



**NH TREE FARM PROGRAM**

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**Welcome!**

**About Us**

The New Hampshire Tree Farm Program is an application of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) and has been operated by volunteers through the New Hampshire Tree Farm Executive Committee since 1950. The American Tree Farm System is a nationwide program that encourages private forest owners to actively manage their forests in a sustainable manner for multiple values.

A Tree Farm is a privately owned forest managed to produce timber with added benefits of improved wildlife habitat, water quality, recreation, and scenic values. There are also municipal watersheds, school forests and other public ownerships certified as Tree Farms.

Nationwide, over 80,000 Tree Farmers manage 24 million acres of woodlands for pride, profit and pleasure and help meet the nation's growing need for wood and paper products.

The Tree Farm System was launched in 1941 by the nation's wood-using industries. The system is managed by the **American Tree Farm System**. Operating funds for the program come from forest landowners, forest industry and others interested in encouraging good forestry on private lands.

**Our Mission**

*To promote the growing and harvesting of renewable forest resources while protecting the environment and increasing public understanding of all benefits of productive forestry*

**Our Goals**

1. Accomplish excellent forestry on the land by educating and motivating forest landowners to grow, harvest, and renew forest resources on a sustainable basis in an environmentally sound manner.
2. Communicate the benefits of excellent forestry by documenting and publicizing Tree Farm accomplishments by:
  - Providing working demonstrations of forest stewardship so that other landowners can follow the best examples.
  - Gaining support for Tree Farmers because they provide multiple forest resource benefits to society.
  - Promote better public understanding of the role of forest lands in meeting human needs for wood, water, wildlife and recreation.
3. Protect and promote the rights of Tree Farmers to manage the forest resources.
4. Build mutually supportive relationships between wood using industries and Tree Farmers.

**Meet Our Co-Sponsors**

The four-way co-sponsorship of New Hampshire Tree Farm is viewed as a national model for state/private partnership in administering the statewide Tree Farm programs. Learn more about our sponsors by visiting their websites:





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## New Hampshire Tree Farm 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. Contact the New Hampshire Tree Farm Program at (603) 224-9945 to see if your inspector certification is up-to-date.

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.
- A New Hampshire Licensed Forester.
- 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** – 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.

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