

SC Tree Farm Field Tour Scheduled

Oct. 1 Marlboro Co. program will provide unique insight on hardwood management

The SC Tree Farm Committee's Field Tour and Awards Ceremony will be held Oct. 1 at Edward R. Drayton's Cattails Tree Farm in Marlboro County.

Cattails is primarily a hardwood forest in a red river bottom. Drayton's objectives are to manage the land as a family business growing hardwoods, improving long-term timber production and financial return, while enhancing recreational, wildlife and aesthetic values.

"The annual Field Tour is a great way for landowners to learn new management practices, network with other Tree Farmers, and meet experts stationed at the various stops," says Roy Boyd, Rock Hill, SC, who chairs the Tour Committee.



Keynote speaker Angus Lafaye, Milliken Forestry Co. Inc., Columbia, SC, will discuss changes in markets, technology, and certification requirements to participate in the market of the future.

Tour stops include: waterfowl management, hardwood thinning and biofuel, beaver control, invasive species, and old growth bottomland oak management.

Lunch will consist of BBQ, sweet potatoes, green beans, hush puppies, cole slaw, banana pudding, and iced tea. It will be catered by Bill's BBQ of Cheraw, SC.

Proper attire: comfortable field clothes.

The Tour registration form is included below. Or call Scott Phillips at 803/896-8844.

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Above, SC's top Tree Farmer -- Eddie Drayton will share management insights.



Message From The Field Tour Chairman

The SC Tree Farm Committee invites you to attend the 2009 Field Tour and Awards Ceremony. Our program focuses on a variety of topics applicable to most Tree Farms. Come join us on Oct. 1 and learn tips and techniques that can help you meet your management objectives more efficiently.

Roy Boyd
Rock Hill, SC

Oct. 1 FIELD TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone (W) _____
 Phone (H) _____
 Email _____
 Name of guest _____

Please check the appropriate box below:

- I will attend the SC Tree Farm Field Tour & Awards Ceremony 2009 and eat lunch.
- I will bring _____ guest(s). (Indicate number.)
- I will eat lunch only.
- I will bring _____ guest(s). (Indicate number.)

****Note:** The program is limited to the first 125 registrants

**Return this form with check, payable to SC Tree Farm Committee, (\$15 per person) before September 4, 2009 to:
 SC Tree Farm Committee, ATTN: Scott Phillips, P O Box 21707, Columbia, SC 29221.**