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Chairman's Corner

I'm writing this as your former Chairperson while enjoying the honor of turning over the position to Steve Teuscher.

It was a privilege to serve as Chair for the past two years with an outstanding slate of officers, a fine Board of Directors, and an energetic and enthusiastic membership. Thanks to all!

Our NYFOA Awareness Booth has been active at the Rural Landowners Workshop and at the Chautauqua County Fair, and has allowed us to recruit several new members and make extensions easy for current members. A special thanks to those who have manned the booth.

And more special thanks for those who have arranged and/or hosted the Woods walks, special events and fund-raisers, and our parties. I also wish to recognize our Newsletter editor for publishing what I consider to be the best Newsletter in the state.

As for my future with AFC, I shall continue my position as State Association Representative and shall remain active wherever I am needed. I have learned a lot, have met and worked with many fine people and have enjoyed the many activities tremendously. It is my wish that every member can share these benefits through their participation. Semper Fi, ~Dick Patton

Woods Walk Review

Approximately 30 individuals attended an invasive species presentation at the Pfeiffer Nature Center on June 23rd by representatives from FORECON, Inc. The presentation was held in the historic Chestnut cabin which was then followed by a walk to the "old growth" forest.

In August, approximately 40 people attended the small woods walk at Bruce and JoAnne Robinson's property.

The Robinson's have approximately 12 acres on the outskirts of Jamestown. A number of years ago they had a timber sale and Bruce has been working to improve the regenerated un-



Attendees at the Pfeiffer Woods Walk

derstory by applying a few interesting

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Notes from the Annual Meeting

15 members were in attendance at the annual meeting held at Allegheny State Park in July. The following notes were approved by those in attendance:

Dick Patton resigned the Chair as his two year term has expired. Steve Teuscher was nominated to serve as Chair. Jeff Rupp as nominated to fill the Vice-Chair position that Steve held. Kim Sherwood was re-nominated as Secretary and Tony Pingitore as Treasurer. All positions passed unanimously.

Tony reported that as of June 30, 2007, the balance in the checking account is \$1,874.11 including \$673 in the Camp Fund. The balance in the savings account is \$1,755.21.

Due to rising costs and limited participation in past raffles, we did not send any campers to the NYSDEC Conservation Camp this year as we traditionally do. AFC thanks Bruce Caughell and Charlie Mowatt for their donation to the Camp Fund. We will plan on sending two or three



Charlie & Marion Mowatt with their Award

campers next year. Approximately \$100 more is needed in donations to send three students to camp next year. Any members that would like to make donations specifically for this purpose should send their checks to NYFOA with a letter stating the donation is for the AFC Camp fund. As the parent organization is registered as a non-profit organization, your donation may qualify as a tax exemption.

There are about a half-million landowners in NYS. Less than 1 percent of these landowners are NY-FOA members. NYFOA has instituted a new financially-based program aimed at increasing membership. Our Chapter will receive an extra \$1 per member IF the number of paid memberships is increased 10% by May

31, 2008. This would reflect AFC membership increasing from 254 to 279. IF the number of paid members is increased by 20% or more (at least 305 members) by the same date, the Chapter would receive \$7 per member.

Charlie Mowatt thanked the Chapter for awarding him and Marion Outstanding Members of the Year for 2006.

Welcome New Members: Jim Bock, Forestville, H. Daniel Brittain, Forestville, Richard Johnson, Cassadaga, Mark Kellner, Olean, Peggy Goodale & John Masterson, Dewittville, Al Suchar, Jamestown, Velma Tanner, Portville, and Neil Walker, Allegany

Woods Walks Review Continued

(Continued from page 1) techniques.

Bruce discovered that when he would target an understory tree for release, then cut away all of the competing vegetation, the deer in the area would also target the same tree for browsing and for rubbing, often killing the tree. He learned from his experiences and now instead of cutting away all of the competing vegetation at the base, he release the crown of the target tree by "top lopping" the others. This leaves many stems for the deer to browse on, or rub, and provides for a "brushier" understory for wildlife to utilize. Which was Bruce's main point: people should look to manage their woodlots for the structure of the trees and not just for species composition. This results in a diversified structure of the woodlot which improves wildlife habitat.

Thank you Bruce for an enjoyable and informational morning.

