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Spring General Meeting—March 21

The next general meeting of TCFLOA is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 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:

Garrett Slater, Assistant Professor and Honey Bee Extension Entomologist - Will be speaking about honey bees: general information, how to attract them, what to avoid, how to partner with apiarists, etc.

Courtney McInnerney, Texas Longleaf Team - Will be speaking about the Texas Longleaf Team project, suggested management practices, available resources, etc.

Allen Smith, Forest Health Program Manager - Will be speaking about general forest health matters, particularly updates on brown spot needle blight (BSNB) and other pests of concern.

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

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CALENDAR

March 21, 2026— TCFLOA Spring General Meeting. See details above.

April 4, 2025, Saturday—Tyler County Dogwood Festival (Queen's Weekend), 9 AM–5 PM, Woodville, Texas. This is a great time for out-of-county landowners to check on their property, see the spring blossoms and enjoy the downtown festivities and Queen's Parade. Go to tylercountydogwoodfestival.org for more information.

May 16, 2026 — Tyler County Land & Wildlife Expo, Registration: 8 AM, Program: 9 AM–3 PM, lunch provided. RSVP @ 409-283-8284. TCFLOA will email a flyer when more information is available. Also, see Expo article page 3.

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.

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

Nov./Dec. 2025 Timber price trends—Texas A&M Forest Service

Statewide pine sawtimber prices averaged \$28.63 per ton, above 2% from last period and up 2% from a year ago. In Northeast Texas, the average pine sawtimber price was \$28.82 per ton. It was \$27.27 per ton in Southeast Texas.

The statewide average pine pulpwood price was \$6.01 per ton. This was below 9% from last period and down 5% from the price a year ago. Average pine pulpwood price was \$6.04 per ton in Northeast Texas and \$5.92 per ton in Southeast Texas.

Chip-N-Saw averaged \$14.66 per ton statewide, down 1% from last period and up 3% from a year ago. In Northeast Texas, the average Chip-N-Saw price was \$14.65 per ton. It was \$14.81 per ton in Southeast Texas.

The statewide average mixed hardwood sawtimber price was \$37.87 per ton.



TCFLOA Offering two \$1,500 Academic Scholarships

TCFLOA is now accepting applications for two college scholarships available to association members, their children, grandchildren, and Tyler County residents, who are majoring in Forestry or Forestry related curriculums (“Forestry related” is broadly defined for the purposes of the application). Applicants may be undergraduate or graduate students presently attending a college, or graduating high school/home schooled students that have been accepted in a college.

The deadline for submitting the application is April 27, 2026. The scholarship recipient will be selected by the TCFLOA Scholarship Committee.

The application form and guidelines are available on our website at tcforest.org, select **LIBRARY** and then scroll down to **TCFLOA Forms**.

Wildfire preparedness encouraged as conditions remain warm and dry across Texas—Texas A&M Forest Service

February 19, 2026

Texas A&M Forest Service offers preparation and preventive tips

We cannot control when disasters strike, but we can make sure we are prepared.

Freeze-cured grasses, unseasonably warm temperatures and dry conditions will support increased potential for wildfire activity into early spring 2026. Texas A&M Forest Service urges all Texans to prepare for wildfires and other disasters by assembling an emergency go kit.

“Being prepared ahead of time for a disaster such as wildfires, hurricanes, winter storms or tornadoes is crucial,” said Laura Stevens, Texas A&M Forest Service fire information and education program coordinator. “Successfully preparing for a disaster requires everyone to take personal responsibility for protecting themselves, their families and their properties. Preparation can save valuable time and help keep your family safe during an emergency.”

Stay prepared

All Texans are encouraged to assemble an emergency go kit that can be easily carried and includes supplies for several days. Your kit should include the five Ps:

- People and pet supplies.
- Prescription medications and other necessary medical equipment.
- Papers and important documents such as insurance and identification documents and a list of phone numbers.
- Personal needs, including food, water, clothing, money, chargers for devices and a first aid kit.
- Priceless items such as photos, family heirlooms and any other irreplaceable or valuable items.

