

# TREELINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

## NC FARM BUREAU GROUP GETS UP CLOSE LOOK AT FORESTRY OPERATIONS

The North Carolina Farm Bureau's Forestry Advisory Committee and special guests from the Michigan Farm Bureau had the opportunity to tour Lampe & Malphrus Lumber Company in Smithfield and then the logging site of Mike Atkins Logging last month.



(center) Brandon Jones was one of the guides during the tour of Lampe & Malphrus.

The committee is comprised of North Carolina Farm Bureau members who have an interest in forests, forestry and the forest products industry. The guests from Michigan also had a forestry background. The goal of the tour was to provide an overview of how the forest resource is harvested and manufactured into products that we use everyday in North Carolina.

A key element of the Mike Atkins logging job was the inclusion of a chipping operation in addition to the standard logging equipment. The group enjoyed discussing the ongoing job with Joe Evans of Georgia-Pacific and Mike Atkins and his son, Jeff. Thanks to the Atkins for being such

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Joe Evans (vest) led the tour of the logging job.



(l-r) NCFA Executive Vice President Pryor Gibson, Representative Michele Presnell, NCFA members Greg Decker and Jim Sitts pose for a photograph at the NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature. Representative Presnell is a big supporter of forestry and the forest products industry. She received the Friends of Forestry PAC's legislative award in 2014.

## FORESTRY DAY EDUCATES ELECTED OFFICIALS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FORESTS AND FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

The weather was a concern heading into the week, but in the end, the wind and rains held off long enough to enable some 86 NCFA members to participate in the NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature.

The morning briefing for members featured guest speakers Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler, Senator Tom McInnis and North Carolina State's Eric McConnell.

Troxler thanked the NCFA members for what they do on a daily basis for the state's economy and environment. He noted the North Carolina Forest Service, which resides in the Department of Agriculture, is asking the Governor and North Carolina General Assembly to support funding for the Forest Development Program and for some sorely needed heavy equipment and aircraft upgrades. Recent wildfires in the eastern and western part of the state have highlighted the deficiencies in the Forest Service's equipment.

Senator Tom McInnis pledged to continue to support forestry and the forest products industry.

He highlighted the economic impact of the industry on the state, detailing the terrific benefit the export market provides our North



(center) Steve Troxler updated the NCFA membership before Forestry Day got underway in Raleigh.

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# NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

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TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the NCFCA. News items should be sent to Chris Brown at [cbrown@ncforestry.org](mailto:cbrown@ncforestry.org) or by calling (800) 231-7723 ext. 3.

The NCFCA is the state's oldest forest conservation organization, consisting of 4,000 members with ties to forestry and the forest products industry. A private, non-profit organization, the NCFCA promotes healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners, the forest products industry, and related groups that responsibly manage and/or use forests. ■

# POLITICAL NEWS & REGULATORY ISSUES



The NCFCA's Forestry Day in the Legislature once again drew a steady number of elected officials and their staff throughout the luncheon. Forestry Day continues to be one of the most popular advocate events held annually. (l-r) NCFCA Chair Frank Rackley, Representative Phil Shepard, Representative John Torbett, Representative Frank Iler, Representative Larry Bell, Representative Marvin Lucas, Assistant Agriculture Commisiner Scott Bisette pose for a photo.

## A HIGHLIGHT OF ISSUES REVIEWED AND SUPPORTED AT FORESTRY DAY

In 2016, the North Carolina General Assembly will be working on a "short session" that will focus on making any necessary adjustments to the current state budget. The budget is established during the "long session" and typically dominates the session. With a Presidential election in the fall, it is assumed the General Assembly will keep to a tight schedule so all incumbent members will be able to return home to campaign.

With this in mind, the Governor released his budget recommendations a week prior to Forestry Day. The House will release their version next.

