



## Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Program at the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, FY 2008

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) program funds allocated to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) are focused on the strategic issue of “**Diverse Audiences.**” Program activities are being done in cooperation with the Arkansas Forestry Commission (AFC), which partners with UAPB to provide forestry education to small and socially disadvantaged producers (SDPs) in eastern and southwestern Arkansas.

In eastern Arkansas or the Delta, forestry does not play a major role in agriculture production because this is primarily a row crop (rice, soybeans, and cotton) area. However, after being made aware of the value of timber by attending meetings sponsored by UAPB and AFC, three SDPs and a church increased their incomes through timber sales. Also, in eastern Arkansas, the extension associate arranged for the AFC to examine 57 acres of forestland for producers. The AFC will develop a plan free of charge for these producers so they can make better management decisions regarding their timber resources.

In southwestern Arkansas, more individuals are employed by forestry than any other industry. One of the largest paper mills in the United States is located in southwestern Arkansas, and many SDPs in this area have woodland on their ranches. The area program aide provided forestry information to 21 landowners and managers through one-on-one assistance. The program aide also coordinated workshops on forestry management at the Bradley Elementary School and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southwest Arkansas Small Farms Conference.



Bradley Elementary School students learn about the importance of forestry

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