



SHARP Logger Program -- 2006 Annual Report

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2006 Program Highlights

- ❖ 2006 was the fifth 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 2006 through the Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative[®] (SFI[®]) Implementation Committee, a committee of the Virginia Forestry Association.
- ❖ A total of 1078 individuals attended at least one program to earn SHARP Logger credits during 2006. There were 44 programs approved for SHARP Logger CE credits offered at 33 different locations throughout the commonwealth in 2006.
- ❖ There were a total of 122 "new" SHARP Loggers who completed the core program requirements in 2006. 180 SHARP Loggers successfully completed the 12 credit CE requirement in 2006 and renewed their SHARP Logger standing, while 220 failed to complete the CE requirement and lost their SHARP Logger standing.
- ❖ As of January 1, 2007 there were 1576 current Virginia SHARP Loggers. These loggers represent logging businesses that produce an estimated 90%+ of Virginia's raw forest products. The number of current SHARP Loggers has declined since the enforcement of the Continuing Education requirement to maintain current SHARP Logger status. However it appears that the number of current SHARP loggers has begun to stabilize with the number of new SHARP loggers roughly equal to those that don't maintain their current SHARP Logger status.
- ❖ 2006 was the first year in which all 6 of the District Extension Forester positions have been filled, and now every region of the state has a District Extension Forester. They have been a tremendous help with SHARP logger programs and we are excited about the new possibilities, and the ability to offer more programs with the added help from these agents.
- ❖ The Virginia SHARP Logger Program continues to be a **cooperative effort** between the VA SFI Implementation Committee, the Virginia Tech Forestry Department, Virginia Cooperative Extension, 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.**

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VIRGINIA SHARP Logger Training Summary 2006

SHARP Loggers trained in 2006

	Individuals
Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2006	122
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2006	33
Attended 1 or more program for SHARP Logger CE credit in 2006	982
Attended at least 1 program for SHARP Logger credit in 2006 (Core or CE)	1078

Summary of current SHARP Loggers

	Individuals
Received SHARP Logger Standing to date	2913
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/07 & have 1 year grace period to renew	220
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/07	183
Current SHARP Logger status, but retired/out of business	7
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/07	1576

SHARP Loggers Since CE Requirement was enforced on 1/1/02

Totals as of	12/31/01	1/1/02	1/1/03	1/1/04	1/1/05	1/1/06	1/1/07
Active SHARP loggers	2194	1881	1934	1815	1633	1590	1576

2006 SHARP Logger CE Programs

	Classes	Attendance
Loblolly Pine Thinning Workshop	1	42
Log Grading & Merchandising Workshop	2	71
GPS for Loggers & Foresters	1	7
Wildlife response to logging	1	47
Basic Finance for Loggers	1	19
Logger Security Workshop	1	14
Richmond EXPO	1	513
Gypsy Moth Training	8	96
BMP Workshops	6	135
Chainsaw Safety	6	193
VDOT Entrance Permits / Flagger Cert. / Underground Utility Safety	1	8
Other classes approved for SHARP Logger CE credits*	11	143

*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	2652
Total training contact hours - Continuing Education	5858

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* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours 8510