In keeping with its mission of promoting healthy and productive forests, the NCFCA staff and its members will be supporting the North Carolina Department of Agriculture on two items:

- Funding for the Forest Development Program (FDP). FDP is a reforestation, afforestation and forest stand improvement cost-sharing program run by the North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS). The goals of the program include timber production and the creation of the benefits associated with active forest management. It has not been funded since 2009 and the Forest Service is no longer accepting applications for this very important program. The goal is to get \$500,000 allocated for FDP in the budget.
- Funding for much needed fire equipment for the NCFS. The equipment is essential for protecting state and privately owned forest land from wildfires. The goal is to get \$3 million allocated for fire equipment in the budget.

There is no question money will be tight and making any adjustments to the budget is certainly a challenge.

In addition to the budget, the NCFCA is already tracking developments on the following bills that have an interest to our membership.

**HOUSE BILL 183 - REPEAL MAP ACT** - This bill would repeal the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act, which authorizes the Department of Transportation, local governments, and transportation authorities to adopt maps for future transportation projects and places restrictions on properties within the mapped areas. NCFCA Position: NCFCA supports this bill.

**HOUSE BILL 378 - AMEND CRITERIA/CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAMS** - This bill changes the criteria for foresters to be eligible for two cost-sharing programs - the Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP) and the Agricultural (continued on page 3)

## Forestry Day...(from page 1)

Carolina ports and countless secondary jobs.

Eric McConnell was on hand to provide a quick highlight of "hot of the press" economic report on the forest products industry in North Carolina. You can find that report online at the NCFA's website under the forest products tab.

NCFA members spent the next two hours visiting with their representatives before returning to the tent for the luncheon. The event was one again well-attended by our elected officials and their staff.



The Carolina Loggers Association was just one of the forestry-related groups that took advantage of the NCFA's invitation to participate in Forestry Day. (l-r) Joanne Reece, Perry Hunt, Ben Twiddy, Joe Ross, David Raynor and Senator Ben Clark pose for a photograph during Forestry Day. The FFPAC supported Senator Clark in his successful primary election.

It is worth noting, the North Carolina Council of State met early on the morning of Forestry Day. NCFA Executive Vice President Pryor Gibson distributed Forestry Day packages of information about forestry, economic data, the NCFA's Landowner Guide to Forestry and a seedling. The information was appreciated by the members of the council.

In addition to the Council of State, seedlings were available all day at the Forestry Day tent to everyone who attended the event and any passer by who wanted a seedling or two to take home for their yard.

The NCFA would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to the **North Carolina Forest Service, ArborGen and Bodenhamer Farms & Nursery** for donating seedlings for the event. ■



Mark Church and Jeff Pardue were two NCFA members to travel to Raleigh for Forestry Day in the Legislature.

## Issues Reviewed at Forestry Day...(from page 2)

Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP). ACSP provides financial and technical assistance for the installation of best management practices to address nonpoint source pollution. AgWRAP assists with water control, efficiency, storage, and efficiency issues. Under current law, a forester must have a sound management program and a copy of a sound forest management plan. The bill would change the eligibility requirement to only needing evidence of a forestry management plan. *NCFA Position: NCFA supports this bill.*

**HOUSE BILL 456 - CLARIFY WEIGHT LIMITS/AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES** - This bill would allow any vehicle, including forestry vehicles, that is transporting water, fertilizer, pesticides, seeds, fuel, or animal waste to or from a farm to qualify for the roadweight limit exemption. Currently, the vehicle must meet certain criteria to qualify. *NCFA Position: NCFA supports this bill.*

**HOUSE BILL 532 - WC/TRUCK DRIVER STATUS** - This bill would remove the requirement for employers to have workers' comp for independent contractors who are truck drivers. *NCFA Position: NCFA supports this bill.*

**HOUSE BILL 920 - OMNIBUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS** - This bill would re-establish the tax credit for forestry cargo loaded or unloaded at either the Wilmington or Morehead City port terminal. *NCFA Position: NCFA supports this bill.*

