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### History of the North Carolina Christmas Tree Industry: Chapter 1

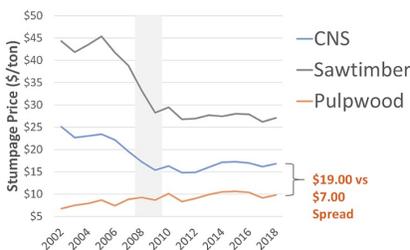
Christmas is right around the corner and people are starting to put up their trees! Have you ever wondered how people started growing Christmas trees in NC? Check out Chapter 1 from our “History of the North Carolina Christmas Tree Industry”, which can be found [here](#). You can find the rest of the story by [clicking here](#).

### Economic Contributions of Forestry and Forest Exports in North Carolina



North Carolina is one of the leading states in forest products exports. In this report, authors quantified the value of the North Carolina forest export chain including the manufacturing facilities that exports, wholesales/brokers, transporters, and port service providers. The total economic output of the forest products export cluster in North Carolina was \$3.49 billion in 2015 dollars, supporting 15,636 full- and part-time jobs. For detailed information, [refer to the full article](#).

### Pine Pulpwood: Driving the Southern Timber Price Rebound



Graph courtesy of Forest2Market

This article from Forest2Market explored the pine pulpwood markets in the south and how they fared in recent years. While south-wide average pine sawtimber prices are down 35%, pine pulpwood prices are up 47% since 2002. Specifically, pine pulpwood prices near the Atlantic Coast (in SE coastal plains) soared up to 150%, due primarily to the flourishing pellet industry. The pine pulpwood market is driving the timber market, as we see the market grow stronger and the gap between pine pulpwood, chip-n-saw and sawtimber has narrowed. Read the [full article to learn more](#).

### Ginseng: An option for underutilized forest land in the west

As most of our perennial plants have settled in for the ‘long winters nap,’ now is a perfect time to consider if growing wild-simulated ginseng (or other forest herbs) may be a viable option for your wooded property...especially if you live in the western part of the state. You can learn more about this



opportunity from the [full news article](#) found on the Extension Forestry website.

Photo courtesy of Jim Hamilton

## Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

### **December 4, 2019 (W), 10am-11:30am, NC Forest and Wood Products Meeting.**

Location: N.C. Cooperative Extension - Duplin County Center, Kenansville, NC. The US Forest Service has awarded NCSU Wood Products Extension a grant to work with the NC primary and secondary in North Carolina from now into 2022. Working with NCSU WPE is the NCFS and West65thInc on this project that has its goal to grow sales, profitability, and employment. We are hosting in Fall 2019 three regional meetings to announce the project and to provide a networking event for the forest and wood products industry. For more information about this meeting [click here](#).

### **December 4, 2019 (W), 9am-4pm, Western N.C. Forest Health & Pesticide Workshop.**

Location: Foothills Higher Education Center, Morganton, NC. Learn more about how forest health can be impacted by different pests at this workshop in Western NC. You can find more information from the [agenda here](#).

**December 5, 2019 (Th), Women's Chainsaw Safety Workshop.** Location: Falls Lake State Recreation Area. This course will cover the basic elements of safe chainsaw operation. Topics will include parts of a chainsaw, personal protective equipment-including parts, proper fit, and importance, chainsaw maintenance, and chainsaw use. More information will be available soon so be sure to check back on the [Extension Forestry website](#).

### **December 6, 2019 (F), 7:30am-10am, Managing Your Land and Legacy:**

**Opportunities and Options.** Location: Moore County Agriculture Center, Carthage, NC. The Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes partnership is offering a series of landowner outreach meetings. Attendees will be exposed to federal, state, and private resources and programs all geared to keep agriculture and forestry lands in production by meeting the objectives of the private landowner and producers. Attendees receive a copy of the Conserving Working Lands handbook and a chance to speak to local representatives during the "Conservation Speed Dating" portion. [Click here to register](#).

**December 17, 2019 (Tu), 1-2pm, Webinar: What are Forestry Economic Contribution Reports? Making Sense of the Terms and Numbers in Economic Contribution Reports.** Location: [forestrywebinars.net](#). This webinar covers practical guidelines for report users to better understand the terms and numbers in those reports, so that they can communicate the economic importance of the forest sector to their clientele. Specifically, we will discuss the terminology of input-output modeling, aspects of IMPLAN software and modeling, and interpretation of numbers in the reports. Join the webinar by [clicking here](#).

### **January 13, 2020 (M), 8:30am-3:30pm, Environmental Education for the K-8**

**Classroom: Project Learning Tree.** Location: Belmont Abbey College - Sacred Heart Campus, Belmont, NC. Join other K-8 classroom and nonformal educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree K-8 Curriculum Guide. Every participant will leave the workshop with the PLT K-8 Activity Guide which includes 96 activities correlated to the NC Standard Course of Study and Essential Standards. The PLT activity guides are provided free of charge to participants through support from the NC Forestry Association. CEU renewal credits are available. This workshop qualifies for Criteria I in the EE Certification Program. Registration deadline is January 8, 2020, and you can register by [clicking here](#), the cost of the workshop is \$20. Contact [Renee Strnad](#) with questions.

**January 24, 2020 (F), 7:30am-10am, Managing Your Land and Legacy: Opportunities and Options.** Location: Hyde County Government Center Multi-Purpose Room, Swan Quarter, NC. The Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes partnership is offering a series of landowner outreach meetings. Attendees will be exposed to federal, state, and private resources and programs all geared to keep agriculture and forestry lands in production by meeting the objectives of the private landowner and producers. Attendees receive a copy of the Conserving Working Lands handbook and a chance to speak to local representatives during the "Conservation Speed Dating" portion. [Click here to register.](#)

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