

SC Tree Farm NEWS

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

by Gary Hermann

Photo taken by Frances Taylor, the Forestry Association's Communications Director

Greetings once again!

I hope everyone reading this missive remains well!

Next I wish to thank everyone who called, texted, emailed, and contacted me regarding my earlier Chairman's Message. Your well wishes and expressions of support were gracious and humbling.

Now, this brings me to the crux of my newest message and a question I've been frequently asked: "What do I get from Tree Farm and is membership worth it?"

A very good friend of mine is a Tree Farmer and owner of several nationally known hotel franchises. He too was curious and took the time to make personal observations and an evaluation on the value of Tree Farm membership. I offer his observations here for your consideration.

Both Tree Farm membership and a typical franchise program are:

- National in scope.
- Conduct statewide training events.
- Schedule programs to help owners/managers.
- Have a heavy reliance on member input.
- Sponsor frequent seminars.
- Maintain a high performance standard.
- Perform quality control inspections.
- Prepare and distribute "owner's manuals" (i.e. forest management plans).
- Educate their membership.
- Provide access to industry technology tools.
- Create and have a recognizable logo/signage.
- Have brand name recognition.
- Promote and monitor product quality certification
- Make and present annual awards and recognition.
- Maintain awareness of legislation affecting the industry.
- Create comradery among the membership.

For comparison being a member of Tree Farm has all of the above, but has:

- No upfront membership costs (other than a nominal annual dues).

- No member "Royalty Fees" (based on a percentage of sales revenue).
- No cost for membership identification signage or logo usage.
- No expiration dates nor major renewal fees.
- No voluminous franchise agreement membership documents.
- No large "out of pocket" expenses for advertising of product and services.

To conclude:

- Anyone owning a retail or service related business has the choice of purchasing a valuable, BUT expensive franchise or franchise membership, OR remaining an independent operation.
- Any landowner with 10 or more acres, and willing to pay the annual membership dues, should have no logical reason not to join Tree Farm and lend their voice, opinion, and support to the issues facing all private landowners.
- Tree Farm membership is inexpensive and too valuable to overlook.
- Tree Farmers are in the business of growing trees and other forest products, to provide goods, services, products, and amenities the public wants and desires to benefit themselves, their posterity, America, and the world at large.

Thank you for taking time to read this message and your membership and participation in the South Carolina Tree Farm Program. I hope I'll be able to meet many of you at one of the "in person" workshops or meetings Tree Farm will be sponsoring this year.

May you continue to enjoy good health, happiness, and enjoyment of the natural wonders that God has entrusted to your care!

Gary Hermann, CF SCRF
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Virtual Tree Farm Tour Conducted



The SC Tree Farm Committee teamed up with Mac Rhodes -- 2019 South Carolina Tree Farmer of the Year, and his family for a virtual tour of his Charleston County property on April 22. Rhodes is 2017 Chairman of the Forestry Association of SC.

Speakers included Timothy Evans, Mac Rhodes, Alex Chewning, Brandon Heitkamp, Molly Rhodes, John William Cordray, David Ray, and Malcolm Rhodes.

Other individuals assisting with the project included Tree Farm Committee Tour Chair Anneta Pritchard, SC Forestry Commission, Orangeburg, SC; and Emily Oakman, Director of Landowner Outreach, Education and Programs for the Forestry Association of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

To watch the recording go to <https://www.sctreefarm.org/events-meetings.htm> or view it on SC Tree Farm's YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh-eTJfzG9-w2Edk3h_jl0g

Nov. 10 Tree Farm Tour Planning Is Underway



Walt McPhail, 2012 National Tree Farmer of the Year, and Guerry Burnett, 2020 SC Tree Farmer of the Year, worked with Forestry Association Communications Director Frances Taylor on June 3, 2021 on the design for materials that will be used for the **SC Tree Farm Committee's Nov. 10, 2021 Tree Farm Tour & Awards Ceremony. The Tour will be held at Guerry & Sallie Burnett's Weaver Creek Tree Farm in Pumpkintown, SC.**

McPhail is the Forestry Association's 2011 Chairman and received FASC's Distinguished Service Award in 2016. [Photo taken by FASC's Frances Taylor]

state Tree Farm administrator's comments



Photo: FASC's Frances Taylor

ASSESSMENT 2022

The SC Tree Farm program has been selected for assessment in 2022. This is an independent, third-party verification that we are meeting national and international Standards of the American Tree Farm System and Program for Endorsement of Forest Certification. It is also a great chance to show off the outstanding sustainable forest management being done by SC Tree Farmers!

