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TCFLOA Awards three Academic Scholarships for 2025

Carl Parker, Nicholas Rogers, and Andrew Craig were each awarded a \$1,500 college scholarship from TCFLOA.

Carl is presently pursuing a Masters of Forestry degree at Stephen F. Austin State University, SFA, and continuing there this fall.

Nicholas graduates from Orangefield High School, Orange, Texas, this year and will be majoring in Forestry at SFA this fall.

Andrew received a special scholarship award approved by TCFLOA, named the “Dr. Jay Fish Memorial Scholarship”, to honor Dr. Jay Fish for his service to Tyler County Forestry. Andrew is presently pursuing a degree in Forestry at SFA and continuing this fall.

The Scholarship Committee wishes success to all the students who applied for the TCFLOA scholarships this year.

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Remembering Dr. Jay Fish (1/29/1934-4/28/2025)

Prior to retirement and transitioning to tree farming in Tyler County, Dr. Jay Fish was Chief of Staff of the University of Texas Medical Branch and Director of the Transplantation Unit. He came to the attention of TCFLOA by attending meetings and networking with other like-minded tree farmers in the county. In 2013 Jay was elected to the TCFLOA Board of Directors and served through 2024. The Texas Forestry Association awarded their Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year award to Jay in 2017.

To honor Jay for his service to Tyler County Forestry, the TCFLOA Board-of-Directors established an academic scholarship designated the “Dr. Jay Fish Memorial Scholarship”.

Feral Hog Facts – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, feralhogs.tamu.edu

Average litter: Five to six pigs per litter, with 1.5 litters per year

Lifespan: Four to eight years

Average weight: 200 pounds for adult males, 175 for females

Sense of smell: Can sense some odors 5 to 7 miles away or 25 feet underground

Food preference: Believed to be 90 percent plant matter and 10 percent animal matter

Eating habits: Small pigs eat 5 percent of their body weight daily, large pigs eat 3 percent

Speed: Can run up to 30 mph

CALENDAR

August 16, 2025— TCFLOA Board Meeting, 10:30 AM, BAR-B-Q Pit, Warren, TX. This is a planning meeting - association members are welcome to attend and participate.

September 20, 2025— TCFLOA Fall General Meeting. Time and place to be announced in the fall TCFLOA newsletter.

Quarterly—Newsletter, *The Dogwood Times*, published by TCFLOA.

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***Introducing: Hunter Scoggins, New TPWD District Biologist***

Sent: 2025-05-22

Dear Tyler County Forest Landowner Association,

I am emailing you today to formally introduce myself. My name is Hunter Scoggins, and I am the new District Wildlife Biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife covering Tyler, Hardin, and Liberty Counties. I am a native Southeast Texan myself and excited for this new role.

I was raised to be a passion outdoorsman and at a young age I had an interaction myself with a TPWD biologist collecting harvest data. That interaction sparked me to attend Texas A&M University and graduate with a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science Management.

After College, I spent several years working in the private sector of wildlife, primarily managing different private properties throughout the state of Texas. I look forward to the possibility of working with you to make improvements to your land.

On a more personal note, I am married to my beautiful wife, and we have our hands full with our two kids. We now live in Woodville, which is where I am officed. My office is at the Tyler County EOC where AgriLife and NRCS are. The address is 201 Veterans way, Woodville, TX 75979.

Let me know how I can help, please feel free to email or call me with any questions. My cell phone number is 409.789.2053 and email is hunter.scoggins@tpwd.texas.gov

Thanks,

Hunter Scoggins

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TCFLO: Thank you Hunter for reaching out and introducing yourself. Welcome to Tyler County!

How Much Money Is an Acre of Timber Worth? - resourcewise.com, 2025-04-07

Understanding the value of an acre of timber is essential for anyone in the forest products supply chain—whether managing timberland, planning harvests, or securing raw materials. A complex interplay of market dynamics, harvest strategies, and emerging environmental trends shapes timber valuation. In this updated analysis, we explore the forces driving timber worth, dive into fresh 2022-2024 stumpage price data for US South plantation and natural pine, and highlight key trends to watch in 2025.

What Drives Timber Prices?

Before we can determine the value of an acre of timber, we need to understand the law of supply and demand, which ultimately drives the price of timber.

Demand is heavily influenced by location, surrounding mill types, proximity to those mills, and the volume and type of timber products consumed in a given area. Therefore, the volume and type of products available on a tract of timber will determine the value per acre.

