



SHARP Logger Program -- 2005 Annual Report

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2005 Program Highlights

- ❖ 2005 was the fourth year since Virginia Tech Forestry Extension assumed responsibility for the administration and coordination of Virginia's SHARP Logger training and education program. Scott Barrett, Extension Associate, serves as the SHARP Logger Coordinator, and Bob Shaffer, Charles Nettleton Professor of Forestry Operations, as Program Administrator. The SHARP Logger program was fully funded by the forest industry in 2005 through the Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative[®] (SFI[®]) Implementation Committee, a committee of the Virginia Forestry Association. With continued funding from the Virginia SFI Committee, SHARP Logger programs continue to be offered without charge to participants.
- ❖ A total of 109 "new" loggers earned SHARP Logger standing by completing the core program requirements in 2005. 250 SHARP Loggers successfully completed the 12-credit CE requirement in 2005 and renewed their SHARP Logger standing, while 244 failed to complete the CE requirement and lost their SHARP Logger standing. We believe that many of the latter were from logging companies that employed more than one individual with SHARP Logger standing, while others were from firms that have simply gone out of business. Some of the SHARP Loggers that did not meet the CE requirements will likely regain their SHARP Logger status by earning the required CE credits this year during their "grace period" to renew their SHARP Logger standing. As of January 1, 2006 the current number of Virginia SHARP Loggers was 1590. These loggers produce an estimated 90%+ of Virginia's raw forest products.
- ❖ A total of 1127 individuals earned SHARP Logger CE credits during 2005. There were 52 scheduled programs offered at 32 different locations throughout the commonwealth in 2005.
- ❖ A special thanks goes out to the District Extension Foresters for their continued support of the SHARP Logger program. We are excited about the additional newly created District Extension Forester positions and look forward to having an Extension Forester for every district in Virginia.
- ❖ The Virginia SHARP Logger Program continues to be a **cooperative effort** between the VA SFI Implementation Committee, the Virginia Tech Forestry Department, the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, the Virginia Forestry Association, the Virginia Logger's Association, the Virginia Department of Forestry, as well as other forest products companies, state agencies, insurance industry firms, loggers and private landowners. These supporters provided training expertise, financial support, facilities, and field sites for SHARP Logger programs. **Without the help of everyone involved, the Sharp Logger Program could not succeed.**

VIRGINIA SHARP Logger Training Summary 2005

SHARP Loggers trained in 2005	Individuals
Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2005	109
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2005	17
Attended 1 or more program for SHARP Logger CE credit in 2005	1025
Attended at least 1 program for SHARP Logger credit in 2005 (Core or CE)	1127

Summary of current SHARP Loggers	Individuals
Received SHARP Logger Standing to date	2791
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/05 & have 1 year grace period to renew	244
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/05	320
Current SHARP Logger status, but retired/out of business	4
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/06	1590

SHARP Logger CE Programs offered in 2005	Classes	Attendance
Log Grading & Merchandising Workshop	1	52
Logging Road Layout	1	17
Basic Insurance for Loggers	1	47
Basic Finance for Loggers	4	70
Logging Safety Research at VA Tech	1	9
Water Quality Research at VA Tech	1	31
Gypsy Moth Training	6	149
BMP Field Workshops	3	184
Gas Pipeline Safety & Harvest Planning	2	35
Chainsaw Safety	7	265
VDOT Entrance Permits / Flagger Certification / Underground Utility Safety	10	223
Chainsaw Maintenance & Repair	2	30
Contracts & Timber Deeds	1	24
Other classes approved for SHARP Logger CE credits*	<u>20</u>	231
TOTAL	60	

*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	2568
Total training contact hours - Continuing Education	6592
Total training contact hours	9160

*Number of attendees x program hours = contact hours