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editor's note



Welcome to this issue of SC Tree Farm NEWS – a publication of the South Carolina Tree Farm Committee.

It provides a reflection of the myriad aspects of SC Tree Farming. Am so proud of the great work of our Tree Farmers and Committee. Thank you all!

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AWARDS
& recognition



2021 George D. Kessler Tree Farm Inspector of the Year

T. J. Lyell

Florence, SC

Occupation: Procurement Forester with WestRock
Florence, SC

Nominated By:

Eric W. Smith, WestRock and Guy Sabin, FASC

Tree Farm Inspectors provide the on-the-ground validation and contributions which are essential to the integrity of the program.

“I feel it is important to be a Tree Farm Inspector because we are the connection point between landowners and Tree Farm,” says T.J. Lyell. “We, as Foresters, should ensure that forests

are sustainably managed and that future generations enjoy the same benefits from forests that we do.

“I’ve been a Tree Farm Inspector since 2015.

“The greatest challenges that Tree Farm Inspectors face, are figuring out what landowners goals and objectives are with their Tree Farm and creating a path where they can reach their goals. No two landowners are alike and communication is key to helping them reach their goals.” ■

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Dr. A. G. “Skeet” Burris, 2000 National Tree Farmer of the Year, Cummings, SC, was instrumental in establishing the George D. Kessler SC Tree Farm Inspector Of The Year Award. Burris named the award after Dr. Kessler in honor of his service to the SC Tree Farm program. In 2018, Dr. Kessler received the American Tree Farm System’s National Leadership Award.



Dr. Burris



Dr. Kessler



DISTRICT 5 Tree Farmer of the Year

Curtis Tuten

Greer, SC [Tree Farm in Saluda Co.]

Occupation: Retired Educator

Nominated By:

Brad Thompson, Jr., Greenwood, SC

Curtis Tuten has been an educator throughout his life, primarily working for Clemson University Extension Service. One of his responsibilities was 4H Director for many years in Beaufort and Edgefield County. He organized new 4H clubs and taught 4H classes. At one time, his tree identification project in Edgefield County had more students enrolled in a forestry project than any other 4H director in the state. Students knew him as "Pine Tree Tuten" due to his favorite topic of tree farming.

He bought his first tract in 1965 in Jasper County. It's his home place and is qualified to be a Century Farm in 2025. He purchased his first tract in Saluda in 1997 after a timber sale in Jasper County.

The total woodland acreage is 320. The land has been under a written forest management plan since the early 1970s. The property has been a certified Tree Farm since 1998.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES: A balance of sustainable income from timber with improved wildlife habitat, recreation, education, protection of water supply and sharing the land with others.

TREE FARM FIELD WORK: He personally completes some burns, invasive species control, wildlife food and cover plantings, nesting boxes, erosion control, and fencing. He works with a consultant forester and various contractors to complete herbicide applications, planting, harvesting and road construction and maintenance.

INVOLVEMENT. He's a member of Edgefield County Landowners Association, Forestry Association of SC, and Upper Savannah Land Trust. ■



DISTRICT 6 Tree Farmer of the Year

William "Bill" F. McCrary

Chapin, SC [Tree Farm in Fairfield County]

Occupation: Founder and CEO of
Sandler Training South Carolina

Nominated By:

Justin R. Hilton, Milliken Forestry Co., Inc.

Bill McCrary has owned 360 woodland acres for several years and the land has been under a written management plan for eleven years.

The property has been a certified Tree Farm for eleven years.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES: Recreation, wildlife habitat, enjoyment for friends and family, and timber production.

TREE FARM FIELD WORK: McCrary does about 70% of the Tree Farm

field work himself. He has devoted much time to working on the roads and fire breaks and to a pond he built for habitat and aesthetic values.

TOURS: Several tours have been hosted on the Tree Farm. Tour stops included a focus on historical sites located on the property.

