

Forestry

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Upcoming Workshops of Interest to Landowners

The Chatham County Center, North Carolina Cooperative Extension, is conducting a number of workshops in coming months which will be of interest to Chatham County Landowners. To register for any or all of these workshops please call Cooperative Extension at 919-542-8202. Registration fees may be paid in advance or at the door.

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How to Sell your Timber and Southern Pine Beetle Cost Share Program Workshops

Two workshops in one! Thursday, February 23, 2006, 7:00 p.m. Workshop will be held in the Auditorium, Chatham County Agriculture Building, 45 South Street, Pittsboro. \$5.00 registration fee. Pay in advance or at the door. Please call Cooperative Extension at 919-542-8202 to register.

Presenters: Dr. Robert Bardon and Dr. Dennis Hazel, Extension Forestry Specialists from North Carolina State University

Part I --- How to Sell Your Timber --- 7:00 p.m.

Presenter: Dr. Robert Bardon -- Extension Forestry Specialist -- North Carolina State University

When and how a landowner sells timber can greatly influence how much money they can make, their overall financial plans, cost of regeneration and other management objectives. A landowner would never sell bonds before they mature or sell stocks when the market is down. Years of growth and value are accumulated in a mature timber stand. The accumulated annual income from all those years is frequently marketed in a single sale. Too much is at stake to sell timber without an understanding of the markets and of the quality and quantity of timber. Size, quality, and species of timber are highly variable. Specialized knowledge is required to identify tree species and to estimate volume and value within utilization standards accepted by local markets. There are no daily market price reports for standing timber (stumpage), nor are there any government support prices. Both demand and price for many timber products fluctuate widely. Add to this the fact

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How to Sell Your Timber and Southern Pine Beetle Cost Share Program Workshops

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that many timber sales are once- or twice-in-a-lifetime occurrences. Learning from experience can be very expensive! This program will address marketing and selling timber, timber sale agreements and seeking professional advice from a consulting forester. By participating in the program landowners can make their next (or first) timber sale both a pleasant and a profitable experience.

Part II --- Managing Pine Stands to Reduce Losses by Southern Pine Beetles and the State's Southern Pine Beetle Cost-Share Program --- 8:00 p.m.

Presenter: Dr Dennis Hazel, Extension Forestry Specialist, North Carolina State University

Southern pine beetles (SPB) remain the most costly problem for private forest landowners in North Carolina on an annual basis. These pests impact pines throughout the state. However, by maintaining vigorous healthy stands of pine, losses can be greatly minimized. With assistance from the President's Healthy Forests Initiative, the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources added 13 regional foresters whose focus is assisting private landowners manage their forests to minimize risk and to assist them when SPBs occur. Dr. Hazel will review SBP biology and stand-manage activities that can reduce risks, SPB status in the region, SPB outlook for the region, and the NC Division of Forest Resources SPB cost-share program.

Attracting Wildlife to Your Backyard

Tuesday, April 25, 2006,
7:00 p.m.

Workshop will be held in the Auditorium, Chatham County Agriculture Building, 45 South Street, Pittsboro. Registration fee \$5.00. Pay in advance or at the door. Please call Cooperative Extension at 919-542-8202 to register.

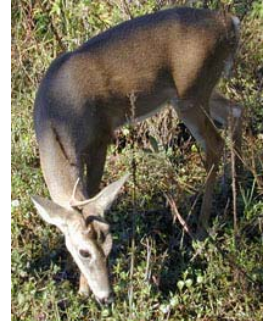
Presenter: Dr. Chris Moorman, Extension Forestry Wildlife Specialist at North Carolina State University

Most homeowners enjoy wildlife in their backyard. Urban and rural backyard landscapes comprise an increasing percentage of wildlife habitats in North Carolina. With proper planning, the quality of backyard habitat can be enhanced. This program will present basic principles of habitat management, common urban / rural species, preferred strategies to enhance habitat and simple steps to aid in implementation of backyard habitat improvement.



Controlling Wildlife in Your Backyard

Wednesday,
April 26, 2006,
7:00 p.m.



Workshop will be held in the Auditorium, County Agriculture Building, 45 South Street, Pittsboro. Registration fee \$5.00. Pay in advance or at the door. Please call Cooperative Extension at 919-542-8202 to register.

