



WILD HARVEST SECTOR

Entrepreneurships in the sustainable production of forest grown medicinal plants and other non-timber forest products

Wild Harvest Sector is a program designed to foster the sustainable propagation, harvesting, value-added processing, and marketing of forest-grown medicinal plants and other non-timber forest products in southwestern Virginia.

The program is being offered through the support of Appalachian Regional Commission by a partnership among Total Action Against Poverty, Roanoke; Virginia Tech's Dept. of Wood Science and Forest Products, Blacksburg; and Craig County Rural Partnership, New Castle.

Wild Harvest Sector is dedicated to the conservation of all plant species grown for market. Therefore we encourage participants to learn to "grow their own" rather than to deplete natural plant communities.

We believe that the production and marketing of forest-grown medicinal plants and other non-timber forest products can help local residents boost their income -- while conserving our beautiful forests for future generations.



Wild Harvest Sector offers the following:

- ⇒ assistance with finding and starting your own growing site
- ⇒ training and assistance in planting, cultivating, harvesting, and marketing forest plants
- ⇒ assistance with production of a variety of non-timber forest products -- floral products, mushrooms and other food products, horticultural products, specialized wood products, and a variety of forest-grown medicinal plants.

**WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
2000-2001**

October 28, 2000 Andy Hankins, Virginia Cooperative Extension, leads a workshop on ginseng and goldenseal. Camp Mitchell, New Castle, VA.

February 3, 2001 Syl Yunker of the Appalachian Ginseng Foundation presents "Virtually Wild" ginseng growing. Camp Mitchell, New Castle, VA.

March 31, 2001 Milton and Kay McGrady and Tom Hammett speak on marketing and producing Shitake mushroom

April 28, 2001 David Cooke, WVU Extension Service leads a workshop on growing ginseng for Asian and domestic markets. Camp Mitchell, New Castle, VA.

TBA in 2001 Chuck Wanzer, Botanics, and Ed Fletcher on propagating native forest plants for market.

TBA in 2001 Andy Hankins on producing forest products for the floral/decorative market.