RECOGNITION: In 2009, McCrary was awarded the David H. Sandler Award by Sandler Training. The award is the organization's highest honor and is given to one person worldwide annually. In 2004, the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce honored McCrary as Small Business Person of the Year.

In 2013 and 2019, he was named District 6 Tree Farmer of the Year by the SC Tree Farm Committee. He received the Outstanding Young Forester Leadership Award from the SC Chapter of the Society of American Foresters in 1985. ■



DISTRICT 11 Tree Farmers of the Year

Yvonne Cooper Knight-Carter & Eleanor Cooper Brown

Moncks Corner, SC [Tree Farm in Moncks Corner, SC]

Knight-Carter's Occupation: Retired Principal from
NYC Public School System

Nominated By:

David M. Bourgeois, Summerville, SC

After inheriting the family homestead in Moncks Corner, SC, Yvonne C. Knight-Carter and her sisters sought help to preserve the family's forest land along the Broadaxe Branch. With guidance from the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation and other groups, Knight-Carter has created a legacy in good standing for future generations.

The property has been in the family for over a hundred years. It was inherited by Knight-Carter and her sister in 2008. Broadaxe Branch Partners LLC was organized in December 2014. The property has been a certified Tree Farm since 2018.

"We wish to maximize the value of what we have and leave a legacy in good standing for the next generation," Knight-Carter says. "Our goal is to be good stewards of the land, educate and mentor others."

Knight-Carter was featured in the American Forest Foundation's Summer 2019 *Woodland* magazine.

The SE Regional Conservationist has visited the Tree Farm.

They were among the Center For Heirs' Property Preservation participants featured in a PBS segment with Chuck Leavell on America's Forests. They were also featured in the *Minority Landowners* magazine as 2016 Farmers Of The Year.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES: To sustain forest land, keep the land in the family and generate timber income. Manage for wildlife and hunting. ■



DISTRICT 12 Tree Farmers of the Year

Jim & Pam Porter

Bluffton, SC [Tree Farm in Jasper Co.]

Occupation: Retired. Jim Porter is former President, Business Development & Latin America - WestRock and Pam is a former Healthcare Administrator and Human Resources Executive

Nominated By:

Bob Franklin, Walterboro, SC and Wise Batten, Jr., Estill, SC

Jim and Pam Porter own 2,914 woodland acres certified as a Tree Farm. The property has been a certified Tree Farm since 2015.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES: “To practice sustainable forestry, focused on the utilization of intensive silviculture and highest levels of genetics to maximize timber production. Wildlife habitat development and conservation, protecting water quality for the New River/Calibogue Sound watershed, while providing recreational

opportunities, cultivating the low country out-of-doors lifestyle for family and friends. Another key priority is providing educational opportunities for a wide range of groups to showcase the process of sustainable forestry and benefits it provides.”

The Porters have a Conservation Easement with Low Country Land Trust on 1650 acres of Bailey Mill Plantation.

Jim is an SAF Certified Forester. His undergraduate degree was in Forest Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia, MO.

INVOLVEMENT & RECOGNITION: Pam Porter serves on the Forestry Association’s Board and the SC Conservation Bank Board. She’s active with Low Country Land Trust, Lowcountry Landowners Association, and other groups. Jim serves on the American Forest Foundation Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors for the Family Forest Carbon Initiative – a joint venture with American Forest Foundation and The Nature Conservancy. He also serves on the Low Country Land Trust Board, and is involved with other groups. ■

USING THE SC LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PLAN

inspector notes

Since becoming a certification program, Tree Farm has grown more rigorous and greater attention is needed to show how the Standards are being met when completing an Inspection. Doing a good Inspection is more than just meeting the certification requirements, it also provides guidance and affirmation for your Tree Farmer that they really are leaving the land better than they found it. This column provides tips and suggestions for Tree Farm Inspectors.

