

## FORESTRY AND FOREST PRODUCTS

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**Forestry:** Mississippi's 18.5 million acres of forest provide numerous benefits to Mississippians. Almost 70% of that forestland is owned by private, nonindustrial landowners with 150,000 people owning 20 or more acres of forestland. Each landowner has different management objectives for their forestland requiring numerous educational needs. To meet these needs, the Department of Forestry provides statewide access to forestry education programs through Extension Professors. One of the Extension Professors is located at the North Mississippi Research and Extension Center and offers 11 different short courses and 5 different workshops for landowners. In addition, the Department of Forestry's Extension Program provides educational opportunities through numerous youth and community activities.

In 2001, 11 forestry short courses and 4 forestry workshops were provided in 15 Northeast Mississippi Counties reaching a total of 179 landowners and 195,136 acres. The total value of the short courses and workshops in increased value resulting from better forest management was \$1,327,520. Forestry Field Days and County Forestry Association Meetings conducted by County Extension Agents increased this value to \$6,993,813. Additionally, Extension Forestry reached 493 youth, 249 additional adults, and 723 individuals electronically or by site visits.

### County Forest Landowner Short Courses and Workshops

County	Course/Workshop	Attendance	Total Contact Hours	Acres	Value
Alcorn	CRP	24	216	26,942	\$191,000
Prentiss	Forest/Wildlife	17	255	3,667	\$37,000
Noxubee	Forest/ Wildlife	12	180	12,450	\$51,000
Tishomingo	Forest/Wildlife	10	150	91,217	\$145,000
Benton/Tippah	CRP	9	81	1,925	\$95,000
Pontotoc	CRP	7	56	1,389	\$210,000
Winston	CRP	11	99	1,017	\$70,000
Union	Forest/Wildlife	23	345	9,928	\$97,000
Alcorn	Investment and Analysis	3	24	160	0
Lee	CRP	11	99	1,940	\$50,000
Alcorn	Taxation	7	43	615	\$16,000
Benton/Tippah	Pine Thinning	2	6	1,300	\$1000
Oktibbeha	Pine Thinning	13	39	11,105	\$210,000
Pontotoc	Pine Thinning	17	51	5,653	\$30,000
Monroe	Pine Thinning	13	39	25,828	\$124,520
<b>TOTALS</b>		179	1,683	195,136	\$1,327,520

### County Forestry Association Support

County Association	Activity	Audience Number
Marshall	CFA Leadership Training	6
Union	CFA Board Meeting	15
Tishomingo	Program Speaker	66
Pontotoc	Program Speaker	29
Lee	Program Speaker	18
Prentiss	Program Speaker	21
<b>TOTALS</b>		136

#### 4-H and Other Youth Activities

Program/Activity	Audience Number
Poisonous plants and snakes of Mississippi, Boy Scout Meeting	27
Forestry Merit Badge – Camp Yocona	12
Northwest 4-H Achievement Day	11
Northeast 4-H Achievement Day	3
State 4-H Congress, Conservation Visual Presentation Contest	12
National 4-H Forestry Invitational	6
Forestry Class Presentations, Louisville High School	24
Mid-South Fair Forestry 4-H Contest	22
Oktibbeha County Conservation Day	383
Presentation on Soils, Starkville High School	4
TOTALS	493

#### Other Significant Programs and Activities

Program/Activity	Primary Audience	Audience Number
Timber Tax Fundamentals Interactive Video	Landowners	22
Master Tree Farmer 2001 Satellite Course	Landowners	24
Northeast R&E Center Advisory Committee, Forestry Subcommittee	Forest Landowners, Foresters	25
Northeast Mississippi Community College, Forestry Lecture	Undergraduate Students	11
North Mississippi Forestry and Wildlife Cooperative	Forest Landowners Foresters	31
TOTALS		113

#### Individual Contacts

Type of Activity	Number of Contacts
Onsite Forestry Visits	28
Office Visits	6
Letter correspondence	188
Telephone Calls	284
Emails (individual)	178
Contacts by FAX	39
TOTALS	723

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