

Timber Tellings

Managed Lands Deer Program Enrollment is Now Open for 2022-23 Season

Texas Parks and Wildlife

AUSTIN – Enrollment in the Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP) is now open for the 2022-23 hunting season. Open enrollment for the MLDP Conservation Option runs from April 2 through June 15 this year while the Harvest Option opens May 1 and runs through Sept. 1. Fees are charged for each enrollment option. Enrollments and fee payments can all be made through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s (TPWD) Land Management Assistance online system. Payments can be made by credit card only.

Enrollment fees for each MLDP option are as follows:

Conservation Option:

- Standalone Property: \$300 for the first management unit, \$30 for each additional management unit
- Aggregate Site: \$300
- Wildlife Management Cooperative member: \$30 per management unit

Harvest Option:

- Standalone Property: \$30 per management unit
- Aggregate Site: \$30

The Land Management Assistance online system will require landowners hoping to enroll to create an account and draw a property boundary. An email address is required for the landowner and any designated agents the landowner may assign to the account.

MLDP is a program intended to foster and support sound management and stewardship of native wildlife and wildlife habitats on private lands in Texas. Deer harvest is an important aspect of habitat management and conservation. Landowners enrolled in either the MLDP Harvest Option or Conservation Option can take advantage of extended season lengths and property-specific customized harvest opportunities.

The Harvest Option is an automated, ‘do-it-yourself’ option for MLDP participation that provides landowners with a deer harvest recommendation, tag issuance and general guidance about wildlife and wildlife habitat

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management. Participation in the Harvest Option does not require habitat management practices, deer population data or the participant to work directly with a TPWD wildlife biologist.

The Conservation Option offers program participants the opportunity to work with a TPWD biologist to receive customized, ranch-specific habitat and deer harvest recommendations and MLDP tag issuance for white-tailed deer and/or mule deer. This option does require the reporting of certain types of deer data as well as completion of specific habitat management practices each year to participate and remain in the program.

MLDP participation is completely voluntary. Once enrolled, program participants must meet MLDP requirements for the full year of enrollment.

Learn more about [MLDP](#) on the TPWD website.

Market Report- January/February 2022

Product	Statewide Ave. Price		Previous Ave. Price		Price/ Ton Difference	
	Weight	Volume	Weight	Volume		
Pine- Sawlogs	\$30.00/Ton	\$240.03/MBF	\$29.66/Ton	\$237.29/MBF	1%	↑
Pine-Pulpwood	\$7.13/Ton	\$19.24/Cord	\$8.21/Ton	\$22.16/Cord	-13%	↓
Pine-Chip-n-saw	\$13.93/Ton	\$37.62/Cord	\$14.41/Ton	\$38.92/Cord	-3%	↓
Mixed Hardwood- Sawlogs	\$33.48/Ton	\$301.36/MBF	\$32.27/Ton	\$290.39/MBF	4%	↑
Hardwood- Pulpwood	\$8.35/Ton	\$23.37/Cord	\$10.14/Ton	\$28.40/Cord	-18%	↓

Texas Timber Price Trends is a bimonthly publication reporting average prices paid for standing timber in Texas. This report is intended only as a guide to general price levels. It should not be used to judge the fair market value of a specific timber sale, which may vary considerably due to many factors. It is recommended that you use the services of a professional consulting forester in managing any timber sale. Important factors affecting timber prices include the type, quality and volume of timber for sale, accessibility, distance to mills/markets, weather conditions, economy/market conditions, who is handling the sale or is buying the timber, and contract requirements by the landowner. The complete Texas Timber Price Trends can be viewed at <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/timberpricetrends>.

Texas NRCS Announces Funding for Producers Participating in the Prairie View A&M University Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Program

NRCS

April 7, 2022, Temple, TX – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas is offering financial assistance to African American forest landowners in east Texas to implement conservation practices that can help increase the land's value and improve its forest and wildlife habitats.

"This program is offered in a partnership effort to empower black landowners to retain their land, generate income and maintain healthy and productive forests." Kristy Oates, NRCS state conservationist in Texas said. "Through access to NRCS' technical assistance, as well as education, capital and estate planning services from our partners, now their forestland has the potential to become an economic, environmental and social asset for the family."

The goal of the program, offered through a partnership with Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), is to restore and conserve threatened, African American-owned forestland in the southern United States and enhance family wealth by increasing forest-owner income and land asset value through forest management.

"This program will undoubtedly offer African American landowners a new path forward when it comes to generational land retention," said Clarence Bunch, PVAMU Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) Agriculture and National Resources Program Leader. "We can make a true difference in shaping the face of land ownership in America."

The SFLR Program is a collaboration of federal, state, local, and community-based organizations to help stem the loss of land and eliminate barriers to African American forest landowners to help keep private forest land in the family. This program is a partnership between the SFLR Network, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Endowment, the USDA Forest Service, Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, The JPB Foundation, and American Forest Foundation.

