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**FPP**

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## What is FPP?

The Forestry Productivity Program (FPP) provides financial assistance to eligible landowners for establishing and improving a crop of trees. This program helps offset a landowner's expenses by sharing the cost of implementing specific forestry practices designed to produce a timber crop.

Cost-share payments cover 50 percent of the total cost of implementing one or more forestry practices, not to exceed a maximum limit set for each individual practice. Eligible landowners can receive up to \$10,000 of FPP assistance each fiscal year.

## Who Is Eligible for Assistance?

FPP assistance is available to landowners in all Louisiana parishes who own a minimum of five (5) contiguous acres suitable for growing a commercially valuable timber species. There is no maximum size of ownership limiting a landowner's participation in the program.

Applications for FPP assistance are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Ten-year Requirement

Each landowner who participates in a FPP cooperative agreement with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) shall be required to maintain the forestry usage for a period of 10 years. If land is sold, conveyed, etc. before the end of the agreement, the original recipient of funds is bound unless the new owner assumes responsibility in writing.

## Six Steps to FPP

### 1. Application

Applications are available from LDAF foresters, industry foresters, forestry consultants or foresters from other governmental agencies. A non-refundable application fee is required.

### 2. Management Plan

A professional forester trained in LA's FPP can prepare a management plan stating practice(s) and acres requested.

### 3. Approval

Plan and requested practice(s) are approved by LDAF Forester and application forwarded to State Office.

### 4. Authorization

Landowner will receive a notification letter that practice(s) funding has been authorized. Landowner is responsible for making the necessary arrangements to implement each practice (e.g., contract with vendor, order seedlings, etc.). Landowner **MUST** notify LDAF Forester prior to beginning any practice.

### 5. Completion

As each practice is completed, the landowner notifies the LDAF Forester, who then makes final inspection of the work to ensure that the practice(s) has been applied in compliance with FPP standards.

### 6. FPP Payment

Landowner provides LDAF Forester with copies of all receipts pertaining to practice(s) completed. This information is forwarded to State Office for payment.

## Forestry Practices Eligible for FPP Assistance

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### Planting or Seeding

*Objective:* To establish a crop of trees by planting or seeding pine or hardwood. This practice includes the cost of seedlings, seed, labor, and if needed, site preparation.

Post-planting site preparation is allowed to reduce or control undesirable vegetation within the first growing season of an established crop of trees.

### Site Preparation for Natural Regeneration

*Objective:* To prepare an area in order for natural regeneration to become established. This practice includes the appropriate method(s) of site preparation.

### Control of Competing Vegetation

*Objective:* To release an existing crop of desirable trees from undesirable vegetation. This practice includes the application of chemical, pre-commercial thinning, and release of longleaf pine seedlings by burning.

