

ISSUE TWO 2022

# SC Tree Farm NEWS

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

by Janet W. Steele, SC Tree Farm Committee Chair



As I write my chair's message, SC Tree Farm is amid our third-party assessment with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Unfortunately, the auditors were conducting these via phone. They did not have the opportunity to visit South Carolina in-person to see the admirable job our Tree Farm landowners do in managing their land. Months of preparation for this assessment have ensured that our documentation is in order and our Tree Farm landowners

selected for the assessment, and their representatives, are well prepared for the calls. I had the opportunity to join the calls for five of these properties and was so impressed by the commitment of our landowners and their consultants to meeting the Tree Farm standards. I want to thank Chisolm Beckham, Jim Brown, Gary Hermann, Ken Leach, Guy Sabin, and Eric Smith for their hard work on the assessment team.

The SC Tree Farm Committee had a very productive quarterly meeting on May 18th. Annetta Pritchard and the Tour Committee are busy planning the annual SC Tree Farm Tour and Awards Ceremony on Mr. Bill McCrary's 360-acre property in Fairfield County. Tom Brant has graciously agreed to co-chair the Fundraising Committee with Gary Hermann this year, and Chisolm Beckham has agreed to serve as the Inspections Chair. I appreciate Gary and Chisolm accepting these positions and thank Tom Brant and Ken Leach for their years of dedicated service to SC Tree Farm.

The committee had the opportunity to discuss outreach projects using the funds which have been donated in memory of Dr. George Kessler. Several ideas were proposed, but perhaps the most fitting would be to support the Teaching KATE program offered at Camp Bob Cooper on Lake Marion in Summerton, SC, which Dr. Kessler was instrumental in developing. This nature-based program teaches students ecology, wildlife, and soil science through curricula that meet the state science standards. While at the camp, students can also enjoy various recreational and team-building activities. More information on Teaching KATE can be found at <https://teachingkate.com/>.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

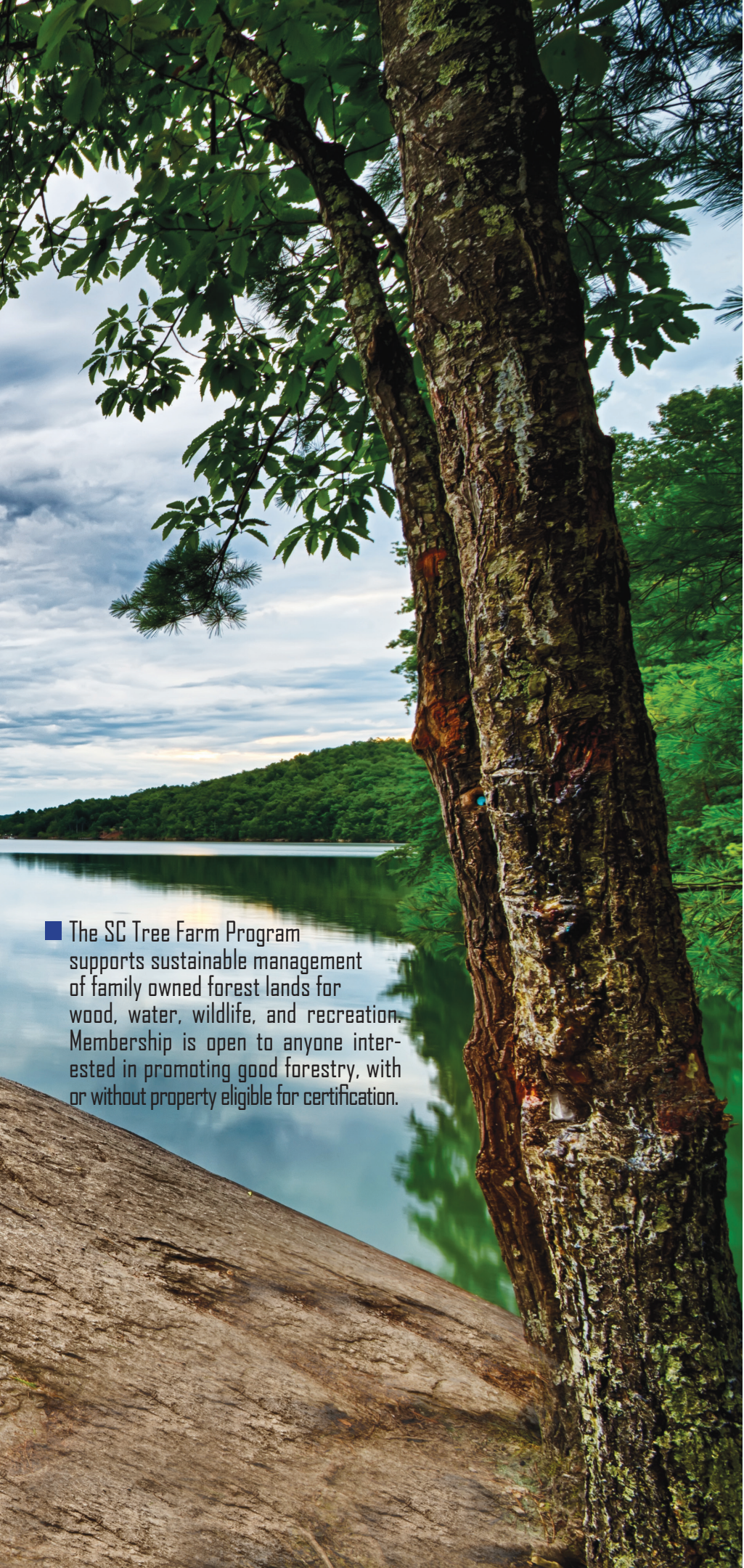
- There are 374 registered foresters in California which has 16.6 million acres of timberland.
- There are 651 registered foresters in South Carolina which has 12.7 million acres of timberland.

