

**Report on the  
Status of Logger Training and Education (LT&E) Programs  
in 32 Forested U.S. States & Four Canadian Provinces**

**2023 Actuals – 2024 Estimates**



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## FOREWORD

This *Report on the Status of Logger Training and Education (LT&E) Programs in 32 Forested U.S. States & Four Canadian Provinces* was compiled from updates submitted by LT&E Program Coordinators.

Each state logger training program report is included in alphabetical order beginning on page 6.

A Training Summary Table on page 4 reports the number of persons attending continuing education courses in 2023 and expected to attend continuing education courses in 2024. A total of 6,879 loggers and others completed LT&E programs and 18,512 attended at least 1 training session in 2023.

On page 5, you will find a table that summarizes the number of logging contractors, logging employees, and others that participated in LT&E programs in 2023. Although some programs do not track the job classification of trainees, the programs that do track it report that 2,667 logging contractors, 2,229 logging employees, and 419 non-loggers completed their LT&E Program requirements in 2023. Others participating in LT&E Programs include: foresters, landowners, consultants, students, government officials and natural resource managers.

Most LT&E Programs now require continuing education to fulfill licensing or to maintain certification status. For more information about each training program, please contact the person(s) listed at the top of each LT&E report.

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**LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION (LT&E) PROGRAM TRAINING SUMMARY  
(2023 ACTUALS – 2024 ESTIMATES)**

<b>State/Province</b>	<b>Actual # completing entire LT&amp;E program in 2023</b>	<b>Actual # completing part of LT&amp;E program in 2023</b>	<b>Estimated # to complete entire LT&amp;E program in 2024</b>	<b>Estimated # to complete part of LT&amp;E program in 2024</b>
Alabama	92	1695	105	8475
Arkansas	79	1297	100	1250
Northern California	0	36	5	25
California	693	693	693	693
Central Rockies	83	84	80	80
Florida (1)	336	42	355	40
Georgia	125	1044	125	1136
Idaho	512	544	500	550
Kentucky	197	406	180	950
Louisiana	67	1091	67	1091
Maine (2)	64	337	40	325
Maryland/Delaware	17	102	20	60
Michigan	100	744	1100	100
Minnesota	478	472	520	450
Mississippi	116	650	1380	1380
Missouri	84	332	120	500
Montana	142	1119	160	1100
New Hampshire	33	374	35	300
New York	61	386	100	400
North Carolina (3)	105	1315	95	1300
Ohio	42	680	56	650
Oregon	198	40	690	20
Pennsylvania	77	557	75	500
Quebec	1246	37	1271	15
South Carolina	92	0	70	916
Tennessee	3	335	70	350
Texas	65	504	60	564
Vermont	26	130	17	145
Virginia	83	770	100	1000
Washington	77	126	60	90
West Virginia	759	1658	353	826
Western Canada	786	0	786	0
Wisconsin	41	912	30	1500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6879</b>	<b>18512</b>	<b>9418</b>	<b>26781</b>

## LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION (LT&E) PROGRAM TRAINING SUMMARY (2023 ACTUALS)

State/Province	Actual Number Completing <u>Entire</u> LT&E Program in 2023				Actual Number Completing <u>Part</u> of LT&E Program in 2023			
	Logging Contractors	Logging Employees	Other	Total	Logging Contractors	Logging Employees	Other	Total
Alabama*	N/A	N/A	N/A	92	N/A	N/A	N/A	1695
Arkansas	19	46	14	79	615	587	95	1297
Northern California*	0	0	0	0	17	19	0	36
California	143	550	N/A	693	143	550	N/A	693
Central Rockies*	N/A	N/A	N/A	83	N/A	N/A	N/A	84
Florida	N/A	301	35	336	N/A	34	8	42
Georgia	N/A	82	43	125	N/A	709	335	1044
Idaho*	512	N/A	N/A	512	544	N/A	N/A	544
Kentucky (2)	170	N/A	27	197	398	N/A	8	406
Louisiana	N/A	66	1	67	N/A	1055	36	1091
Maine (3)	0	61	3	64	31	283	23	337
Maryland/Delaware*	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	N/A	N/A	N/A	102
Michigan*	N/A	N/A	N/A	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	744
Minnesota	335	132	11	478	38	335	99	472
Mississippi*	N/A	N/A	N/A	116	N/A	N/A	N/A	650
Missouri*	N/A	N/A	N/A	84	N/A	N/A	N/A	332
Montana	113	29	0	142	N/A	N/A	N/A	1119
New Hampshire*	N/A	N/A	N/A	33	N/A	N/A	N/A	374
New York*	N/A	N/A	N/A	61	N/A	N/A	N/A	386
North Carolina (4)	48	52	5	105	981	292	42	1315
Ohio	N/A	42	0	42	N/A	230	450	680
Oregon	92	106	N/A	198	40	N/A	N/A	40
Pennsylvania	39	23	15	77	274	140	143	557
Quebec	431	670	145	1246	3	25	9	37
South Carolina*	N/A	N/A	N/A	92	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee*	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	335
Texas	N/A	48	17	65	N/A	388	116	504
Vermont (2)	25	0	1	26	112	0	18	130
Virginia*	N/A	N/A	N/A	83	N/A	N/A	N/A	770
Washington	21	21	35	77	41	49	36	126
West Virginia*	N/A	N/A	N/A	759	N/A	N/A	N/A	1658
Western Canada	719	0	67	786	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin*	N/A	N/A	N/A	41	N/A	N/A	N/A	912
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2667</b>	<b>2229</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>6879</b>	<b>3237</b>	<b>4696</b>	<b>1418</b>	<b>18512</b>

1 Partial totals correspond to two day master logger program

2 Logging contractors and employees the same category

3 Partial totals correspond to recertification

4 Partial totals correspond to continuing education module

\* No job classification provided

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**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**

**Name:**       **Alabama Professional Logging Manager**

The Alabama Professional Logging Manager (PLM) Course, patterned after the Tennessee Master Logger program, began in 1993. Originally developed by the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service/Auburn University, the Alabama Forestry Association maintains and manages Alabama PLM for the Alabama Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee (AL-SIC). The committee contracts with Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Auburn University College of Forestry, Wildlife, and the Environment to teach modules of the Initial PLM training program, which consists of eight hours of classroom training. Modules are also taught by Alabama Best Management Practices Coordinator, Alabama Forestry Commission; Executive Director, Alabama Loggers Council; AL-SIC coordinator, and other relevant professionals.

Participants who complete the program receive an identification card with their PLM number. A database of current PLM cardholders is available on the Alabama Forestry Association website at [www.alaforestry.org/plm](http://www.alaforestry.org/plm). The database provides landowners and mills the opportunity to contract with loggers who have had training in sustainable forestry related topics.

**Required**

**Courses:**       The specific course work consists of these sessions:

Forest Resource Conservation – Beginning with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), presentations cover endangered species, conservation of biodiversity, forest productivity through forest management, Best Management Practices for water quality protection, and timber harvest planning from economic and environmental perspectives.

Logging Safety and Compliance – With a focus on Logging Safety and Compliance, presentations include logging safety management, specific job and task safety procedures, the OSHA logging standard, logging business compliance, logging business information, and emerging technologies.

**Other:** A TVA grant to Auburn University/Alabama Cooperative Extension System initially funded the Professional Logging Manager Course.

The \$125.00 pre-registration fee (\$150.00 walk-in fee) covers materials, meals, and other costs associated with hosting the course.

The Alabama SFI Logger Education Committee requires five hours of continuing education credits per year for one to maintain active PLM status. Participants can extend five hours of continuing education to the following year through additional training. Continuing education opportunities include traditional training workshops, safety programs, field tours, and online continuing education.

**Training  
Summary:**

\*1695

Participants	Active PLM current cardholders *	Actual Number Completing Initial PLM Training in 2023	Number PLM continuing education hours attended **	Est. Number Expected to Complete Initial PLM Training 2024
Loggers, Foresters And Others	1695	92	8475	105
TOTALS	1695	92	8475	105

*Individuals met continuing education requirements & renewed PLM status for their 2023 PLM card; This number constantly changes as expired cardholders renew throughout the year*

\*\*PLM cardholders may attend more than one PLM course

**Production**

**Data:** Approximately 95% of wood delivered in Alabama is delivered by PLM trained loggers.

**Training  
Records**

**Location:** The entire database of current PLM designees is available on the Alabama Forestry Association website at [www.alaforestry.org/plm](http://www.alaforestry.org/plm). This database provides landowners the opportunity to utilize a logger who has had formal training.

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**Program**

**Name:**       **Arkansas Logger Education and Training Program**

The purpose of the Arkansas LT&E Program is to present four one-day educational workshops for Arkansas and neighboring state logging contractors, spouses, crew members, and company and state foresters. The Program's mission is to develop and implement an education and training program for Arkansas loggers, procurement and land management foresters, and others who work with loggers and logging contractors. It is designed to provide instruction that will assist in achieving sustainable forestry and best management (stewardship) practices.

The Arkansas Logger Training and Education Council was formed to develop a training curriculum, hire a program coordinator, and secure funding for Arkansas' Logger Training and Education Program. On September 1, 1995, George Lease was hired as Director of Logger Training and Education for the ATPA and retired August 31 2019. Arnold Hameister joined the ATPA as Director of Logger Training September 1, 2019. A training goal was established to train 1,000 loggers, spouses, and company employees each year in 1996, 1997, and 1998, for a total of 3,000 persons. There are currently 15,868 individual persons in the LT&E database. As of December 31, 2023, attendance at ATPA workshops has been 58,297 in 1,465 workshops held since the program started on October 1, 1995.

A training program budget and a funding formula have been established in the form of a 1 cent per ton voluntary assessment based on the volume of wood consumed by each company that elects to support the program. Also, there is a 1 cent per acre voluntary assessment for major forest landowners who do not have mills in Arkansas. Twenty-eight companies contributed \$182,304.95 in 2023. We held 28 in-person workshops with attendance of 1,238, four more workshops and trained more Loggers than 2022. We are developing a second on-line ARK PRO Logger training video which was placed on the ATPA web-page in 2024. We had a total of 101 loggers/foresters register for the video training in 2023. We have a goal of thirty in-person workshops planned for Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas in 2024.

**Required**

**Courses:**       The 24-hour basic curriculum includes four modules of six hours each:

- Timber Harvesting & Transportation Safety
- Business Management for Logging Contractors
- Successful Timber Harvesting (Best Management Practices)
- Environmental Considerations for Sustainable Forest Management

Continuing Logger Education (CLE)—All LT&E workshops now count for 6 hours of CLE annually. Ninety percent of the 2023 workshop attendance was by logging contractors, crew chiefs, and foresters needing CLE credit. Each Ark Pro Logger is expected to complete 6 hours of CLE annually.

