



SHARP Logger Program -- 2008 Annual Report

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2008 Program Highlights

- ❖ 2008 was the seventh 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, has served as the SHARP Logger Program Coordinator since coordination of the program was transferred to VA Tech Forestry Department in 2002. Since 2007, the Program Coordinator's position has been funded by VA Cooperative Extension, with the Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative[®] (SFI[®]) Implementation Committee providing funds for operating expenses.
- ❖ A total of 975 individuals attended at least one program to earn SHARP Logger credit during 2008. There were 47 programs approved for SHARP Logger Continuing Education (CE) credits offered throughout Virginia in 2008.
- ❖ The complete Core SHARP Logger Program was offered at 5 locations and a total of 71 "new" SHARP Loggers completed the core program requirements in 2008.
- ❖ 434 SHARP Loggers had a renewal date of 1/1/09 for their 3 year renewal cycle. 229 SHARP Loggers successfully completed the 12 credit CE requirement and renewed, while 205 failed to meet the CE requirement and lost their SHARP Logger standing.
- ❖ As of January 1, 2009 there were 1394 current Virginia SHARP Loggers, which is a net loss of 40 since 1/1/08. 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 2008

SHARP Loggers trained in 2008

	Individuals
Completed Core Program and Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2008	71
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2008	15
Attended 1 or more program for SHARP Logger credit in 2008	975

Summary of current SHARP Loggers

	Individuals
Received SHARP Logger Standing to date	3101
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/09 & have 1 year grace period to renew	205
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/09	235
Current SHARP Logger status, but known to be retired/out of business	5
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/09	1394

2008 SHARP Logger CE Classes Offered

Chainsaw Safety	4
Equipment Demos and EXPOS	4
Log Grading & Merchandising Workshop	2
GPS for Loggers & Foresters	4
Improving Fuel Efficiency & Profitability in Trucking & Logging	6
Logger Safety Awareness Workshop	2
Gypsy Moth Training	6
BMP & Water Quality Workshops	3
Chainsaw Maintenance	1
VDOT Entrance Permits / Flagger Certification	6
Other programs approved for SHARP CE Credits	9

Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours*

Total training contact hours - Core Program	1375
Total training contact hours - Continuing Education	5513
Total training contact hours	6888

* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours