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Fall General Meeting—September 20

The next general meeting of TCFLOA is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, at 9:30 AM in the Tyler County Extension Office, 201 Veterans Way, Woodville, Texas. The Extension Office is located on the short side street across from the Brookshire's store on US 69 south.

Three speakers have been lined up as follows:

Mark Bartlett, Senior Regional Director with WoodWorks will be speaking about Wood Products Council and the mass timber industry.

Hunter Scoggins, District Wildlife Biologist for TPWD will be speaking about land practices for attracting and supporting wildlife.

Justin Penick, owner of Acorn Forestry will be speaking about land maintenance best practices, particularly with regard to vehicle access and fire mitigation.

Lunch will be provided with a suggestion to donate toward the cost of lunch.

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May/June 2025 Timber price trends—Texas A&M Forest Service

Statewide pine sawtimber prices averaged \$30.82 per ton, above 8% from last period and above 4% from a year ago. In Northeast Texas, the average pine sawtimber price was \$31.32 per ton. It was \$27.17 per ton in Southeast Texas.

The statewide average pine pulpwood price was \$6.03 per ton. This was above by 10% from last period and down 5% from the price a year ago.

Average pine pulpwood price was \$6.18 per ton in Northeast Texas and \$5.58 per ton in Southeast Texas.

Chip-N-Saw averaged \$15.08 per ton statewide, above 3% from last period and above 4% from a year ago. In Northeast Texas, the average Chip-N-Saw price was \$15.80 per ton. It was \$12.40 per ton in Southeast Texas.

The statewide average hardwood pulpwood price was \$7.37 per ton, above 1% from last period and up 4% from the price a year ago.

CALENDAR

September 20, 2025— TCFLOA Fall General Meeting. See details above.

January 17, 2026— 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.

March 21, 2026— TCFLOA Spring General Meeting. Time and place to be announced an upcoming TCFLOA newsletter.

August 15, 2026— 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 19, 2026— TCFLOA Fall General Meeting. Time and place to be announced in the summer TCFLOA newsletter.

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

Visit the Tyler County Forest Landowner Association website at tcforest.org for a summary of past presentations, interesting articles, upcoming events, contacts, and the latest news relating to effective forest and land management practices for Tyler County landowners. Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/tc.forest.landowners

***Texas Real Estate Research Center (TRERC)***—Article submitted by Betty Zimmerman, TCFLOA member

During the Texas Forestry Association's Branching Out Seminar on August 15, Lynn Krebs reported that large tracts of land in Tyler, Jasper, Newton and Polk counties were selling faster than large tracts in all other Northeast Texas counties, except Houston County. The average size of large tracts sold in the Northeast Region in 2025 is currently 122 acres. The price, which includes any structure that might be on the property, is typically about \$9,000/acre.

The Texas Real Estate Research Center (TRERC) at Texas A&M University conducts research on issues related to real estate and publishes the data on their website, <https://trerc.tamu.edu/>.

Soil Microbiome Health—Article submitted by Betty Zimmerman, TCFLOA member

During the Texas Forestry Association's Branching Out Seminar on August 15, J. Anthony Selisker, Land program Director at Funga, spoke on soil microbiome health.

The symbiotic relationship between the roots of trees and specific types of fungi has been proven through extensive research during the past few decades. These fungi, which cannot perform photosynthesis to create sugar, encapsulate tree roots, enabling the fungi to receive sugar from the trees. In return, the fungi provide the tree with nutrients, like phosphorus and nitrogen.

Additionally, the fungi on the roots of one tree will connect with the fungi on the roots of another tree. Detailed research has shown that chemicals and nutrients are exchanged between trees through the fungal network, allowing trees to lend support to each other.

The company Funga (<https://www.funga.earth>) is researching whether applying selected fungi to seedlings will have a positive impact on the growth and health of the trees. The company reported that they offer \$9/acre to landowners who have at least 100 acres of clear-cut land onto which their treated seedlings can be planted. While all their offerings for 2025 have been allocated, the company is accepting wait-list applicants for 2026.

Black Bear Sightings Confirmed in East Texas - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Aug. 21, 2025

Biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) have confirmed several sightings of a black bear in Cherokee, Anderson, Panola and Rusk Counties.

Black bears are native to Texas and part of the state's natural heritage and ecosystem. They are designated as a threatened species in Texas, so it is illegal to kill, injure, take, possess, capture, or transport a black bear. Please note there are severe penalties for killing a black bear in East Texas. These penalties can include a combination of fines and jail time, including civil restitution penalties exceeding \$12,000.

There are no resident populations of black bears in East Texas, and TPWD has not and does not stock bears in East Texas. However, all of our neighboring states have established breeding populations of bears. This time of year, young bears are leaving their mothers and may end up in unusual places.

Black bears are guided by an excellent sense of smell, and their behavior is driven largely by appetite. Bears are not normally aggressive and should be left alone. If you see a bear, remain calm, stay far away, do not run, and never attempt to feed or restrain it. Bears will typically move on if they are given space and if nearby attractants are secured, such as garbage, pet food, bird feeders, and deer feeders. For more information on securing attractants, visit BearWise.org.



Lamar County Sheriff's Office warn of timber theft in county—Texas A&M Forest Service

August 20, 2025

Following recent reports of timber theft in Lamar County, Texas A&M Forest Service and the Lamar County Sheriff's Office urge landowners to be vigilant and report any suspicious timber harvesting.

Individuals in Lamar County have allegedly approached multiple landowners, verbally requesting permission to harvest trees on their property. After receiving permission, these individuals allegedly harvested more timber than agreed upon or crossed property lines to harvest from adjoining neighbors.

These reports are based on consistent accounts from multiple landowners in the southern region of Lamar County. Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Investigators have initiated an investigation and will be reviewing all documents generated during the timber harvest including scale tickets, loader sheets and financial statements.

“Our priorities in this case are to investigate the reports of timber theft in order to provide restitution while also protecting landowners from future cases,” said Jonathon Keller, Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Investigator. “We are asking any Lamar County landowner who has recently received a phone call or in-person visit regarding timber harvesting to check their property for any trees that were harvested without consent.”

Landowners can be taken advantage of in several ways during a timber sale. To prevent timber theft, landowners should always consult a forester to ensure a contract is signed before any harvesting, the timber is sold for a fair price and the harvesters are held to the terms of the contract. Additionally, landowners should:

- Visit their property frequently.
- Have someone they know and trust report any cutting on their land immediately.
- Never sign a contract without checking several references of the buyer.
- Insist on getting bids for their timber.
- Mark all property lines to ensure cutting does not encroach on adjacent property.
- Use trail/deer cameras on their property that can record suspicious activity or individuals.
- Always hold their timber contractor to the agreed upon term.

Landowners who are unfamiliar with selling their timber are urged to contact their local Texas A&M Forest Service office. Texas A&M Forest Service staff assist landowners with the process of securing the services of a professional resources manager to help select trees for harvest, estimate values and find potential buyers. To report suspected timber theft or suspicious activity, call the Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Timber Theft Hotline at 1-800-364-3470. The Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Department works with local officials to help bring those responsible for timber theft and other violations of the natural resources code to justice.

To contact a Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Investigator in your area, please visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/directory/?programArea=Law+Enforcement>.

In 2025, Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers have recovered over \$131,000 for landowners who were victims of timber theft.

Timber Theft Hotline: 1-800-364-3470



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

	June	July	August
Chester	*	*	**
Colmesneil	3.78	3.42	**
Fred	*	3.10	**
Spurger	5.95	2.68	**
Warren	7.75	3.15	**
Woodville	2.93	2.16	**

* *Not reported*

** *Not available at time of publication*

*U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook—NOAA/NWS/NCEP Climate Prediction Center: Outlook for SE Texas through Nov. 30, 2025, is **No Drought**.*

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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.

USE THIS FORM TO JOIN TCFLOA OR TO MAKE CORRECTIONS

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