Photo taken by FASC's Frances Taylor



**By: Guy Sabin,
SC Tree Farm's State Administrator**

The SC Landscape Management Plan (LMP) continues to develop as a useful tool for foresters to streamline certification. The LMP does not replace the work done by the forester, but does help to meet American Tree Farm System certification without a traditional written forest management plan. Some situations where you might consider using the LMP:

- Rapid certification of a property that does not have a forest management plan
- Updating an older management plan that has good maps and management information but no longer meets Tree Farm Standards
- As a supplement to an existing or new forest management plan to ensure Standards are fully met for certification

As with a traditional management plan, the forester is responsible for working with the landowner to identify objectives, prepare maps, and provide forest management recommendations. Appropriate resources must be checked for occurrence of threatened or endangered species, historic or cultural sites, or other important features. The LMP is then used to cover the gap from that critical information prepared by the forester to full certification.

There is great flexibility in how the LMP is used and foresters are free to develop their own forest management summaries or documents to provide to the landowner. This may range from a simple map and timeline of recommended activities to a full write-up with stand descriptions and supporting information.

The SC Landscape Management Plan itself is a 144-page document that can be found on the South Carolina Forestry

Commission website at <http://www.state.sc.us/forest/pubs/sc-landscapemanagementplan.pdf>. It includes instruction for use, links to additional data, and addresses ecoregions, common objectives, forest types, and silvicultural options. Most importantly, this information is used in conjunction with the forester's expertise and recommendations to achieve Tree Farm certification.

The process for using the LMP is found on the new 021 Tree Farm Inspection Form. A new section of the form asks, "Does this property participate in a Landscape Management Plan?" Indicating Yes to this question, and writing in the management objectives and recommendations is all that is required to show application of the LMP. The LMP should also be cited as one of the 'resources consulted' for threatened or endangered species, forests of recognized importance, and special sites in the appropriate sections of the inspection form.

Foresters using the LMP also qualify for new incentives through the Certification Growth pilot project. Please see the application form in this newsletter or on the SC Tree Farm website at <https://www.sctreefarm.org/tree-farm-certification-program.htm> to apply for payment of \$200-\$500 for using the LMP. In addition, new Tree Farmers will receive one free year of SC Tree Farm membership.

The Landscape Management Plans in SC and several other states were developed because the American Tree Farm System recognized that having a written forest management plan is often a barrier to certification. Many foresters commonly develop maps and management recommendations for their landowners, but for reasons of time, cost, or other factors, they may not be able to complete coverage of all elements that are needed to meet Tree Farm Standards. If you have found yourself in this situation with a landowner, I encourage you to consider how the time and expense required for Tree Farm certification can be reduced by using the SC Landscape Management Plan.

Sabin can be reached at 803/798-4170 or treefarm@scforestry.org.

TREE FARM INSPECTOR TRAINING COURSE: NOW ONLINE

■ **The Tree Farm Inspector Training course is now available online through the American Tree Farm database at www.atfsdatabase.org. Inspectors must be trained to the 2021 Tree Farm Standards in order to complete inspections. This class is free and qualifies for 3.5 hours of Category 1 CFEs. For more information, contact Guy Sabin at 803/798-4170 or treefarm@scforestry.org.**

PUBLICATIONS & INFORMATION

Image: Beaufort County Open Land Trust



Slated to be released Fall 2021:

A Conservation Easement Guidebook for Landowners

“After quite a bit of thought and consultation with my children, we decided we wanted to preserve this land as we had inherited it. We didn’t feel that it was our privilege to do anything else than that. And we’re very happy that we did.” Mary O. Merrick in 2007

Those are the words of a conservation easement donor who will be profiled in the South Carolina Land Trust Network’s first publication, *A Conservation Easement Guidebook for Landowners*, set to roll out this fall. According to SCLTN Executive Director, Jen Howard, the guidebook is designed to answer commonly asked questions about easements and profile our state’s land trusts and a handful of ease-



ment donors. “We’re eager to get this information in the hands of the state’s Tree Farmers and others who want to ensure that traditional land uses continue,” remarked Howard.

■ **EDITOR’S NOTE:** Jennifer Howard, Summerville, SC and her family are part of the Tree Farm Program. She began her career as a field forester in North and South Carolina and later worked in communications for WestRock. She’s now principal with Steward Terra Communications, LLC. She can be reached at 843/890-3136 or jen@scitn.org



A Landowner’s Guide To Forestry In South Carolina has been updated with new information and more photographs. The 24-page publication was produced by the South Carolina SFI Implementation Committee (SC SIC). To download a copy, go to the Forestry Association’s website, click on Programs, then click on SFI. Above: the cover of the new *Guide*.

