

Income Alternatives for Woodlot Owners Conference

May 7 & 8 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Education Center in Front Royal, Virginia

Over 60 percent of Virginia is covered by forests, a resource that benefits all citizens of the commonwealth by cleaning the air, filtering the water, hosting recreation activities and providing products we use everyday. Private individuals own over 66 percent of the state's 15.8 million acres of forests. Most woodlot owners own the land for reasons other than making money, yet property taxes are an annual burden. While timber harvesting is perhaps the most common method of generating income, it is not preferable to many.

If this is your stance, yet you are interested in enjoying and caring for your woodland, while exploring the possibility of making a bit of money, the *Income Alternatives for Woodlot Owners Conference* is for you!

This 1.5-day conference will provide participants with a suite of options to consider for your own property according to your interests. A mixture of **both classroom and field instruction**, with nationally recognized speakers, will provide a forum to learn about many different aspect of forest crops such as edibles & herbs, forest ecology & tree identification, aquaculture & pond management, bee keeping, portable sawmilling & solar kiln operations, and much more!

To learn more about this program for adults and youth, contact:

- Virginia Cooperative Extension Office at Virginia State University at 804-524-5962 or e-mail ahankins@vsu.edu for a brochure or registration information.
- Cost is \$50.00 per adult if pre-registered, \$35.00 for 1 child (30.00 each additional). Meals and conference material are included in this fee.
- Onsite lodging is available as low as \$21.00 for the night of May 7.
- Registration & Vendor displays begin at 3:30 on May 7, the conference will conclude at 3:30 on Saturday, May 8.

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