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Pulpwood Prices in North Carolina Surged Back in the 2020 Second Quarter

According to TimberMart-South, while state-wide average pine sawtimber prices dropped slightly due primarily to the limited logging and sawmill operations, both pine and hardwood pulpwood prices surged substantially compared to the previous quarter. Pine pulpwood prices were averaged at \$9.1 per ton, up about 22% from the first quarter of 2020. Similarly, hardwood pulpwood prices were also up approximately 168% to \$6.5/ton. The dramatically higher demand for tissue products amidst the Pandemic could be the main reason behind these sharp rises in pulpwood prices. For more information on the 2020 second quarter stumpage prices in North Carolina, please visit our website.



ForestHer NC Facebook Page is Live!

Although the ForestHer workshops for March, May and August were cancelled, the team is working to stay in touch with a new communications plan! ForestHer NC recently launched a new Facebook page that is open to the public and will be a place to find resources such as webinars, videos, pictures and more that will focus on woodland stewardship and conservation. ForestHer is geared towards women landowners, but all are welcome to participate! They are also working to develop content for a ForestHer website, so stay tuned for future updates!



Forest Health Monitoring National 2019 Report Released

The annual national report of the Forest Health Monitoring (FHM) program of the Forest Service presents forest health status and trends from a national or multi-State regional perspective using a variety of sources. In this report, national survey data are used to identify recent geographic patterns of insect and disease activity and satellite data are employed to detect geographic patterns of forest fire occurrence. You can access the report here.

Sustainable Forestry Project-Veteran Landowner Assistance

The Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project (SFLRP) at Roanoke Electric Cooperative is able to offer some assistance to landowners. Currently, the SFLRP has funding to



assist historically under-served and veteran landowners with developing forest management plans. These plans can be prepared by the NC Forest Service in your county. Funds are limited and on a first come, first serve basis(Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton, Perquimans Counties). Reach out if you have any guestions!



How Much Money is an Acre of Timber Worth?

Have you been thinking about selling your timber? Market demands have shifted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as the increased demand for tissue paper. This article from Forest2Market provides an updated look at the trends and drivers of timber prices over a three-year period. You can access this article here.

Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

August 1, 2020 (Sat), Land & Ladies: The Landownership Clinic. The Landownership Clinic is a 3-week landowner basics program where you will learn the top 3 most important aspects to landownership: KNOW what you own, KNOW what you owe, and KNOW how to plan! Clinic will be hosted through Facebook with a private group hosted by Land & Ladies Forestry Consulting. Attendees will meet once a week, virtually, on Facebook Live for 20 - 30 minutes to cover each topic. Register here for the program.

September 16, 2020 (W), 12-1pm ET, Woodland Owner Lunch and Learn Webinar-Seedling Genetics and Soil Fertility - know what you are planting and how to care for it. Webinar link here. During each rotation of a planted forest, landowners have a single opportunity to choose the appropriate genetics for their long-term investment. We encourage forest landowners to plant the best genetic quality seedlings possible. Learn more about the webinar on our event page.

Webinars & Online Learning Available Now

Project Learning Tree Free Family Activities Nature is a great teacher! Try these activity ideas from Project Learning Tree to connect the children in your life to the outdoors and nature. You can access these free activities by clicking here.

Woodland Owner Webinars on Demand Webinars are a great opportunity to learn about different forestry topics from experts in the field, and we have collaborated with professionals from a variety of backgrounds, including forestry, economics, law, and more to bring you relevant topics at home. You can access the list of webinars here.

Project Learning Tree Professional Development Programs Both of these online PD programs are self-paced and you can stop and pick-up right where you left off (great for parents working from home!). The online courses contain videos, participant worksheets for self-reflection, and links to additional resources. Each PD program includes an electronic version of the guide, or you can purchase the printed version (shipment may be delayed).

- PLT K-8 Online Professional Development (4 hours): \$40 + \$24.99 for print guide (optional)
- PLT Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood (3 Hours): \$30 + 19.99 for print guide (optional)

Project Learning Tree eUnits for Criteria III Each eUnit will be yours forever (no renewal fee) and is completely housed online and tied to your email address. These are built on the same training platform as the activity guides, so again, you can start and stop the trainings at your will. The training for each is about 3 hours, and each costs \$40.

- Treemendous Science (K-2)
- Energy & Ecosystems (3-5)
- Carbon & Climate (6-8)

ForestryWebinars.net You can find more than 700 archived webinars on a variety of forestry topics. You can access this resource by clicking here.

eLearn: Urban Forestry This online resource provides an interactive introduction to urban forest management. You can access this course by clicking here.

eFire This interactive site allows you to choose your own eFIRE experience! Become virtually immersed in a prescribed burn, learn why and how burns are conducted, read the provided resources, and/or hear from the multiple types of people who use prescribed fire as a land management tool! You can access this resource by clicking here.

Introduction to Southeastern Prescribed Fire This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental basics of prescribed burning in Southeastern forested ecosystems. You can access this course by clicking here.

Woodland Stewardship YouTube Channel This channel features webinars and other forestry-related videos. You can access the YouTube Channel by clicking here.

Southern Fire Exchange YouTube Channel The Southern Fire Exchange (SFE) is a regional program for fire science delivery in the Southeast, funded by the Joint Fire Science Program. You can access the YouTube Channel by clicking here.

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