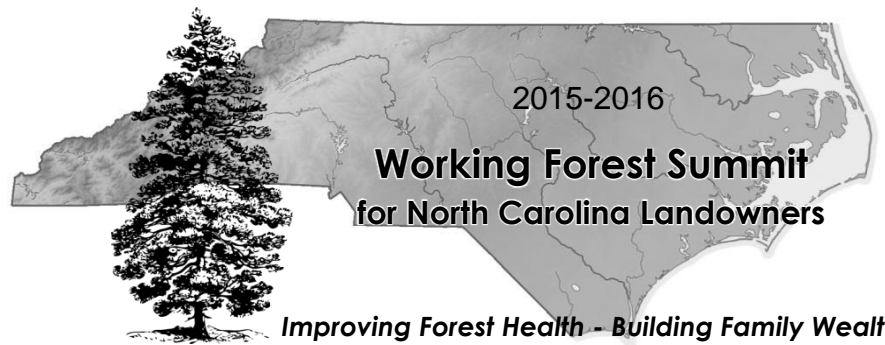


Speaker Biographies



Wednesday, March 16, 2016
Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center
414 Warsaw Rd, Clinton NC 28328

8:15 a.m. Market Trends: Current Conditions, Future Markets

Dennis Hazel **Dennis_Hazel@ncsu.edu** **(919) 515-5573**

Dennis Hazel is an Extension Specialist and Associate Professor in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources at North Carolina State University. His current areas of responsibility include technology and policy development for woody-biomass based renewable energy, environmental sustainability of harvesting biomass energy feedstocks, and conducting supply studies for bioenergy projects and the forest industry. His degrees are in wildlife biology and forestry. Much of his current work is focused on the potential of fast-grown tree species for site remediation and production of energy feedstocks.

8:45 a.m. The Taxing Business of Forestry: Estate Planning, Present Use Value Taxation, and Conservation Planning Tools

Mark Megalos **Mark.Megalos@ncsu.edu** **(919) 513-1202**

Mark Megalos serves as Extension Forestry Specialist and Extension Associate Professor in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources at NC State University. Mark earned his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and his Masters and Doctorate degrees from NC State University. Mark's responsibilities cover forest management, reforestation, carbon offsets, taxation, conservation opportunities and climate adaptation strategies on forested lands.

9:45 a.m. BREAK, Visit with Sponsors and Partners

10:15 a.m. Growing for Value and Selling for Profit: Species, Grades and Quality Considerations to Meet Market Needs

Rick Hamilton

Rick's career began in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1974, where he served as District Forester and District Extension Forester in the Southeast 26 counties. In 1977, his tree died and he returned to NC State University as Forestry Extension Specialist and retired as Department Extension Leader in 2007.

Rick's entire career and part of his retirement is devoted to educating and assisting private forest landowners. Over the years, he covered many forestry topics, including timber taxes, forest herbicides, general forest management, water quality and timber marketing.



11:15 a.m. Question/Answer for Speakers; Complete Evaluations

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. Wildlife Management and Prescribed Burn

Terry Sharpe – 2014 NC Prescribed Fire Council Prescribed Burner of the Year

Terry Sharpe retired from the Wildlife Commission after working for thirty years as a biologist specializing in small game and land management. He now helps landowners with wildlife and forest management and grows native grass and wildflowers for seed production. He owns and manages several properties in Richmond and Moore Counties for timber and wildlife and has a conservation easement on one property.

He became interested in prescribed fire through his interest in bobwhite quail and the grasslands that form the understory in southeastern pine forests. He is an advocate for prescribed burning and regularly burns several of the properties he owns. He enjoys hunting, fishing, gardening, foraging for wild foods, bird watching, traveling to wild places, and canoeing southeastern rivers.

1:15 p.m. Forestry Cost Share Program Opportunities

Bill Powell

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Mr. Powell earned his Bachelor's degree in Forestry with a minor in Biology from Virginia Tech. He taught vocational forestry at Northeast Guilford County High School in 1980. He has served in various capacities with the NC Forest Service since 1982 and presently serves as Staff Forester for Forest Management in Clayton.

Powell also serves as the Federal Cost Share Program Coordinator for NCFS. He has field experience in the use and application of both federal and state cost share programs that deal mostly with forest establishment and wildlife habitat management. His responsibilities in the cost share "world" changed to more of a state wide field support, liaison, trouble shooter, and trainer in 1999 when he transferred to a Staff Forester Position.

Bill Powell's other areas of specialization include: NCFS Training Coordinator for new technicians, reforestation special projects, GPS Specialist, and management of various state property.

2:00 Break – Visit with Sponsors and Partners



2:15 p.m. Forest Landowner Panel

Woodland Management: My Perspective

Jess Hall

Cumberland County Forest Landowner

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Mr. Hall retired from Industrial Electronics Business in which he worked in engineering, sales and marketing. He manages the Jesse W. Hall (deceased) and Ellen M. Hall (age 95) property in the Stedman Community. The property consists of approximately 370 acres of mixed use; timber, row crop farming, sod farming, pine straw production and rental property.

Steps to Become an Active Landowner

Wanda Campbell Clay – Bladen County Forest Landowner

Wanda Campbell Clay retired from NC Cooperative Extension as the County Director for Duplin County. During her time with Cooperative Extension Wanda helped to obtain funding for the Duplin County Livestock Facility and was also instrumental in rejuvenating the Duplin Agribusiness Fair. She was also active in developing the Duplin Forest Landowner Association. In her retirement, Wanda now manages forested acreage in Bladen County.

Using Available Resources to Manage Your Timber

Clark Wooten – Sampson County Landowner

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A co-founder of Buy Sod Inc., Clark Wooten is president of Tri-State Turf Farm, a family-owned sod production farm operating since 1985 in Newton Grove, NC. Wooten also operated the family farm growing tobacco, sweet potatoes and no till row crops. Since 2011, he has served as president of the NC Crop Improvement Association. Wooten is a past president of the NC Sod Producers Association and a former TCNC board member. In 2003, he also served on the Industry Advisory Board for North Carolina State University's Center for Turfgrass Environmental Research and Education. Wooten currently serves as a Sampson County Commissioner.

A 1984 graduate of the University of North Carolina Wilmington, with a bachelor's degree in Economics, Wooten completed North Carolina State University's Turfgrass Short Course in 1999.

Clark is the fifth generation farming the family land. Clark and his wife Linda have two children. Their daughter Celia is a graduate of North Carolina State University and currently holds a full time position with Buy Sod Inc.

Clark and Linda's son Houston is pursuing a degree in Industrial Systems at Sampson Community College. Houston currently holds a full time position with Tri Sate Turf while in school and plans to continue after graduation.

