



# SC TREE FARM INSPECTOR Recertification

## Need to renew or refresh your Tree Farm INSPECTOR status?

This workshop is offered for former or current Tree Farm Inspectors to renew or refresh their training with an abbreviated version of the Inspector Training Workshop.

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**Forestry Association of SC Headquarters  
4901 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC**

The Jan. 31 workshop will begin at  
9 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m.  
Space is limited to first 20 people.  
There is no charge for the workshop.

*Sign up now!*

▶ Anticipated: 3.5 hours of Continuing Forestry Education credit.

## A MESSAGE FROM INSPECTIONS CHAIR KEN LEACH

You might have heard about the updated 2015-2020 American Tree Farm System (ATFS) Standards of Sustainability that were recently released.

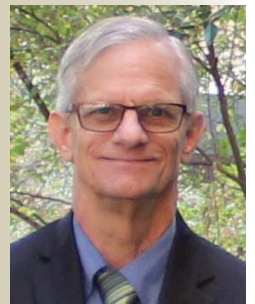
Additionally, the ATFS 004 Inspection Form was updated. All Tree Farm Inspections must be completed using this revised 004 Inspection Form. The older version of the Inspection Form will no longer be accepted.

However before using this new Inspection Form, you must be trained to the 2015-2020 Standards and can do that by signing up for this training session.

To register for an Inspector Training, complete the attached registration form and return to Guy Sabin, SC Tree Farm Administrator, at [treefarm@scforestry.org](mailto:treefarm@scforestry.org), fax to 803/798-2340, or mail to the address below. Contact Guy at 803/798-4170 if you have any questions.

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SC Inspections Chair,  
SC Tree Farm Committee  
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## Recertification Inspector Workshop Registration Form

*All foresters who attend inspector training workshops must complete, sign and submit this form prior to workshop participation. Its primary purpose is to verify that trained inspectors meet the minimum requirements established by the American Tree Farm System (ATFS).*

\_\_\_\_\_ Jan. 31, 2019      Columbia, SC

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name*
*First Name*
*Middle Initial*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Employer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime phone:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Inspection State** \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY:**

College/University	Program of Study (Major)	Degree(s)	Date(s)

**I have been an Inspector since:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have already taken the certifier training course. I am here today to refresh my training.

**New Inspectors must meet one of the following requirements:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I graduated with a B.S. or higher forestry degree from a four-year program accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

\_\_\_\_\_ I graduated from a two-year forest technology program recognized by the Society of American Foresters.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a practicing forester meeting the minimum educational requirements set by ATFS.

**Your Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## American Tree Farm System Certifier Eligibility Requirements

The following minimum education and/or experience requirements are necessary for professionals certifying and inspecting Tree Farms.

- All inspectors must successfully complete the Certifier Training Program. Inspectors must complete the refresher training every five years, which will coincide with AFF Standard revisions.

**All inspectors must meet at least one of the four recognized requirements:**

- A Bachelor of Science, Forestry degree, or higher from a Society of American Foresters (SAF) accredited program.
- Two-year forestry technician degree from an SAF recognized program.
- Anyone already serving as a Tree Farm inspector prior to July 31, 1999 is grandfathered in as an inspector **provided** their names were included in a list of inspectors submitted by the State Tree Farm Chair to the American Forest Foundation by July 31, 1999 and has completed the Certifier Training Program.
- Anyone professionally practicing forestry and meeting the following minimum educational requirements.

**Forest Ecology and Biology:** A minimum of one course in each of the three broad subject areas of Dendrology, Forest Ecology and Soils is required. Each subject area is described as follows: **Dendrology** – taxonomy; distribution; tree physiology, including metabolism and growth. **Forest Ecology** -- ecological concepts and principles; characteristics of tree growth, including structure and function of ecosystems, wildlife/fish biology, and ecology. **Soils** -- soil formation, classification, composition, and properties.

**Measurement of Forest Resources:** A minimum of one course in each of the three broad subject areas of Forest Measurements, Sampling Design and Techniques and Surveying and Mapping is required. Each subject area is described as follows: **Forest Measurements** -- forest inventory; growth and yield; volumetric, including measurement of trees, forests, and forest products; wildlife habitat assessment; measurement of water yields and quality. **Sampling, Design and Techniques** -- sampling theory and methods including statistics. **Surveying and Mapping** -- photogrammetry; remote sensing; land surveying, including mapping and area determination; geographic information system applications.

**Management of Forest Resources:** A minimum of one course in each of the three broad subject areas of Forest Management, Silviculture, and Forest Protection is required. Each subject area is described as follows: **Forest Management** -- integrated forest resource management on stand, system, and landscape scales, with consideration of wood, forage, water, wildlife, fish, recreation, cultural, educational, and aesthetic benefits; forest engineering, harvesting, and utilization. **Silviculture** -- to include methods of establishing and controlling the composition, growth, and quality of forest stands. **Forest Protection** -- entomology and pathology, including the study of representative forest organisms and the application of integrated pest management; fire ecology and use of fire.

**Forest Resources Policy and Administration:** A minimum of one course in two of the three broad subject areas of Forest Policy, Forest Economics, and Business Management is required. This area integrates the understanding of the social, cultural, political, legal, economic, institutional, and historical influences of forestry. Each of the subject areas is described as follows: **Forest Policy** -- forest policy history and development; application and administration; land and resource planning; real estate law. **Forest Economics** -- forest or natural resource economics. **Business Management** -- budgeting; financial, and personnel management; accounting.