NRCS can help landowners inventory, analyze, and evaluate the potential of their forest land to produce lumber, wildlife habitat, and other environmental benefits.

Through the SFLR- (EQIP) Environmental Quality Incentives Program, NRCS provides technical expertise as well as financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners to implement conservation practices that help them thrive. Financial assistance under SFLR prioritizes applications where forest management is planned and heirs' property has been identified using alternative forms of documentation supported by the 2018 Farm Bill.

SFLR-EQIP is available to producers working with Prairie View A&M University in the following east Texas counties: Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Franklin, Freestone, Galveston, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Henderson, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Red River, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller and Wood.

Practices being offered include, but are not limited to, tree and shrub establishment, forest stand improvement, prescribed burning, upland wildlife habitat management, access control, critical area planting, diversion, forest management plan, forest stand improvement, grade stabilization, streambank protection, stream crossing, stream habitat improvement, and wetland restoration. To apply for EQIP assistance, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center.

Contact: Lori Ziehr, lori.ziehr@usda.gov or (254) 742-9881

Forest Carbon

Texas A&M Forest Service

As natural climate solutions grow in popularity, attention is shifting to forests as a net carbon sink. Forests accumulate carbon when trees absorb carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere during photosynthesis, becoming a carbon sink. The carbon from CO₂ is then stored for a long time as woody biomass, leaf litter, deadwood and soil organic carbon. The total amount of carbon stored within a healthy forest is becoming a potential source of income for forest landowners through carbon offset markets.

CARBON OFFSETS

Carbon offsets are any activity that compensates for the emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs). Forestry activities include forest conservation, reforestation or afforestation, and improving forest management. These activities represent natural climate solutions that may be eligible for carbon credits. Carbon offset projects are issued carbon credits for the amount of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) the project provides. Carbon dioxide is the most impactful GHG, therefore all other GHGs are compared to CO₂. Typically, one carbon credit is issued for one metric ton of CO₂e, about the same amount of CO₂ one tree will absorb in 40 years. These carbon credits can then be bought and sold through a carbon market.

CARBON MARKETS

Carbon markets can be either voluntary or regulatory (compliance). Governments regulate compliance markets. Voluntary carbon markets are composed of individuals, companies, and governments committed to minimizing their carbon footprint. Accordingly, organizations reduce their GHG emissions and purchase carbon credits in carbon markets to compensate for any remaining GHG emissions. Carbon credits are issued and traded through a carbon registry. Frequently, private companies will work with landowners to develop, enroll and validate carbon offset projects.

CARBON REGISTRY

Carbon registries operate as a marketplace for carbon credits. Before a carbon credit can be registered for sale, an independent third party must verify that an approved protocol was followed to measure the amount of CO₂e. Upon successful verification, carbon credits are issued and tracked with a unique serial number to prevent double counting. Registries must address the following requirements:

Additionality – carbon credits must only be issued for projects that otherwise would not have occurred in the absence of the issued credit.



Compliance Markets

California's Cap-and-Trade Program and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (blue) are compliance markets in the United States, which set limits on GHG emissions. Apart from carbon, Texas' Highly Reactive Volatile Organic Compound Emissions Cap-and-Trade Program is a compliance market.

Carbon Calculations

The CO₂e of any GHG is calculated by multiplying the amount of the particular GHG by its global warming potential (GWP). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines the GWP as "how much energy the emissions of one ton of a gas will absorb over a given period of time, relative to the emissions of one ton of carbon dioxide."

Gas Compound	20 Year GWP	100 Year GWP
Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)	1	1
Methane (CH ₄)	84	25
Nitrous Oxide (N ₂ O)	264	298
HFC-134a	3710	1430
CFC-11	6900	7390
Carbon tetrafluoride (CF ₄)	4880	17200

$$CO_2e = GHG \times GWP = 4 \text{ tons } CH_4 \times 25 = 100 \text{ tons of } CO_2e$$

**Methane (CH₄) has a GWP of 25, meaning 4 tons of CH₄ released into the atmosphere will trap as much heat as 100 tons of CO₂.*

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Websites of Interest

[TexasForestInfo.tamu.edu](https://www.texasforestinfo.tamu.edu)

Check out these FREE landowner tools that can assist you in making land management decisions on your property.

[www.TexasForestry.org](https://www.texasforestry.org)

Lobbying on various forestry and environmental issues that directly affect you, publishing and sponsoring educational events are just a few of many things that Texas Forestry Association does. Find out more about what Texas Forestry Association does for you and why you should be involved!

tfsweb.tamu.edu

Find a plethora of forest management resources and many people that can assist you in your forest management goals.

tpwd.texas.gov

Find out more information on wildlife management, hunting and fishing regulations and much more!

nrcs.usda.gov

Find out more information on natural resource conservation and federal programs in your area.

[MyLandManagementConnector.com](https://mylandmanagementconnector.com)

Find and connect with service providers in your area to get assistance with land management practices on your property

Leakage – carbon offset projects must not shift CO₂ emissions elsewhere as a consequence of the project.

