

Family Forest Heritage Day, Duplin County, April 30 2005

More than 20 people attended the Family Forest Heritage Day that was held in Duplin County (James Sprunt Community College) on April 30, 2005. Among the attendees, 17 completed forms that evaluated the workshop itself, the results of which are summarized below.

About the workshop

The information presented at this workshop was understandable.	94%
The presentations were very helpful.	94%
The materials are very helpful.	94%
<i>Very likely</i> to use the information presented.	86%
<i>Somewhat likely</i> to use the information presented.	13%
The workshop length was just right.	100%

There were many positive comments about the utility of specific information, particularly reforestation, species selection, tax information, property management, and contacting experts before you decide to sell timber. It was clear that the respondents were eager to learn more. Those who commented praised all the presentations.

In the evaluation, 47% of respondents indicated that they had heard about the workshop through personal contacts, with 18% equally from flyers/posters and through the media. 12% mentioned learning about it through agencies.

Forest land ownership

Fourteen of the respondents indicated that owned forest land acreage in Duplin County, but only nine provided forest acreage amounts. Acreages that were provided ranged from 6 to 400 acres, averaging 71 acres (Mean=26 acres). 85% of respondents (N=13) said that they had inherited some or all of their woodland. 53% used their land for hunting and fishing.

Only 12 of the respondents indicated any future plans for their woodland – 58% intended to pass this land to their heirs, and no one indicated intentions to sell land. 33% were going to mix selling timber and passing land on to heirs. Among 15 respondents, only 33% had prepared a will saying who would inherit their woodlands.

State foresters had visited 20% of respondents within the past five years. None had hired a consulting forester within these five years. However, 67% had sold timber from their woodlands over the past 10 years.

Demographics of respondents:

Age	Average 62 years (Min = 36 years, Max = 77 years)
Residence	Duplin County
Sex	49% male; 51% female
Level of education	High school: 24%; Technical training: 12%; College degree and higher: 53%.
Race	White/Caucasian: 24%; Black/African American: 76%