**Additional Training**

**Available:** Defensive Truck Driving & Truck Driving Safety                      Logger Rescue  
 Basic First Aid and CPR    Mill/Supplier (FRA) Workshops  
 Chainsaw Safety    CSA Compliance/Trucking Safety  
 AR 811 Pipeline and underground Utilities Safety                      Union Pacific Railroad Safety  
 Truckers Against Trafficking  
 New-On line Logger Safety training video  
 On-line Business Management module provided by a partnership between the ATPA and University of Arkansas Monticello.  
 Developing a New BMP module training for 2024.

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending at Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors	19	615	40	500
Logging Employees	46	587	40	650
Other (Foresters)*	14	95	20	100
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1250</b>

*\*Records do not indicate job classification*

**Production**

**Data:** Based on comments from those 28 companies which funded our LT&E program, we estimate the Ark Pro Loggers (LCs and LT&E grads) accounted for over 95 percent of the State of Arkansas’ timber harvest.

**On-Line**

**Courses:** 1 on-line course is offered at this time; which we give CLE credit to loggers and foresters. We also give credit for taking online training from neighboring states, primarily Oklahoma and Texas. Credit is given for on-line courses taken in other states.

**Training**

**Records Location:** Logger Training record is available online at [www.arkloggers.com](http://www.arkloggers.com) under Graduates. Additional information should be directed to Arnold Hameister (501) 764-2958.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Logger Training and Education Summary

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**Program Name:** LANC Qualified Logging Professional (QLP) Program

**Required Courses:**

The LANC QLP program requires a company to complete twenty (20) credit hours of approved training courses, which cover all the (11) SFI Logging Education Categories (LECs). After initial certification, a company must complete at least eight (8) credit hours of continuing education of subject matter in any combination of the eleven (11) Logging Education Categories. All employees for the company must be trained and/or retrained in First Aid / CPR.

**California Timber Operators License Program**

The California Department of Forestry offers the Logger Training Program, required for first time applicants for a State Timber Operators License. The LANC program recognizes and gives education credit for this two (2) day course. There are many presentations and classes at the two California logging conferences for which LANC offers credit. Some of these are presented by Associated California Loggers and some by the Loggers Association of Northern California. First Aid CPR classes are offered separately.

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in <b>2023</b>	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in <b>2023</b>	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in <b>2024</b>	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in <b>2024</b>
Logging Contractors	0	17	5	25
Logging Employees		19		
Other				
<b>TOTALS</b>	0	36	5	25

**Production Data:** No current plans to track.

**Program Funding:**

Funded by loggers and their association. First aid/CPR training is offered to company employees at no charge to the company (current LANC members) and is paid for by LANC.

**Training Modules:**

LANC has one on-line training course, a two (2) credit hour course –  
“Introduction to Forest Certification”.

**Training Records**

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**CALIFORNIA  
LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUMMARY**

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**Program**

**Name: California Logger Training and Education Program**

ProLogger training in California provides a continuing education resource for loggers and complements landowner certification programs. Completion of 17 required units and three elective units qualifies for ProLogger listing. Eight elective units per year are required to maintain ProLogger status.

**Required**

**Courses:**

Best Operating Practices

- 1) Silviculture for California loggers
- 2) Using best operating practices
- 3) The pre-harvest inspection as a short cut to quality
- 4) Matching job & equipment

Business Practices

- 1) Costs, job analysis and successful bidding
- 2) Independent contractor status
- 3) Managing your business to survive and prosper

Safety and Risk Management

- 1) Managing risks and claims
- 2) First Aid & CPR training
- 3) Hearing conservation

- 4) Hazardous substance rules
- 5) Updating your Illness & Injury Prevention Program
- 6) Nutrition

**Additional**

**Training**

**Available:**

California Timber Operators License Program

The California Department of Forestry offers the Logger Training Program required for first time applicants for a State Timber Operators License. The program consists of the Licensed Timber Operator's Workshop developed cooperatively by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) and the Associated California Loggers. The workshop is taught by the CDF.

Safety and First Aid - Informal safety visits and technical support. ACL's safety director works on a continuous basis with loggers and their workers' compensation program to keep their safety effort up to snuff.

Others (Electives) offered by ACL, Logging Conferences, etc., (continuing education credit awarded by ACL) include the following topics:

Working around Water  
Troubleshooting Airbrakes  
First Aid  
Trucking Issues  
Private Property  
Communication  
Air Quality Requirements  
Heat Illnesses

Labor Law  
Safety (Trucks and Logging)  
Terminal Inspections  
Trucking and Homeland Security  
Healthy Forests  
Managing Insurance Claims  
Fire Prevention  
Money Management

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2023
Logging Contractors	143	143	143	143
Logging Employees	550	550	550	550
1. Other				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>693</b>

**Production Data:** No current plans to track.

**Program Funding:**

Participants either pay directly for classes or association and logging conferences charge conference registration fees for all classes and the conferences themselves. Some conference classes are offered for free. No state funding.

**Training Modules:**

(No online training modules were developed or offered through 2023.)

**Training Records Posted or Available At:** (Please include the website link or e-mail contact where SFI members or program participants can access the training records of participants.)

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**Program**

**Name: Central Rockies Sustainable Forestry Education Program (CRSFEP)**

The purpose of the Central Rockies Sustainable Forestry Education Program (CRSFEP) is to develop, support and provide a course curriculum to improve knowledge and implementation of forestry practices in Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota. The CRSFEP curriculum is designed for loggers, landowners, natural resource managers, and other interested parties. The intent is to encourage a mix of participants and facilitate discussion between those responsible for the management of forest land. The following core curriculum provides a foundation of both forest function and forestry operations.

**2023 Required Courses**

**Black Hills**

<b><u>Course</u></b>	<b><u>Classroom/Lecture/Discussion</u></b>
Carbon Markets and Cost Shares	.5 hour
BMP Implementation and Effectiveness	.5 hour
FECV: Forests as Habitat	1 hour
OSHA and Inspections	1 hour
Silviculture: Black Hills	.75 hour
Spill Remediation	.75 hours
Forest Insects Update	1.25 hour
SD AGNR and Legislative Updates	.5 hour
First Aid / CPR (Individually Acquired)	6 hours
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.25 hours</b>

**Colorado**

<b><u>Course</u></b>	<b><u>Classroom/Lecture/Discussion</u></b>
National SAF Involvement	.25 hour
Steep Slope Logging and Soils	.75 hour
Climate and Assisted Silviculture	.75 hour
G1/G2 species	.5 hour
CSFS Initiatives	.5 hour
BBER	.5 hour
Panel: Industry and Forest Management	.75 hour
Post-Fire Restoration	1 hour
Drones in forest Inventory	1 hour
First Aid (Individually Acquired)	6.0 hours
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.0 hours</b>

**Training Summary:**

2. Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in <b>2023</b>	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in <b>2023</b>	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in <b>2024</b>	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in <b>2024</b>
Logging Contractors Logging Employees	36 – Colorado 47 – Black Hills 83 – Total	37 – Colorado 47 – Back Hills 84 – Total	80 – Total	80 – Total
TOTALS*	83	84	80	80

*\*Records do not indicate job classification.*

**Production Data:** CRSFEP Operates across multiple states which makes this information difficult to track. We currently have no plans in development to track.

**Program Funding:** In general, participant fees pay the costs, although various timber associations (IFA, BHFRA, CTIA) cover a portion of the administrative/organizing costs.

**Training Modules:**

(No online training modules were developed or offered in 2023.)

**Training Records Posted or Available At:** Training records housed at the Intermountain Forest Association in Rapid City. Contact person is Jamie Turnbow or Ben Wudtke.

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**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program Name:**

**Florida Master Logger**

The Florida Forestry Association administers the program for the Florida Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) State Implementation Committee (SIC). The program is designed to enhance the professionalism of loggers through training in safety, timber harvesting, business, and environmental regulations.

**Required Courses:**

**Environmental Module:** FL BMPs and FL Wildlife BMPs, Recognizing and Protecting Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value, Sustainable Forestry Principals (SFI) overview.

**Business Management:** Wage and Hour, and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (DOT Registration, Compliance Review, Driver Qualification Files, Alcohol and Drugs, CDL, Logbooks, Permits, Load Securement, Out of Service, Hazardous Material, Weight and Height, what is CSA – Compliance, Safety, and Accountability?)

**Safety Module:** OSHA Logging Standards (General Requirements, Hand and portable tools, Machines, Vehicles and Tree Harvesting), Professional Logging Contractors Loss Control/Safety (Overview of Loss Control, Who’s in charge, Loss Control Strategies).

**The 2023 Basic Four Hour Continuing Education** courses include Best Management Practices for Stream Crossings, Railroad Safety, Fire Safety during Harvesting, and Identifying & Managing Forest with Exceptional Conservation Value.

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program (Master Logger) in 2023	Actual Number Attending Basic two-day Master Logger in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend 2-Day M.L. in 2024
Loggers	301	34	315	35
Non-Loggers	35	8	40	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>40</b>

**Program Funding:**

The Florida Master Logger program is funded by the logger education workshop registration fees.

**Program Revision:**

As of February 6, 2018, the Florida SFI-SIC Logger Training Committee made the decision to include training from outside approved speakers for the Logger Training & Education, and the 2-day core Master Logger Training Workshop for new loggers. The Florida Forest Service provides the video for Florida's Best Management Practices training, and the 2021 BMP Compliance Survey. All Florida trainers will use this video and survey as their mandatory one hour of training. All presenters must receive approval for their three subject hours prior to any workshops.

In 2023, the committee made the decision to change the 2-day core Master Logger Training Workshop for new loggers to 1-day (8 hours total) and to offer the training two times a year. One training was offered in-person and the other was virtually.

**Training Records Location:**

<https://www.flforestry.org/programs/master-logger/master-logger-search-tool/>

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**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program Name:** **Georgia Master Timber Harvester**

The Georgia Master Timber Harvester (GA-MTH) program is comprised of two components:

- 1) GA-MTH introductory workshop training, or its equivalent, administered by the program office
- 2) Requirements for Continuing Logger Education (CLE), offered by a network of continuing education providers

**Current Training Available:**

Georgia Master Timber Harvester Introductory Workshop - The GA-MTH introductory workshop is designed to address the logger education requirements of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Program. The workshop generally covers three subject areas: environmental, business management, and safety.

The Environmental category focus is to allow loggers to become more conversant on forestry topics and for them to gain a greater appreciation of how their actions affect forest sustainability and vice versa. The Business Management and Safety categories address specific subjects that affect logging profitability and business survival. Foresters and landowners participating in the workshop may gain a better understanding of a logger's perspective, i.e., logging demands, considerations, and constraints.