Finally, I want to remind you how blessed we are to grow, manage, and harvest trees in South Carolina. Last week I attended a national extension professionals conference and participated in a session on a fuel mitigation project in California that is being implemented to reduce wildfire risk. The presenter shared a flowchart of the permitting process required by the state for traditional forestry practices such as timber harvesting and explained that it could often take up to two years to complete the permitting process and be approved to move forward with a forestry operation. She then illustrated how this process had been somewhat streamlined due to the urgency of landowners implementing fuel mitigation projects. However, many of these practices on larger acreages still require the approval of a California Registered Professional Forester (RPF). This can often be another delay since the entire state only has 374 RPFs, and some areas of the state do not have one within a 100-mile radius. Can you imagine having to wait for the approval to remove fuels on your property, knowing that practice could be what saves your home and timberland from a catastrophic wildfire? So the next time you are out in the woods, consider how fortunate we are to be in a state where our leaders understand the importance of our industry to South Carolina's economy and support our ability to practice forestry!

I hope you each have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you this fall at our SC Tree Farm Tour and Awards Ceremony.

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## state Tree Farm administrator's comments



Photo: FASC's Frances Taylor

SC Tree Farm is now in the final stages of our assessment by PricewaterhouseCoopers and the American Tree Farm System. This is an opportunity that occurs every 5 years for us to showcase the high level of forestry practiced by Tree Farmers in South Carolina, and helps us determine how SC Tree Farm can better serve you. Many thanks to the sixty-two landowners and foresters selected to be part of this assessment, and to the assessment team that worked diligently to gather management plans, review maps and documentation, and participate in interviews – Eric Smith, Janet Steele, Gary Hermann, Ken Leach, Jim Brown, and Chisolm Beckham. All represented the state well and demonstrated that S.C. has the best Tree Farmers anywhere!

*Guy R. Sabin*

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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!

*Frances*

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# 2022 GEORGE D. KESSLER TREE FARM INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR

## ROY H. BOYD

Rock Hill, SC

Occupation: Associated Hardwoods' Buyer for SC

Nominated By:  
Alan Abernathy, Associated Hardwoods

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

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Roy Boyd has been involved in the tree farm program since 1990. He served on the SC Tree Farm Committee for many years -- most notably as Chairman of the Field Tour Committee for fourteen years. He worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that every single one of those Field Tours & Awards Ceremonies was flawlessly executed. Most attendees were not aware of the significant role he played because he never sought the spotlight, preferring instead to let the Tree Farmers and award winners shine.

He's conducted inspections, re-inspections, helped post Tree Farm signs, and been interviewed by local television stations and newspapers on topics such as forest management, prescribed fire, and wildland fire control.

