

Harvesting & Marketing



Have you ever considered selling some timber from your woodlot? If so, please keep in mind that selling timber is no simple task. The key to any harvesting operation is an analysis of forest conditions by a professional forester. The forester, after completing the analysis, marks the trees to be removed and will estimate the amount of timber that will be produced as well as the best available markets for the type of timber to be cut.

In marked-timber selling, there is a definite plan for improving forest conditions. Woodland owners who follow recommended procedures for harvesting and selling their forest product usually improve the forest biologically and get a higher dollar return from the products cut and sold.



Service Forestry - Assistance to Private Landowners

The Division of Forestry administers a statewide forestry assistance program for the citizens of Ohio. The mission of this program is to develop better stewardship of the forest resources on private lands in Ohio through objective, on-site technical information and the dissemination of information.

To aid landowners in obtaining their goals and objectives, the Service Forestry program offers assistance in these areas:

Reforestation Forest Management Timber Sales

Landowners can obtain information and assistance by contacting the service forester in their area. (Please see separate directory.)



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Ohio's Service Forestry Assistance Program



Woodland Management Plans



It is important that landowners manage their woodlands to their fullest potential. The development of a *Forest Stewardship Plan* is an excellent way for woodland owners to define and organize their land-use objectives.

The 7.1 million acres of private forest lands in Ohio are a vital part of the state's environment and economy. Many landowners recognize the economic value of their timber, but often overlook the clean air and water, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities that their forest lands provide.

Tree Planting



Millions of tree seedlings are planted each year by Ohio landowners. Their objectives range from hopes for financial gains and erosion control benefits to developing wildlife habitat and making the landscape more beautiful.

In any successful forest-tree planting effort, the landowner must consider the insects, diseases, and competition from other trees and plants. They must also be aware of the quality of their planting site before they can wisely choose tree species or spacing.

Timber Stand Improvement



Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) is a forest cultural treatment. It involves removing trees throughout the life of a forest stand to improve the forest in relation to the kind of trees present, the vigor and quality of the trees, the spacing of the trees, and their rate of growth.

Trees removed in this practice are either harvested and made into useful products or are deadened in place, using chemical or non-chemical control methods. TSI is a basic forest practice needed to initiate silvicultural management on most of Ohio's hardwood forest areas.

Services Available:

Reforestation



- What forest trees to plant
- Where and how to obtain trees
- How to plant trees
- Care of plantations and windbreaks

Forest Management



- A woods analysis
- Timber stand improvement recommendations
- A Forest Stewardship Plan

Timber Sales



- Choosing and marking trees for harvest
- Estimate of volume in board feet
- Provide information on ways to sell products
- Sample contracts
- Provide a list of consulting foresters
- Provide a list of Master Loggers