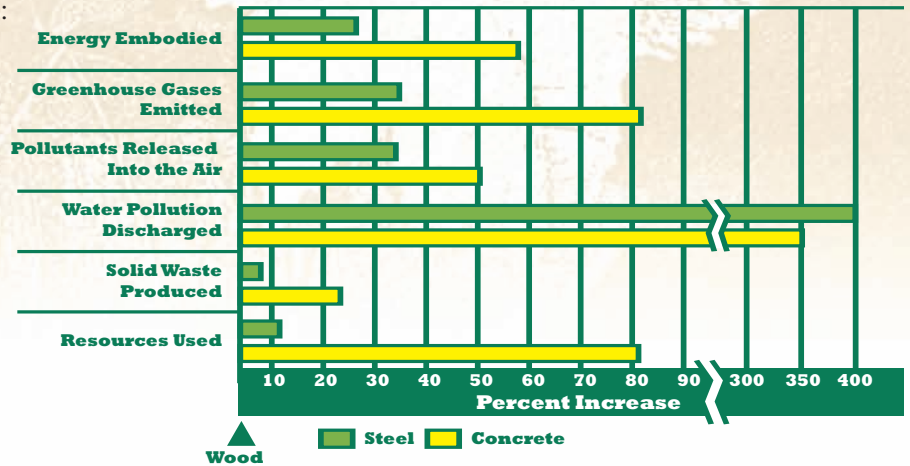


# WOOD VS. OTHER MATERIALS

Wood is the most renewable resource we have. Here's how steel and concrete compare: (Canadian Wood Council, [www.cwc.ca](http://www.cwc.ca))



## Steel and Concrete Comparison to Wood



## IMPORTS

The industry is being flooded by imports, but how do they compare to domestic brands?



Shanghai air after rain

Shanghai on a sunny, but polluted day

- Virtually no regulations govern foreign imports.
- Illegal logging is rampant.
- Lands can be deforested and polluted with no repercussions, because no environmental controls exist.
- Transportation of the goods is environmentally costly. Huge amounts of fuel is used transporting these goods over oceans, using valuable non-renewable resources. These CO<sub>2</sub> emissions contribute to global warming. (Corruption Stains Timber Trade, [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com))

## FORMALDEHYDE

- Manufacturers have reduced formaldehyde emissions from pressed wood products by 80-90% from the levels of the early 1980's. (U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission/1997 Revision)
- People, animals and plants produce low levels of formaldehyde during normal metabolic processes. (Formaldehyde Council)

- **96.77% of all Wellborn panel materials is Composite Panel Association Environmentally Preferable Product Certified (EPP)**

EPP Specification is based on the principles of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program. It encourages the purchase of environmentally sensitive products.

The following figures represent the percentage of Wellborn panel materials that is CPA-EPP Certified:

- Furniture Board . . . . .100%
- Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) . . .100%
- Plywood . . . . .90%

### • Off-Gassing

95% of Wellborn's finish off-gassing occurs during the final curing stage, which includes the final heating and infrared operation. The remaining 5% cures within the next 21 days.

On an Average Day, She'll Produce 1.5 Ounces of Formaldehyde.

16,000 Times More than All the Wood Products in Her Home Combined.