He submitted nominations on Tree Farmers for District recognition. One of those was Joanna Angle, Chester, SC for District 2 Tree Farmer of the Year in 2012. She was later selected 2012 South Carolina Tree Farmer of the Year. Angle was the former host of SC Educational Television's popular weekly series Palmetto Places.

**INVOLVEMENT:** Boyd is a member of York County Beekeepers Association and has long assisted with local Boy Scout projects and trips. ■

Photo of Boyd taken by FASC's Frances Taylor





# DISTRICT 4 TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR



## L. B. ADAMS, JR.

Greenwood, SC  
[Tree Farm in Southern & Southeastern Greenwood Co.]

Occupation: Forest Landowner

Nominated By:

Brad Thompson, Jr., Thompson Forest Consultants

L. B. Adams has owned over 4,000 woodland acres for several decades -- with all of the woodland acreage certified as a Tree Farm.

**PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:** "Practice sustainable silviculture, support forest products industry, provide wildlife habitat, protect watersheds, and conserve soils."

**TREE FARM FIELD WORK:** He guides timber management decisions and silvicultural practices and offers valuable historical perspectives on markets and finance.

**INVOLVEMENT & RECOGNITION:** As co-founder of the Upper Savannah Land Trust, he has been involved in supporting land conservation and sustainable forestry for many years. He is a member of Greenwood County Forestry Association; a member of the Forestry Association of South Carolina; and a member of Forest Landowners Association. In 2000, Adams and his wife, Margaret W. ("Peggy") Adams, founded the USLT, an organization that they led for many years. The USLT is currently the third-largest South Carolina-based land trust with over 50,000 acres under easement. In honor of their work with the USLT, Mr. & Mrs. Adams received the 2009 BMW Conservation Award. ■



# McCRARY TREE FARM TOUR SLATED FOR SEPT.

The SC Tree Farm Committee will host a tour of Bill McCrary's Fairfield Co. Tree Farm, Winnsboro, SC on Sept. 15, 2022. McCrary is 2021 SC Tree Farmer of the Year. Here is information about the Tour Stops.

**Stop 1: FROM COTTON FIELD TO PINE PLANTATION: HOW PINE TREES SAVED THE SOUTH.** At this stop, you'll learn the history of the South Carolina piedmont and how the landscape was transformed from abandoned cotton fields to a thriving pine forest. Speaker Ken Leach is a former Forestry Association of SC Board member, a past Chair of the SC Tree Farm Committee, and currently serves on the Board for the Greenwood Forestry Association. He is Vice President of Lakelands Beekeepers Association.

**Stop 2: STRATEGIC INTEGRATION OF TIMBER PRODUCTION AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES.** Within a managed forest, habitat composition, distribution and quality will change over time. A strategic approach to managing the inevitable changes can help maintain a predictable balance between timber and wildlife management objectives. Speaker Mark Clement is a principal with Blue Wing Properties, LLC & Blue Wing Land Management, LLC. He has served as general manager of Brosnan Forest, manager of Wildlife Services, Milliken Forestry Co., and president, Garden & Gun Land.

**Stop 3: USING PRESCRIBED FIRE FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT.** Prescribed fire benefits the landscape in many ways. One of the most important is the positive effect on many wildlife species. Join Mike Meetze as he discusses those benefits. Meetze was 2013 SC Tree Farmer of the Year, is a Certified Prescribed Fire Manager, and a SC Certified Pesticide Applicator. He's a member of the SC Forestry Commission Newberry Co. Advisory Board (past State Chair), Forestry Association of SC (former Board Member), and Newberry Co. Landowners Association (current Treasurer).

**Stop 4: MAKING YOUR POND THE MAIN ATTRACTION.** A farm pond can be a magical place. Join Cory Heaton as he discusses the many benefits and how they can positively affect people of all ages. Heaton is an Extension Wildlife Specialist with Clemson Cooperative Extension Service. He has 22 years' experience in conducting wildlife and fisheries research in South Carolina. He's an active member of the SC Aquatic Plant Management Society, has served as a Director for the SC Vegetation Management Association, and serves on the technical committee for the SC Bobwhite Initiative.