Editor's comments:

The Allegheny Foothills Chapter is fortunate to have a large number of members who are practicing and retire foresters, natural resource agency employees and MFO's. Over the years, they have shared a tremendous amount of knowledge with our members at woods walks and seminars. I would like

to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who hosted or presented information at AFC events during the past year. ~ JoAnn



Attendees listening to Bruce Robinson

Stumpage Price Report

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The Stumpage Price Report is published semi-annually (January/July) by:

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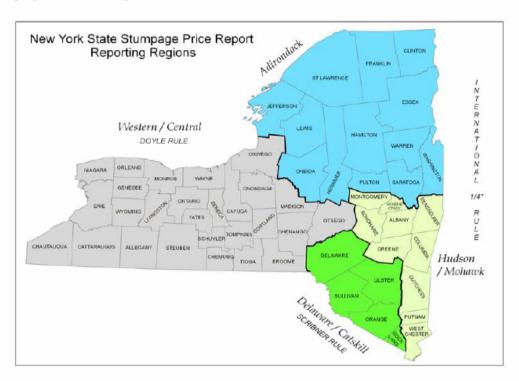
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Report prices are provided to DEC voluntarily by various buyers and sellers of standing timber in four price reporting regions. Prices should be considered historical since the reports provided reflect prices paid over a six month period previous to the printing of this report. They are intended to serve **ONLY AS A GUIDE** in understanding the market value of timber. The actual market value of timber can be significantly influenced by many factors, some of which are provided below. Reported prices likely reflect the influence of these factors to varying degrees. The report is not intended to substitute for an appraisal or other determination of value by a forest professional. Use of this report for any purpose other than as a rough guide to standing timber values should be done with caution.

Some Factors Affecting Value of Standing Timber

- 1. Timber quality
- Volume to be harvested per acre
- 3. Variability of terrain
- Market demand
- Distance to market
- 6. Season of year
- Distance to public roads
- Costs of harvesting
- 9. Size of timber
- Species mix
- 11. Type of logging equipment
- Landowner requirements for harvest
- Landowner knowledge of values
- 14. Insurance Costs
- Performance bond and other requirements



Definitions:

Low Price Range -reported range of the absolute lowest price paid by survey respondents over the last six months.

Average Price Range - reported range of the average price paid for "middle quality" timber by survey respondents over the last six months.

High Price Range - reported range of the absolute highest price paid by survey respondents over the last six months.

Median - One half of reported prices are higher and one-half are lower than this price figure.

Doyle, International ¼" and Scribner Rules - Provide an estimated volume in board feet of a given tree or stand of trees. In most cases, each rule will provide a different volume estimate when applied to identical trees. Each region of the state has a most commonly used rule, but the use of other rules in a region is possible.

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^{*} all price figures in this cell were produced from less than 20 survey responses.

^{**} all price figures in this cell were produced from less than 5 survey responses.

		Western/Centra Doyle Rule		Int	Adirondack International 1/4" Rule			
Species	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)		
Most Common Species								
Ash, White	50-275	100-375	210-480	40-200	75-330	100-500		
	(125) 350-1600	(200) 650-2000	(275) 800-2950	(100) 15-875	(150) 300-1940	(200) 450-4800		
Cherry, Black	(800)	(1300)	(1875)	(400)	(675)	(1000)		
Maple, Red (Soft)	75-300	125-450	200-600	15-125	60-350	70-500		
	(160) 200-1000	(225) 500-1375	(320) 500-2100	(80) 50-570	(155) 280-820	(225) 500-2000		
Maple, Sugar (Hard)	(510)	(800)	(1005)	(300)	(550)	(850)		
Oak, Red	100-550	225-675	350-900	15-450*	180-500	280-600*		
,	(250) 20-100	(450) 40-200	(600) 75-300	(200) 20-175	(330) 60-280	(500) 75-500		
Pine, White	(50)	(100)	(110)	(70)	(110)	(150)		
ess Common Species		-	-					
Aspen	10-50*	10-100	35-100	15-70*	20-90	40-145*		
Vaheu	(25)	(50)	(50)	(30)	(50)	(70)		
Basswood	15-125 (100)	50-200 (150)	75-300 (200)	5-100* (40)	25-150 (80)	45-255* (110)		
Danah	5-90	20-80	30-135	10-60*	5-140	25-200*		
Beech	(50)	(50)	(85)	(30)	(40)	(50)		
Birch, Yellow	50-200* (125)	80-300 (200)	50-400* (250)	15-250 (100)	125-380 (200)	205-1000 (350)		
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Birch, White	NR	NR	NR	(45)	(80)	(100)		
Butternut	25-200*	50-250*	50-500*	20-75*	25-225*	50-250*		
	(100) 30-50**	(170) 50-60**	(225) 50-70**	(50) 20-75*	(90) 30-110*	(100) 30-120**		
Elm, American	(40)	(55)	(60)	(35)	(50)	(70)		
Hemlock	5-100	25-150	50-200	5-100	25-130	35-150*		
	(45) 25-185	(60) 50-275	(100) 100-400	(40) 20-100*	(50) 35-125*	(60) 35-200*		
Hickory (spp.)	(90)	(150)	(250)	(40)	(55)	(85)		
Oak, Chestnut	20-185	80-250	100-400	30-125*	40-180*	40-200**		
	(100)	(150)	(275)	(75)	(125)	(185)		
Oak, White	50-215 (175)	100-400 (250)	150-600 (400)	50-200* (78)	100-225* (150)	150-400* (205)		
Pine, Red	30-125*	45-290*	50-410*	30-100*	50-350	50-170*		
i iiie, ixeu	(40)	(50)	(100)	(50)	(75)	(85)		
Spruce (spp.)	50-80* (50)	60-125* (83)	50-165* (105)	30-130* (60)	50-145 (90)	80-150* (100)		
Tulin Ponlar	25-150*	50-225*	75-450*	30-50**	50-125**	70-80**		
Tulip Poplar	(100)	(170)	(225)	(50)	(85)	(75)		
Walnut, Black	150-800* (500)	400-1200* (850)	350-1800* (1100)	NR	NR	NR		
	2-8**	2-9**	3-10**	2-7*	1-10*	5-15*		
Aspen	(5)	(6)	(7)	(4)	(5)	(5)		
Birch, White	NR	NR	NR	2-10*	3-10*	5-20*		
•		1-2**		(5) 2-12*	(5) 5-13	(6) 6-25*		
Hemlock	NR	(2)	NR	(8)	(10)	(12)		
Mixed N. Hardwoods	2-10*	2-15*	4-20*	3-10*	5-15	6-20*		
	2-3**	(10) 3-5**	(12) 3-8**	(7) 2-10*	(8) 2-15	(11) 3-20*		
Pine	(3)	(4)	(8)	(3)	2-15 (5)	(6)		
Spruce/Fir	NR	1-8**	NR	2-10*	2-15*	4-20*		
Oprucon II		(5)		(5)	(8)	(10)		
Firewood	4-10*	2-15*	7-20*	3-10*	5-12	8-15*		

