



SHARP Logger Program -- 2010 Annual Report

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- ❖ Since the program began in 1996, over 3300 individuals have completed the core program to become SHARP loggers. This represents the majority of all logging businesses in Virginia. As a result the primary focus of the SHARP logger program continues to be on Continuing Education (CE) classes.
- ❖ The SHARP logger program strives to offer a broad variety of CE classes tailored to local needs. One of the CE focus areas in 2010 was a class developed by the VA Department of Forestry on "BMP Issues and Practical Solutions" which highlighted key areas to focus on to improve BMP implementation. This training was offered in 12 locations throughout the state in 2010. Other CE classes included GPS workshops, Logging Safety Awareness, a Basic Timber Cruising workshop, and Hardwood Log Bucking Workshops.
- ❖ 2010 was the first full year when SHARP loggers could access online training as another option for earning CE credits and many took advantage of this opportunity. The 3 online classes available during 2010 were viewed for a total of 402 hours of CE credit (1 credit per online training module). So far the response from loggers has been overwhelmingly positive and additional online classes are planned.
- ❖ A total of 1086 individuals received SHARP Logger credit for at least one approved training during 2010. There were 50 programs approved for SHARP Logger Continuing Education credits offered throughout Virginia in 2010.
- ❖ The complete Core SHARP Logger Program was offered at 5 locations and a total of 108 "new" SHARP Loggers completed the core program requirements in 2010.
- ❖ 708 SHARP Loggers had a renewal date of 1/1/11 for their 3 year renewal cycle. 462 SHARP Loggers successfully completed the 12 credit CE requirement and renewed, while 246 failed to meet the CE requirement and lost their SHARP Logger standing. This is consistent with past years, and many of these SHARP Loggers will earn the CE credits needed to re-gain their SHARP logger standing in 2010.
- ❖ As of January 1, 2011 there were 1324 current Virginia SHARP Loggers, which is a net loss of 64 since 1/1/10 and a net loss of only 70 since 1/1/09.
- ❖ The Virginia SHARP Logger Program continues to be a **cooperative effort** between the VA SFI Implementation Committee, the Virginia Tech Department of Forest Resources & Environmental Conservation, Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Virginia Forestry Association, the Virginia Logger's Association, the Virginia Department of Forestry, as well as many 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 2010

SHARP Loggers trained in 2010

Individuals

Completed Core Program and Received SHARP Logger Standing in 2010	108
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2010	19
Received SHARP Logger credit for at least one program in 2010	1086

Summary of current SHARP Loggers

Individuals

Received SHARP Logger Standing to date	3318
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/11 & have 1 year to renew SHARP status	246
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/11	133
Current SHARP Logger status, but known to be retired/out of business	7
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/11	1324

2010 SHARP Logger CE Classes Offered

Equipment Demos and EXPOS	3
Log Grading & Merchandising Workshop	2
GPS for Loggers & Foresters	9
Basic Timber Cruising Workshop	3
Logger Safety Awareness Workshops	6
Gypsy Moth Training	3
BMP & Water Quality Workshops	12
Wildlife Management	1
Online CE Classes	3
Other programs approved for SHARP CE Credits	11

Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours*

Total training contact hours - Core & CE Programs	8786
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* Contact Hours = Number of attendees x program hours