**Stop 5: WHY TO CONSIDER NO-TILL PLANTING.** Planting wildlife food plots used to be a complicated and exhausting undertaking. Learn how no-till planting can help you reduce overall costs, as well as save time while rebuilding your soil. Speaker Bill McCrary was a two-time District 6 Tree Farmer of the Year prior to becoming the 2021 SC Tree Farmer of the Year. Early in his career, as a forester working for Georgia-Pacific Corp, he received the Outstanding Young Forester Leadership Award from the SC Chapter of the Society of American Foresters in 1985.

The TOUR INVITATION and registration details will be available in early August. Tour Chair is Anneta Pritchard. Contact information: SC Forestry Commission, Orangeburg, SC, 803/664-2029, [apritchard@scfc.gov](mailto:apritchard@scfc.gov)



# TREE FARM PEOPLE & PROGRAMS IN THE NEWS



■ **SANDERS HONORED.** Jimmy Sanders was presented the 2022 Peggy Adams Conservation Award at the Upper Savannah Land Trust's 2022 Annual Meeting held at The Arts Center of Greenwood, SC. Sanders served as the Forestry Association of SC's 2019 Chairman, was 2014 SC Tree Farmer of the Year, and 2017 SC Tree Farm Committee Chairman.

Photo taken by FASC's Frances Taylor.



■ **CONFIRMED.** Yvonne Knight-Carter of Moncks Corner was confirmed by the South Carolina Senate March 22 to serve on the Board of Trustees at the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe by a vote of 39-0. Knight-Carter is also a new Board member for the Forestry Association of South Carolina and was recognized as District 11 Tree Farmer of the Year in 2021.

Photo taken by FASC's Frances Taylor.



■ **PHOTO OP.** The SC Tree Farm Committee met May 18, Columbia, SC. SC Tree Farm Administrator Guy Sabin took this photo which includes: Pat Dorn, 2017 SC Tree Farmer Of The Year; Randell C. Ewing, Sr., 1998 SC Tree Farmer Of The Year; Wallace Wood, 2011 SC Tree Farmer Of The Year; Dr. Knowlton Johnson, 2018 SC Tree Farmer Of The Year; and Walt McPhail, 2012 National Tree Farmer of the Year and 2001 SC Tree Farmer Of The Year.

■ **GROWING OUR FUTURE MEETING HELD.** The Growing Our Future Annual Forestry Meeting was held in Leesville, SC on June 1. Speakers included: Cam Crawford, President & CEO, Forestry Association of South Carolina; Walt McPhail, National Tree Farmer of the Year 2012 and National Forest Landowner of the Year 2011; and Dr. Tom Dobbins, Professor and Associate Dean of Outreach & Engagement, and Director of Clemson Cooperative Extension. Walt McPhail discussed the new Purple Paint law and the importance of being involved in Tree Farm and forest landowner groups. Photo taken by SC Tree Farm Administrator Guy Sabin.





## INSPECTOR NOTES

# DON'T FORGET THE OPTIONAL MANAGEMENT PLAN TOPICS

*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.*

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

The Tree Farm Standards are very clear on the topics that are required to be part of every Tree Farm management plan – forest health, soil, water, wood and fiber production, threatened or endangered species, special sites, invasive species, and forests of recognized importance.

Although they receive less attention, the Standards also include some optional topics that should be included where present, relevant to the property, and consistent with the landowner's goals.

One key factor in determining whether these topics are truly optional or not is to consider the landowner's desired objectives. If any of these optional topics are mentioned in the objectives or management recommendations, they should also be included in the body of the management plan.

The optional management plan topics include:

### **FIRE**

This section may cover prescribed burning for wildlife habitat, site preparation, control of competing vegetation, or other reasons, along with wildfire risk reduction activities. For actively managed properties this might include information about installing fire breaks and conducting prescribed burns. Be sure to include information about burning notification, smoke management,

and SC Certified Prescribed Fire Manager training. If appropriate, take advantage of this opportunity to promote the benefits of fire as a tool for good forest management.

### **WETLANDS**

Jurisdictional wetlands carry regulatory restrictions, and have an impact on operability and implementation of Best Management Practices. This topic should be addressed in either the stand descriptions or the body of the management plan if wetlands are present on the tract.

