

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) program funds allocated to the University of Tennessee are leveraged with additional outside funding at \$210,016 with financial partners, including the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division, and the U.S. Forest Service. Educational programs are delivered to primarily address the profitability of forest ownership and to enhance forest stewardship. The targeted audience is primarily forest landowners and natural resource professionals. Highlights for FY 2008 include the following.

Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods (THH)

Four regional THH field days were conducted for county forestry association members with the theme of “Forest Management for Non-game Wildlife.” Participants indicated a high value to the field days and 64% claimed they had implemented management practices addressed. Of this response group, 83% utilized the services of a natural resource professional.



Discovering non-game wildlife species.

“Your advice regarding our tracts proved to be both timely as well as profitable.” – Dr. Charles Cox, forest landowner



Instructing timber measurement.

Hardwood Crop Tree Release (CTR)

Approximately 25% of Tennessee’s hardwood forests are in various stages of early to mid-rotation development. Most are experiencing growth stagnation and would benefit from CTR. To address this, five educational programs describing the procedure and benefits of CTR were conducted. Of the 215 participants, 9 in 10 expressed interest in pursuing CTR for their property.

“Very logical, plainly spoken and presented material – consequently, very helpful to the landowner.” – participant CTR Program, August 2008.

After the Tornado

In February of 2008, tornadoes moved through Tennessee damaging 8,215 acres of forestland with an estimated timber loss at \$10.3 million. Extension forestry mobilized to deliver four regional programs to 185 landowners, foresters, and tax accountants that addressed timber salvage and tax treatment for casualty loss.

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