

Log Production

PF Olsen Group Scheme FSC RA-FM/COC-000190

Aggregate log production is reported annually to the YE June 2018 year, in tonnes.

Production is reported in aggregated log categories representing a range of log grades that conform to a general form of value or end use.

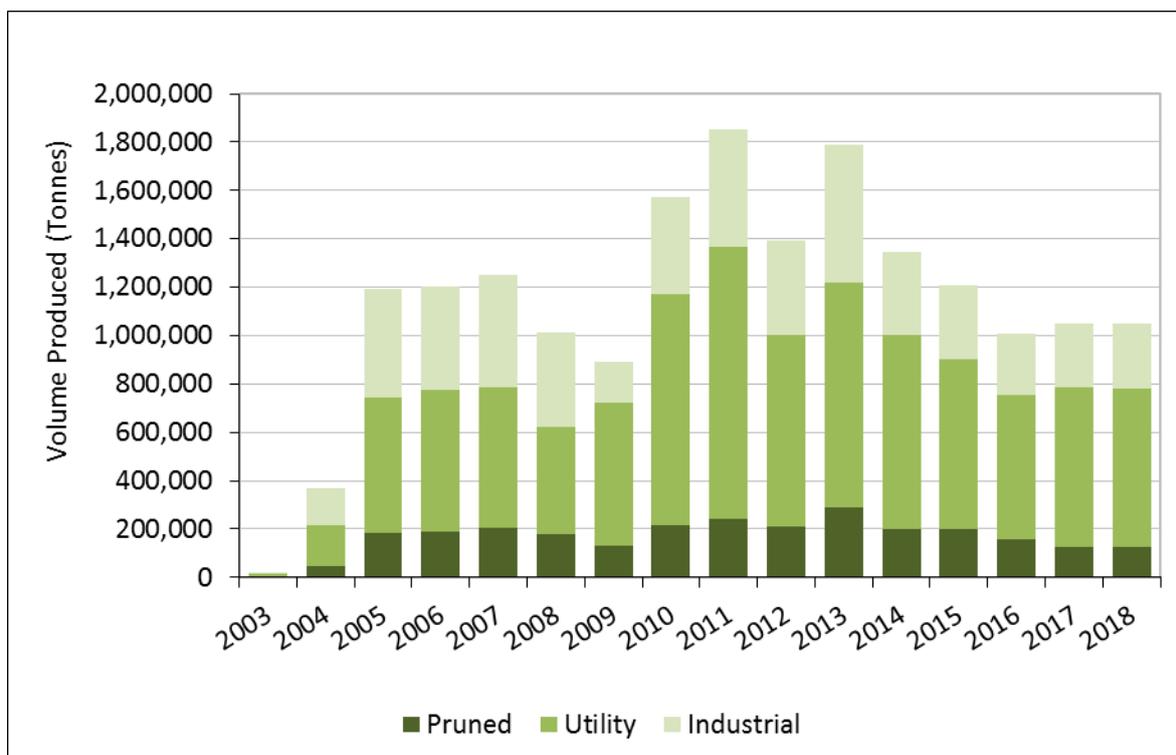
The aggregates are:

- Pruned Logs – all fully or partly pruned logs – usually of higher value and destined for domestic or export markets utilising solid finishing timbers.
- Utility Logs – Knotty and high stiffness logs destined for structural and semi- structural use in domestic and internationally based construction markets.
- Industrial Logs – Lower grade logs and residues used in the manufacture of wood pulp, paper and fibreboard products as well as roundwood for agricultural posts and poles.



Production statistics for the past years are listed and graphed below. Reflecting the rapid increase in the Group Scheme membership, there was a rapid rise in the production from eligible forests, checked in the 2007/08 year by a marked market contraction following the US housing crisis and slowing economic conditions domestically and in many key markets.

FSC Certified Log Production and Sales



This dipping trend persisted into 2009 following the world financial crisis, despite further new producing members coming into the group scheme. It was followed by stronger markets pushing totals back upward through 2010 and 2013. The 2012 year showed a decline as two significant group scheme members were removed from the scheme following sales of the forests to other parties. From 2014 until the current year, total FSC volumes had been in decline. This has predominantly reflected the particular age-class distribution of the Group Scheme membership and this underlying trend will continue for a period as completion of cutting rights and subsequent land handback to the underlying landowners occurs.

Despite this, there has been a rise in interest in FSC certification again, a ripple effect as all corporate estates are now certified. New forests and volume were added to the Group Scheme in 2014 and new estates are on the horizon for beginning the certification process.

Uptake of FSC certified product into requiring domestic markets has been historically inconsistent around the country depending upon customer requirements, but in some areas demand for certified products is exceeding current supply.

On-sales of FSC logs through export markets mean that from 2006 it was no longer possible to provide reliable data on the total proportion of volume from FSC forests that ends up utilised in FSC labelled timber manufacturing or processing operations. In past years this had approximated 50 – 60 % of total FSC log production while in 2005/06 year 28 % of total FSC sourced production was used in FSC Certified domestic NZ based processing.