**SENATE BILL 155 - REDUCE PUV ENTRY TIME FOR FARMLAND** - This bill would reduce the entry time into the present-use value (PUV) property tax qualification. *NCFA Position: NCFA supports this bill.*

**SENATE BILL 605 - VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS** - This bill includes a provision that would allow the sales tax exemption for items purchased by a contractor to apply to items purchased for the holder of a conditional farmer exemption certificate as well as the holder of a qualifying farmer exemption certificate. Also, qualified equipment used at ports facilities that is eligible for the 1%, \$80 cap excise tax rate would apply not only the machinery and equipment but also the parts, attachments, and accessories for that equipment. (Note: The Senate has already passed S729, which is a different version of this bill. The 1%, \$80 provision is not in it). *NCFA Position: NCFA watches this bill closely as it makes various changes and remains neutral until a final version is presented.*

For more information, contact NCFA Executive Vice President Pryor Gibson at (800) 231-7723 ext. 5. ■

## USGBC ANNOUNCES NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR WOOD IN LEEDS

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), which is the governing body for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system, recently announced that it will be creating a new opportunity for the use of wood products in buildings.

The USGBC's new program will allow and credit wood from the major forest certification systems being employed today in the United States, including the American Tree Farm System (ATFS), the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Systems (PEFC), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). In the past, USGBC only recognized wood certified by FSC. The overwhelming majority of certified wood grown in North America is under the ATFS and SFI programs.

The NCFA supported state legislation back in 2014 that would have limited the influence the LEED system would have on state funded building projects because it failed to consider SFI and ATFS certification on an equal playing field with FSC certified wood. The NCFA membership authored op-eds in opposition to the LEED program because it discriminated

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## ACTIVE PROLOGGER LIST IS MEMBER COMPANY PASSWORD PROTECTED

As a reminder, the NCFA migrated to a new member database in January. Consequently, the ProLogger Active List is now a password protected list for NCFA member companies.

Member companies can sign in initially with their NCFA membership number for both their user name and password. Both can be changed by the member company. Individual ProLoggers can access their profiles by using their ProLogger number for their user name and password. They should personalize their login. ProLoggers will be able to see their own information, make updates to their information, and pay their dues online if they choose.

If you are having any difficulty logging on, please contact Eddie Reese (800) 231-7723 ext. 2 or Chris Brown at (800) 231-7723 ext. 3. ■

## MODULE 16 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location
5/17	6:00 p.m.	College on the Albemarle, John Wood Foreman Small Business Center, Elizabeth City <i>All attendees will need to pre-register by May 13, 2016 by calling Renee' Winslow at J.W. Jones Lumber Company (252) 771-2497.</i>
5/19	6:00 p.m.	Forsyth Ag Center, Winston-Salem
5/27	2:00 p.m.	Piedmont CC, Roxboro
6/1	9:00 a.m.	Resolute Forest Products - East Region office, Lancaster, SC <i>Call Marshall Thompson (803) 372-2831 as limited seating is available.</i>
6/28	6:00 p.m.	Roaring River Fire Department, Roaring River ■

## LOG A LOAD GOLF TOURNEY ON MAY 26TH

The North Carolina Chapter of the Log A Load for Kids will be holding a golf tournament at 1:00 p.m. at Scotch Meadows Golf Course in Laurinburg on May 26, 2016. There is a dinner and awards after the golf. The cost for an individual is \$65 or \$245 for a team. Hole sponsorships are available for \$200! Questions: Scott Brewer @ 910-620-2503 or Boyd McLaurin @ 910-217-0189 ■



## LOGGING COST ANALYSIS COURSE

The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources will be holding the course titled "Logging Cost Analysis" on July 19-20 in Athens, GA at the Warnell School. The course will be taught by Warnell Dean Dale Green and Dr. Chad Bolding. A highlight of this course is part of the ProLogger Module 16 class. Several NCFA ProLoggers have taken this comprehensive two-day course in Athens and found it extremely beneficial to their business. ■