The GA-SIC hosts both virtual and in-person introductory workshop formats. The virtual option is an asynchronous format with enrollment open February through November. Upon completion of the virtual, on-demand option, GA-MTH active status is effective for a period of one (1) year. The in-person workshop is offered at least two times per year, subject to minimum class enrollment. Upon completion of the in-person (2-day) GA-MTH introductory workshop, GA-MTH active status is effective for a period of two (2) years.

Continuing Logger Education – The GA-MTH program office approves CLE credits but does not directly provide continuing education. The Southeastern Wood Producers Association and select technical colleges provide a variety of continuing education courses routinely approved for CLE credit. Courses offered through other education facilities, technical and professional meetings, and other venues are also routinely approved for CLE credits.

Education approved for Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits, which are approved by the Society of American Foresters, are also accepted for MTH continuing education purposes.

**Continuing Education**

**Requirements:** Four (4) hours of CLE are required to renew a GA-MTH status for an additional year (i.e., annual renewal cycle). A minimum of one (1) of the four annually required hours must include Georgia CLE Category A credit hours, which encompasses forestry BMP content. The remaining three hours may include other relevant subjects approved for Georgia CLE or Society of American Foresters CFE credit hours. See gamth.org for more details.

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Successfully Entered LT&E Program in 2023	Estimated* Number Attending At Least One Qualifying Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Enter LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated** Number Expected to Attend Some Qualifying Courses in 2024
Logging Business Owners	40	487	40	513
Logging Business Employees	42	222	42	251
Other	43	335	43	372
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1136</b>

\* Based on past year renewals/reinstatements (actual count).

\*\* Based on current year expirations (assumes zero expirations).

**Program**

**Funding:** The program is funded by MTH participant fees and subsidized by Georgia SFI Implementation Committee participant company dues and contributions.

**Training**

**Modules:** The MTH program directly provides introductory workshop instruction only. Program participants are directed to participate in qualified continuing education (e.g. approved CLE or CFE credits) to satisfy the program’s continuing education requirements.

Online courses approved for CLE or CFE credits are accepted for GAMTH continuing education purposes, subject to additional online training requirements specified within Georgia’s CLE standard. The Southern Region Extension Forestry’s forestrywebinar.net portal was the single largest source of online training utilized by GA-MTH program participants in 2023.

**Training  
Records**

**Location:** GA-MTH program information, including directory of participants, can be found at a new website [www.gamth.org](http://www.gamth.org).

**IDAHO  
LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUMMARY**

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**Current  
Training**

**Available:** The **Idaho Pro-Logger** program, established by Idaho’s Associated Logging Contractors in 2000, utilizes a curriculum offered by LEAP, a nationally acclaimed Extension program. In addition, the program is designed to satisfy SFI education requirements.

Focused primarily on in-field supervisors, and owners (including owner-operators), the program consists of 28 credit hours in:

- Logging First Aid & Safety Training (4) as required in the OSHA regulations and
- Completion of a 3-day LEAP (24) curriculum offered by University of Idaho Extension covering silviculture, forest ecology and water quality.

To maintain active status with Idaho’s Pro-Logger program after the initial program, owner/contractors must maintain their compliance with 12 credits yearly from approved courses. This includes that all employees and the owner/contractor must maintain OSHA-required Logging First Aid & Safety certification.

• **Training**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in <b>2023</b>	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in <b>2023</b>	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in <b>2024</b>	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in <b>2024</b>
Logging Contractors	512	544	500	550
Logging Employees				
Other				
<b>TOTALS *</b>	512	544	500	550

*\*Records do not indicate job classification. Numbers of those taking individual courses are primarily program graduates taking continuing education courses to maintain their active status.*

- **Production Data:** No current plans to track.

**Program****Funding:**

The Idaho Pro-Logger Program is owned and operated by the Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho (ALC). The ALC has established two committees to assist in oversight and guidance of the IPL: 1.) the Idaho Pro-Logger Sub Committee whose members are ALC member logging contractors in good standing; 2.) the Idaho Pro-Logger Advisory Committee which consists of logging contractors, forest land owners, representatives of forest product companies, foresters, the University of Idaho Extension Forestry Department, the Idaho Department of Lands, inspectors from the Idaho State Logging Safety Program and the Associated Logging Contractors. These committees meet regularly to monitor and guide the program and make recommendations to the ALC Board of Directors for program governance. All final decisions on the governance and operation of the IPL rest with ALC Board of Directors.

**Training Modules:**

(No online training modules were developed or offered in 2022)

- **Training Records Posted or Available At:** (Please include the website link or e-mail contact where SFI members or program participants can access the training records of participants.) [www.idahologgers.com](http://www.idahologgers.com) or contact the ALC: [alc@idahologgers.com](mailto:alc@idahologgers.com).

**KENTUCKY**  
**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**

**Name:** **Kentucky Master Logger Program**

The Kentucky Master Logger (KML) Program was initiated in 1992 as a partnership between the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Kentucky Forest Industries Association, Kentucky Division of Forestry, and Bryan Equipment Sales Inc.

Kentucky's Forest Conservation Act requires all commercial logging operations to have at least one Master Logger graduate on site. Master Loggers will be required to complete six hours of continuing education every three years.

Nine 3-day KML programs were scheduled at various regional training sites around the state during 2023. The cost is \$85.00 per person for all three sessions. Training is required in the following areas:

**Required**

**Courses:** Laws and Regulations, Stream Crossings and BMPs regulations are taught by Beth Williams, Kentucky Division of Forestry Program Coordinator with assistance from additional KDF personnel. This session covers laws and regulations, effects of logging and site on regeneration and growth, construction of roads, stream crossings, landings, and skid trails. Timber harvesting Best Management Practices are emphasized. Course length covers two days at six hours per day with both indoor and outdoor activities and demonstrations.

Logging Safety Course is taught by timber harvesting and safety specialists with Bryan Equipment (a regional Stihl distributor) or other qualified personnel, KFIA, and Kentucky Division of Forestry Personnel. Felling techniques, personal protective equipment, fatality information and OSHA standards and regulations are covered. Course length is six hours with both indoor and outdoor activities.

**Other:**

Over 8,918 individuals have graduated since the KML program began in 1992 (280 Programs). The Kentucky Master Logger Program received the 1994 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award and was awarded the most outstanding Cooperative Extension Program in Kentucky in 1999.

There are 16 continuing education classes scheduled throughout 2024 plus one Webinar for loggers by the Kentucky Master Logger (KML) office so that loggers can attain the six CEC’s required to maintain their KML status. Kentucky Master Loggers can receive credit for attending programs not conducted by the KML Office, such as those conducted in other states or by industry as long as the program is approved for content by the KML office.

The KML web site ([www.masterlogger.org](http://www.masterlogger.org)) provides a complete listing of class schedules, registration form/information, Forest Conservation Act requirements, and who to contact for assistance or additional information.

**Production**

**Data:** Kentucky Master Loggers harvest virtually 100 percent of the timber that is cut annually in Kentucky.

**Training Summary:**

	3-Day KML Program	3-Day KML + CEU	3-Day KML Program	3-Day KML + CEU
Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors and Employees	170	398	155	900
Landowners	3	2	10	20
Govt. Employees	13	4	10	20
Other	11	2	5	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>950</b>

**Program**

**Funding:** The 3-day program registration fee to participants is \$85.00. The one-day continuing education programs that the Kentucky Master Logger office coordinates has a registration fee of \$50.00 in most cases. This fee can fluctuate depending on the program being offered. Additional funds are collected through the \$25.00 Kentucky Master Logger Card renewal fee, which participants have to pay every three years to maintain their designation.

**Training**

**Modules:** No online training modules were developed or offered. Individuals participating in the Webinar Series (381 in 2021) must attend at the local Cooperative Extension Service Office to receive KML CE credit.

CEU courses include White Oak Production & Harvesting, Directional Felling, and a Sustainable Logging course. This course continues in 2023. Also added in are two First Aid/ CPR/ Stop the Bleed courses.

**Training  
Records**

**Location:**

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**LOUISIANA  
LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUMMARY**

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**Program Name:**

**The Louisiana Sustainable Forestry Initiative Education Program**

The forestry community of Louisiana has developed a comprehensive program designed to assist loggers, foresters, forest landowners, and others who work in Louisiana forests harvesting the state's number one crop, "trees." The program is designed to help respond to OSHA safety requirements, increasing environmental concerns, sustainable forestry practices, and improved business management techniques. Individual workshops were designed to meet the SFI requirements and were scheduled from January through November. Master Logger status is required of all suppliers by the Louisiana Sustainable Forestry Initiative participating companies. Completion of the program is required to be recognized as a Master Logger by the Louisiana Logging Council and the Louisiana Forestry Association. Each year Master Loggers who have successfully completed the program's 6 hour per year Continuing Education requirement will receive a billfold size card certifying they are in good standing.

**Program Content:**

Louisiana SIC's program is a very intensive two-day interactive training workshop that contains the 2022 Forest Management Standard Principles of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

Educational methods used in the program include PowerPoint presentations, breakout sessions, video presentations, panel discussions, and experiential field exercises. Each session of the Louisiana Master Logger Core Training Program is facilitated by experts in forestry, wildlife management, forest soils and hydrology, governmental regulations, and safety and loss prevention.

Louisiana has partnered with OSHA to form an Alliance directed at education and public outreach for logger safety. All La Master Loggers are covered under this OSHA Alliance.

Participants in the Louisiana Master Logger Core Training Program receive training and education in the fourteen principles of the Forest Management Standard Principles of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

The fourteen management principles are:

1. Sustainable Forestry
2. Forest Productivity and Health
3. Protection of Water Resources
4. Protection of Biological Diversity
5. Aesthetics and Recreation
6. Protection of Special Sites
7. Responsible Fiber Sourcing in North America
8. Legal Compliance
9. Research
10. Training and Education
11. Community Involvement and Social Responsibility
12. Transparency
13. Continual Improvement
14. Forestry of Exceptional Conservation Value

One important focus of the newly revised Louisiana Master Logger Core Training Program continues to be intensive training in the *Recommended Forestry Best Management Practices for Louisiana*. Voluntary compliance of Louisiana's Recommended Best Management Practices (BMPs) among Louisiana Master Loggers continues to be more than 97%. This high level of voluntary compliance demonstrates both the effectiveness and the importance of the Louisiana Master Logger Core Training Program.

**Production Data:**

An estimated total of 25 million tons of wood was produced for Louisiana mills in 2023. An estimated 24.6 million tons were produced by fully trained logging contractors.

**Training Summary for Required Courses:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Master Logger Core Training Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Continuing Education Course in 2023	Estimated Number Completing Master Logger Core Training Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Continuing Education Courses in 2024
Business Owners	13	420	13	420
Employees	32	251	32	251
Foresters	21	384	21	384
Other	1	36	1	36
TOTALS	67	1091	67	1091

**Continuing Education:**

Most of the training for La Loggers & Foresters was done on their job site with Safety Tailgate meetings.