- **Location and Proximity to Mills:** Timber near sawmills or pulp mills fetches higher prices due to lower transportation costs. In the US South, sawtimber for lumber often commands a premium over pulpwood.

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- **Timber Type and Age:** Managed pine plantations, typically clearcut at 25-35 years, yield 80-105 tons per acre, with sawtimber (12"+ DBH) driving the highest returns. Natural stands with mixed hardwoods can be even more valuable when high-grade logs are present.
- **Harvest Method:** Clearcuts maximize volume and revenue per acre, while thinnings provide earlier cash flow with lower yields. The choice depends on market timing and management goals.
- **Market Trends:** Demand for timber products like lumber, pulp, and bioenergy materials fluctuates with construction cycles, paper production, and sustainability initiatives.

These factors create a wide range of per-acre values, making understanding historical trends and current market conditions essential.

Price Trends: US South Pine (2022-2024)

Using transaction-based data from 2022–2024, we've updated our analysis of stumpage prices for US South plantation and natural pine, focusing on clearcut and thinning harvests.

Plantation Pine Clearcuts (26+ years)

Mature plantation stands, averaging 80-105 tons/acre, saw a dip in 2023 due to a temporary oversupply of sawtimber, followed by a recovery in 2024 as lumber demand strengthened.

Plantation Pine Thinnings

Thinnings, yielding 30-50 tons/acre of mostly pulpwood and chip-n-saw, showed lower values for younger stands (16-20 years) due to smaller log sizes. The 21-25-year stands fetched higher prices with more chip-n-saw and small sawtimber, though prices fluctuated with pulp market demand.

Compared to 2017-2019, when plantation clearcuts averaged \$1,542-\$1,694/acre and natural clearcuts peaked at \$2,055/acre, the 2022-2024 data show plantation values trending higher due to inflation and sawtimber demand, while natural clearcut values have softened slightly due to market saturation.

What's Your Timber Worth?

An acre's value depends on your specific stand and market conditions. Based on 2022–2024 averages:

- A 100-acre plantation in the US South at 26+ years *might* yield \$211,100–\$227,500 from a clearcut.
- The same 100-acre plantation, thinned at 21–25 years, *could* bring \$53,800–\$90,400.
- A 100-acre natural stand *might* be valued at \$196,000–\$216,800, with thinnings at \$66,400–\$75,700.

These are starting points—site-specific factors like soil quality, accessibility, and mill proximity can significantly adjust these figures.

Final Thoughts on Timber Valuation Trends

The valuation of timberland is influenced by a complex interplay of factors, including market dynamics, timber characteristics, and emerging environmental trends. Recent data from 2022 to 2024 indicate that while plantation pine clearcuts have seen a recovery in value due to increased lumber demand, natural pine stands have experienced a gradual decline.

Staying informed about these evolving trends and integrating sustainable practices will be essential for maximizing the value of timber assets and contributing to broader climate mitigation.

Editor's note: Article was condensed to fit this newsletter



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Rainfall Totals (inches)—Tyler Co. Emergency Management Weather Division

	February	March	April	May
Chester	*	*	*	*
Colmesneil	5.45	4.62	4.82	6.37
Fred	*	*	*	*
Spurger	4.31	4.74	2.86	11.32
Warren	*	*	*	4.85
Woodville	4.85	4.44	4.31	6.84

* Not reported

*U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook—NOAA/NWS/NCEP Climate Prediction Center: Outlook for SE Texas through August 31, 2025, is **No Drought**.*

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Tyler County Forest Landowner Association (TCFLOA)

The Tyler County Forest Landowner Association is a non-profit organization whose objectives include educating landowners about good forest management and harvesting practices, and keeping landowners up to date on matters affecting timberland operations, taxes and legislative actions.

Membership 2025

Check your memberships status for 2025. Look at the address label on the envelope for your status—if the **year number** after your name is not **25** (for 2025) or greater, then consider renewing your membership. You may also send in your 2026 dues at this time.

Note that we are asking for your e-mail address. This will allow us to communicate time sensitive information on programs, workshops, late cancellations or fire situations. We will **NOT** give your address to any other group, people, advertisers, etc. Membership information is for your board members and newsletter editor **only**.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Tyler County Forest Landowner Association (TCFLOA)

Regular Membership: Private non-industrial owners of five (5) or more acres of land in Tyler Co.

Dues: \$15 per calendar year per couple. One (1) vote per membership.

Associate Membership: Any individual not qualifying as a Regular Member who supports the objectives of TCFLOA. **Dues:** \$15 per calendar year per individual or organization. Associate Members are non-voting.

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