



Virginia Forest Landowner Update

NOVEMBER 2014

Upcoming Events

- **November 8, Warrenton Fields, Pastures, Creek Sides and...Trees: How Could it Work for You?**
- **November 10, On-line Non-timber Forest Products Fall 2014 Webinar Series: Forest Cultivated Mushrooms: A Rotten Business**
- **December 12, On-line Non-timber Forest Products Fall 2014 Webinar Series: Forest Botanicals' Deep and Tangled Roots**
- **January 27-February 17, On-line Master Tree Farmer 2015**

Visit the Events Calendar for details!

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Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Well, another Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour season has flown by. I'm so fortunate to have a job that allows me to travel all over this beautiful state we call home. I've even had a number of 1st this fall, including a trip to the Chesapeake Bay, a tour of an OSB mill in Halifax County, and a tour of a greenery assembly factory in North Carolina. As always, I'm grateful to all my Extension, Agency, Private and Industry partners who make all our forest landowner programming possible. And of course, I'm grateful to all of you landowners who attend our programs.

Here are some programs/information which can help you achieve your woodland management goals.

- For landowners in Virginia's **Chesapeake Bay Counties**, the Chesapeake Forest Fund will pay-in-full and manage the planting and maintenance of native trees on your property. The Virginia Department of Forestry will assist with the on-the-ground effort. Planting area must be at least 1 acre, and the trees cannot be harvested for 15 years. Also, the areas to be planted must have been without trees for the past 10 years. Contact **Jenny McGarvey** 443/949-0575 for more information.
- The Forestry Quail Habitat Recovery Cost-Share Program, from the Virginia Department of Forestry, can help landowners in the **15 Quail Recovery Initiative target counties** to create quality quail habitat. Practices include: 1. Herbicide application in managed forests; 2. Commercial thinning in small acreage stands; 3. Establishing diminished pine species (shortleaf and longleaf); 4. Non-commercial thinning; and 5. Prescribed burning in forest stands. Contact your local **Virginia Department of Forestry office** for more information.
- Read **Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2014 Tax Year** (especially if you've implemented any management

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activities or harvested timber). If you don't do your own taxes, be sure to share this with your accountant.

And here is some other useful forestry-related information:

- Remember the emerald ash borer (EAB)? This fall I've been to 2 sites in Virginia, one in Halifax and one in Covington, which have infestations. University of Maryland Extension has put together a great **factsheet about EAB for landowners**.
- Since visiting Smith Island last month, I've been thinking about the Chesapeake Bay quite a bit. **Here's an interesting report on the costs/benefits of Bay clean-up**.
- With the chilly weather this weekend, many of us will be taking our first dip into our wood piles and maybe thinking we should have cut more. Learn about **additives for your chainsaw** and **how to break (and repair) your saw**.
- As the end of 2014 approaches, don't forget to pick up a copy of the 2014 Virginia State Map which features the Virginia Department of Forestry and their State Forests in celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the agency.

Follow the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program on Twitter ([@VFLEP](https://twitter.com/VFLEP)) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/VFLEP). Our trivia question for November is posted at 9 a.m. on the 1st of each month on the Facebook page. Be with first with a correct answer, and win a VFLEP ball cap! I'll also be posting photos from our wonderful Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours very soon.

All the best!

Jennifer

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