Presenter: Dr. Chris DePerno, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in Wildlife Damage/Control at North Carolina State University

Ah, wilderness! We finally moved out to our little place in the woods. Cleared just enough room to build a house and planted a little garden. Boom! We are now playing Elmer Fudd in the world of Bugs Bunny. Dwaated Wabbit! Everything we plant is like candy for Bugs, Bambi, and a host of other critters we never even heard of.

We don't guarantee that growing lettuce and carrots in Bugs's backyard will be easy. But Dr. DePerno will offer some suggestions that will help you to understand the challenges and perhaps leave a little less "beFuddled."

Women in the Woods Workshop

Thursday, April 27, 2006. This same program will be offered at two different locations:

- **Session I - Siler City**, location TBA. Time 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Light lunch.
- **Session II - Pittsboro**, Auditorium, County Agriculture Building, 45 South Street. Time 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Light dinner.

Registration fee for either session is \$5.00. Pay in advance or at the door. Please call Cooperative Extension at 919-542-8202 to register.

Presenter: Dr. Dennis Hazel, Forestry Extension Specialist at North Carolina State University

Women often end up being the sole owners of and principle decision makers on private forest land. In many cases, they have outlived spouses who previously made management decisions. Even where women share ownership, they increasingly share responsibility for physical and fiscal management of their forests.

A variety of topics will be covered including forest terminology, understanding available resources, and selling timber. The central theme is helping women know what professional and other resources are available to help them and how to obtain those resources.

Alternative Income From Your Forest Land

Thursday, May 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m. Program will be held in the Auditorium, County Agriculture Building, 45 South Street, Pittsboro. Registration fee \$5.00. Pay in advance or at the door. Please call Cooperative Extension at 919-542-8202 to register

Presenter: Dr. Mark Megalos, Outreach Forestry Associate, North Carolina State University

Workshop will review a range of possibilities to diversify income from your current forest and farming operations. We will explore options to add value to your current operations. Landowners can learn where to go for additional assistance and determine if these opportunities fit with their property, goals and personalities.

Keep Chatham Green and Growing

(Our Forests: Past, Present and Future)

Thursday, May 25, 2006, 6:30 p.m.

Program will be held in the Auditorium, County Agriculture Building, 45 South Street, Pittsboro. Food provided. Registration fee \$5.00. Pay in advance or at the door. Please call Cooperative Extension at 919-542-8202 to register.

Presenters:

- Rick Hamilton, Department Extension Leader, Extension Forestry, North Carolina State University
- Chris Moorman, Extension Forestry Wildlife Specialist, North Carolina State University
- Fred White, Forester, The Forestland Group, Orange County

Topics:

The Ecology and Forest History of NC's Piedmont Forests --- Fred White
 Impacts of Forestry Practices on Habitats --- Chris Moorman
 Alternative Forest Harvest Systems to Restore, Renovate or Manage Desirable Forest Conditions --- Rick Hamilton
 Questions and Answers for all Speakers

Energy from Wood: Exploring the Issues and Impacts for North Carolina

March 13-14, 2006

J. S. McKimmon Center, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

This conference will:

-- Present much of the known informa-

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Energy from Wood: Exploring the issues and impacts for North Carolina

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tion about potential impacts and opportunities on North Carolina's forests from a wood biomass economy,

-- Offer an opportunity for diverse stakeholders to explore issues surrounding woody biomass, and
-- Prepare stakeholders for the future policy discussions surrounding the use of woody biomass for energy.

Who Should Attend:

The conference will be useful for policy makers, regulatory agency staff, industry (energy, foresters,

forest landowners, manufacturing), scientists, environmental interests, and local or regional biomass energy users.

Conference Goals

-- Review of the current opportunities and issues related to incorporating woody biomass in North Carolina's pending Renewable Portfolio Standard
-- Learn from successful users and efforts underway across the nation to deploy woody biomass energy or technologies
-- Explore the potential impacts (favorable or not) of increasing the use of woody biomass for energy in North Carolina and across the southern region
-- Explore the net effects on conventional air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions from

increased use of wood-based fuels
-- Explore the potential for increased carbon dioxide sequestration by forests in North Carolina
-- Foster communication among potential users of biomass-energy and stakeholders of renewable energy in North Carolina

Conference website including full agenda and registration information: www.ncsu.edu/feop/Agenda2006/energy/

Registration deadline is March 6. For registration questions, contact Becky Townsend at 919-515-9563 or becky_townsend@ncsu.edu. Registration fees: Both days, March 13-14, \$50; March 13 only \$30; March 14 only \$25; optional field trip on March 14 \$10.