

There are seven main categories of NTFP:



Forest grown medicinal plants, such as ginseng, goldenseal, black cohosh, wild yam, bloodroot, lady's slipper, fringe tree, blue cohosh, hydrangea, lobelia, mayapple, New Jersey tea, passion

flower, pipsissewa, sassafras, slippery elm, Solomon seal, spikenard, stone root, Virginia snake root, wild ginger, and witch hazel



Edible products, such as mushrooms, nuts, roots, flowers, greens, and fruits



Floral or decorative products, such as pine boughs, pinecones, grape vines, fungi, leaves, pods, and stems



Horticultural products, live plants for gardeners, landscapers and home decorators



Fragrant essences, deciduous, coniferous and herbaceous; leaves, seeds, roots, flowers and nuts from which fragrant oils are extracted



Specialty wood products, household and decorative wares, and toys crafted from foraged wood



Seed and root suppliers to the NTFP industry.

Total Action Against Poverty



## WILD HARVEST SECTOR

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

A partnership between  
Total Action Against Poverty  
Virginia Tech  
Craig County Rural Partnership  
Virginia Cooperative Extension

**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 preservation 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.
- ⇒ WEBSITE: Virginia Tech maintains a website dedicated to gathering information on non-timber forest products. To download this brochure and learn more about non-timber forest products, go to the following website:

<http://www.sfp.forprod.vt.edu>



## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE 2000-2001

**October 28, 2000** Andy Hankins, Virginia Cooperative Extension, on ginseng and goldenseal, Camp Mitchell, New Castle, Va.

**February 3, 2001** Syl Yunker, Appalachian Ginseng Foundation, on "virtually wild" ginseng growing, Camp Mitchell, New Castle, VA.

**February 2001 (date TBA)** David Cooke, WVU Extension Service, producing forest-grown plants for overseas and domestic Asian markets, Camp Mitchell, New Castle, VA.

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

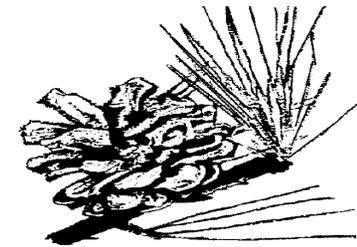
**TBA in 2001** Andy Hankins on producing forest products for the floral/decorative market.

**TBA in 2001** Tom Hammett, Va. Tech College of Natural Resources, on writing a business plan for forest products enterprises

**TBA in 2001** Prof. and Kay McGrady on marketing and producing Shitake mushroom

## What are non-timber forest products and why are they important?

Non-timber forest products (NTFP) are any plant-based materials of commercial value harvested from forests – other than timber. The sustainable production of NTFP goes by many names: agroforestry, forest farming, forest gardening, special forest products, and non-wood forest products. NTFPs are valuable commodities with potential to generate significant economic activity at the local community level – without having to cut down the trees or destroy or degrade the forest ecosystems in which these plants thrive.



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