In 2023, we finished up with 4 (Cenla, NW, SW, and Florida Parishes) forestry forum, with 384 in attendance.

Chapter meetings 11 was held with 251 in attendance.

The main emphasis in 2023 was our FEVC, Team Trucking Chapter meetings and Tailgate Safety meetings (offered to all La Loggers & Foresters) in the woods.

In 2024, our plans for continuing education will be focused on Team Safe Trucking, Business Management training classes, & Insurance Preparation Training.

**Training Modules:**

4/1/23                      FEVC requirement for all SFI Loggers and Foresters, 881 attendees

**MAINE  
2023  
LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUMMARY**

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**Program Name: Certified Logging Professional Program**

The CLP program offers professional training and certification for Maine loggers. CLP was founded in 1991, a combined effort of loggers, landowners, environmental specialists, and safety consultants to recognize a standard for professionalism in the Maine woods. An immediate goal of the program was to combat the high rate of logging accidents and the high Workers' Compensation costs for logging contractors.

Today, under the sponsorship of the Maine TREE Foundation, the program takes pride in the fact that conventional loggers have earned a Workers' Compensation rate 62% less than in 1993. The CLP mechanical logging employees pay a rate 55% less than non-participants. Equally as important, our participants have helped CLP meet its overall objective of cultivating skill, knowledge, and pride in the Maine woods.

It is the mission of the CLP program to provide the most current training and education for workers in the Maine logging industry. The successful CLP candidate will be prepared to work safely, productively, in a manner that protects, enhances, and sustains the forest. Our program will evolve to reflect changes in the forest products industry and will provide a means for continual professional growth.

**Required Courses:**

To be certified, candidates must attend a CLP-sponsored four-day workshop (32 hours total) and then pass a work-site evaluation. The workshop includes three days of classroom instruction in first aid/CPR, forest management and silviculture, safe and efficient wood harvesting, and business/utilization. The final day for conventional loggers is devoted to on-site instruction and hands-on tree felling using a nationally recognized logging training system. In 2006, CLP developed training specific to mechanized logging operations.

**Day 1**

Introduction to CLP & SFI  
 Professional Code of Ethics  
 Intro to Safe and Efficient Harvesting  
*Logging Safety rules, OSHA regs.*  
 Transportation Safety  
 Intro to Business of Logging  
*Workers' Compensation*  
*Independent Contractor Status*  
*Understanding Insurance*  
*Marketing & Utilization*  
*Tracking Operating Costs*

**Day 3**

First Aid/CPR  
*Evacuation Plan*  
*CPR and Rescue Breathing*  
*First Aid for Loggers*  
*Blood borne Pathogen Program*  
*First Aid Kit Inventory*

**Day 2**

Forest Management/Silviculture  
*Forest Ecology & Management Systems*  
*Harvesting Laws*  
 Conserving Fish and Wildlife  
 Water Quality and Logging  
*Best Management Practices*  
*Water Quality laws*  
 Controlled Yarding  
*Safe skidding and mech. harvesting*  
*Cutting Area Layout Exercise*  
 Hazardous Material Training

**Day 4**

Directional Felling  
*Level 1 Game of Logging*  
 Certification Interview Form  
 Ice Damage Harvesting and Safety  
*or*  
 Mechanical Harvesting Safety & Efficiency

**Certification:**

To be certified, CLP candidates pass an evaluation of their work site within six months of completing the course. The evaluator interviews and observes work practices, and then determines whether the logger adheres to the CLP principles. The evaluators recommend certification for the individual logger, to the CLP Board of Directors. Candidates are allowed as many follow-up evaluations as necessary to meet CLP standards.

CLP candidates are offered certification in five separate categories:

- *Conventional* – skidder and chainsaw operators
- *Mechanical* – harvesting and equipment operators.
- *Contractor/Supervisor* – employers and individuals who supervise loggers.
- *Associate* – people who have an interest in logging but who do not actively log or supervise loggers. This group includes foresters, truckers, and other stakeholders in the logging industry.
- *Apprentice* – graduates of high school and post-secondary wood harvesting programs who qualify for apprentice programs. Certification may be granted following six months paid experience.

**Re-Certification:**

A re-certification session and field inspection is required within a year after the initial instruction and certification, and every two years thereafter for all categories. CLPs may be re-certified in one of three categories: conventional, mechanical, or contractor/supervisor. Certified Logging Associates must also attend re-certification classes and demonstrate their knowledge of CLP principles during re-certification field interviews. CLPs are subject to periodic inspections.

**Re-Certification Courses:**

Currently, CLP sponsors re-certification classes in Directional Felling- levels I-III, Filing and Reduced Downtime, Reducing Residual Stand Damage, Haz Mat and Jobsite Safety, Back Safety & Ergonomics

for Mechanical Loggers, Harvest Planning & Layout, Industry Markets & Trends, Jobsite Safety & Evaluation, Wildfire Suppression, Certification Systems, & CLP Program Updates. CLP also approves outside workshops for re-certification in topics such as Best Management Practices, business management, estimating timber stand volume, skidder bridge mat construction, and aesthetics. Candidates for re-certification may submit a request to the Board for approval of outside training classes they have attended. Conventional CLP candidates must complete directional felling levels I-III before any other training will count toward their re-certification.

*Training Summary:*

Certified Logging Professional Summary		Total (Completed Training in 2023)		Total Trained	Projected Training 2024	
Participants	Active CLPs	Certification	Recertification	Since 1991	Certification	Recertification
Logging Contractors	90	0	31	651	0	20
Logging Employees						
• Mechanical	686	52	225	2804	30	225
• Conventional	153	9	58	2,853	5	60
Others	73	3	23	567	5	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>6876</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>325</b>

Records for loggers active in the Certified Logger Program can be found at [www.clploggers.com](http://www.clploggers.com)

**MARYLAND/DELAWARE  
LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUMMARY - 2023**

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**Program****Name:** **Maryland-Delaware Master Logger Program**

The Maryland-Delaware Master Logger Program is a cooperative effort of University of Maryland Extension (UME), Maryland Forests Association, Maryland Forest Service, Delaware Forest Service, and the forest products industry in Maryland and Delaware. A UME educator administers the program under the guidance of the MD-DE Master Logger Steering Committee.

**Required****Courses:**

The core component of the MD-DE Master Logger Program consists of four modules and contains 16 educational hours. In addition to completing the core education modules, participants must provide proof of current First Aid and CPR certification and sign the declaration of intent to become an active MD-DE Master Logger. All core courses are generally delivered using distance-learning formatted materials. The core courses can be completed on-line, or by mailed materials. Courses are also available in Spanish. The core program contains the following topics:

**Sustainable Forestry Core Courses (12 contact hours)**Sustainable Forestry I: BMP's Erosion and Sediment Control; Logging Aesthetics (4 hours)

- Maryland "Forestry Green Card" Erosion and Sediment Control Certification
- BMP Regulations
- BMP Principles and Practices
- Hazardous Chemical Spill Prevention and Control
- Timber Harvesting Aesthetics

Sustainable Forest Management II: Forest Ecology and Silviculture; Forest Certification (4 hours)

- Forest Certification
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative
- Introduction to Forest Ecology
- Introduction to Silviculture

Sustainable Forestry III: Endangered Species; Logger Activism (4 hours)

- History of Endangered species in the United States
- Introduction to the Endangered species act (ESA)
- Federal ESA regulations
- State Specific Rare, Threatened and Endangered species (RTE) regulations
- Description of MD State RTE species
- Introduction to Outreach and Activism
- Activism tools and techniques

**OSHA Logging Safety Core Course (4 hours)**

- Presentation of Statistics on Logging Injuries
- Introduction to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Logging Standard
- OSHA Requirements for Timber Harvesting
- Cutting Safety: Chainsaw and Mechanical
- Skidding Safe Practices
- Loading Safe Practices
- Trucking Safe Practices

**First Aid and CPR**

Training taken and maintained through nationally recognized programs such as American Red Cross or American Heart Association. On-line training courses not accepted.

**Continuing Education Courses:**

Participants must complete 8 hours of continuing education courses every two years in order to maintain their active status in the program. MD-DE Master Logger program offered the following continuing education programs in 2023:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Number of MD-DE Master Loggers</b>
January 31, 2023	Annapolis, MD	MFA's Forestry Day	4
January 9, 2023	Harrington, DE	DE Ag Week Woodland Management Workshop	5
February 15, 2023	Frederick, MD	MFA's Forestry Forum	2
May 4, 2023	Eastern, MD	Master Logger Spring CEC	24
May 31, 2023	Baltimore, MD	SAF Spring Meeting	7
June 22, 2023	Western, MD	Master Logger CEC	12
July 14, 2023	Doncaster State Forest	Game of Logging: Session 1	4
November 9, 2023	Huntingtown, MD	SAF Fall Training	4
		<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>

In addition, program participants can receive CE credit for participating in local forestry boards, taking community college classes, or organizing a tour of their operation. SFI-approved courses taken in West Virginia, Pennsylvania or Virginia may also be submitted for credit. Eligible program participants (those who have not taken the core program in the past two years) can also take the OSHA Logging Safety, Sustainable Forestry I, Sustainable Forestry II and Sustainable Forestry III classes for CE credit. To find online and other training course approved by the MD-DE Master Logger program visit: <https://extension.umd.edu/masterlogger/logger-training-programs/continuing-education>.

**2023 Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors Logging Employees Other	17	102	20	60
TOTALS	17*	102*	20*	60*

\*Records do not indicate job classification.

**Production**

**Data:** Not Available.

**Program**

**Funding:** In 2023, the program funding was provided primarily by assessments of SFI participating companies and grants from Maryland Forest Service. Course fees also support program costs.

We continue to administer the Rudy Baliko scholarship. The MD-DE Master Logger program is excited to partner with the Maryland Forest Association to offer Logger training courses at no cost to Maryland and Delaware residents. These courses include the 4 core courses related to safety, threatened & endangered species and best management practices. This fund will also be available for many continuing education courses that are offered through the MD-DE Master Logger program. For more information please visit: <https://extension.umd.edu/masterlogger/master-logger-training-program>.

**Training Modules:**

The MD-DE Master Logger program offers all four core courses as recorded CD, USB drives and via the internet, provided on demand. The cost is \$30 per logger to take any core course.

Continuing education credits are obtained primarily in three ways:

- 1) Webinars, offered by Pennsylvania SFI, Cornell University Extension, Penn Forest Connect, the Virginia Sharp Logger program or other programs
- 2) Live workshops offered by UME once or twice each year in locations across the State.
- 3) Supporting agencies such as the Maryland Forest Service, University of Delaware Extension services, West Virginia Logger extension, West Virginia

division of Forestry The Virginia Sharp Logger program, The Ohio Forests Association, Society of American Foresters and others that offer relevant education events.