## WESTERN NC SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2, 2016

The N.C. Tree Farm Program and Evergreen Packaging will host the Western North Carolina Sustainable Forestry Conference (formerly the WNC Timber Conference) on June 2, 2016 at Lake Logan Episcopal Center in Canton, NC. For more information on this workshop, call (919) 917-8646 or nctreefarm@gmail.com. ■

## COGONGRASS WORKSHOP

With the discovery of a new site of cogongrass (*Imperata cylindrica* - a State and Federal noxious weed) in North Carolina, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Forest Service will be hosting a training session that will visit the latest find and discuss control options. The event will take place on June 2, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Marston, NC. ■

## THREE SPLIT REVERSE RAFFLE PRIZE

Thanks to the outstanding support of our board members, FFPAC supporters, and our members, the Friends of Forestry PAC's Reverse Raffle was once again successful in raising over \$20,000 for the FFPAC this year. All totaled, we sold over 800 tickets!!! This is a great achievement.

Pardon us for going a little WWE here...The top seller of the raffle was Allen "White Tiger" Whitesell who purchased additional raffle tickets just prior to the drawing so he could surpass Bruce "Big Dawg" Evans in total ticket sales. Whitesell sold/purchased 53 tickets. Evans, who sold the most tickets in the previous two years, sold 52 tickets.

Evans noted during the NCFA's Board of Directors meeting that the folks from Montgomery County - where he, Whitesell and Ray Allen reside - were certainly leading the FFPAC fund-raising efforts as the top three ticket sellers.

"No question, Montgomery County has it going on," stated Evans with a smile.

When the drawing came down to 10 tickets, an additional ticket was raffled off to join the drum. Unfortunately, the 11th ticket, that was purchased by Ray Allen and Bernard Rose, was the first to come out of the drum on the

In the end, five tickets remained. Robin Little and Billy Cipriani were both present at the drawing and the final three tickets all indicated that they would share the pot of \$5,000. Cipriani asked for another spin of the drum which resulted with Little's ticket and another to be removed from the drum.

Standing with just three left, Cipriani decided to not test his luck further. He shares the pot with landowners Dwight Batts and Charles Jones, whose tickets were also still in the drum.

Once again, the FFPAC appreciates everyone participating in this important fundraiser. It allows the FFPAC to support candidates in election years both in the primary and general elections. The FFPAC supported 26 candidates this past February and will look to make another round of contributions in the fall for the general election.

### Top Ticket Sellers

53	Allen Whitesell	15	David Hendrix
52	Bruce Evans	15	Charles Jones
36	Ray Allen	15	Bob Jordan
30	Parker Lumpkin	15	Jack Jordan
28	Bernard Rose	15	Ed Listerman
21	Mark Church	15	James Malphrus
21	Allen Plaster	15	Keith McCollum
18	Dean Alsup	15	Boyd McLaurin
18	Doug Burleson	15	Tommy Norris
18	Jimmy Jackson	15	John Parsons
15	Dwight Batts	15	Jim Pridgen
15	Kenny Cain	15	Jimbo Shaver
15	Billy Cipriani	15	Jim Sitts
15	Steve Crawley	15	Dennis Stone
15	Rudy Daughtry	15	Marshall Thompson
15	Jeff Edwards	15	Dale Thrash
15	Joe Evans	15	Michael Walters ■
15	John Gray		
15	Fred Hardin		

## NCFA'S PROLOGGER PROGRAM GRADUATES 42 NEW PROLOGGERS IN WHITEVILLE

The North Carolina Forestry Association's ProLogger program graduated 42 new ProLoggers in Whiteville in April. The NCFA would like to thank all of its training partners for their assistance with the two-day, comprehensive base course including the North Carolina Forest Service, the North Carolina Highway Patrol, North Carolina Department of Labor, and Forestry Mutual Insurance Company.

The course was held at Southeastern Community College on Wednesday and Thursday. The class went to the field on Thursday afternoon to visit the active logging operation of ProLogger Danny Cannon. Thanks to Danny and his crew for hosting our field day!

