The 22nd SC Sustainable Forestry Teachers’ Tour was held June 17-21 in Hartsville and surrounding areas with 18 teachers in attendance. Focus was on the impact that forests have on the state’s environment, economy, and quality of life. A range of topics related to sustainable forestry were covered. Stops included: a tour of RMS [Resource Mgt. Service] land, learning about Best Management Practices, visiting Sonoco’s Wood Yard, touring Randell C. Ewing’s Tree Farm [1998 SC Tree Farmer of the Year], touring Canfor, Domtar and Arauco, state forest lands, and much more.

Among speakers was Cam Crawford, Forestry Association President & CEO, who welcomed the group on opening day.

A Sponsors Dinner was held at the conclusion of the program. Special thanks was expressed to all the Tour Sponsors, speakers, and participants.

“What seemed to impress the teachers the most was that forestry really is a science, and through proper management, our forests in the state are productive, diverse, and sustainable,” said Emily Oakman, the Forestry Association’s Director of Landowner Outreach, Forestry Education and Programs. Oakman also served as a program instructor.
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COMMENTS
From The Participants

• Traveling to all of the different locations; it was amazing to see the REAL THING instead of it being told to us. – Alicia Ridder, River Bluff High School, Lexington, SC

• Visiting the different forests and hearing how they were used. I did not know anything about forestry and having hands on experience really solidified the concepts. – Kristen Cooper, Sterling School, Greenville, SC

• I enjoyed most getting out in the field and seeing forestry in action. This gave me a clear picture of what foresters do, and how forestry is sustainable. – Elizabeth Evans-Razi, Palmetto Learning Center, Chesterfield, SC

• Learning about the extent land management has evolved to as far as attention to detail, how technology has come so far, and the fact that virtually every part of the tree is used for something, to cause no waste. – John Bundy, Buford Elementary School, Lancaster, SC

• I really have a new perception for the forest products industry. The things that are made and how all products are used really brought a new view. - Alonzo McDonald, Manning High School, Manning SC

• The interaction between foresters and industry was something I was made more aware of. The Sustainable Forestry Initiative is something everyone should know. – Michelle Greene, Lamar High School, Lamar, SC

• This tour reinforced my views on forestry and how important it is to everyday life. – Chris Cade, Abbeville High School, Abbeville, SC