

## FORESTRY Woodland Owner Notes eNewsletter

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#### SYP Lumber Prices Deflate in 2019; What's in Store for 2020?

Southern Yellow Pine lumber prices continue trending down with an annual average of \$361 per thousand board feet in 2019. While the US housing market is relatively stable below the historical annual average of 1.5 million housing starts, lumber prices in 2019 finished at their lowest point since 2015. You can find more information in the article here.



Photo from: N.C. Cooperative Extension, Granville County

# Wildlife Damage and Management Strategies Workshop

Join us Friday, February 21, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Granville County Expo Center, in Oxford, for a Wildlife Damage and Strategies Workshop! This workshop will discuss strategies to reduce losses of crops and livestock to wildlife. For more information, please contact your local N.C. Cooperative Extension office. You can register online at the event page here.



#### **NRCS Plant Guide**

Are you looking to increase your plant knowledge or have that one tree that you just haven't been able to identify? Take a look at the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Fact Sheets and Plant Guides. You can find descriptions, uses and cultural recommendations in the fact sheets, while the plant guides go into more detail. You can also check out the North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox for more plants!

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#### Landownership 101 Workshops

Roanoke Electric Cooperative's Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project (SFLRP) is partnering with the Conservation Fund to host two upcoming landowner workshops on February 18 and 19, 2020, both workshops are taking place from 9:30 am-4:00 pm. Registration is required due to limited space, email Sherwynn Best or call 252-539-4614 to register by January 31, 2020 to reserve your spot at either workshop.

### Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

Thursdays in February (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th), 7-8:30pm, Woodland Stewards Webinar Series: Getting to Know Your Woodlands: Next Steps! Join other woodland landowners throughout the region to learn about how you can take better care of your woodlands. This is a regional Extension course being offered in 4 sessions. The four sessions are webinars hosted by your local Extension center on Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM from February 6-27, 2020. For more information visit our events page.

**February 13, 2020 (Th), 9am-4pm, Environmental Education for the K-8 Classroom: Project Learning Tree.** Location: Eastern 4-H Center, Columbia, 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 February 1, 2020, and you can register by clicking here, the cost of the workshop is \$20. Contact JP Peoples with questions.

**February 20, 2020 (Th), 9am-2:30pm, Regional Farmland Preservation Workshop.** Location: Maxwell Regional Ag & Convention Center, 3114 Wayne Memorial Dr, Goldsboro, NC. These workshops are for local government, land trusts, conservation nonprofits, and other entities involved in the application, recording, and monitoring of conservation easements. Landowners interested in conservation easements for their working farm or forest may attend to learn more about the life cycle of conservation easements. The workshops are free and open to the public, and you can find more information here.

**February 21, 2020 (F), 9am-12:30pm, Wildlife Damage and Management Strategies Workshop.** Location: Granville County Expo & Convention Center, Oxford, NC. This workshop will discuss strategies to reduce losses of crops and livestock to wildlife. Presenters from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission will be presenting information for producers and landowners on Coyotes and Feral Dogs, Vultures, Feral Hogs, Beavers, and on preventing crop damage by deer. This workshop is free, and you can register on the event page here.

**February 22, 2020 (Sat), 9am-3:30pm, Environmental Education for the K-8 Classroom: Project Learning Tree.** Location: Union County Agricultural & Events Center, Monroe, 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 February 17, 2020, and you can register by clicking here, the cost of the workshop is \$20. Contact Tammi Remsburg with questions.

**February 25, 2020 (T), 9am-2:30pm, Regional Farmland Preservation Workshop.** Location: Bob Martin Eastern Ag Center, 2900 NC-125, Williamston, NC. These workshops are for local government, land trusts, conservation nonprofits, and other entities involved in the application, recording, and monitoring of conservation easements. Landowners interested in conservation easements for their working farm or forest may attend to learn more about the life cycle of conservation easements. The workshops are free and open to the public, and you can find more information here.

**February 27, 2020 (Th), 9am-3:30pm, Environmental Education for the K-8 Classroom: Project Learning Tree.** Location: Sylvan Heights Bird Park, Scotland Neck, 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 February 21, 2020, and you can register by clicking here, the cost of the workshop is \$20. Contact Renee Strnad with questions. March 5, 2020 (Th), 9am-2:30pm, Regional Farmland Preservation Workshop. Location: Iredell County Center, Statesville, NC. These workshops are for local government, land trusts, conservation nonprofits, and other entities involved in the application, recording, and monitoring of conservation easements. Landowners interested in conservation easements for their working farm or forest may attend to learn more about the life cycle of conservation easements. The workshops are free and open to the public, and you can find more information here.

**March 10, 2020 (T), 9am-2:30pm, Regional Farmland Preservation Workshop.** Location: Chatham County Ag Center, Pittsboro, NC. These workshops are for local government, land trusts, conservation nonprofits, and other entities involved in the application, recording, and monitoring of conservation easements. Landowners interested in conservation easements for their working farm or forest may attend to learn more about the life cycle of conservation easements. The workshops are free and open to the public, and you can find more information here.

March 12, 2020 (Th), 9am-4pm, ForestHer NC Piedmont - Managing for Wildlife. Location: Chatham County Ag Center, Pittsboro, NC. Stay tuned for more information for the next workshop in the ForestHer series!

**March 17, 2020 (T), 9am-2:30pm, Regional Farmland Preservation Workshop.** Location: Owens Ag Center, Lumberton, NC. These workshops are for local government, land trusts, conservation nonprofits, and other entities involved in the application, recording, and monitoring of conservation easements. Landowners interested in conservation easements for their working farm or forest may attend to learn more about the life cycle of conservation easements. The workshops are free and open to the public, and you can find more information here.

March 26, 2020 (Th), 9am-4pm, ForestHer NC Mountains - Managing for Wildlife. Location: Harold Smith Building, Marion, NC. Stay tuned for more information for the next workshop in the ForestHer series!

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