



The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Program at Clemson University, FY 2008

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) program funds allocated to Clemson University are administered by the Cooperative Extension Service as part of the University's Public Service Activities. The RREA program utilizes these federal funds to provide educational workshops, field days, landowner association meetings, and demonstrations to forest landowners and forest managers in South Carolina.

During the past year, meetings and workshops were held on the following issues.

- *Biomass fuels, carbon sequestration & credits*
- *Forest management and timber productivity*
- *Forestry taxation, marketing & merchandizing*
- *Cogongrass identification and survey*
- *Silvopasture: cattle and longleaf*
- *Forestry herbicides for site prep and release*
- *Wildlife management & Food plot construction*
- *Planting native species wildlife habitats*
- *Longleaf pine management*



A wide range of topics were covered at the Statewide Meeting

More than 550 people, including forest landowners, foresters, and loggers attended the meetings. The programs were developed to educate the participants about forest management strategies, timber product sales, and federal tax policy. Training was provided in the identification of the invasive species cogongrass after which trainees took part in a multicounty survey for the grass. Statewide workshops introduced information on carbon credits and biomass fuels, silvopasture methods for using pastureland for livestock and timber production, and emphasized the importance of management techniques in longleaf pine ecosystems for timber and wildlife. These statewide programs offered CFE continuing education credit and were attended by nearly 230 people. These programs also included Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) training for 95 loggers and 67 foresters.

In addition, RREA funds were also used to develop an in-depth explanation of Conservation Easements in a format downloadable to computers or mp3/mp4 players, allowing viewing and reviewing at a time convenient to the user.



Discussion of herbicide usage during longleaf pine workshop

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