

Hartzell Hardwoods was selected by the U.S. Small Business Administration as its 2023 Great Lakes Region Small Business Exporter of the Year. Only eight small businesses were selected from across the country to receive this recognition.

Started in 1875 in Greenville, Ohio, Hartzell Hardwoods is a six-generation, family-run business that continues to thrive in Ohio and beyond. Fueled by innovation and entrepreneurial mindsets, Hartzell's legacy began in 1875 when John T. Hartzell borrowed \$25 from his uncle to go into the wagon business. His son, George W. Hartzell, bought the company in 1900 and began specializing in Walnut lumber for the European market, thus creating Hartzell Hardwoods. . In 1917, Hartzell established a wooden propeller blade business at the suggestion of Orville Wright who was a neighbor of the Hartzells'. The company was subsequently battle-tested through two world wars by producing walnut gunstocks and walnut airplane propellers for both war efforts. Hartzell continues to maintain its reputation today as a global leader in producing premium Walnut lumber and high-quality thick Oak lumber. Marketing globally for over 100 years to distribution operations and manufacturers, Hartzell Hardwoods has, over the past 10 years, exported to over 30 countries throughout Europe, Mexico, the Far East, and the Middle East. The Ohio Development of Development and the Ohio's SBDC Export Assistance Network are proud to have supported Hartzell's export success through IMAGE Grants, SBDC Export Advising, the Export Internship Program and International Market Support services. Being selected by the U.S. SBA as the Great Lakes Region Exporter of the Year highlights Hartzell Hardwoods' reputation and success as being the premier exporter in this six-state region.