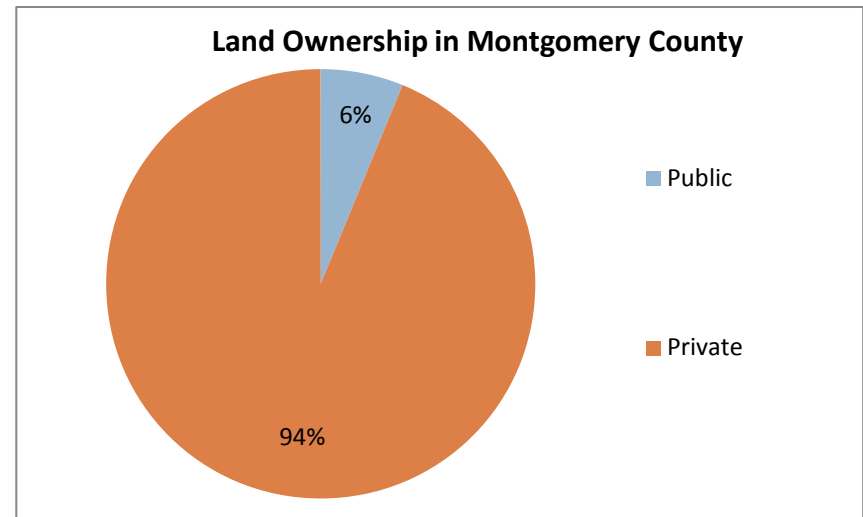
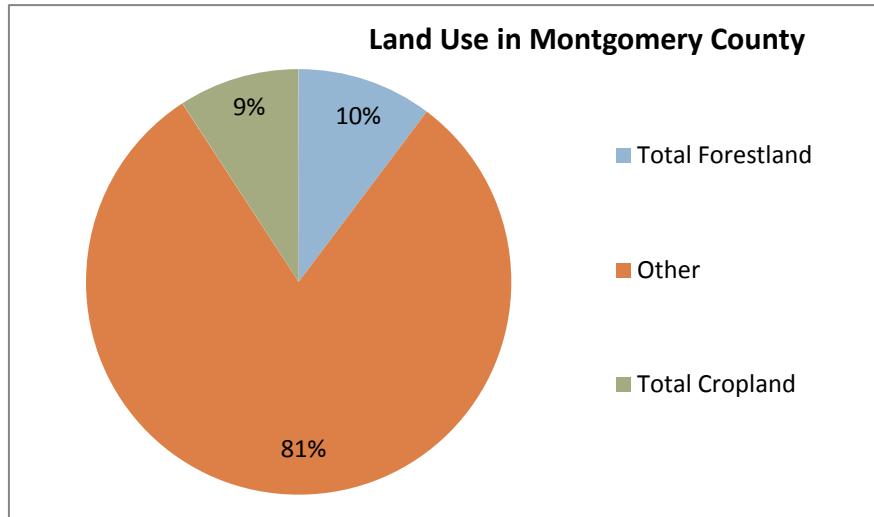


How important is forestry in Montgomery County?

Almost sixty percent (17 million acres) of Pennsylvania's 28 million acres is forested. The estimated half a million private forest landowners own about 12 million acres (70 percent) of the forest land. The timber and forest products industry is one of the largest manufacturing sectors in the state, employing over 80,000 workers in 2,500 firms. The value added contribution to the state's economy by the forest sector is over 5 billion dollars annually. For the agricultural production sector and processing sector value added is approximately \$2 billion and \$8 billion respectively. State wide there is over 86 billion board feet of standing timber valued at about \$24 billion. Nationally, Pennsylvania ranks number one in hardwood production and forest-based recreation in Pennsylvania is a large component of tourism, the state's second-largest industry. The following shows the importance of forestry to Montgomery County:



Montgomery County has 310782 acres of land. Forests cover 31917 acres.

Estimated number of private forestland owners in Montgomery county:	964
Number of forestry and wood products establishments:	116
Number of forestry and wood products establishments employees:	4,747
Estimated volume of standing timber (<i>mil bdf</i>):	216.904
Estimated value of standing timber (<i>million</i>):	\$43.38
Annual economic contribution of forestry sector (<i>million</i>):	\$180.24

How does forestry compare to agriculture in Montgomery County?

Annual economic contribution of agricultural production sector (<i>million</i>)	\$19.70
Annual economic contribution of agricultural processing sector (<i>million</i>)	\$818.60

Forests provide many other environmental and economic goods and services such as recreation, wildlife, water production, biodiversity, carbon sequestration and aesthetics. These benefits to Pennsylvania residents are not reported in this data set.

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