### **DESIRED SPECIES**

Use this section to address unique, species-specific goals that a landowner may have such as, "improve gopher tortoise habitat," or, "favor cherry bark oak regeneration." If used, the management plan must also have corresponding landowner objectives and recommendations to achieve these goals. Identifying desired species also creates a higher expectation that the landowner seeks out additional information and is active in working towards those objectives. Avoid using this section for general statements such as, "bottomland hardwoods for wildlife," or "loblolly pine for timber."

### **RECREATION**

Many landowners enjoy hunting, walking, and outdoor recreation with their family on their property. Include this topic in the management plan for landowners interested in improving or maintain-



Photo taken by FASC's Frances Taylor



ing their recreational opportunities. Sometimes consideration of this topic may lead landowners to identify Special Sites on their property for additional management or protection.

### **CONVERSION**

Planning the conversion of forest land to non-forest use is not normally consistent with long-term sustainable forestry, but it is not unusual for landowners to build a house or cabin, or convert a portion of their property to field. Likewise, it is important to consider the ecological importance of non-forested areas that might be planted and make efforts to protect unique areas such as natural prairie, peatlands, or gum ponds during afforestation.

### **FOREST AESTHETICS**

The importance of visual quality varies widely among landowners and sites. Be sure to include recommendations for forestry activities if the landowner indicates that privacy, natural appearance, or open views are among their goals, and consider the surrounding viewshed during management decisions.

### **BIOMASS**

This topic is applicable when managing specifically for biomass markets, or when special SC BMPs for Biomass Harvesting will need to be used. Including a chipper or biomass as part of a traditional harvest does not require the use of this section.