The ProLogger program's annual deadline for Module 16 training is June 30th. This year's module is typical in terms of content with a balanced focus on safety, business and the environment. The topics include segments on biodiversity, trucking safety, PPE and logging business analysis.



*Bryan Wagner with Forestry Mutual provided a proper felling demonstration to the ProLogger class.*



*Bryan Wagner and James Smith, a newly minted ProLogger, pose for a photo!*

The program continues to grow, reaching the 1,600 mark this year in total enrollment. ProLogger dates back to 1994 when the NCFA, member companies, Forestry Mutual and other training partners joined forces to address the safety, business and environmental challenges facing the logging workforce in North Carolina.

The training program continues to provide a timely delivery of the top issues facing ProLoggers in the areas of business, safety and the environment. The NCFA staff would like to thank its ProLoggers and member companies for their efforts over the years in establishing and maintaining a quality training program.

In all North Carolina Forest Service surveys, ProLoggers' results outpace those of non-ProLoggers. ■



*ProLogger Group Photo Time! It was a great day to be in the woods for a field day. Thanks to Danny Cannon and his crew for hosting our class.*

## SFTE IS NOW FULL

The NCFA, the North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee, and the North Carolina Forest Service are hosting three Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experiences (SFTE) in 2016 with stops on the coast, piedmont and mountains this year.



The SFTE recently reached the 120 mark in registered teachers. The NCFA will continue to accept applications but those teachers will be wait-listed for any late cancellations or added to next year's schedule.

The SFTE is a multi-day residential program that demonstrates all elements of forestry in North Carolina through in depth tours of forests, types of forestry, and wood products facilities.

The Coastal Experience is scheduled in New Bern, NC on June 20-23. The Mountain Experience in Asheville, NC occurs on June 27-30, The Piedmont Experience takes place on July 19-22.

There is information on the NCFA's website on the program. For further questions or assistance, please contact Eddie Reese at the NCFA (919) 834-3943 ext. 2 or at ereese@ncforestry.org. ■

### USGBC Announces...(from page 3)

against any wood that was not FSC certified. The fact remains very little acreage in North Carolina is enrolled in the FSC program. The legislation did not pass but the inequity of the LEED system was well-documented by the end of the legislative session.

The most recent announcement is met with conservative optimism by some who were involved in those LEED discussions both at the national level and the NCFA's state level legislative initiative.

"It's a meaningful step in the right direction," stated former NCFA President Jeff Hanks of Bill Hanks Lumber. "I think it is a great benefit for our Tree Farmers, and that's a good thing."

Hanks believes that the details of the new program, how it will operate for manufacturers in terms of how they can be certified within the program, and the costs associated with it will ultimately determine his final opinion on this recent announcement. ■

## LONGLEAF FESTIVAL

On Saturday, May 21st, the Wake County will be hosting a Longleaf Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Harris Lake County Park, which is located on 2112 County Park Dr. New Hill, NC. **Admission is FREE!**

The festival will feature the "Greatest Naval Stores Show on Earth" - this living history program shows how tar, pitch and turpentine were extracted from the Longleaf Pine. This project is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council.

If you are interested in having an educational exhibit at this event or would like to volunteer, please contact Jackie Trickel at (919) 387-4344 or at jackie.trickel@wakegov.com. ■



## NC TREE FARM PROGRAM TO HOLD INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION CLASSES

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program is offering two Inspector Training Workshops in May for forestry professionals who are interested in volunteering with the program. CFE credits will be provided.

