

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

September 2018

Featured Events

Preparing for Generation NEXT 2-Day Workshops

- November 1-2, Abingdon
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

Tree Farm Dinners

- Sept. 20, Crozet
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

SE Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Weekend Retreat

- September 21-23
- Providence Forge
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

- Oct. 5, Buchanan County
- Oct. 12 Sussex County
- Oct. 19
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- Register on-line
- Register by mail

Visit the [Events Calendar](#) for details!

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Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

So at this point, even I will admit that 30 tomato plants is too many! I am inundated and my freezer is full. I just hate to let any go to waste, because I know, in the dark cold days of February, I'll be longing for them. I suppose this is a good problem to have. It has been my best year ever for heirlooms – particularly Cherokee purples, the most beautiful of tomatoes.

A couple updates for you. First, in the August e-newsletter, I mentioned the VDACS Beehive Distribution Program. Effective July 30th, this program was suspended due to an overwhelming number of applications. I'll update everyone if new funding becomes available for next year, or you can check [here](#). I have not heard about the status of my application.

Second, you may have been hearing about an invasive species new to Virginia - giant hogweed. [Here is an article from VCE's Weed Specialists on what to do if you suspect you've found this plant.](#) And, here's an [older article](#) I wrote for the Virginia Forest Landowner Update. Please note – it's not the same as Queen Anne's lace – or carrots.

The fall will be a busy one! Registration is open for the [42nd annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour Series](#). Extension's Forestry & Natural Resources Agents have lined up three great tours for you. And we'll be hosting the last [Preparing for Generation NEXT workshop](#) of 2018 November 1-2 in Abingdon. If you haven't attended one of these before, please consider coming. We'll provide you with expert advice on passing your land to the next generation.

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Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

Below is a sample of upcoming landowner education programs. For a complete listing visit the [Events Calendar](#).

Preparing for Generation NEXT

Learn how to pass your land, and your legacy, to the next generation, while keeping it Intact, In Family, and In Forest.

- November 1-2, [SW Virginia Higher Education Center](#) Abingdon
 - \$70 for up to 2 family members; \$35 for each additional family member
 - Includes materials, 2 lunches and 1 breakfast
 - Registration opens in September

Tree Farmer Dinners

Tree Farmer dinners are for all interested landowners. You DO NOT need to be a Tree Farmer to attend. Learn what the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation is all about and tour an active Tree Farm. Dinner is \$10 per person, which includes your meal.

- September 20, Middle Mountain Farm, Crozet
- [Agenda](#)
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

Beginning Woodland Owner Weekend Retreats

We invite new landowners and those new to woodland management to join VDOF and VCE for a weekend of classroom lectures, hands-on activities, and field trips to help you get started with keeping your woods healthy and productive. On-site lodging is available.

- **SE Virginia**
 - September 21-23, 2018
 - [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge

- Individual no lodging \$55
- Individual lodging \$95
- Couple no lodging \$110
- Couple lodging \$190
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

42nd Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

Spend a lovely fall day in the woods with fellow woodland owners and natural resource professionals learning about active woodland and wildlife management practices.

- October 5 – Buchanan County (Come hear the elk!)
- October 12 – Sussex County
- October 19 - Fluvanna/Goochland Counties
 - Register [on-line](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)

For a full listing of events, visit the [Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar](#).

I look forward to spending some fall days with all of you!

Jennifer

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