**Training Records Posted or Available at:**

SFI members and MD-DE Master Logger program participants can access participant training records by contacting John Hooven at [jhooven@umd.edu](mailto:jhooven@umd.edu) or by calling (410) 827-8056 x125.

**Courses scheduled for 2024:**

We will continue to work with potential MD-DE Master Loggers to offer the core courses through distance learning by CD, flash drive, print based and online through ELMS (the UME online learning portal).

The four MD-DE Master **Logger Core Courses** and Continuing Education programming:

<b>Region in MD-DE</b>	<b>Date (All In Person)</b>
Eastern	May or June
Southern	July or August
Western	November

The **continuing education credits (CECs)** that will be offered in 2023:

<b>Region in MD-DE</b>	<b>Type of CEC</b>
Internet based	TBD
Southern, Eastern, Central and Western (All In Person)	BMPs and business management
Eastern (In Person)	Game of Logging

**MICHIGAN**  
**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**  
**Name:**

**Michigan SFI-IC Sustainable Forestry Education Program**

The MI SFI-IC Sustainable Forestry Education (SFE) Program is supported by SFI Program Participants throughout Michigan. It is funded through MI SFI IC Program Participant assessments and administered by the Michigan Forest Products Council Foundation through an MOU outlining a semi-autonomous relationship to provide educational programming. Furthermore, oversight and guidance of the MI SFI-IC SFE Logger Education is provided by the Michigan SFI Implementation Committee that meets throughout the year.

As logger education has matured over the last 25 years, changes to the logger education program have occurred that have caused some reshaping of the program and funding in response to this “maturation” process. Some of these changes have been driven by changes in the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Standard and Rules as revisions were made, while others were made based upon how to improve the overall quality of the Logger Education program in Michigan.

The Michigan SFI Implementation Committee currently facilitates various training curriculum, calendar and schedules. Logger training is sponsored by a variety of groups including: MSU, Michigan Association of Timbermen, various forest industry companies and many others.

**Recap of Michigan SFE Logger Education in 2023**

In 2023, All Core trainings were conducted face to face across the state. MSU, DNR, EGLE, MAT, and USFS personnel assisted with the course material. We used 2023 as a trial run for the new content and format to test for the upcoming 2024 Mandatory national review year. A substantial number of loggers continued to take CE credits online using the MSU D2L system

It should be noted that there are other types of continuing education training programs (for credit hours) which are sponsored by other allied forestry-based organization in Michigan, other than the MI SFI IC, during the year. Such organizations include, the Michigan Association of Timbermen, SFI Program Participants, Michigan Wisconsin

Timber Professional Association, Greenstone Financial Services, and other forest industry companies. Various opportunities through Society of American Foresters are also eligible for MI SFI CE credits. Michigan has a reciprocity agreement with the WI SFI IC as well. These training opportunities for obtaining MI SFI SFE training credits through partners was also greatly limited due to meeting restrictions.

The Michigan SFI IC tracks logger training and is the administrator of the QLP database.

Since 2006, participation in logger education programs in Michigan is now a requirement by both the forest industry as well as the State of Michigan. In 2006, state-owned forestlands in Michigan (managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Division) were certified under both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Forest Stewardship Council certification systems.

Under the State of Michigan's certification standards, the MDNR – Forest Management Division has chosen to rely upon the MI SFE Logger Education program as the criteria for the trained logger or qualified logging professional (QLP) status. Any logger or timber company that wishes to bid on and harvest timber from state-owned forestlands must comply with the standards set forth under the MI SFI SFE Logger Education program.

Since the inception of the SFE Logger Education Program, the overall goals of the Michigan SFE program continue to be: 1) to provide needed core and continuing educational opportunities for loggers, foresters, and landowners and 2) to improve the level of communication between loggers, foresters, and landowners to enhance the sustainability of Michigan's forestlands. Better training and communication will hopefully lead to more sustainable management of Michigan's forestlands.

## **Required**

### **Courses:**

*NOTE: The MI SFI SFE Core Training courses are the only required courses in Michigan to attain QLP status. However, once a logging professional completes the CORE training program and becomes a QLP, they are required to complete 4 hours of CE annually to maintain QLP status. Loggers can choose from several options which, CE courses they wish to attend.*

The MI SFI SFE CORE QLP Training Program is composed of modules that total approximately 8 contact hours. The core workshop modules include:

What is SFI certification and Why does it matter (45 minutes)

Review of all objectives in the fiber sourcing standard (1.5 hrs)

Climate change and the impacts to forestry (1hr)

Invasive plant and insects to watch for in the timber (1hr)

Business planning for forestry operations (1hr)

Sustainable soil & water quality best management practices (2 hours)

Harvesting safety awareness (MIOSHA) (1 hours)

**Continuing Education Programs:**

A large amount of the time and effort is dedicated towards the Michigan SFE Program Continuing Education requirements. Continuing Education (CE) is now a requirement in the 2015-2019 SFI Standard and Rules, the Michigan SFI IC also fully adopted the 2022 SFI Standard and Rules into all trainings. In Michigan, each logging company is required to designate key field personnel to complete the MI SFE Core Training Program and become a QLP. Our goal, is to have at minimum at least one trained person for each logging crew. A logging crew consists of a cutter and skidder. In addition to CORE, each QLP must complete *4 hours of CE annually*.

Following is a summary of training options that were offered as CORE and Continuing Education by MI-SFI IC and others for the 2023 calendar year:

- a. Online training conducted through MSUE on several SFI modules. There are 2 courses available, a 4 credit course and an 8 credit course. In this way QLPs were able to take a cumulative 12 credits of training online. These courses will be discontinued in 2024 as all loggers will be mandated to go thru an 8 hr national review to the new 2022 standards.
- b. Several in-person trainings occurred throughout the year with modifications on location, topics, etc. depending on host company, organization (i.e. DNR, EGLE, Equipment safety, etc.)
- c. Truck Safety trainings conducted by the MAT.
- d. Mechanical Logging

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire Core Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete National Review "Core" in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors Logging Employees Natural Resource Mgr				
<b>TOTALS</b>	100	744	1100	100

**Additional  
Courses****Available:**Safety Training

Safety training, while important, is not the primary focus of the SFE Logger Education Program. While safety is addressed in the CORE Training Program (i.e. the MIOSHA Logging Standard, etc.) and in a few SFE Continuing Education sessions throughout the year, there are other organizations in Michigan who conduct logger safety training on a more regular basis.

Industry and company meetings:

There are also training opportunities scheduled in with many day long spring logger meetings. These meetings may be sponsored by various trade associations of companies. We continue developing more outdoor training opportunities for 2025 as requested through contact and past surveys. We are also working on the development of an online CE training program with MSU. Continuing education credits through online MI SFI programs will be available in January of 2025.

## EGLE Stream/wetland permitting course:

Invasive species

Climate change adaptation of logging practices

**MINNESOTA**  
**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**

**Name:** Minnesota Logger Education Program

The Minnesota Logger Education Program (MLEP) is a logger-initiated program established in 1995 to assist Minnesota's logging community through educational programming. This objective is accomplished by partnering with numerous groups to identify needs and facilitating the development design, delivery, and evaluation of programs which focus on sustainable forest management, transportation, safety, and business management. MLEP, based in Duluth, MN, is a 501(c)(3) organization.

The Minnesota Logger Education Program is governed by a thirteen-member board of directors representing the Independent Loggers, Timber Producers Association members, Minnesota Forestry Association, government, education, and conservation interests. MLEP ensures training meets the expectations of loggers and industry - and the scrutiny of certification programs, customers, opinion leaders and the public.

MLEP membership is comprised of logging business owners, wood dealers and associate members. Membership is voluntary and reflects the commitment of logging business owners to safe, productive, and environmentally responsible timber harvesting. MLEP is funded through membership fees, grants, contracts, and program fees.

Beyond its primary logger education focus, MLEP was involved with the development of Minnesota's Public Concern Registration Process and is a member of the Minnesota Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) State Implementation Committee (SIC). MLEP is active in public outreach and landowner education efforts. MLEP has played an important role in assisting research efforts and the collection of information related to effective program planning and funding strategies for logger education programming throughout the United States.

**Required Courses:**Initial Qualified Logging Professional (QLP) Training Requirements

To initially become a QLP, it is necessary within a calendar year to complete the following individual courses that address the topics as listed under indicators 1a-1f of Objective 6, Performance Measure 6.2 of the SFI 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard and Indicators 1a-1f of Objective 13, Performance Measure 13.2 of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard:

1. awareness of sustainable forestry principles and SFI's work;
2. best management practices, including streamside management and road construction, maintenance, and retirement;
3. awareness of responsibilities under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, the Canadian Species at Risk Act, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value (critically imperiled and imperiled species and ecological communities), and other measures to protect biodiversity and wildlife habitat;
4. logging safety;
5. U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) regulations, wage and hour rules, and other provincial, state, and local employment laws, and
6. other topics identified by Certified Organizations and/or SFI Implementation Committees that improve their responsibilities in meeting the SFI 2022 Standards.

To meet this standard, loggers must attend the following:

**Guideline Training:**

Up to Eight (8) credit hours of training on SFI, Minnesota's Forest Management Guidelines and managing rare species (provided through the online or in-person courses)

**Safety Training:**

Up to Eight (8) credit hours of First Aid and CPR training, OSHA and logging safety (met by the LogSafe program training requirements as approved by the MN Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI))

Annual Training Requirements

To maintain QLP status after the initial year of training, a QLP must attend continuing education training course(s) that address safety and continuing education requirements of SFI.

To meet this Standard loggers must attend the following:

**Safety Training:**

Twelve (12) hours of safety training every two years (met by the LogSafe program training requirements as approved by Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)) to include:

- Eight (8) total hours of CPR/First-Aid Training: (Four (4) hours of CPR and four (4) hours of First Aid)
- Four (4) hours of Safety Training (OSHA)

**Continuing Education:**

Six (6) hours of MN SIC approved training annually.

- Individual courses must address one or more of the topics as listed under indicators 1a-1f and 2a-2j of Objective 6, Performance Measure 6.2 of the SFI 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard and Indicators 1a-1f and 2a-2k of Objective 13, Performance Measure 13.2 of the SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard.

1. awareness of sustainable forestry principles and the SFI's work;
  2. best management practices, including streamside management and road construction, maintenance, and retirement;
  3. reforestation, invasive species management, forest resource conservation, aesthetics and special sites;
  4. awareness of rare forested natural communities as identified by provincial or state agencies, or by credible organizations such as NatureServe or The Nature Conservancy;
  5. transportation issues;
  6. business management;
  7. public policy and outreach;
  8. awareness of emerging technologies;
  9. logging safety; or
  10. other topics identified by the Certified Organization and/or SFI Implementation Committees that improve their responsibilities in meeting the SFI 2022 Standards.
- Courses that address SFI Forest Management Standard Objective 8, Performance Measure 8.1, indicator 1c: Awareness of Minnesota indigenous peoples' history, rights and traditional knowledge.