**May 10 - 10:00 a.m.**

Franklin County Extension Center  
103 S. Bickett Blvd., Louisburg, NC

**May 17 - 10:00 a.m.**

Stanly County Agri-Civic Center  
26032 Newt Road, Albemarle, NC

Please register by May 2 at (919) 917-8646 or nctreefarm@gmail.com. ■



*Domtar Celebrates Earth Day! Domtar in Plymouth commemorated Earth Day by planting pine seedlings in honor of past employees, children of employees and out of respect to the men and women of our Armed Forces across the globe. The five departments were represented by employees. Testimonies were provided prior to the planting. The NCFA was honored to be invited to this tribute celebration!*

## NCASI SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING OFFERS FORESTRY SESSION ON MANAGEMENT & STEWARDSHIP OF SOUTHERN WORKING FORESTS

On June 20-22, the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement will host the Southern Regional Meeting at The Chattanooga Hotel in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The meeting will open at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20th with a general session which will include regulatory highlights and other developments of regional interest. On June 21st, a forestry technical session will be convened to address, "Management and Environmental Stewardship of Southern Working Forests."

This session includes a diverse array of presentations, with invited speakers from industry, academia, and government agencies as well as NCASI scientists. Topics include water quality, biodiversity research, forest health and productivity, sustainability, and regulatory activities.

For additional information and registration: [tps://www.regonline.com/2016ncasism](https://www.regonline.com/2016ncasism), or contact Vickie Tatum at [vtatum@ncasi.org](mailto:vtatum@ncasi.org) ■

## NCFA FORESTRY CAMP HOSTS KERNODLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The NCFA's Forestry & Environmental Camp was held in Greensboro with sixth grade students from Kernodle Middle School participating in the three-day camp.

During the first two days, students learned from NCFA member volunteers about forestry and forest products history, dendrology, wildlife, silviculture, land measurement and tree measurement.

On Friday, the students competed as classes for bragging rights. The winning class this year was Ms. Nelson's Sassafras group, followed closely by the Cypress and Red Maple groups. ■



*Lauren Killian taught Tree Measurement in Greensboro.*

### Thanks to Our Volunteers

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| Gray, Chip       | Swan, Eddie     |



*The Dendro Relay Crew! (l-r) Thanks to Stewart Gregg, Eddie Swan, Adrian Blue and Michael Byrd for their efforts today at the NCFA's Forestry & Environmental Camp in Greensboro. This veteran crew once again skillfully managed the relay that tests students on tree identification.*

gracious hosts!

The facility tour at Lampe & Malphrus that specializes in producing high quality decking began in the wood yard and weaved through the mill, stopping at different stations to learn more about the particular process being observed. Thanks again to everyone at Lampe & Malphrus for taking the time to provide an informative overview of their facility.

Through conversations with the representatives from the Michigan Farm Bureau, it was clear that while the two states are many miles apart, the tree species are different, and obviously there are some different weather conditions to combat, the challenges facing the forest products industry are still quite similar! ■



The group posed for a photo on the logging job of Mike Atkins Logging.

## WEYERHAEUSER TO SELL CELLULOSE FIBERS PULP MILLS TO INTERNATIONAL PAPER

Weyerhaeuser Company announced earlier in the week an agreement to sell its Cellulose Fibers pulp mills to International Paper for \$2.2 billion in cash.

The transaction includes five pulp mills located in Columbus, Miss.; Flint River, Ga.; New Bern, N.C., Port Wentworth, Ga. and Grande Prairie, Alberta, with a combined total capacity of nearly 1.9 million metric tons. The sale also includes two modified fiber mills in Columbus, Miss. and Gdansk, Poland.

The announcement completes the first phase of the company's strategic review of the Cellulose Fibers business. The transaction with International Paper does not include Weyerhaeuser's liquid packaging board facility or newsprint and publishing papers joint-venture. Weyerhaeuser's review of those assets is ongoing.

"This transaction delivers compelling value for Weyerhaeuser shareholders and further focuses our portfolio as we work to be the world's premier timber, land, and forest products company," said Doyle R. Simons, president and chief executive officer.

"I want to thank the employees of the Cellulose Fibers pulp mills for continuing to operate safely, and for delivering an exceptional customer experience throughout the strategic review process," said Simons. "Our mills are world class producers of pulp, and the assets and people are among the finest in the industry. This transaction will position the mills to achieve their full potential as part of an industry-leading pulp and paper manufacturer."

