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## **Somerset's Vertically-Integrated Advantage.**

Somerset is a vertically integrated forest products company and one of the largest manufacturers of Appalachian lumber and hardwood flooring in the United States. We own and manage timberlands and are one of the largest lumber buyers in our region. By being vertically integrated, we are able to manage the entire manufacturing process—from the forest to the floor—producing the finest quality products while making the best use of our natural resources. We believe that's an important Somerset advantage.

## **Here's how we do it:**

### **Somerset Employs a Full-Time Forestry Staff**

We are one of only a few major flooring manufacturers to own and manage our own timberland and to employ a full time forestry staff. They put together 100-year plans for the forest we own. We think it's the right thing to do for the future of our company, our employees, and our families.

### **Somerset Lumber Manufacturing**

We manufacture kiln-dried lumber at Somerset Wood Products. Our lumber is used in the manufacture of Somerset flooring and is also sold to other lumber users.

### **Somerset Hardwood Flooring**

Our largest division turns the Appalachian hardwood lumber into fine residential flooring enjoyed in homes across America. All the sawdust generated is used to provide heat and steam to fuel our manufacturing operations, or goes to supply our wood pellet fuel facility.

### **Somerset Pellet Fuel**

The excess wood fiber and sawdust collected throughout the flooring manufacturing process supplies our state-of-the-art Wood Pellet Fuel division, where we produce premium grade clean-burning wood fuel pellets. Here, more than 50,000 tons of wood fiber and sawdust generated each year, instead of going to a landfill, goes to making an economical and environmentally-friendly alternative energy source. This, in turn, helps decrease our country's dependence on fossil fuels. Somerset brand pellets are sold across the U.S. through major pellet distributors and retailers for use in pellet stoves.

We work hard to be a different kind of company—one that does the right thing, because it's the right thing to do. This applies not only to how we treat our environment, but to everything we do at Somerset.



**Somerset employs a full time forestry staff that puts together 100-year plans for the forest we own. Shown here: Steve Merrick, CEO (left) with Hagan Wonn, Chief Forester (right).**