

# Tennessee Forestry Association



*The Voice of Forestry*



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**TENNESSEE FORESTRY ASSOCIATION**

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## **What is Tennessee Forestry Association?**

TFA is the Tennessee Forestry Association, known as “The Voice of Forestry” in Tennessee for 58 years.

The purpose of TFA is to conduct education programs, communications, government affairs, and public relations that will promote a better understanding and appreciation of the forests of Tennessee.

TFA is a private, non-profit organization primarily funded through membership dues.

## **Who is Tennessee Forestry Association?**

TFA has more than 1,800 members representing landowners, loggers, sawmills, paper mills, foresters, equipment dealers, trucking companies, manufacturers, suppliers and others who manage Tennessee’s forests and manufacture wood products

## **What is the Goal of Tennessee Forestry Association?**

To support and promote good forestry throughout the state of Tennessee.

## **What Does Tennessee Forestry Association Do?**

Supports the use of forestry Best Management Practices (BMPs) to maintain environmental safeguards in forest harvesting operations through the coordination of the Tennessee Master Logger Program in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry and University of Tennessee Extension

Promotes good forestry and forest practices in Tennessee.

Monitors potential legislation affecting forestry and the manufacture of wood products.

Advocates that private forest landowners value their rights and privileges to responsibly own and manage their forestland in a sustainable manner.

Promotes a business climate that allows the development and wise use (conservation) of Tennessee’s forest resources for the benefit of the citizens of Tennessee. Supports forest businesses to encourage responsible use of the forest resource and to provide a continuing and expanding market for timber production.

Serves as the umbrella organization for the Tennessee Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Tennessee Tree Farm Program.

**TFA SUPPORTS & COORDINATES FOREST EDUCATION**

**TN Master Logger**

More than 2,500 loggers and other participants have graduated from the 5 day TN Master Logger program with instruction in BMPs forest management, CPR and first aid, logging safety and business management. TN Master Loggers must attend a continuing education program every 2 years to maintain the Master Logger designation.

**Project Learning Tree**

Project Learning Tree (PLT) is an interdisciplinary environmental education program for K-12 educators to develop students' understanding of the environment and to stimulate their ability to make informed decisions on environmental issues. More than 400 teachers participate in a one day training session conducted in local schools each year.

More than 250 K-12 teachers have attended week-long workshops affecting an estimated 15,000 students each year who learn about forest conservation subjects.

**County Forestry Associations**

County Forestry Associations (CFAs) are local forest landowner organizations that work closely with TFA at the state level. Each CFA has their own identity and individuality in promoting good, sustainable forestry and the use of BMPs to landowners, teachers, media and the general public. Presently, there are 30 CFAs in 35 counties in Tennessee with more than 1,200 members.

**Timber Tax & Estate Planning Workshops**

These workshops are held annually to educate landowners on the value of growing trees and the long-term investment associated with their growth.

**WHY IS GOOD FORESTRY IMPORTANT TO TENNESSEE?**

**Environment**

Forests are a critical part of our environment, protecting rivers and streams, stabilizing soil and providing habitat for wildlife. Forests also form the magnificent setting of Tennessee's natural beauty. Forests cover 55 percent of the land in Tennessee or about 14.4 million acres.

**Economics**

In 2000, the forest and forest product industry contributed \$21.7 billion to the Tennessee economy, accounting for 6.6 percent of the economic activity conducted within the state, and employed more than 184,000 individuals or 5.2 percent of the total workforce.

**Landowners**

Private landowners own more than 11 million acres or 80 percent of the forests in Tennessee.

For these reasons, it is essential that the generations of tomorrow continue to reap the intrinsic enjoyment and the economic benefits of Tennessee's forests. The programs, services and activities of the Tennessee Forestry Association are dedicated to helping make this possible.

**Tennessee Forestry Association ANNUAL DUES STRUCTURE**

**Landowners** (Including Tree Farmers and Wood Products Companies)

- less than 500 acres - \$50.00
- 501 - 1,000 acres - \$75.00
- 1,001 - 2,500 acres - \$100.00
- 2,501 - 5,000 acres - \$150.00
- 5,001 acres & above - .025 per acre + \$45.00

**County Forestry Association** - \$20.00

**Individual** - \$35.00

**Consultants** - \$110.00 per FIRM per year

**Affiliate** (Clubs & Associations)-\$35.00

**Business** (Banks, Suppliers, Etc.) \$100 - \$500

**Equipment Dealers**

- Up to \$1 million sales yearly - \$120.00
- \$1 million to \$5 million sales yearly - \$300.00
- More than \$5 million sales yearly - \$600.00

**Logging/ Trucking Operations** - \$55.00 for 2 years

**Primary Manufacturers** (Sawmills, Veneer Mills, Treating Plants)

- Less than 1 million board feet - \$120.00
- 1 million to 5 million board feet - \$300.00
- More than 5 million sales yearly - \$600.00

**Secondary Manufacturers** (Pallets, Flooring, Dimension, Furniture, Brokers, Concentration)

- Less than 1 million board feet - \$120
- 1 million to 5 million board feet - \$300.00
- More than 5 million board feet sales - \$600.00

**Wood Dealers and Chip Mills** - .0065 per ton per year

**Pulp and Paper Companies** (based on previous year's consumption)

- Tennessee wood consumed - \$.0085 per ton



**Here's What You Can Do:  
Make your voice heard by joining and supporting TFA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_  
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