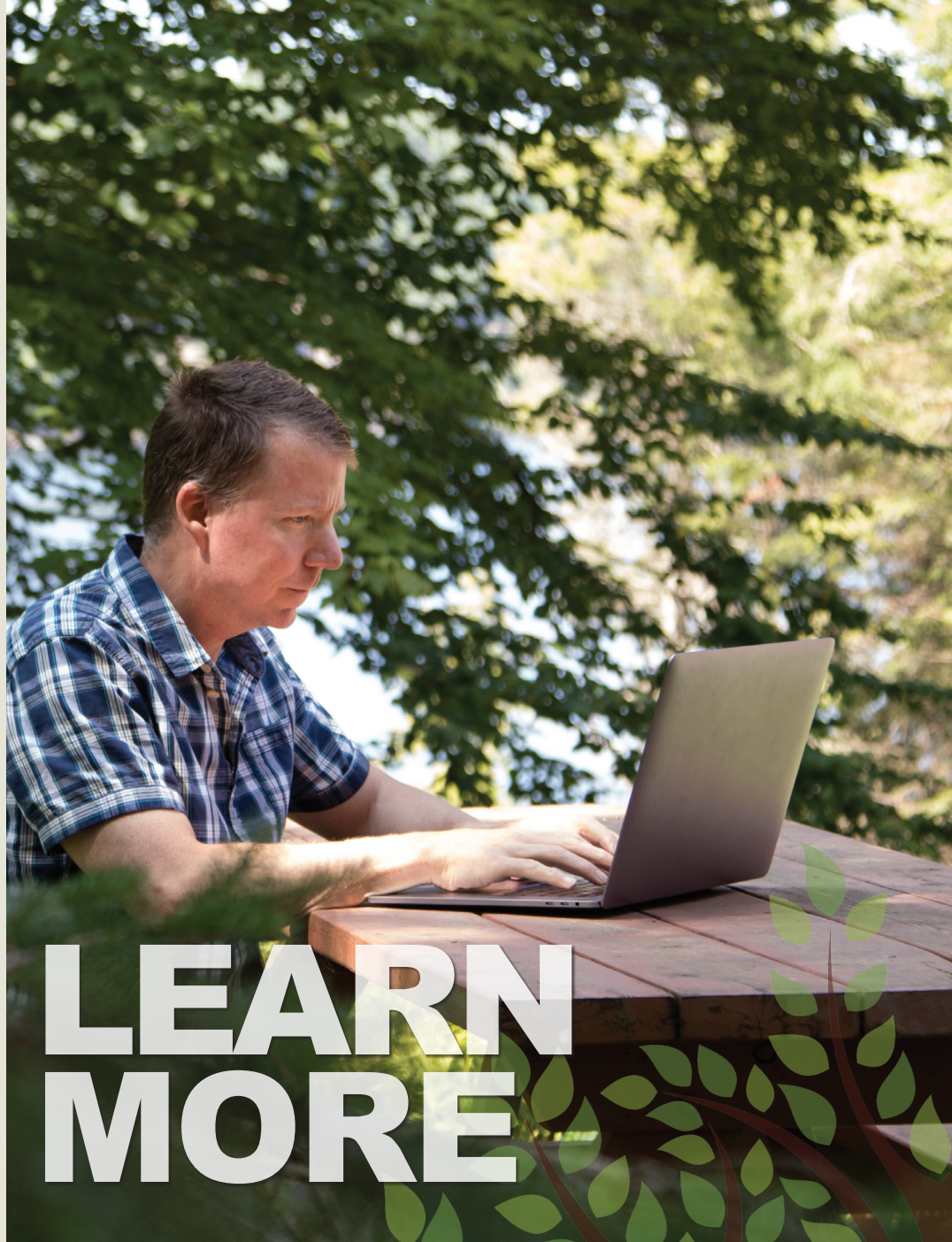
### **CARBON**

The growth of forest carbon credit markets and high interest among landowners indicate that this topic will be increasingly applicable for Tree Farmers. Be sure to consider the contract length and any management requirements or restrictions for participants.

The next time you are writing a Tree Farm management plan don't forget about these optional topics that may be present and relevant for your landowner's desired goals.



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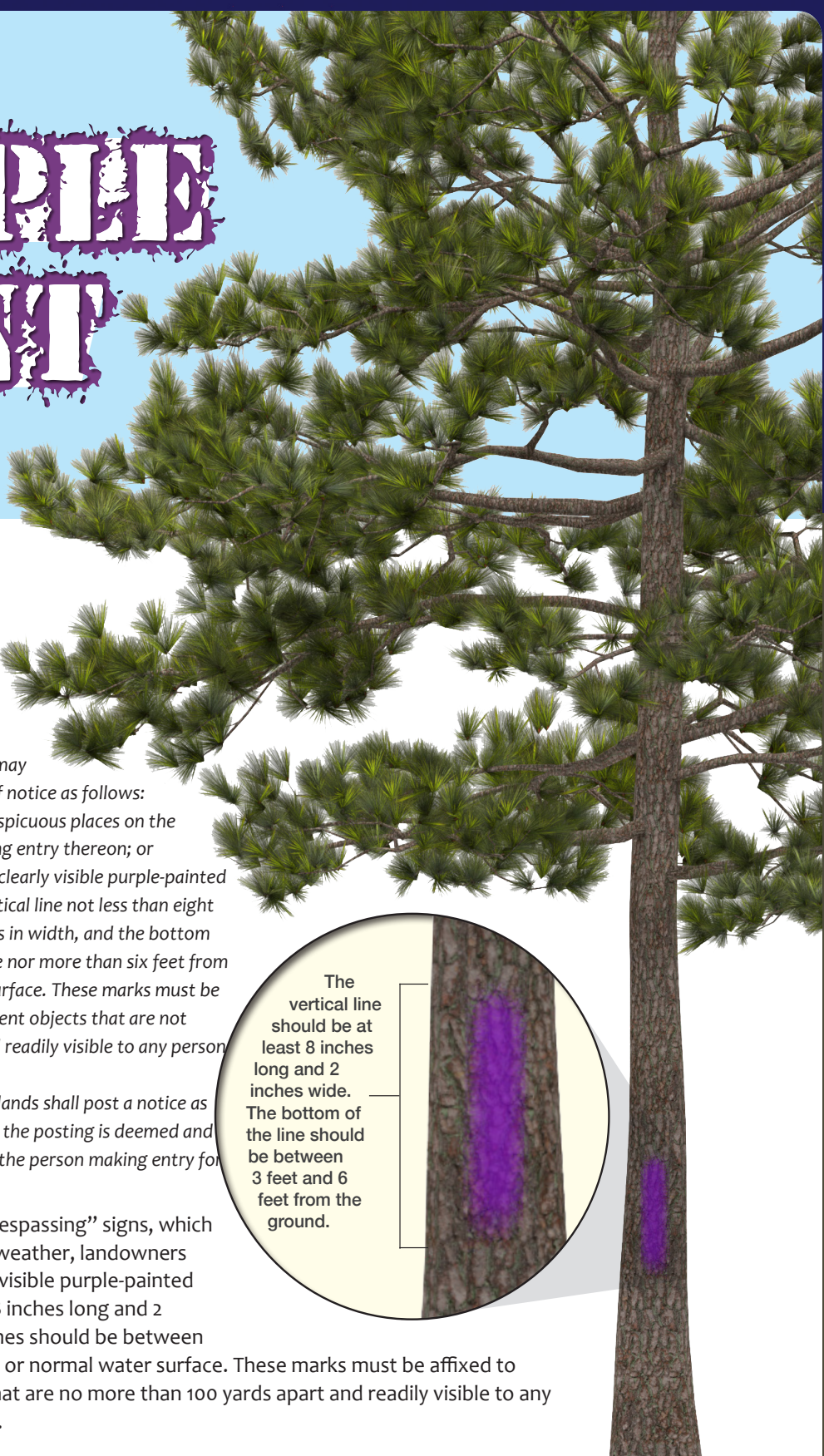
# PURPLE PAINT

