



SHARP Logger Program -- 2007 Annual Report

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2007 Program Highlights

- ❖ 2007 was the sixth 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, served as the SHARP Logger Coordinator, and Bob Shaffer, Charles Nettleton Professor of Forestry Operations, as Program Administrator. As of July 1, 2007. The SHARP Logger program coordinator's position was funded by VA Cooperative Extension. The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Implementation Committee, a committee of the Virginia Forestry Association continues to provide funds for operating expenses.
- ❖ A total of 1045 individuals attended at least one program to earn SHARP Logger credits during 2007. There were 52 programs approved for SHARP Logger CE credits throughout the commonwealth in 2007.
- ❖ There were a total of 117 "new" SHARP Loggers who completed the core program requirements in 2007. 500 SHARP Loggers successfully completed the 12 credit CE requirement in 2007 and renewed their SHARP Logger standing, while 324 failed to complete the CE requirement and lost their SHARP Logger standing.
- ❖ As of January 1, 2007 there were 1434 current Virginia SHARP Loggers. These loggers represent logging businesses that produce an estimated 90%+ of Virginia's raw forest products.
- ❖ 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 2007

SHARP Loggers trained in 2007

Individuals

Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2007	117
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2007	25
Attended 1 or more program for SHARP Logger CE credit in 2007	924
Attended at least 1 program for SHARP Logger credit in 2007 (Core or CE)	1045

Summary of current SHARP Loggers

Individuals

Received SHARP Logger Standing to date	3030
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/08 & have 1 year grace period to renew	324
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/08	160
Current SHARP Logger status, but retired/out of business	16
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/08	1434

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

2007 SHARP Logger CE Programs

Programs Offered

Chainsaw Maintenance	2
Loblolly Pine Thinning Workshop	1
Log Grading & Merchandising Workshop	1
GPS for Loggers & Foresters	6
Skidder Operator workshop	1
Basic Finance for Loggers	2
Logger Safety Awareness Workshop	1
Gypsy Moth Training	5
BMP & Water Quality Workshops	13
Chainsaw Safety	6
VDOT Entrance Permits / Flagger Certification	10
Other programs approved for SHARP CE Credits	4

Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours*

Total training contact hours - Core Program	2502
Total training contact hours - Continuing Education	6712

Total training contact hours

* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours

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