

Forest Management and Products

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Purpose: FFA members participating in this area are using the best management practices available to conserve or increase the economic value of a forest and/or forest products through such practices as thinning, pruning, weeding, stand improvement, reforestation, insect and disease control, planting and harvesting. It can include experiences with the Forest Service, Christmas tree farming, as well as making and selling cedar shakes, firewood and wood chips/mulch. Students with placement or entrepreneurship programs may enter in this area.

Background: The number of acres devoted to forest production in Tennessee outnumbers those devoted to any other single agricultural product.

Visibility: The sponsor of this award will be recognized in the following ways:

- ✓ Immediate press release recognizing the new partnership.
- ✓ Statewide recognition at the state FFA Convention in front of 2500 FFA members.
- ✓ Statewide media recognition through press releases in agricultural publications.
- ✓ Name of sponsors on plaques received by FFA members.
- ✓ Up to thirty applicants statewide annually.

Budget: The annual cost of this three-year commitment is \$500.00. This amount of support each year will provide for cost of award plaques with sponsor's name on each of three regional levels and on the statewide level and cash awards.

Expected Results: This partnership will generate added interest and excitement in this award area. Through this increased interest more students will focus their skill development in the area of Forest Management and Products.