

## ***Benefits of Tree Farm Program Membership...***

- **INVITATIONS TO FREE WORKSHOPS** that discuss the benefits of a forest management plan, forest management practices, cost-share programs, tax updates and estate planning.
- **FREE TREE FARM SIGNS** for your property following certification.
- **MARKET ACCESS** since timber taken off your land will meet certification requirements.
- **FOREST LANDOWNER NETWORK** interested in preserving our privately held forests.

## ***Getting Started...***

Sound, sustainable forestry begins with a management plan that is written to meet the landowners objectives. To qualify for the program, a landowner needs to have ten or more acres, a written management plan and be inspected by a North Carolina Tree Farm Inspector.

If you meet the minimum acreage requirement and would like to apply to become a North Carolina Tree Farmer, please complete this form and mail or fax it back to the NCF A.

## ***Quick Forest Facts...***

- North Carolina has 17.6 million acres of forestland, roughly 58% of the state.
- 90% of the forestland in NC is privately owned, with nearly 76% held by private, non-industrial landowners.
- North Carolina lost nearly one million acres of forestland since 1990 due to the growth of the urban centers in the state.



***NORTH CAROLINA  
TREE FARM PROGRAM  
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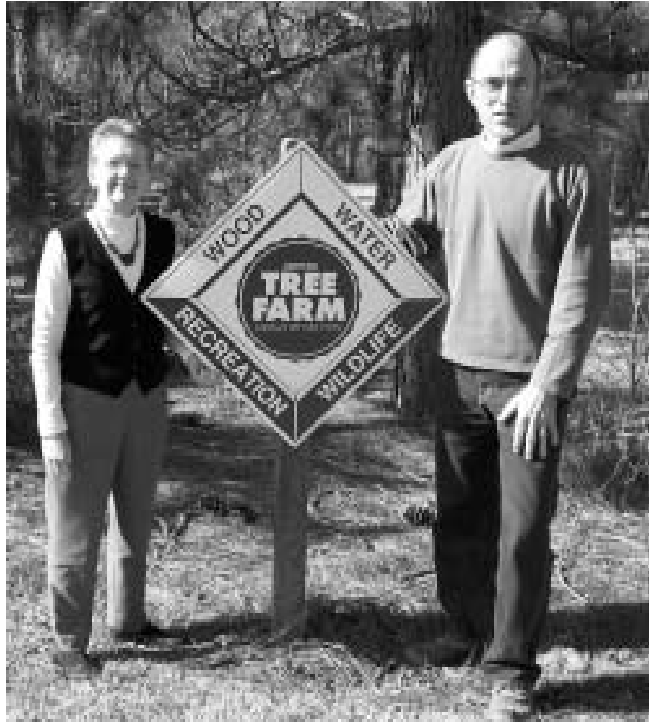
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*Join a network of landowners who share your love of the land...  
The North Carolina Tree Farm Program!*

Tracing its roots back to the 1940's, The American Tree Farm System (ATFS) can lay claim to being the oldest form of certification or recognition system for the practice of growing trees and maintaining sustainable forests in America. For generations, American landowners and farmers have proudly posted their Tree Farm signs as proof of their stewardship values.

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program has been part of this tradition since the inception of the ATFS. North Carolina maintains a volunteer state committee that actively participates in the national programs as well as initiating its own in-state programs.

"Our sign has been out there in the woods for some 60 years," stated Dave Woodmansee, a member of the North Carolina Tree Farm Executive Committee. "Most folks recognize the sign means that the forest is being well-managed."



*Mary and Boon Chesson were the 2006 North Carolina Tree Farmers of the Year. The Chesson's farm is located in the Piedmont.*

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program is approaching the 1,000 Tree Farm mark in addition to over 100 volunteer Tree Farm Inspectors. The program is committed to educating landowners on the benefits of a forest management plan and providing information about cost-share programs designed for forest landowners.

If you are a landowner or forester who would like to participate in the North Carolina Tree Farm Program, please return this form to Chris Brown at the North Carolina Forestry Association at (800) 231-7723. You can learn more about the program at [www.nctreefarm.org](http://www.nctreefarm.org).



*The North Carolina Tree Farm Program offers free workshops for landowners.*

**North Carolina  
Tree Farm Program**

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY  
CODE

ZIP

COUNTY/ COUNTIES WHERE YOU OWN LAND

( )  
WORK PHONE

( )  
HOME PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

NAME OF TREE FARM

DATE OF COMPLETING FORM

I AM A FORESTER

**Please fill out form and return to:  
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