



# LOUISIANA



## State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

Programs	FY 2003 Final SPF	FY 2003 Final NFP	FY 2004 Estimate SPF	FY 2004 Estimate NFP
Coop Forest Health Management	\$137,000	\$0	\$158,896	\$250,000
State Fire Assistance	\$571,792	\$856,358	\$628,900	\$813,600
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$111,699	\$165,807	\$122,900	\$157,600
Forest Stewardship Program	\$564,000	n/a	\$531,000	n/a
Forest Legacy Program	\$0	na	\$0	n/a
Urban and Community Forestry	\$616,135	n/a	\$499,470	n/a
Economic Action Programs	\$4,700	\$80,300	\$40,000	\$0
Forest Land Enhancement Program	\$524,223	n/a	\$0	n/a
Forest Resource Planning Assistance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Natural Resources Conservation Education	\$0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Conservation Reserve Program	\$0	n/a	\$5,724	n/a
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,700,468</b>	<b>\$1,102,465</b>	<b>\$2,061,809</b>	<b>\$1,221,200</b>

The cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of Louisiana, the USDA Forest Service and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of forest lands and rural economies. Emphasis focuses on timber and other forest products, wildlife, water resources, rural economies and conservation practices. The goal is to maintain and improve the health of urban and rural forests and related economies. These programs:

- **Increase cost effectiveness** through the use of partnerships in delivery,
- **Increase values** through sustained productivity of forests, and
- **Are voluntary**, and use non-regulatory approaches.

#### KEY ISSUES:

Key issues which State and federal programs will address together in the next few years include:

- Mixed landownership patterns, population growth and urban expansion will pose considerable challenges to sustaining forest resource productivity in the South.

## Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

SELECTED FACTS		FY 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	4,468,976	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	96
Acres of Forest Land	13,855,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	31,600
Acres of NonIndustrial Private Forest Land	10,020,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	158,031
Number of NIPF Landowners	334,400	Multi-resource practices implemented on NIPF - Acres	90,000
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	n/a	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted SPF NFP	134 108
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	n/a	State Fire – Communities Assisted SPF NFP	43 36
Number of Rural Fire Departments	525	Coop Forest Health – Acres Protected SPF NFP	0 0
Number of Cities and Towns	288	Coop Forest Health – Acres Surveyed SPF NFP	13,000,000 0
Forest Based Employment	n/a	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition - Acres	0
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	n/a	Urban Forestry-Participating communities	141
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	n/a		
		Urban Forestry –Volunteer Assistance Generated-Days	627
		EAP-Communitis working under broad-based local strategic plans	0

### Program Highlights:

**Urban and Community:** A CD that provides information on the basics of various community tree ordinance was developed. It was first used in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to promote changes to the existing city codes for commercial landscaping. There has been a steady stream of requests for this educational CD from citizens and landscape architect firms and related organizations.

**Cooperative Fire Protection:** State Fire Assistance provides funding to support fire fighting resources throughout the state. Volunteer Fire Assistance provides funds to Volunteer Fire Departments through the State Forester's Office. The Federal Excess Personal Property program assists States in acquiring and placing fire equipment in Rural Communities throughout the State.

**Landowner Assistance:** Uncertain future of Forest Lands Enhancement Program funding compromises landowner ability to implement multi-resource conservation practices.

**Forest Health Protection:** Southern pine beetle activity was absent for another year in 2003. Ips beetle activity was present, but at low levels. In the southeastern Louisiana forested wetlands, the baldcypress leafroller defoliated 138,400 acres and the forest tent caterpillar defoliated 96,300 acres.

**Economic Action Programs:** The Clifton Choctaw Tribe has increased the productivity of their longleaf pine containerized nursery and which is providing employment to ten disadvantaged tribal members, providing needed containerized seedlings, and is helping sustain the community's economy. FY 2004 National Fire Plan funding has not been authorized and fuel reduction activities in at-risk communities have been halted.

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