LMP



The Landscape Management Plan (LMP) is designed to eliminate the need for lengthy traditional management plans and reduce the time to certify Tree Farms. Used with the associated geo-references the LMP will fully meet Tree Farm Standards.

APPLICATION FORM *for* SC TREE FARM INSPECTOR INCENTIVES

SC Tree Farm is offering incentive payments for certification of properties using the new SC **Landscape Management Plan**. Private foresters are invited to apply when submitting an 021 Inspection Form showing use of the SC LMP.

Incentives for Using the SC Landscape Management Plan

30-100 acres	\$200
101 – 500 acres	\$300
501+ acres	\$500

Additional incentive if the inspection is entered online using CertApp. [Training from ATFS required.]

Up to 500 acres	\$100
More than 500 acres	\$200



HOW TO USE THE LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 1) Review the SC LMP available on the SC Forestry Commission homepage at: <http://www.state.sc.us/forest/pubs/sclandscapemanagementplan.pdf>
- 2) Prepare maps, management objectives, and management recommendations for your forest landowner. Maps must depict significant forest-related resources.
- 3) Check relevant resources and associated references such as soils, threatened and endangered species, and special sites.
- 4) Complete the 021 Inspection Form including the LMP section. Identify both the resources checked and the LMP as references in appropriate sections. For example, resources consulted for special sites might include "SC ArchSite and SC LMP."

MY APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I used the SC Landscape Management Plan for SC Tree Farm # _____

**Return application to: Guy Sabin, SC Tree Farm, 4901 Broad River Road, Columbia SC 29212
Email: Guy Sabin at treefarm@scforestry.org**

APPLICATION

join the **SOUTH CAROLINA TREE FARM PROGRAM**

TREE FARM DUES

Acres	Dues Amount
10-100	\$60
101-200	\$70
201-400	\$80
401-600	\$100
601-800	\$120
801-1000	\$140
1001-1200	\$160
1201-1400	\$180
1401-1600	\$200
1601-2000	\$220
2001-3000	\$260
3001 +	\$350

Name _____ Contact Person _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
County that Tree Farm is located in _____
(Print) Email Address _____

Membership Categories:

Individual Family Unit - Husband/Wife/Children Business or Organization

I would like to join the South Carolina Tree Farm Grassroots Advocacy Group on forestry issues Yes No

Do you have a Tree Farm management plan? Yes No Date plan was prepared and/or updated _____

Number of forested acres _____

Do you have a Tree Farm number? Yes No If yes, please provide your Tree Farm number _____

Do you have a forester you consult? Yes No

Forester's Name and Company _____

Payment Total amount submitted _____

Check (payable to SC Tree Farm Program)

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Other _____

Card # _____ Exp. _____ Security Code _____

Name (as it appears on card) _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Send completed form and payment to:
South Carolina Tree Farm
ATTN: Guy Sabin/State Administrator
4901 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212

Ask your fellow woodland owners to join! Additional forms are available from treefarm@scforestry.org or call Guy Sabin at 803/798-4170.

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2001 SC Tree Farmer Of The Year

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SOUTH CAROLINA TREE FARM DISTRICTS

County	District	
Abbeville	4	Greenwood 4
Aiken	5	Hampton 12
Allendale	10	Horry 8
Anderson	1	Jasper 12
Bamberg	10	Kershaw 2
Barnwell	10	Lancaster 2
Beaufort	12	Laurens 1
Berkeley	11	Lee 6
Calhoun	10	Lexington 5
Charleston	11	Marion 8
Cherokee	3	Marlboro 7
Chester	2	McCormick 4
Chesterfield	7	Newberry 4
Clarendon	9	Oconee 1
Colleton	12	Orangeburg 10
Darlington	7	Pickens 1
Dillon	8	Richland 6
Dorchester	11	Saluda 5
Edgefield	5	Spartanburg 3
Fairfield	6	Sumter 6
Florence	8	Union 3
Georgetown	9	Williamsburg 9
Greenville	1	York 3

