



FOREST PROPERTY IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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TOTAL LAND AREA	7,728,000 ha
AREA OF FOREST STANDS	2,606,010 ha
(situation to 31.12.2016)	

of which:

■ state forests	57.45 %
■ private forests	22.29 %
■ municipalities	17.06 %
■ forest co-operatives	1.18 %
■ forests owned by church and other religious entities	2.01 %

(restitutions are still in progress)

DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOREST OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Year	1850	1920	1945	1950	1960	1990	2000	2010	2015
FORESTS:	% of total forest area								
State	2.5	3.6	18.3	70.1	74.2	95.8	63.1	60.1	58.7
Municipal	9.1	10.0	14.9	16.6	14.2	0	13.6	16.5	16.9
Forest co-operatives	0	1.9	1.7	3.2*	8.6*	4.1*	0.9	1.2	1.2
Church	8.0	7.9	6.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.9***
Foundation	1.7	0.8	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noble	21.0	0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private	57.7	75.8	58.1	10.1	3.0	0.1	22.1	22.2	22.3

* Forests of collective agricultural cooperatives as well.

**After the abolition of aristocratic titles in 1918 were noble forests included in private forests.

***The process of transfer of forests to ecclesiastical subjects started in 2013. It should cover about 10 % of the state forest area.

TOTAL NUMBER OF FORESTS

• 2016 cca 300,000

SMALL FOREST HOLDINGS (LESS THAN 50 HA)

• 1930	22.6 %	532,345 ha
• 2007	19 %	500,000 ha (estimated)
• 2016	15 %	388,077 ha

Sources:

*Zpráva o stavu lesů ČR 2010, 2015, 2016, Ministry of Agriculture
Lesnická práce 2000, 79(5), 214-216*

SVOL - The Association of Municipal and Private Forest Owners in the Czech Republic

At present represents:

- **more than 1,200 non-state forest owners (communities, towns, private forests, forest co-operatives, unions of small-scale owners, churches) managing c. 400,000 hectares of woodlands**
- **more than 15 % of the total forest area in the Czech Republic**
- **cca 36 % of the non-state forests in the Czech Republic**

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SVOL MEMBERSHIP

Situation to	Members	Total forest area (ha)
1.2.1992	89	88,185
1.2.1993	177	134,393
1.2.1994	218	144,877
1.6.1995	239	152,616
1.6.1996	263	165,700
1.6.1997	315	220,996
1.6.1998	331	227,479
1.6.1999	343	240,097
1.4.2000	361	253,426
1.4.2001	382	278,161
15.3.2002	420	301,392
1.3.2003	445	306,805
15.4.2004	471	326,459
4.5.2006	504	333,956
30.4.2008	527	345,876
30.4.2010	530	356,816
30.4.2012	569	370,637
31.5.2014	588	385,940
15.5.2017	614	400,264

THE STRUCTURE OF THE SVOL MEMBERSHIP

according to the type of ownership - situation to May 15, 2017

	Members	Forest owners	Total forest area (ha)	Average forest area/member (ha)
Municipal forests	460	660	249,755	542
a) Municipalities	445	440	216,579	486
b) Forest co-operatives and associations of municipalities	13	218	24,953	1 919
c) Churches	2	2	8,223	4,112
Private forests	148	586	135,052	913
Associate membership	6	6	15,270	2,545
Celkem	614	1,252	400,077	652

SVOL MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

according to the forest land area

number of
members