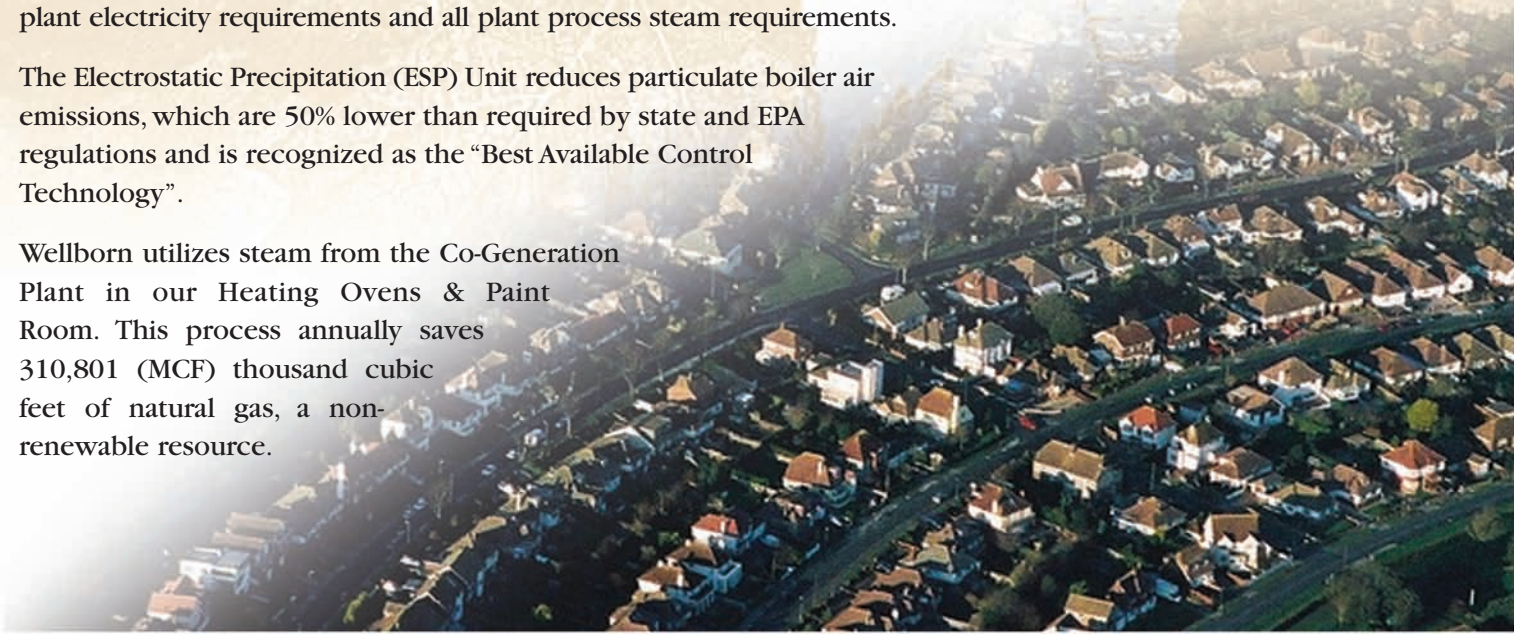
**HEXION**  
Specialty Chemicals

# WELLBORN'S NATURAL GAS SAVINGS = HEAT FOR 5,465 HOMES FOR ONE YEAR

Wellborn's Three Boiler Co-Generation Plant consumes 95% of manufactured wood waste as fuel to generate 20% of plant electricity requirements and all plant process steam requirements.

The Electrostatic Precipitation (ESP) Unit reduces particulate boiler air emissions, which are 50% lower than required by state and EPA regulations and is recognized as the "Best Available Control Technology".

Wellborn utilizes steam from the Co-Generation Plant in our Heating Ovens & Paint Room. This process annually saves 310,801 (MCF) thousand cubic feet of natural gas, a non-renewable resource.



## KCMA's ESP CERTIFICATION

Wellborn has received KCMA's Environmental Stewardship Program Certification. Unlike all other programs in the industry, ESP covers the entire process and overall stewardship. ESP certification rates cabinet manufacturers annually on 18 different criteria in categories including quality, product resource management, process resource management, environmental stewardship and community relations.



## WELLBORN'S ENVIRONMENTAL BELIEF STATEMENT

*Wellborn Cabinet, Inc., is committed to providing responsible forest management practices in all aspects of the manufacturing processes; to educate and empower personnel to implement environmentally beneficial buying practices; and to provide a quality product which complies with our responsibility and beliefs.*

*We recognize the challenges of protecting and conserving natural resources in our history today. Our objective is to ensure our customers that our product is manufactured from materials originating from a well-managed and sustainable forest.*



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