

POPLAR COUNCIL OF CANADA/CONSEIL DU PEUPLIER DU CANADA

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1. Overview

Status	Business as usual
Hot issues	??
New developments	Growing interest in planting poplar for environmental reasons – carbon sequestration, riverbank protection, phytoremediation

2. Policy and Legislation

Changes	None known
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3. Statistics

Natural stands	Ontario has about 4,081,000 ha of stands in which the predominant genus is <i>Populus</i> . These stands have a volume of 384,147,000 m ³ of which 57% is aspen.
Plantations	approximately 2200 ha, mainly in eastern Ontario.
New inventory data	N/A

4. Technical Information

Selection and breeding	Mainly carried out by LUSTR Co-operative in Thunder Bay, and to a limited extent by Domtar in eastern Ontario.
Cultivation	Mainly undertaken by LUSTR Co-operative in Thunder Bay, Domtar in eastern Ontario, and to a limited extent by Landsaga Biogeographical based in New Hamburg.
Harvesting and utilization	The main uses of poplar are for pulp and paper, veneer and OSB.

5. Industry

Major stakeholders, groups	Domtar Inc., Cornwall; Abitibi-Consolidated, Kenora; MacMillan Bloedel Nipigon Division; Longlac Wood Industries Inc.; Grant Forest Products Corp., Engelhart.
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6. Events

Workshops, seminars, meetings: past and present	None known
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7. <u>Reports and Publications</u>	None known
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8. Key People

Who can be contacted for further information (in addition to the report preparer)	Adam Zulinski, Domtar; Laura Challen, LUSTR Co-op.
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