Annual  
Membership  
Renewal:

To maintain MLEP membership status, each business owner must provide verification of the non- educational requirements listed above, submit a membership renewal fee based on their annual timber volume, and complete annual continuing education requirements. Specific topics incorporated into training sessions will be determined on a year-to-year basis by the Board of Directors from among the following topic areas:

- Sustainable Forestry principles and the SFI program
- Transportation
- Business Management
- Logging safety
- Best management practices
- Reforestation, invasive plants and animals, aesthetics, forest resource conservation and special sites
- Responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act, wildlife habitat management
- OSHA, wage and hour rules, and other employment laws
- Public policy and outreach
- Emerging technologies
- Awareness of rare forested natural communities

## Training Summary:

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors	335	38	350	25
Logging Employees	132	335	150	325
Natural Resource Mgr	11	99	20	100
<b>Totals</b>	478	472	520	450

## Production

Data: Survey updates indicate that MLEP members are responsible for harvesting more than 95% of the state's annual harvest of 2.6 million cords. Detailed information on the status and capacity of logging businesses in Minnesota's can be accessed here: <http://www.forestry.umn.edu/sites/forestry.umn.edu/files/Staffpaper226.pdf>

## Training Records Location:

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**MISSISSIPPI  
Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**

**Name:** **Mississippi Professional Logging Manager Program**

The Mississippi Implementation Committee for SFI (MIC) and the Mississippi Forestry Association (MFA) provide a comprehensive continuing education program for loggers. The MS Professional Logging Manager Program (MS PLM) is designed specifically to meet the training requirements for Qualified Logging Professionals under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative standards.

Funding for the MS PLM program comes from three sources, a grant from the MIC, Mississippi Forestry Association, and registration fees. The MIC provides funds for the administrative assistant position, database maintenance and mailings. MFA provides coordinator salary and benefits. The majority of funding is generated from registration fees that vary by program offering to cover the costs of materials, meals, travel and contracted instructor fees. In 2023, 116 individuals attended one or more of the core classes. An additional 650 individuals participated in program sponsored or approved continuing education activities.

**Required**

**Courses:** This Program includes training in the following areas:

- 1) Introduction to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative
- 2) Best Management Practices
- 3) Timber Harvesting and Transportation Safety
- 4) Logging Business Management (Also counts for Continuing Education credits, the other 3 do not.)
- 5) 12 Hours of Continuing education every two years (next deadline is December 1, 2024).

**Other:** During 2023, we will continue to offer the Core program and Business Management. Continuing Ed programs will be offered as individual classes and as part of the Mid-South Forestry Equipment Show, scheduled for this year.

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing 1 or both Core Classes for PLM Programs in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Core or CE Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Number of Individuals	116	650	1380	1380
Totals	116	650*	1380**	1380

*\*The Mid-South Forestry Equipment Show was held in 2023. A total 1,176 hours of CE credits were awarded to 380 loggers. Another 270 loggers attended other approved programs.*

*\*\*Total individuals participating in PLM programs. 2024 is the second year in a two year qualification cycle, therefore it is anticipated that all current participants will complete their CE requirements.*

Number of Individuals who are Qualified Logging Professionals – 1,574  
 Number of Qualified Logging Companies – 1,098

**Production**

**Data:** Accurate production figures are not available. Severance tax records are used to estimate total state production which is about 33.5 MM Tons for 2023. It is estimated that over 90% of total production is delivered by PLM Loggers.

**Training**

**Modules:** Core and Business classes are in person only and scheduled throughout each year. CE credits were earned from a combination of PLM sponsored CE classes, online outlets, and mill sponsored supplier training programs approved for credits by MS PLM.

**Training Records**

**Location:** MS PLM is in the process of moving the database of training records from Mississippi State University to the Mississippi Forestry Association. The new PLM website will be housed at: <https://www.mfaplm.com/>. In the interim, MS PLM provided an up to date spreadsheet of all qualified individuals and companies to MIC member companies.

## MISSOURI

### Logger Training and Education Summary

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The Missouri Forest Products Association (MFPA) coordinates the voluntary logger training and education program in the state of Missouri. In addition to the Board of Directors, a separate Education Committee, composed of twenty members representing logging, industry, landowners, consulting foresters, the state forester's office, and the university extension office oversees the program.

#### **Program**

**Name:** **Professional Timber Harvester (PTH) Program** includes:

1. Four 8-hour hands-on sessions which emphasize safety, cutting and felling techniques and proper equipment maintenance.
2. One 8-hour forest management session emphasizing the implementation of BMPs.

Missouri's PTH Program continues to have Joe Glenn as the instructor for the hands-on sessions that teach "SAWW (Safety And Woods Workers) techniques to our loggers. Currently, there are about 600 loggers who have completed and maintained current status by completing the annual CE requirement.

A certificate of completion is issued which expires annually. An average of 80 participants complete this track each year.

#### **Continuing Education:**

We require one mandatory session each year. Classes we conduct include BMP Workshop, Forest Management & Silviculture, Wilderness First Responder, Advanced Skidder Training, and In-Woods Logging Demonstration and Logger Workshop. Loggers can also submit approval for classes conducted outside our curriculum.

#### **Program**

**Funding:** The PTH Program is partially funded by the registration fees paid by participants. The 5-day core program cost is \$175 for non-MFPA members, \$155 for members. In addition, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) provides an annual grant of \$80,000 and requires that all loggers who bid on State timber sales must be PTH Program certified.

**Training  
Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors Logging Employees Other	(PTH TRAINED THAT YEAR)	(PTH CERTIFIED)		
TOTALS*	84	332	120	500

*\*Job classification was not provided.*

**Production  
Data:**

Not available.

**Training  
Modules:**

Online training modules are being offered through the MFPA website (White Oak Management, Forest Management, Silviculture, Dendrology, and How To Build A Waterbar).

**Training  
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**MONTANA  
LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUMMARY**

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**Program**

**Name:** **Accredited Logging Professionals**

Logger training in Montana began in 1994 when the MLA established Montana’s “Accredited Logging Professional” (ALP) Program. As of January 2024, the program lists 142 active professional loggers in Montana.

The educational requirement for attainment of ALP status is completion of a 56 credits/hours curriculum. The annual requirement for retention of ALP status is 32 credits/hours.

The heart of the attainment phase of ALP is completion of Montana’s “Forest Stewardship Workshop for Loggers,” a 40 credit/hour mandatory course developed by extension forestry, which essentially mirrors the Forest Stewardship workshop developed for Montana landowners in 1991.

The ALP Program is a voluntary commitment by individual logging professionals overseen by a steering committee of ALP members and, in recent years administered in concert with Montana’s SFI program through the Montana Forest Council.

The Forest Stewardship Workshop for Loggers is team-taught by Certified Stewardship Advisors through the cooperation of Extension Forestry – Montana State University.

The MLA believes this successful voluntary ALP Program operates in place of a state regulated certification or licensing program.

**Montana SIC-approved SFI® Logger Training Standards**

**Preferred:** Accredited Logging Professional (ALP) logger in good standing: 40 hour Forest Stewardship Workshop; BMP/SMZ training (renewal every three years); mandatory safety criteria (First Aid/CPR, OSHA, Worker’s Compensation, etc.); 32 hours of continuing education per year.

**Advanced:** Basic requirement plus eight hours Advanced SFI® course that will include training on regeneration, silviculture, forest resource conservation, aesthetics, ESA and wildlife habitat, public policy and outreach. Five-year renewal.

**Basic:** BMP/SMZ Training, eight-hour course – **3 Year renewal**  
**Logger Safety First Aid/CPR - annually**

**Reciprocity:**

**Basic:** To meet the Basic level, loggers from other states have to provide written evidence of completion of another state’s logging safety training and provide valid First Aid/CPR certification. In addition, they must complete the Montana BMP/SMZ training at the next available course (the next May) and, in the interim, complete the Montana BMP/SMZ ‘Tailgate’ training program (provided by an SFI®-certified company forester).

**Advanced:** To meet the Advanced level, a logger would need to complete Basic and provide written evidence of having completed another state’s SIC-approved SFI® training course.

**Preferred:** To meet this level, a logger would have to complete the Montana Forest Stewardship Workshop for Loggers or Landowners and qualify for all the other educational standards of the ALP program.

**Required**

**Courses:** Specific elements of Montana’s ALP program include the following requirements:

Forest Stewardship Workshop for Loggers

A 3-day workshop held in both classroom and field settings, with instructional materials on topics including...

- 1) How to read the forest. Is it healthy?
- 2) Identification of plants critical to forest health.
- 3) How to measure wildlife and livestock use in the forest.
- 4) How to develop a Forest Stewardship Plan.
- 5) The responsibilities of a professional logger.

Logging Safety Training

The development of a dynamic written safety program for logging operations including annual First Aid and CPR instruction for crew members.

Demonstration Field Audits

Since 1996, field audits have been conducted to provide loggers with decision-making skills that use Best Management Practices to avoid resource degradation.

**Other:**

Required 32 hours of continuing logger education annually for company owners to maintain proficiency and ALP accreditation. Continuing education hours must be allocated to instruction in three areas:

- Forest Stewardship/Forestry
- Safety Hazards & Loss Prevention
- Operational Sustainability

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors	113	1119**	120	1100
Logging Employees	29		40	
Other				
TOTALS	142	1119	160	1100

*\* Records do not indicate job classification.*

**Production**

**Data:** MLA estimates that 70% of the 380 MMBF annually harvested in Montana is produced by ALP loggers.

**Program**

**Funding:** Base funding for the program is supplied through the Montana Forest Council (MFC), consisting of the MLA, the Montana Wood Products Association and SFI-participating members in Montana.

Minimal funds are also generated through individual workshop registration fees. Of worthy note, many workshop instructors volunteer their time, requiring that only expenses be reimbursed.

**Training Modules:**

**Training Records Posted or Available:** A complete list of “ALP” Loggers is available on the Montana Logging Association website: <http://www.logging.org>. For specific member training records, contact the Montana Logging Association at 406-752-3168 or email: [coleen@logging.org](mailto:coleen@logging.org)

**NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program****Name:**       **New Hampshire Professional Loggers**

New Hampshire's Professional Loggers Program (PLP) is operated under the auspices of the New Hampshire Timber Harvesting Council in cooperation with the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association, University of New Hampshire's (UNH) Thompson School of Applied Science, and the UNH Cooperative Extension. NH PLP is endorsed by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

PLP is a voluntary certification program open to anyone gainfully employed in the harvesting of timber, including trucking. To initially certify as a PLP graduate, 32 hours of course work are required in a four-year period. The NH Timber Harvesting Council has free, on-line access to its Logger Directory available at <https://nhtoa.org/certified-loggers/>

There was a total of 374 attendees participating in PLP programs during 2023.

