

# WHO KNOWS

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Photo courtesy of The News Tribune

**Q** Which of these Pierce County manufacturers has the longest production line?

1. Dillanos Coffee Roasters
2. The News Tribune
3. Simpson Timber Company Commencement Bay Operations
4. Toray Composites America, Inc.

Answers on back



Simpson Investment Company headquarters is in Tacoma, Wash., where it operates two subsidiaries. Simpson Timber Company converts logs into dimensional lumber. Simpson Paper Company (whose subsidiary is Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company, LLC), manufactures bleached and unbleached kraft pulp and linerboard.

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# ANSWERS

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## **Dillanos Coffee: Roasters: 100 feet**

Specialty coffee retailers from Puyallup to New York are brewing high-end coffees from Dillanos. The company started as a coffee cart in 1991 and now packages its aromatic products for America's premier cafés and drive-thru's. As business-building partners for their customers, having fun and doing good are important themes for the community minded employees at Dillanos' 26,000 square-foot facility in Sumner.

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## **The News Tribune: 627 feet**

The News Tribune has reported local and national happenings to South Sound residents for nearly 125 years. While there's a growing online readership, many people still rely on the presses that put a copy of the paper in their hands. The newspaper on your doorstep traveled about 627 feet from the roll of newsprint to the loading dock.

3

## **Simpson Timber Company: 941 feet**

Logging trucks and log rafts deliver fir and hemlock logs to Simpson's state-of-the-art sawmill every day. Logs enter the production line for debarking, laser measurement for product identification, sawing, trimming, sorting, stacking, drying and surfaced to size before shipping. This Tacoma Tideflats facility produced 361 million board feet of lumber last year.

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## **Toray Composites: 540 feet**

High-strength carbon fiber materials made by Toray Composites (America), Inc., are used in fishing rods, golf club shafts and the aerospace industry. Prepreg carbon composites made at Toray's facility in Frederickson will make the wing and fuselage of Boeing's new 7E7 Dreamliner light, strong and reliable.