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Current Forest Carbon Markets at a Glance



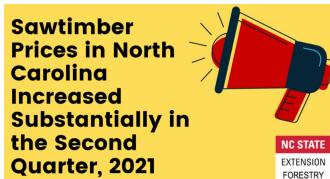
Recently, several new initiatives in forest carbon markets have emerged simplifying the carbon project development process, criteria, and financial requirements. Check out our note on carbon forest markets and find a breakdown of six major forest carbon market developers actively working in the forest carbon space and their main characteristics, fees, and other requirements. Check out our '[Current Forest Carbon Markets at a Glance](#)' note now!

NC Property Tax Reduction Programs for Woodland Owners



North Carolina landowners who manage forest or wildlife conservation land may qualify for property tax reductions through the state's Forestry Present-use Valuation program or Wildlife Conservation Program. Both programs have a once-a-year application period, January 1. Full compliance with qualifications is expected at the time of the application. Now is the time to determine whether your managed property is qualified and determine the steps you can take to qualify your land. Read our [Woodland Owners Notes](#) publication and [contact your county forestry or extension agent](#) for questions about the state's Forestry Present-use Valuation property tax program. For questions about the Wildlife Conservation Land Program, contact the [NC Wildlife Resources Commission Land Conservation Program](#).

Sawtimber Prices in North Carolina Increased Substantially in the Second Quarter, 2021



In the second quarter of 2021, both housing and lumber markets started plummeting from the previous record high levels. While both pine and hardwood sawtimber prices rose considerably in the 2nd quarter, both pine and hardwood pulpwood prices were down. Read more about these price trends in our [recently published blurb](#).

Lymantria Dispar No Longer Called the 'Gypsy Moth'

The Entomological Society of America has announced the removal of the Lymantria Dispar's common name, 'Gypsy



Moth,' due to its name including an ethnic slur. While we wait for a new common name, we will refer to this invasive pest by its scientific name. Read more about this name change in our [recent news article](#). Learn about the [ESA's Better Common Names project](#) that is altering problematic common names to create respectful and inclusive insect descriptions.
“If people are feeling excluded because of what we call something, that’s not acceptable.” -Michelle Smith, ESA President.

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Timber Haulers and Harvesters Eligible for USDA Pandemic Relief



The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making \$200 million available for timber hauling and harvesting businesses that experienced losses due to COVID-19. Affected businesses can apply for aid through the USDA's Farm Service Agency from July 22 through October 15, 2021. Only individuals and businesses where 50 percent or more of its gross revenue comes from cutting timber, transporting timber, or processing wood on-site on the forest land (chipping, grinding, converting to biochar, cutting to smaller lengths, etc.) are eligible. Learn more on the [USDA's PATH program page](#).

Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

August 12, 2021 (Th), 1-2 PM ET, SFE Webinar: Potential Impacts of Prescribed Fire Smoke on Air Quality, Public Health, and Socially Vulnerable Populations in the Southeastern U.S. "While prescribed fire is an essential land management tool in the Southeast, its impacts on air quality and public health remain uncertain. This webinar will cover a recent project whose results show not only potential health impacts from prescribed fire, but call for greater attention to the characterization of prescribed fire impacts, potential air quality benefits of land treatment, and the communities most exposed to fire-related smoke." Find further webinar details with [Southern Fire Exchange's registration page](#).

August 18, 2021 (W) - August 19, 2021 (Th), NC Prescribed Fire Council Annual Meeting. The 2021 NC Prescribed Fire Council annual meeting will be held on August 18-19, 2021 in Morganton, NC as a joint meeting with the Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists. This meeting will be hybrid with both in-person and virtual options. Registration details, agenda breakdowns, and lodging information are now available on the [NC Prescribed Fire Website](#).

August 25, 2021 (W), 10 AM- 12 PM ET, Sustainable Forestry Land Retention Project Webinar - Cost Share Programs: Preparing Landowners to Make Application. Federal and state governments offer financial incentive programs for woodland owners. Several of these programs provide cost-sharing payments that reimburse landowners for various timber management activities. This webinar is to guide landowners in preparation to apply for forestry cost-share programs with USDA, NC Forest Service, and farm loans through USDA Farm Service Agency. Woodland owners will have the opportunity to hear from Agency experts on the various cost-share programs and application processes. Be sure to [register in advance](#).

September 10, 2021 (F) - September 11, 2021 (S), 30th Annual Environmental Educators of North Carolina Conference. Join the Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance for the 30th Annual Environmental Educators of North Carolina

Conference at Lutheridge Arden, NC from Friday, September 10 to Saturday, September 11, 2021. This year's theme is rEEmerge, honoring new beginnings. Get registration details, agenda breakdowns, fees, lodging information, and more on the [Environmental Educators of North Carolina conference page](#).

Webinars & Online Learning

Forestry Webinars on Demand Webinars are a great opportunity to learn about different forestry topics from experts in the field. We have collaborated with professionals from a variety of backgrounds, including forestry, economics, law, and more to bring you relevant topics at home.

ForestryWebinars.net You can find more than 700 archived webinars on a variety of forestry topics.

NC Tree Farm Program Online Learning Learn about a variety of forestry topics through webinars, videos, and online courses.

eLearn: Urban Forestry This online resource provides an interactive introduction to urban forest management.

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!

Introduction to Southeastern Prescribed Fire This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental basics of prescribed burning in Southeastern forested ecosystems.

Woodland Stewardship YouTube Channel This channel features webinars and other forestry-related videos.

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.

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