**Required**

**Courses:**       For loggers, equipment operators, and others engaged in logging, four core areas of instruction (eight hours each) are required:

Fundamentals of Forestry

- 1) New Hampshire forest history
- 2) Basics of silviculture
- 3) Basics of tree biology
- 4) Basics of wildlife management
- 5) Log scaling/product optimization

Timber Harvesting Law

- 1) Applicable state laws and taxation
- 2) State BMPs
- 3) Wetlands Identification

Safe and Productive Felling (Basic)

- 1) OSHA guidelines
- 2) Safety apparel
- 3) Safe saw handling
- 4) Open face felling

First Aid and CPR (Basic)

- 1) First Aid and CPR training
- 2) Accident response & evacuation plan

Note: For truckers, a Safe Trucking course is offered as a substitute for Safe and Productive Felling. For mechanized logging contractors, a Mechanized Harvesting class is offered as a substitute for Safe and Productive Felling.

**Other:** Initial certification is for four years. First aid/CPR is required every two years and provides 1/2 of the credits (16 of 32) needed for re-certification. To maintain certification, loggers/truckers need to take only one class per year.

**Continuing Education**

**Courses:** Representative courses offered by NH PLP that qualify for continuing education credit may include Advanced Felling, Advanced First Aid, Log Valuation, Forest Health, Softwood Lumber Grading, Hardwood Lumber Grading, business classes for logging contractors.

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Getting Recertified or Newly Certified in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Attend At Least One Course in 2024	Estimated Number Getting Recertified or Newly Certified in 2024
TOTALS	33	374	300	35

**Training Records**

**Location:** A current listing of loggers certified through the NH Professional Loggers Program can be found at:

<https://nhtoa.org/certified-loggers/>

**NEW YORK  
2023  
LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUMMARY**

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**Program**

**Name:** Trained Logger Certification Program (TLC)  
TLC is operated by New York Logger Training Inc., a non-profit organization that coordinates logger training activities in New York. NYLT's Board is comprised of predominately loggers, as well as representatives from industry, academia, State government, and foresters. NYLT has been issuing Certification since 1996.

TLC requires a participant to attend an initial core set of courses that certify him for 3 years. For continued certification, TLC graduates must take 3 credits (full day workshops) of accredited elective training courses. Individuals who have allowed their certification to expire may be eligible for reinstatement by meeting certain Continuing Education criteria and applying to the Certification Committee.

**Required**

**Courses:** Three required core courses (8 hours each) cover the following topics:  
Forest Ecology and Silviculture (includes BMPs)  
Chain Saw Operation, Safety and Productivity (Game of Logging™ used)  
First Aid Training and CPR

In addition to the workshops offered, several college level Forest Technician degree programs are accredited to bestow TLC to qualified students. NYLT has also accredited BOCES programs across NYS for students over 18 that have met the qualifications as well. An administrative fee of \$25 for students to apply for NYLT TLC will be charged.

**Other:**

Certification is valid for three years. 3 Continuing Education credits over the three-year certification period and proof of valid First Aid and CPR are required for recertification. Workshops are available through existing providers or developed and presented by NYLT. Not all courses are offered every season. Continuing Ed (CE), course topics include:

- Game of Logging (any level)
- Storm Damage Training
- Critical Injury Response for Loggers
- Professional Loggers' Orientation
- Mechanical Harvesting Hazard Abatement
- Garage Site Safety: Managing and Maintaining a Safe Work Area

- GIS for harvesters -
- So, You're a Logger? - There's an APP for That!
- Be a "GO-TO" Logger for Landowners, Foresters & Legislators
- Forest and Tree Invasive Species
- Small Business Essentials for Loggers
- Timber Measurements for Loggers
- A Little About Contracts for the Logging Professional

Additionally, NYLT encourages participants to submit related training they may find through other organizations or which they need to take for other certifications for NYLT credit. Our Curriculum Committee reviews all requests and provides a response within a few days.

As of August 1, 2010, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation required TLC for all persons working on state forestlands on contracts in excess of \$ 500.

#### **Training Summary\*- 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 Estimated**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses
<b>2019</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>470</b>	--	--
<b>2020</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>207</b>	--	--
<b>2021</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>577**</b>	--	--
<b>2022</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>332***</b>	--	--
<b>2023</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>386****</b>	--	--
<b>2024</b>	--	--	<b>100</b>	<b>400</b>

*\*Records do not indicate job classification- NYLT workshops are open to all participants regardless of affiliation or job description. However, our programs are for professionals in the field.*

*\*\* 125 of the workshops were .25 online credits offered through NYLT.*

*\*\*\* 90 of the workshops were .25 online credits offered through NYLT.*

*\*\*\*\* 133 of the workshops were .25 online credits offered through NYLT.*

**Online Records:** Information on certified loggers can be found at <http://www.newyorkloggertraining.org/>

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**Program**  
**Name:**       **North Carolina ProLogger**  
The North Carolina Forestry Association (NCFA) ProLogger Program provides information and training in several major areas:

**Required**  
**Courses:**     Safety  
                  Business Management  
                  Transportation  
                  Forest Management and Environment

These courses have been approved by the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges as continuing education courses able to be taught at any of the state's 58 community college locations. Registrations are sent to the NCFA with a check for \$250.00 to cover college fees, class workbooks and instructor fees. A portion of the registration fee is allocated to membership, with all registrants becoming NCFA members. Instructors are provided by the Division of Forest Resources, NC Dept of Labor (OSHA), Forestry Mutual Insurance, NC State Highway Patrol, NC Department of Agriculture, American Tree Farm System, NCFA staff, and others. They also provide support for the annual continuing education requirements. Class content is updated as conditions warrant.

Each fall, schedules are established for the coming year's classes. Three are normally held each year at different geographic locations across the state (Mountains, Piedmont, and Coast). NCFA contacts the closest community college and schedules the classes. The three basic concepts are interspersed over a two-day period.

The second day of training consists of a visit to an active logging site. Topics discussed during the indoor sessions are applied in a practicum addressing safety, environmental, and business issues. Upon completion of ProLogger Training, ProLoggers are required to take a mandatory Module Training Class on an annual basis to remain in good status. The year runs from July 1 – June 30.

**Training  
Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Base Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending Ed Module Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete Base Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Continuing Ed Module in 2024
Logging Contractors	48	981	45	900
Logging Employees	52	292	45	350
Other	5	42	5	50
<b>*TOTALS</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1300</b>

*\* Combined totals*

**Production**

**Data:** It is estimated that 90% of all forest products produced in the state is from trained loggers.

**Continuing**

**Education:** The continuing education requirement for the ProLogger program is an annual training program which is developed by the NCFA. The year runs from July 1st - June 30<sup>th</sup>. There is an annual fee of \$130 which includes all class fees and membership in the NCFA. There are 1,319 ProLoggers who have met the requirements for the 2023-2024 year.

**Additional**

**Training:** Continuing Education Modules - One three-hour training session is produced to facilitate the annual continuing education requirement. Included in the series are the following topics:

Module 1 - (Obsolete)

Module 2 - Water Quality Field Session (one hour); Stream Identification and Classification (one hour); Keep NC Green and Growing (one hour).

Module 3 - Equipment Operation Safety (Feller Buncher, Skidder, Chain Saw) (one hour); Knuckleboom Loader Operation (one hour); Oil Spills and Hazardous Communication (one hour).

Module 4 - SFI for Professional Loggers (one hour); Forestry Aesthetics (one hour); BMPs for Land Management Contractors (one hour).

Module 5 - 4x4 Off Road Driving/In the Company of Trucks (one hour); Coaching the Professional Logger (one hour); Loss Control for the Professional Logger (one hour).

Module 6 - Overhead Hazards/Slips Trips and Falls (one hour); Bridgemats and Stream Crossings (one hour); Planning and Managing a Logging Job (one hour).

Module 7 - Log Deck Safety (one hour); BMP's for Skid Trails (40 minutes); OSHA Regulations (40 minutes); Hazard Materials Regulations (40 minutes); Equipment Maintenance (30 minutes).

Module 8 - NC Best Management Practices for Improving Water Quality + What to Expect from a Division of Forest Resources Inspection. NC implemented new BMPs for water quality late in 2006; this 3-hour DVD reviews changes and BMPs for improving water quality. Although fairly specific to North Carolina, other states could find it beneficial as well.

Module 9 - Skidder Safety; Guide to Insurance for Loggers; Load Securement for Roundwood; Transporting Construction Equipment; Threatened and Endangered Species for Loggers; this 3-hour training is the annual requirement for anyone who intends to maintain ProLogger status for the following year.

Module 10 - Storm Damage Safety (Chainsaw Operations); Safe Operating Around Power Lines; Logging Safety on Slopes; FRA Trucking Efficiency Workshop; Wood Chipper and Grinder Safety.

Module 11 (new for 2010-11) - BMPs for Sediment & Erosion Control; Better Stream Crossings Using Portable Skidder Bridges; Truck Cost Efficiency; CSA 2010; New Entry DOT Audits; Invasive Species

Module 12 - Operation Lifesaver, Be Seen Be Alive, Storm Damage, Field Technology, T.E.A.M. Fire Safety, PPE Review

Module 13 - In The Company of Trucks, Survivor Run, Green Light to Home, Rules & Regulations For Forest Trucking, BMP Review, NC Tree Farm Overview

Module 14 - Rutting Prevention, Emergency Action Plan, Overhead Hazards, Technology developments on New Equipment

Module 15 - Navigating the NCFR website, Hazard Communication MSDS to SD, Best Logging Business Practices, Liability Insurance

Module 16 - The Basics of Logging Cost Analysis, Balancing Biodiversity on the Landscape, Log Truck Safety, PPE Maintenance & PPE Use

Module 17 - Forest Health, Atlantic Coast Pipeline, Commitment to Compliance (water quality), Storm Damage Harvests, Log Deck Appearance and Oil Spills, Open Face Felling

Module 18 – Minimizing Impact of an Oil Spill, Identifying Boundary Lines, An Introduction to the Consultative Services Division of the OSHNC, Working around Power Line Right-of-Ways, and an Overview of the SFI Certification Program.

Module 19 – Dash Cameras, Importance of Soil Productivity, Proper Log Deck Safety, Importance of BMPs in Maintaining Water Quality, and an Overview of Team Safe Trucking.

Module 20 - Green Light to Home, Pre-Trip Inspections, Level 1 Inspections, Protecting your CSA Score, Dash Cams and GPS, and an overview of FPG's

Module 21 - Proper Load Securement, Rutting and Stream Crossing, Buffers and SMZ's; Trucking Safety, Top 20 Safety Tips, and an overview of Chipper Safety.

