

The Tennessee Tree Farm Program



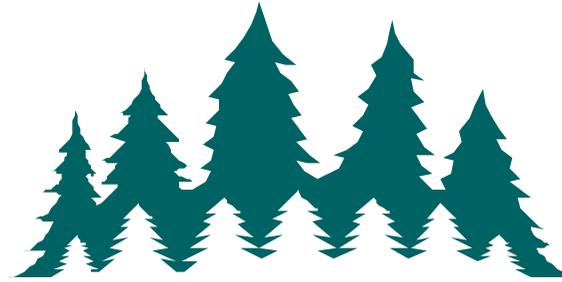
Tennessee's Tree Farm Program is operated by the Tennessee Tree Farm Committee. The committee is a group of over 20 individuals vol-

unteering their efforts to serve the state's Tree Farmers. Tennessee's committee is made up of both professional foresters and private landowners and is co-sponsored by the Tennessee Forestry Association. Hundreds of foresters assist with inspections and other activities. Tennessee's first Tree Farm was certified in 1946, and today, there are hundreds of Tree Farmers in the state sustainably managing thousands of acres of forestland. And their efforts are endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI); internationally recognized third-party certification systems.

The state Tree Farm Committee circulates a bi-annual newsletter, annually selects an outstanding Tree Farmer from the state, and periodically sponsors Tree Farmer dinners and field tours.



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Growing Trees and More than Trees

Tennessee Forest Facts

- Tennessee is growing twice as much wood volume as we are harvesting.
- 72 percent of Tennessee's forests are oak-hickory type. This percentage remained fairly constant over recent years.
- In Tennessee we harvest only 42 percent of the wood the forest grows each year.
- 80 percent of Tennessee forest lands are owned by private, non-industrial owners.
- Wood products manufacturing is Tennessee's fourth largest basic industry.

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What is a Tree Farm?

Land certified as a Tree Farm® is privately owned forest, voluntarily dedicated by its owner to sustainable management with the added benefits of improved wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and enhanced outdoor recreation and aesthetic values.

To be certified as Tree Farmers, landowners must have a written plan for managing their forest of 10 or more acres, jointly approved by the landowner and a professional forester. Tree Farms are inspected periodically by a forester and the landowner to update management plans.

Certified Tree Farmers receive a Tree Farm certificate and sign, are offered the Tree Farmer magazine and are included in local Tree Farm activities. These Tree Farms serve as good examples of forest management in local communities.

2009 Tree Farmer of the Year, Sharon Keen with her mother Janice Keen, McNairy County



Sharon's commitment to sound forestry as well as her desire to share her outstanding Tree Farm with others made her the best choice for "2009 Tree Farmer of the Year."

Tree Farm Background

The American Tree Farm System™ is a privately funded, national tree-growing effort encouraging excellent forestry on private lands.

The system is sponsored by the American Forest Foundation (AFF), a non-profit, educational foundation, and operates as an informal partnership, encouraging resource management professionals to work together offering expertise to private Tree Farmers.

Mickey and Pat Hallum, former Tennessee Tree Farmer of the Year, Lincoln County



"The family farm is a showcase of personal dedication to stewardship of the land." Mickey Hallum

What's In It For Me?

Becoming a Certified Tree Farmer benefits landowners in many ways. You will find great pride and satisfaction in protecting your forestry interests. As a forest manager, your woodlands will produce more timber than you might have thought possible. Increased timber yields means increased income for you. Proper forest management also benefits wildlife and protects the environment. Tree Farmers enjoy beautiful forests as a result of wise management.

Getting Started

The mission of the Tree Farm System is to promote the sustainable forest management on private lands, while protecting environmental benefits and increasing public understanding of all benefits of productive forestry.

There are two levels of achievement in the American Tree Farm System™: The Pioneer (beginning Tree Farm status) and the Certified levels. Solid forest management begins at the Pioneer level with determining your objectives for your woodlands and preparing a forest management plan to meet those objectives. The goal of the program is to establish communication with non-managing landowners; to motivate them to work towards Tree Farm Certification by implementing excellent forestry on their woodlands.

It costs nothing to join the Tree Farm Program and does not obligate you in any way, other than your personal dedication to good forest management.

For more information on the Tree Farm Program, contact:

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I own approximately _____ acres of woodland in _____ County, TN.

I would like to receive advice on how to manage my woodlands to qualify for Tree Farm Status. Please make arrangements for an inspecting forester to contact me.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

E-Mail Address