	Hudson/Mohawk International 1/4" Rule			Delaware/Catskill Scribner Rule			New York State
Price I (Med	Range	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)	Stumpage Price Report Winter 2007/#70
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3-1 (7		6-10** (10)	10-15** (12)	NR	NR	NR	
5-1	0**	8-10** (10)	2-20** (9)	4-8** (6)	4-8** (5)	8-10** (10)	

News & Notes

2005 NYS Industrial Timber Harvest Production and Consumption Report

The DEC Forest Utilization Program has recently completed its annual look at the type, volume, and disposition of the 2005 New York State timber harvest. The following are a few highlights:

- --Total timber harvest was approximately 170 million cubic feet. The primary products produced were logs (757 MMbf) and pulpwood & chips (1.9 MM green tons).
- --74% of the log harvest was comprised of five species: sugar maple, red maple, red oak, black cherry and white pine. Sugar maple alone accounted for approximately 27% of total log harvest.
- --Approximately 30% of New York's timber product production was exported (64% logs/36% pulpwood & chips). This volume was shipped primarily to neighboring states and Canada.

The complete report is available on-line:

www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dlf/privland/utilization/stumpage.html

or

by contacting the Forest Utilization Program directly.

Stumpage Price Report Undergoes Changes

After many years, the Stumpage Price Report has undergone some changes in the way that reported prices are developed and presented. The source of the prices, various volunteer buyers and sellers of stumpage, and the method of collecting prices have not changed.

Overview of Major Changes:

- -Reduction in the number of price reporting areas from twelve to four. Recent analysis has shown that, with only a distinct few species based exceptions, that the twelve previously indicated regions are not necessarily distinct "market areas". Instead of attempting to "pinpoint" the location of relatively small market areas, areas based on large, physiographic timber growing regions will be used.
- -Now reporting the actual range of reported prices for each price category (Low, Average, and High) rather than a single price figure for the category. The median value for the reported range is also provided. This change provides the user with more information and better demonstrates the variability in timber prices. Reported prices that in the past would have served to develop prices in a small market area will now be included in developing a range and median prices in the new areas.

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PA Hardwood Regeneration

Forest regeneration, or regrowth, requires sufficient numbers of desirable tree seedlings to be available to replace today's forest following harvest. Under many circumstances, regeneration is not easy. Competing plants, deer, and insufficient light on the



Thick regeneration in NY

forest floor can interfere with regeneration and, in the long run, may threaten forest sustainability.

Most regeneration of hardwood forests occurs naturally, that is, without trees being planted; but many factors can affect forest regeneration. To regenerate naturally, the current forest must produce seedlings, stump sprouts, and root suckers that will become the next forest following a harvest. The right conditions are necessary for

forests to regenerate naturally. Unfortunately, the "right conditions" often are not met.

Three factors affect forest regeneration and introduce practices to help make timber harvests sustainable. The three factors are *competing vegetation*, *deer impact*, and *light on the forest floor*. This is abbreviated as C-D-L. Following the practices outlined by this simple acronym will encourage healthy, new forests following timber harvests.