Being prepared also means making sure your home is protected if you are required to leave it. Proactive steps to prepare your home to reduce the risk of wildfire include:

- Creating defensible space around your home allows for low-intensity, slow-burning conditions in the event of wildfire.
- Within the first 5 feet, water plants, trees and mulch regularly, and consider xeriscaping if you are affected by water restrictions. Within the first 30 feet of your home, use nonflammable landscaping materials.
- A healthy, well-maintained landscape is important to the survival of homes during a wildfire. Make sure your plants are carefully spaced, low-growing and free of resins, oils and waxes that burn easily.

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- Remove dead vegetation from under the deck of your home and within 10 feet of the house.
- Remove dead vegetation and debris from roofs and gutters.

Stay aware

Since Jan. 1, Texas A&M Forest Service has responded to 249 wildfires that burned 5,528 acres statewide. In the coming months, wildfire danger is predicted to continue due to the warm, dry weather and drought conditions most of Texas is experiencing. This critically dry vegetation is highly susceptible to ignition from any spark. Be mindful of any outdoor activity that may cause a spark.

- Always check with local officials for outdoor burning restrictions in your area. Obey local burn bans or other restrictions. Do not conduct any outdoor burning in hot, dry, or windy conditions.
- Vehicles may cause wildfires. Secure trailer safety chains to ensure they do not cause a spark and ignite a roadside fire.
- Avoid parking or idling in tall, dry grass. Catalytic converters underneath the vehicle can become hot enough to ignite grass under the vehicle.
- Many outdoor activities may produce sparks and ignite nearby vegetation including welding, grinding, mowing or shredding. If possible, postpone these activities until fuel dryness conditions improve. If not possible, take extra precautions by having a water source or fire extinguisher nearby.

Many of the recent wildfire starts have been attributed to human activities such as equipment use and debris burning and are preventable.

Stay informed

Conditions can change quickly, and it is important to have your go kit ready and easily accessible.

- Sign up for your local emergency alerts.
- Monitor local weather conditions and fire activity.
- Know where to go and have two escape routes.

Follow local emergency management official communication channels.

Follow directions and guidance from emergency response officials. Heed any warnings issued and evacuate when ordered.

Stay wildfire aware. If a wildfire is spotted, immediately contact local authorities. A quick response can help save lives and property.

Laura Stevens—Fire Information & Education Program Coordinator

Tyler County Land & Wildlife Expo, May 16

This Expo is being provided by Texas Parks & Wildlife Department locally for landowners participating in tree farming and/or other agriculture objectives, to add more value to their land with an emphasis on recreational value.

Hunter Scoggins, TPWD District Wildlife Biologist, commented “Although it may not be easy to see, I believe this has us in the middle of a potential land use change for smaller property owner's here in Tyler County.”

“With this knowledge, I felt we should do more to try and reach the landowners here in Tyler County where folks would not have to travel far and take time off from work to gain the understanding that they are seeking. I hope this expo will be looked at as a great opportunity for Tyler County landowners to possibly learn something new or find help with a project on their property whether that resource be from a government agency or a private vendor.”

“My goal for the “Tyler County Land and Wildlife Expo” is to better serve our local landowner's and make them aware of all the resources available. This expo will hopefully provide a good opportunity to annually come together in the spring and talk about new hot topics, while also presenting new resources.”

Save the date for this Expo and when the finished flyer is published with the agenda, TCFLOA will distribute it to you via email (providing TCFLOA has your email address).



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

	December	January	February
Chester	*	*	*
Colmesneil	2.97	2.51	1.85
Fred	3.66	3.24	1.61
Spurger	2.60	0.88	1.91
Warren	1.75	1.00	0.75
Woodville	3.99	1.36	2.46

* Not reported

*U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook—NOAA/NWS/NCEP Climate Prediction Center: Outlook for SE Texas through May 31, 2026, is **Drought persists.***

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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 2026

Check your memberships status for 2026. Look at the address label on the envelope for your status—if the **year number** after your name is not **26** (for 2026) or greater, then consider renewing your membership. You may also send in your 2027 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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