



SHARP Logger Program -- 2003 Annual Report

2003 Program Highlights

- ❖ 2003 was the second full year that VA Tech Forestry Extension has had responsibility for the administration and coordination of Virginia's SHARP Logger training and education program. Scott Barrett serves as the SHARP Logger program coordinator through Virginia Tech Forestry Extension in Blacksburg. The SHARP Logger program continues to be funded through the Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) State Committee, with administrative support from the Virginia Forestry Association. With funding from the VA SFI Committee, SHARP Logger programs continue to be offered free of charge to participants.
- ❖ Additional information on the SHARP Logger program, training dates, and a database of current SHARP Loggers can be found on the SHARP Logger website at www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu
- ❖ 142 individuals gained SHARP Logger standing in 2003, while 291 loggers failed to complete the 3-year Continuing Education (CE) requirement and lost their SHARP Logger standing, bringing the current number of active Virginia SHARP Loggers to 1,815. Loggers who have completed the training represent approximately 1300 logging businesses, and produce an estimated 90%+ of Virginia's raw forest products.
- ❖ A total of 945 individuals participated in 52 scheduled programs to earn SHARP Logger credits in 2003. Scheduled SHARP Logger programs were offered on 11 different topics in 2003 at locations across the Commonwealth. New CE classes offered in 2003 included BMP Field programs, Logger Safety Awareness Workshop, Roadway Safety Workshops, Orienteering for loggers, and a Log grading and Merchandising workshop.
- ❖ At least 80 individuals directly assisted in the implementation of the SHARP Logger Program in 2003. These individuals came from the forest products industry, the logging industry, the insurance industry, state agencies, and forest landowners (please see the listing at the end of this report). Together, they represent a contribution to the SHARP Logger program from 9 state agencies and 30 companies and other organizations. Special thanks goes to Virginia Cooperative Extension District Forestry Agents Adam Downing, Dan Goerlich, and Jim Willis for the many SHARP Logger trainings they planned and conducted. **Without the help from everyone involved, the Sharp Logger Program could not succeed.**

VIRGINIA SHARP Logger Training Summary 2003

SHARP Loggers trained in 2003

Individuals

Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2003	142
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2003	39
Attended 1 or more program for SHARP Logger CE credit in 2003	818
Attended at least 1 program for SHARP Logger credit in 2003 (Core or CE)	945

Summary of current SHARP Loggers

Individuals

Received SHARP Logger Standing to date	2508
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/03 & have 1 year grace period to renew	291
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/03	135
Current SHARP Logger status, but retired/out of business	16

Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/04

1815

SHARP Logger CE Programs offered in 2003

Classes

Attendance

Log Grading & Merchandising Workshop	1	22
Improving Negotiating Skills	1	14
Oil Spill Prevention & Control	1	14
Wildlife Management & Endangered Species	1	56
Logger Safety Awareness Workshop	1	48
Logging Business Management	1	18
Sustainable Forestry / Forest Management	2	19
Advanced Harvest Planning	2	58
Gypsy Moth Training	2	16
BMP Field Workshops	3	76
Map Reading & Orienteering for Loggers	4	56
Chainsaw Safety	6	125
Roadway Safety Workshops	6	73
Other classes approved for SHARP Logger CE credits*	21	263

TOTAL

52

*Examples of other classes approved for SHARP Logger CE credits include forest landowner short courses, company trainings, forestry & wildlife bus tours, and SAF CFE approved programs where SHARP Logger CE credits were requested

Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours*

Total training contact hours - Core Program	2020
Total training contact hours - Continuing Education	5406

Total training contact hours

7426

*Number of attendees x program hours = contact hours

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