

# Woodland Owner Notes E-news

## 2017 Tax Tips for Forest Landowners

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Each year the U.S. Forest Service publishes a 2-page fact sheet for private forest landowners. The [Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2017 Tax Year](#) is available to print for yourself (2 pages).

The U.S. Congress passed the new tax law in September 2017 which provides relief to the taxpayers who are affected by Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria this past fall. This link to this refers specifically to that information: [Income Tax Deduction on Timber and Landscape Trees Loss from Casualty](#).

Other useful documents and links to help forest landowners with their taxes can be found at the [National Timber Tax website](#), <https://timbertax.org>.



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## Shop Local for your Holiday Greens

Why not take your family to a choose 'n cut farm for that seasonal memory-building experience?

As the second-largest producer of Christmas trees in the U.S., North Carolina has also created a tradition of families visiting farms during the holidays to choose and cut their favorite trees. Family-owned choose 'n cut farms are located all over North Carolina from mountain farms with Fraser fir and white pine to Piedmont and Coastal Plain farms that often grow four or more species. To locate a choose 'n cut farm, go to the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' NCFarmFresh web page at:

<http://www.ncfarmfresh.com/farms.asp>

Once on this webpage, select "Choose & Cut Christmas Trees" in the drop-down window and then select your county or region and click the "search" button to see the local farms.



## Firewood Production from Private Woodlands

This is the first of a 2-part series on the topic of firewood production.

Producing firewood from a woodlot can be an excellent forest management opportunity. Properly marked and administered, firewood cutting can produce immediate income while increasing the long-term value of the woodlot. However, cutting the wrong trees for firewood is



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as senseless as burning the furniture those trees could have produced. In this first of a two-part series, we provide you with some basic reading to help you decide if firewood production is right for your woodland. [Read more here.](#)

## Noteworthy Forestry Publications

Available to download, print and share - just click the title and read on.

[2016 Forest Health Monitoring](#) report by the USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Monitoring program. Dr. Kevin Potter and Dr. Barbara Conkling of NC State University co-edited of the 221-page report. Chapters 9, 12, and 13, have content specific to both pine and hardwoods in North Carolina.

The NC Forest Service has posted speaker presentations from the November 2017 Bottomland and Swamp Forests Symposium. Most the presenters' slide are available for review or download at <http://go.ncsu.edu/bottomland-symposium>

## Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

December 6-7, 2017 (We-Th) - [2017 Annual Symposium of the NC Vegetation Management Association](#) - Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC.

January 24-26, 2018 (We-Fr) - [Conservation of Working Forests and their Contribution to Society](#); Appalachian Society of American Foresters 2018 Winter Meeting - Hilton Hotel, 45 W. Orchard Pk. Dr., Greenville, SC 29615.

June 9-12, 2018 (Sa-Tu) - [2018 National Convention of the Association of Consulting Foresters](#) - Asheville, NC. For more details, [director@acf-foresters.org](mailto:director@acf-foresters.org)

June 26, 2018 (Tu) - [2018 National Conference of Private Forest Landowners](#) - Greensboro, GA.

October 24-26, 2018 (We-Fr) - The Longleaf Alliance Biennial Conference - Holiday Inn, Alexandria, LA. Details coming soon.

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