Permanence – carbon offsetting projects must not be reversed before the allotted time after the issuance of the carbon credit.

Exclusive – carbon credits must be issued for at least one metric ton of CO₂e and to only one entity for each credit.

Verified – carbon credits must be quantified based on scientific evidence, verified through a third-party, and enrolled in a credible carbon registry

Market systems that place costs on emissions of carbon to the atmosphere and financial credit for investing in carbon sequestration can be an important incentive for landowners to engage in management activities that promote forest health, vigor and resiliency to environmental stressors, like wildfire, that cause the release of stored carbon. The total economic value of carbon stored by forests in Texas would be valued at approximately \$3.1 billion per year. Carbon storage is one of the many services forests provide to the well-being of Texans!

Texas A&M Forest Service Encourages Building a Go-Kit for Wildfires and Disasters

Texas A&M Forest Service

COLLEGE STATION, Texas— We can't control when disasters strike, but we can make sure we are prepared. During the Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Holiday this weekend, Texans can pick up essential items for their evacuation go-kits tax-free.

"When disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes, winter storms and tornados arise requiring you to leave your home, being prepared ahead of time can save precious time and help keep your family safe during an emergency," said Karen Stafford, Texas A&M Forest Service Wildfire Prevention Coordinator.

Since January 1, 2022, Texas A&M Forest Service has responded to 775 wildfires that burned 351,046 acres statewide. In the coming months, wildfire danger is predicted to continue due to the drought most of Texas is seeing.

"With continued wildfire risk, being prepared is more important for your family now than ever," said Stafford. "The best way to prepare for wildfires is by creating multiple evacuation routes and a go-kit for your family."

Texas A&M Forest Service encourages all residents to assemble a go-kit that can be easily carried and includes supplies for several days. Your kit should include:

- Supplies for people and pets,

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- Prescription medications and necessary medical equipment,
- Papers and important documents such as insurance and ID,
- Person needs including food, water, money, and a first aid kit,
- And priceless items such as photos, family heirlooms, and any other irreplaceable or valuable items.

Visit the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts website for more information on the sales tax holiday and a list of eligible items: <http://bit.ly/txemergencyprep>.

Visit www.ready.gov/kit to learn how to build an emergency preparedness kit.

Upcoming Events

A promotional graphic for the Texas Forestry Association. The background is a dark green forest scene. The text is white and arranged in a clean, professional layout. On the right side, there is a white silhouette of the state of Texas with a tree inside it, and a QR code at the bottom right.

Texas Forestry Association

Invites you to attend its Beaumont Area *Inaugural* Regional Membership Meeting on May 19, 2022.

MCM Elegante' Hotel
2355 I-10 South Beaumont, TX 77705

5:00-6:30 pm - Reception
6:30 - 8:00 pm - Dinner

We look forward to good food, networking and getting to see you!

Register by going to the Calendar on the Member Portal of the TFA website at texasforestry.org, call 936/632-8733 or scan the QR code.

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NETFLA WEB SITE

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Special Membership Meeting

Friday July 15, 2022, at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) will host a Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) meeting for NETFLA's six counties on Friday, July 15 at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center. All timberland owners in our six counties who have been approved for a timberland productivity appraisal rather than a market value appraisal will be invited. Post card invitations will be mailed prior to the meeting.

There will be no charge for this meeting which is scheduled from 8 am until 2 pm, and lunch will be included. The goal of the meeting is to update timber landowners on the voluntary forestry Best Management Practices in East Texas. Other potential topics include: 1) The Carbon Credits Marketplace for growing timber 2) NRCS financial assistance available for landowners 3) TFS programs available to assist small acreage landowners in managing their timber property and (4) Wildlife management

Mark your calendars for this all-day meeting on July 15. The Mount Pleasant Civic Center is located at 1800 N Jefferson Avenue (US Hwy 271 Business).

Future Programs:

The Board is considering program topics for future meetings which include: pine seedling genetics and feral hogs. Please contact an Officer or your County Director if you have an issue that you would like addressed at a future meeting.

NETFLA Contact and Membership Dues Information

Thank you for your NETFLA membership in past years. We hope that Newsletters, Programs and Meetings have provided you with useful information that has helped you manage your timber property. We encourage you to continue your membership. Membership dues are \$15.00 per calendar year.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2022, you can renew at the next meeting or mail your check to: **NETFLA, P.O. Box 343, Daingerfield, TX 75638-0343.**

Our records indicate that your 2022 Membership status is:

Renewed _____

Not Yet Renewed _____

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Social Media Resources

Texas A&M Forest Service on Facebook - @texasforestservice

Texas A&M Forest Service on Twitter - @TXForestService

TFS Pittsburg District on Twitter - @TFSPittsburg

Texas Forestry Association on Facebook - @TexasForestryAssociation

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American Forest Foundation on Twitter - @AmForestFndn

NETFLA Website – www.NETXForest.org