## LAW

Gov. Henry McMaster signed H.3291, known as the purple paint bill, into law May 23, 2022. The law provides landowners an alternative method for posting a notice of trespassing on their property. The legislation states:

- (B) The owner or tenant of any lands may accomplish the required posting of notice as follows:
- (1) by posting a notice in four conspicuous places on the borders of such land prohibiting entry thereon; or
  - (2) by marking boundaries with a clearly visible purple-painted marking, consisting of one vertical line not less than eight inches in length and two inches in width, and the bottom of the mark not less than three nor more than six feet from the ground or normal water surface. These marks must be affixed to immovable, permanent objects that are not more than 100 yards apart and readily visible to any person approaching the property.
- (C) When any owner or tenant of any lands shall post a notice as provided in this section, a proof of the posting is deemed and taken as notice conclusive against the person making entry for the purpose of trespassing."

Instead of using traditional "no trespassing" signs, which can be removed or destroyed by weather, landowners can mark boundaries with clearly visible purple-painted markings that should be at least 8 inches long and 2 inches wide. The bottom of the lines should be between 3 feet and 6 feet from the ground or normal water surface. These marks must be affixed to immovable, permanent objects that are no more than 100 yards apart and readily visible to any person approaching the property.



The vertical line should be at least 8 inches long and 2 inches wide. The bottom of the line should be between 3 feet and 6 feet from the ground.



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# APPLICATION *for new*

# SOUTH CAROLINA TREE FARM INCENTIVES

**LANDOWNERS.** Forest landowners joining SC Tree Farm as fully certified can receive 5 years of free membership!

To qualify:

- Landowner must be a new member in SC Tree Farm.
- The property must meet American Tree Farm System eligibility requirements and is not currently certified.
- The property must have a forest management plan meeting Tree Farm Standards.
- A Tree Farm Inspection must be completed by your forester.
- Membership begins upon approval of your Tree Farm Inspection.

SC Tree Farm membership dues range from \$60/year (10-100 acres) to \$350/year (over 3,000 acres).

**INSPECTORS.** SC Tree Farm Inspectors can receive an incentive payment for any new Initial Tree Farm certifications, both for new and existing Tree Farm members. Private foresters are invited to apply:

30-100 acres	\$200
101-500 acres	\$300
501-1,250 acres	\$500

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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Inspector Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

SC Tree Farm # \_\_\_\_\_ Forested Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Landowner name \_\_\_\_\_

**Return application to: Guy Sabin, SC Tree Farm, 4901 Broad River Road, Columbia SC 29212  
Email: Guy Sabin at [treefarm@scforestry.org](mailto: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](mailto:treefarm@scforestry.org) or call Guy Sabin at 803/798-4170.



# WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN SOUTH CAROLINA TREE FARM

The **South Carolina Tree Farm Program** supports sustainable management of family owned forest lands for wood, water, wildlife, and recreation.

**TREE FARMER MEMBERSHIP.** Membership is open to anyone interested in promoting good forestry, with or without property eligible for certification.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION.** Minimum of ten acres forestland with a written Tree Farm/Stewardship management plan and Tree Farm Inspection.

