

## Family Forest Heritage Day, Northampton County, April 13, 2005

Some 45 people attended the Family Forest Heritage Day that was held in Northampton County on April 13, 2005. Among the attendees, 33 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.	97%
The presentations were very helpful.	91%
The materials are very helpful.	97%
<i>Very likely</i> to use the information presented.	73%
<i>Somewhat likely</i> to use the information presented.	27%
The workshop length was just right.	93%

There were many positive comments about the utility of specific information, especially about CRP and other government programs. Many people mentioned learning a lot from Rodney Black's (NCFS) presentation in particular. Those who commented praised all the presentations.

In the evaluation, 45% of the respondents indicated that they had learned of the workshop from County Extension, and 26% had received either a letter or postcard describing the event. 16% said that their information had come through a personal contact.

### Forest land ownership

97% of respondents (N= 30) indicated that they owned forest land in Northampton County, although only 25 respondents provided actual acreages. These ranged between 4 to 550 acres, averaging 71 acres (median = 40 acres). 70% of owners (N=30) had inherited some or all of their land. 55% indicated that they used their land for hunting and fishing.

35% of respondents indicated that they had not considered the future of their woodland. Although 39% intended to pass this land to their heirs, only 6% said that they planned to sell timber. 19% were going to mix selling timber and passing land on to heirs. 57% of owners had already prepared a written will.

State foresters had visited 37% of respondents within the past five years. Only 27% of respondents said that they had hired a consulting forester within these five years. 40% had sold timber from their woodlands over the past 10 years.

### Demographics of respondents:

Age	Average 62 years (Min = 45 years, Max = 85 years)
Residence	Northampton and neighboring counties
Sex	63% male; 37% female
Level of education	High school: 32%; Technical training/2-year college: 32%; College degree and higher: 32%.
Race	White/Caucasian: 48%; Black/African American: 52%