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Recognition Corner

NATIONAL TREE FARMERS OF THE YEAR

- 2000 Dr. A. G. "Skeet" and Gail Burris, Cummings, SC
- 2012 Dr. Walter A. McPhail, Mauldin, SC

REGIONAL TREE FARMERS OF THE YEAR FROM SC

- 1996 Dr. A. G. "Skeet" and Gail Burris, Cummings, SC
- 2000 Dr. A. G. "Skeet" and Gail Burris, Cummings, SC
- 2003 Dr. Walter A. McPhail, Mauldin, SC
- 2004 John & Mary Rebecca Spearman, Lane, SC
- 2005 Dyches Family, Savannah, GA
- 2007 Johny L. Haralson, Denmark, SC
- 2012 Dr. Walter A. McPhail, Mauldin, SC

SC TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR WINNERS

- '80-'81 S. Guerry Stukes, Summerton, SC
- '81-'82 Ben S. Williamson, Darlington, SC
- 1982 Mary Julia Royall, Mt. Pleasant, SC
- '83-'84 Rufus B. Lawrimore, Hemingway, SC
- '84-'85 Brookes Lawton, Allendale, SC
- '85-'86 John W. Kemp, Jr., Edgefield, SC
- '86-'87 Charles W. Redfearn, Beaufort, SC
- '87-'88 Carroll & Jane Brown, Colleton Co.
- '88-'89 John Carter, Sharon, SC
- '89-'90 James W. Hunt, Jr. Eastover, SC
- '90-'91 Robert Cecil Gentry, Salem, SC
- '91-'92 Tom Turner, Rock Hill, SC
- '92-'93 Francis A. Snelgrove, Lexington, SC
- '93-'94 W. R. "Roy" Watkins, Cassatt, SC
- 1995 Dr. A. G. "Skeet" Burris, Cummings, SC
- 1996 Gordon E. Gale, Hardeeville, SC
- 1997 William E. Eutsler, Cheraw, SC
- 1998 Randell C. Ewing, Hartsville, SC
- 1999 John Spearman (Deer Hill), Lane, SC
- 2000 Fred Gantt, Columbia, SC
- 2001 Dr. Walter A. McPhail, Mauldin, SC
- 2002 Dyches Family, Savannah, GA
- 2003 John M. McPhail, Abbeville, SC
- 2004 Johny L. Haralson, Denmark, SC

- 2006 Bookman Station, LLC, Columbia, SC
- 2007 Ben Herlong, Saluda, SC
- 2008 Edward R. Drayton, Hartsville, SC
- 2009 Mark T. Jones, Piedmont, SC
- 2010 Dennis L. Bauknight, Easley, SC
- 2011 Wallace B. Wood, Jr., Parksville, SC
- 2012 Joanna Angle, Chester, SC
- 2013 Mike Meetze, Newberry, SC
- 2014 Jimmy C. Sanders, Greenwood, SC
- 2015 William P. Cate, Eastover, SC
- 2016 The McKinney Family, Clinton, SC
- 2017 W. Patrick "Pat" Dorn, Jr.
- 2018 Knowlton W. Johnson
- 2019 W. McLeod Rhodes
- 2020 Guerry Burnett

NATIONAL TREE FARM INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR

- 2010 J. Kirk Weyman, Anderson, SC

SOUTHERN REGIONAL TREE FARM INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT

- 2010 J. Kirk Weyman, Anderson, SC
- 2002 Tom W. Patton, Jr., Columbia, SC

GEORGE D. KESSLER SC TREE FARM INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

- 2000 Tom W. Patton, Jr., Columbia, SC
- 2003 Jeffrey G. Brown, Elgin, SC
- 2009 J. Kirk Weyman, Anderson, SC
- 2012 Robert "Bob" G. Miller, Kinards, SC
- 2013 McCullough Ardrey, Lancaster, SC

Note: Dr. A. G. "Skeet" Burris, Cummings, SC, was instrumental in establishing the award. Burris named the award after Dr. George D. Kessler in honor of his service to the SC Tree Farm program.

NATIONAL FIELD LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

- 2005 Jeff Brown, Elgin, SC

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

- 2018 Dr. George D. Kessler

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