*www.MyLandPlan.com is available on the web to help you manage your property.*

#### WHAT YOU'LL RECEIVE

- Quarterly **Woodland Magazine**
- Semi-Annual **South Carolina Tree Farm News**
- Invitations to SC Tree Farmer of the Year Annual Tour & Forestry Education opportunities
- Emails on forestry educational meetings and advocacy issues

*For more information, contact Walt McPhail, National Tree Farmer of the Year 2012 and SC Tree Farm Membership Chair, 864/288-7618 or treevetsc@aol.com*



SC Tree Farm is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. All donations other than dues are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## BENEFITS OF BEING A TREE FARMER

- **MEMBERSHIP:** Provides you with membership in a national organization that is a leader in representing private landowners, keeps you abreast of new developments and political trends, gives you a voice in decisions affecting land management, and provides you with an opportunity to shape the future.
- **NETWORKING:** Making connections with other landowners, sharing ideas, learning from each other, connecting with professional foresters, avoiding problems others have had, becoming part of a community that works together for better land management.
- **RECOGNITION:** The green and white diamond shaped Tree Farm sign recognizes Tree Farmers for meeting the standards of the Tree Farm System with a written, approved management plan. We're proud to be Tree Farmers.
- **CERTIFICATION:** Tree Farm Certification that meets international, third party standards of sustainable forest management may provide greater access to markets with more bids on your timber, potentially higher timber prices and preference when mills are on quota.
- **EDUCATION:** Landowner education programs, tours, and field trips are provided for forest landowners. Tree Farm foresters provide on the ground assistance during initial and reinspections.
- **ADVOCACY:** Tree Farm advocacy protects your property rights and the right to grow timber in South Carolina. Federal advocacy by National Tree Farm staff and local SC grassroots efforts have been instrumental in keeping the current capital gains tax and raising the estate tax exemption levels to help keep your farm in the family.

The National Tree Farm staff works on issues related to Tree Farming, soil and water conservation, and much more.

SC Tree Farm works closely with the Forestry Association of SC on state and local issues to ensure we will continue to have healthy, working forests for future generations.

If you're not a landowner or interested in certification you can still receive benefits of membership via the Friends And Supporters category for \$60/year.



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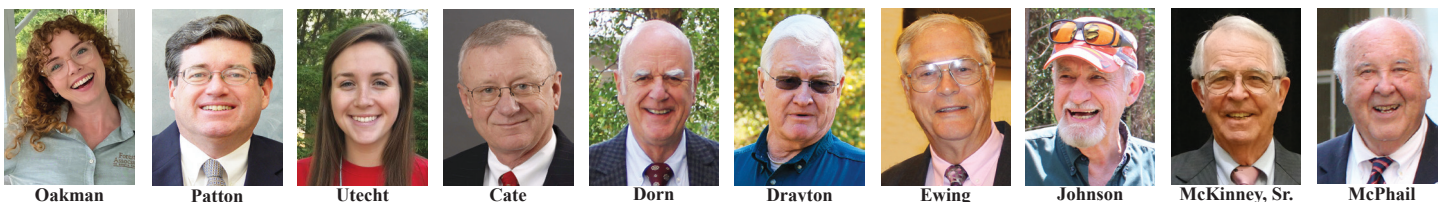
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## SOUTH CAROLINA TREE FARM DISTRICTS

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



## RECOGNITION CORNER

### NATIONAL TREE FARMERS OF THE YEAR

2000 Dr. A. G. "Skeet" and Gail Burris,  
Cummings, SC  
2012 Walt & Barbara McPhail, Mauldin, SC

### REGIONAL TREE FARMERS OF THE YEAR FROM SC

1996 Dr. A. G. "Skeet" and Gail Burris,  
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2000 Dr. A. G. "Skeet" and Gail Burris,  
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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 Walt & Barbara 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. Redfeard, 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, Beaufort, SC  
1996 Gordon E. Gale, Hardeeville, SC  
1997 William E. Eutsler, Cheraw, SC  
1998 Randall 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  
2021 William "Bill" F. McCrary

### 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  
2021 T. J. Lyell, Florence, SC  
2022 Roy Boyd, Rock Hill, 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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