In *Forest Stewardship:* Regenerating Hardwood Forests: Managing Competing Plants, Deer, and Light by the Pennsylvania Forest Stewardship Program, the authors take a look at how an understanding of competing plants, deer, and light can lead to successful forest regeneration and the sustainability of hardwood forests. It is hoped that, after reading this publication, you will view your forest management role in a new way and will use these key concepts to ensure a future for your forest.

This publication is available from the Publications Distribution Center, The Pennsylvania State University, 112 Agricultural Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802. For information telephone 814-865-6713.

AFC at the Fair

I would like to thank all those who helped man our display at the Chautauqua County Fair. Those volunteers I spoke to enjoyed themselves and were glad they were able to help. We have a very knowledgeable group in our chapter and I am sure that many of the visitors to our display went away with a lot of information and enthusiasm. There were many that took applications and promised to send in their checks. I hope they follow thru.

The wood identification quiz was popular and several people scored very high. Some didn't get many right but still had fun and learned something of our local trees. We ended up getting over 25 requests for woods walks, sold 7 scale sticks, got 3 paid memberships and several made referrals to MFOs in other chapters.

We, through the efforts of all our volunteers, kept the table manned from the time it opened on July 23 to the closing on July 29.

If any one has ideas to make our booth better please forward them to me or any of the officers. Perhaps, with more participation we can expand our display and attract more young people and expose them to Good Stewardship.

If you didn't get called to help this year, be prepared for next year. We will start at the other end of the alphabet. Anyone who helped this year and wants to return or anyone who wants to help, please call or E mail me.

~ Tony Pingitore



Tony at the Chaut. Co. Fair

Do you have walnuts?

As a way to raise funds for the chapter, members have collected walnuts and other seeds to sell to NYS DEC. If you have a source of walnuts, acorns or butternuts, please contact Charlie Mowatt at 716-676-3617 for more information; to volunteer to collect and/or to deliver to the DEC pick-up location in Little Valley.

Funds from last year's collection will be used to fund a camper at DEC's Environmental Camp.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

No additional wood walks have been scheduled for the fall. The annual Holiday Party will be held on December 15, 10am-2pm at the Chaut. Co. Ag Center, Turner Road, Jamestown

Bonus Feature

On the third Wednesday of each month, you can spend an hour learning

about topics that range from how to select trees for firewood cutting, to vernal pools, to arranging a timber sale. Extension specialists provide live and interactive presentations on the Internet (current technology is a bit much for modem users however). All you need to do is register at www.ForestConnect.info. Registration is free and easy to complete. Seminars are at noon and repeated, live, at 7:00 PM.

The ForestConnect Internet forestry seminars are broad cast (called a webcast) to your computer on a webpage. The URL for the webpage is provided after you register and about a week before a webcast. The webcasts include a Powerpoint presentation and the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the presenter. Each webcast has written materials used to supplement the presentation and provided, also free, at the ForestConnect website. Previous webcasts have been saved and are available at www.ForestConnect.info for viewing. The schedule for September to December 2007 is:

9/19/07: Small-Scale Firewood Production 10/17/07: Creating Vernal Pools for Wildlife

11/21/07: Natural Regeneration in Your Hardwood Forest

12/19/07: Don't Degrade Your Woodlot

More information is available at the ForestConnect website. Or, call Diana at 607 255 2115.

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise"~ Aldo Leopold

Editor's Comments

Summer is almost over and the leaves will too soon turn wonderful colors and the geese will fly south. This is a great time to spend some time inside cuddled up with the computer learning from forestry professional on the web. So it goes with the newest technology. It's easy for those of us that spend a lot of time working with, or cussing at, computers and the internet to promote electronic media; sometimes we forget that not everyone has access to both computers and the internet.

If you prefer to spend your time cuddled up in front of a warm fire with the printed page, and would like to read some of the articles, publications or training material written about in the newsletter, then write me a note or give me a call and I'll be glad to send you a printed copy.

Maybe I'll move my computer closer to the fireplace this fall.~ JoAnn

The Allegany Foothill Chapter Newsletter is published for members of the Allegany Foothills Chapter of the New York Forest Owners Association (NYFOA) and is published 4 times per year. NYFOA was founded in 1963 and is organized to encourage the wise management of private woodland resources in New York State by promoting, protecting, representing and serving the interest of woodland owners. The Allegany Foothills Chapter was founded in 1989 and encompasses Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties.

Membership is open to anyone interested in understanding how to manage a woodlot. For information on becoming a NYFOA member, contact Liana Gooding at (800) 836-3566. Annual membership is \$30 for individuals and \$35 for families and includes: subscription to this wonderful newsletter; the bimonthly NYFOA statewide publi-

cation, The New York Forest Owner; attendance at Chapter meetings; and at two statewide meetings. For more information visit www.nyfoa.org



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