The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions including regulatory review and is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2016. The Weyerhaeuser pulp business and International Paper will continue to operate separately until the transaction closes. ■

## NCFA PARTICIPATES IN STATE ENERGY CONFERENCE

The North Carolina Forestry Association's Executive Vice President Pryor Gibson was one of the guest panelists during the 2016 State Energy Conference that was held in April at the McKimmon Center at North Carolina State University.

Gibson was part of a luncheon panel that discussed the current bioenergy effort underway in North Carolina. He was joined on stage with moderator Gus Simmons (Director of Bioenergy for Cavanaugh & Associates), Anand Gangadharan (President of NOVI Energy), Senator Brent Jackson and Representative Jimmy Dixon.

The discussion focused on where North Carolina stands nationally and globally on bioenergy and what could be done in the future to further state's positive first steps in the bioenergy field. North Carolina is considered one of the most progressive states in terms of bioenergy policy, research and results.

Gibson made it a point to compliment the academic efforts led by North Carolina State University and other academic institutions in our state that are committing resources on bioenergy research. He also managed to slip in a special congratulations to North Carolina State University on their second to none forestry program.

One of the key messages out of the panel - a consensus belief - was the absolute necessity to address all challenges and possible solutions with a fact based narrative.

Both Representative Jimmy Dixon and Senator Brent Jackson commented that they welcomed a healthy and well rounded discussion on any energy initiatives as long as they were based in facts. All agreed that this creates public policy that can stand the test of time. ■



(l-r) Anand Gangadharan, Senator Brent Jackson, Pryor Gibson, Representative Jimmy Dixon and Gus Simmons pose for a panel photo after their luncheon discussion.

## 2015 TIMBER PRODUCT OUTPUT (TPO) SURVEY NOW UNDERWAY



The 2015 Timber Product Output (TPO) Survey, a joint effort between the US Forest Service (USFS) and the North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS), is now underway and will continue until August 31, 2016.

This biennial survey canvasses all primary wood-using mills statewide and complements the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program. According to the USFS, the objective of this survey is "to determine the amount and source of wood receipts and annual timber product drain, by county, in 2015 and to determine interstate and cross-regional movement of industrial roundwood".

For additional information, please contact Clay Altizer, NCFS Utilization Forester at (919) 857-4840 or clay.altizer@ncagr.gov. ■

# TREELINE

MAY 2016

CHIP GRAY TAUGHT  
TREE MEASUREMENT AT  
THE NCFA'S FORESTRY  
CAMP IN GREENSBORO.



On June 24, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the NC State Grange will be hosting "Joining Forces to Bring Veterans & Careers Together" event. This hiring event will be held at the Embassy Suites in Fayetteville, located just eight miles from Ft. Bragg.

Our mission: To bring Agriculture & Agrribusiness Careers and Military Veterans together. When we asked the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs how we could show appreciation to our Veterans, their reply was, "Give them a job, our Veterans need jobs", and we plan to do just that.

The NC State Grange, organized in 1929, has a long rich history of support and advocacy for agriculture and community service. We find it fitting to introduce the largest industry in North Carolina-Agriculture & Agrribusiness, to the second largest industry in the state-our Military.

We are joining forces with Agriculture & Agrribusinesses all over North Carolina with the potential to offer Veterans employment opportunities either by a direct job offering or by training. Educational institutions that prepare Veterans for future employment will also participate.

## VETERAN INVITE JOB FAIR SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24TH IN FAYETTEVILLE

Sign up for the NCFA's weekly e-mail newsletter by  
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NCFA Annual Meeting -  
October 5-7, 2016, Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC.

Friends of Forestry PAC Meeting -  
June 21, 2016 - NCFA Office, Raleigh, NC - 10:00 a.m.

North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee -  
May 18, 2016, NCFA office, Raleigh, NC - 9:30 a.m.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

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