Module 22 – Picking out your Log Deck and Entrance, Log Deck Operations Safety, Non-Mechanized Logging Safety, Moving Logging Equipment to a New Site, When at the Mill, and Truck Driving in the Mountains.

Module 23 – Chipper Knives Safety, 2022 Best Management Practices Update, Why Wear PPE, Sustainable Forestry and Biodiversity, Top 10 Logging Safety Rundown, and Business of Logging : Production and Profitability.

Module 24 – Truck Driver Safety when on a Logging operation, Identifying and Applying the 5 Safe Driving Habits, Business of Logging : Breaking down Fuel Cost, Stream Identification, and Prescribed Fire use in Invasive Species

Each module is self-contained and can be presented by a registered forester or another similarly qualified individual. Modules can be rented separately or purchased as a set. The concept is centered on convenience: a small group of loggers needing continuing education credits can order a set and arrange training on very short notice. Training is tracked on the NCFAs ProLogger database that is available to NCFAs member companies.

**Program  
Funding:**

The ProLogger program initial (one-year) registration fee is \$250 per participant; this covers community college fees, class workbooks, and instructor fees. A portion of the registration fee is allocated to membership, with all registrants becoming NCFAs members. Continuing/renewing ProLogger program participants pay an annual fee of \$130 which includes all class fees and membership in the NCFAs. Registration fees cover approximately 50 percent of the ProLogger program costs. The balance is provided through NCFAs funds and grants.

**Training  
Modules:**

ProLogger continuing education classes are accessible online as an alternative to a face-to-face class. ProLoggers are given access to the online modules through assigned login credentials by NCFAs.

**Training  
Records  
Location:**

Accessible to NCFAs/ProLogger member companies—login required. For more details on access, contact Mike Powell ([mpowell@ncforestry.org](mailto:mpowell@ncforestry.org)) .

**OHIO**  
**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program  
 Name:**

**Ohio Master Logger Program**

The Ohio Master Logging Company Program is sponsored by the Ohio Forestry Association, Inc. and is administered by the Logging Standards Council. It is a voluntary logging company certification in a three-day program format. Individuals passing the certification test in Ohio can transfer training to the West Virginia program (W.Va. has additional licensing requirements), Kentucky program (Kentucky has additional licensing requirements), and Pennsylvania program (Pennsylvania has additional licensing requirements). Loggers certified under West Virginia's Logging Sediment Control Act may apply for Ohio's voluntary certification.

**Required  
 Courses:**

Three core courses are required in the following subject areas:

**First Aid and CPR** (arranged with local agencies, and must be Red Cross, American Heart Association, National Safety Council or equivalent training, online classes not accepted). OFA Loggers' Chapters own four mannequins for training purposes.

**Chain Saw Safety Training** - Vendors certified by Logging Standards Council of OFA; Chainsaw Safety Awareness that Works (CSAW) program offered by three designated Ohio trainers.

**Best Management Practices** - One program certified by Logging Standards Council of OFA: One- day statewide program, ½ day in class, ½ day in field.

Other: Trained Loggers must sign a Logging Ethics document; Master Logging Companies agree to random Monitoring by The Division of Forestry.

OFA certifies logging companies, not individual loggers. Recertification for logging companies, required every three years, includes the following subjects:

- First Aid/CPR - must possess valid cards (online courses not accepted)
- Workers' Compensation Certificate
- BMP Review - (two hours)
- Chain Saw Safety - (two hour)
- General Safety and New Issues Training - (four hours)

A representative from the Logging Company must attend nine OFA Loggers Chapter meetings over a three-year period. (OFA Loggers Chapter meetings often include continuing education classes).

**Training  
Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing** Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors	40	176	35	180
Logging Employees	42	230	56	250
Other	0	450	0	400
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>42*</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>650</b>

\* Completed full certification or re-certification of program. Contractors represents companies, employees represent # of people.

\*\*Currently, there are 130 Ohio Master Logging companies and 178 trained loggers

**Production Data:** Actual Production Data not available. However, we estimate that approximately 50% of the wood harvested in Ohio is from trained loggers.

**Additional  
Training**

**Available:**

- 1) CSAW Levels 1 & 2
- 2) "Partnerships for Sustainable Forests" (SFISM-oriented) logger & landowner Workshops
- 3) "Be A Go-To-Logger" ethics training
- 4) West Virginia Logging Sediment Control Act training available for loggers that will be working in West Virginia (W.Va. has additional licensing requirements)
- 5) Regulations for Logging in Floodplains and Flood Easements – USACE
- 6) Other topics as approved by OFA's Logger Training Coordinator

OFA Loggers' Chapters quarterly or monthly meetings:

Ten chapters, with approximately 230 members (total) offer programs at meetings concerning health and safety issues using OFA resources and outside consultants.

Ohio Forestry Association BWC (Bureau of Workers Comp) group program:

Offers quarterly seminars covering: (1) Employer/employee responsibilities for safety in the workplace, (2) Writing a comprehensive safety plan, (3) HAZCOM and lockout/tagout, (4) Skidder/loader training (field training), and (5) Compensation claims management.

**Program****Funding:**

Current program support is provided in part by the Ohio Forestry Association's Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund, SFI member companies, and ODNR Division of Forestry.

**Training****Modules:**

No on-line modules available

Extensive library of FRA developed CD/DVD training modules available through loan from OFA office including Storm Damage and Salvage Safety, Team FIRE Safety, Load Securement for Logs, OSHA Logging Safety Training, Forestry Aesthetics, Skidder Safety and Efficiency, The Cutting Edge of Safety, Hazardous Chemical Spill Prevention and Control for Logging Operations, Wood Chipper/Grinder Safety

**Training****Records****Location:**

Current Ohio Master Loggers can be found via online search at the following link:

**<http://www.ohioforest.org/search/custom.asp?id=227>**

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**OREGON 2023  
LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUMMARY**

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**Program**

**Name:** **Oregon Professional Logger Program (OPL)**

Associated Oregon Loggers (AOL) established the Oregon Professional Logger program (OPL) in October, 1995. The OPL program is a voluntary professional standard that qualifies logging operator individuals and the employing company, for their continuing education in the areas of forest practices, safety, business, and sustainable forestry. Across Oregon, logging operator individuals and companies—such as loggers, road builders, and other forest contractors—participate in the OPL program to achieve qualified logging professional status and continuing education expectations of those forest landowners and forest product mills with which they do business.

The OPL program is recognized by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)-State Implementation Committee of Oregon— as Oregon’s Qualified Logging Professional program. The OPL program is also recognized by American Logger Council’s Master Logger Certification (MLC).

Effective January 1, 2023, the OPL Standard was revised, to qualify individuals and their employing company, improving sufficiency with the 2022 SFI Standard.

**Administration:** Associated Oregon Loggers Inc. owns and administers the OPL program, offering OPL qualification for enrollment and approved continuing education completed by individuals and the employing company. AOL retains training records and an online directory, offers core course training, provides professional updates, qualifies individuals and companies, and AOL administers OPL Standard through its board and committee governance. A written ‘*OPL Standards Handbook*’ governs two important program aspects: 1) transparent and equitable administration of the OPL program by AOL; and 2) operator individual and company requirements necessary to achieve OPL Qualified Logging Professional status.

**Census** (12/31/2023):

OPL Qualified Professional individuals (QP) = **752 QP individuals**  
OPL Qualified Onsite Supervisor individuals (OS) = **106 OS individuals**  
OPL Qualified companies that employ QPs = **538 OPL companies**

**Required**

**Courses:** The Oregon Professional Logger Program (OPL) consists of individuals required to complete the following core Qualified Professional (QP) courses – each an 8-hour, full day course:

**1. Sustainable Forestry (QP-SF)**

- Overview of Sustainable Forestry and SFI
- Principles of tree growth, ecology, and forest types
- Disturbances, stressors and threats affecting forest health
- Wildlife in managed forests and sensitive sites
- Ecosystem services and benefits of healthy forests
- Silviculture, stand tending prescriptions, and regeneration
- Best management practices, soils, water, and mitigation
- Harvest operations, roads, and forest engineering

**2. Forest Practices (QP-FP)**

- Oregon Forest Practices Act & Rules, history and application
- Planning operations, small forestland owners
- Riparian and water protection
- Petroleum and chemical spill prevention
- Road construction and maintenance requirements
- Harvesting requirements
- Special resources site protections, cultural, wildlife, endangered species
- Reforestation and site prep
- Adaptive management, enforcement and compliance
- Slash treatment and burning
- Fire history and industrial fire prevention regulations

**3. Safety & Technology (QP-ST)**

- Transportation and driving safety, ODOT
- Employer record keeping and reporting, ODOT
- Logging operation safety, Oregon-OSHA, Forest Activity Rules
- Shop safety, Oregon-OSHA
- Safety culture, accident prevention, training, hazard recognition
- Total worker health for forest work, SAIF
- Worker's compensation insurance introduction, claims, compliance
- New technology and innovation in forest operations

**4. Business & Leadership (QP-BL)**

- Business finances, accounting and bottom line
- Insurance and workers compensation
- Independent contracting & subcontracting
- Getting to agreement, project costing and completion
- Oregon forest business regulation and tax
- Oregon Small Business Development Centers
- Human resources and time management
- Subcontracting and mentorship
- Motivation, goals, interpersonal skills, communications

**First Aid/CPR Training (must include First Aid/CPR)**

- Valid first aid /CPR card proof is required. However, first aid is not included in the curriculum

**Other:** 16-credit hours of Continuing Education (CE) is required by the QP individual every two-years to maintain OPL Qualified Professional status – many elective courses are available from a variety of providers and sources statewide

**OPL Onsite Supervisor qualification (OS)**

- The Oregon Professional Logger Program (OPL) offers a second qualification, available and designed for field supervising individuals (logging employees), who can expand the field oversight/supervision role for companies with multiple field crew operations.
- OPL OS qualification consists of individuals required to complete one Onsite Supervisor (OS) course – an 8-hour, full day course
- The OS course topics address: Forestry; Safety; and Leadership
- Valid first aid /CPR card proof is required. However, first aid is not included in the curriculum
- 8-credit hours of Continuing Education (CE) is required by the OS individual every two-years to maintain OPL Onsite Supervisor status

**Production**

**Data:** As of December 31, 2023, there were 538 OPL Qualified Logging Professional companies. AOL projects that OPL-qualified logging companies produced an estimated 2.8 billion board feet, of Oregon's estimated 3.7 billion board foot sawtimber harvest statewide in calendar-year 2023.

**Training Summary:**

Participants	3) Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	3) Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors 1)	92	40	390	20
Logging Employees 2)	106	0	300	0
Other				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>20</b>

**Footnotes:** 1) *Qualified Professional is a four-day course*  
2) *Onsite Supervisor is an 8-hour, full day course*  
3) *Two years of 2023 OPL Standard transition 'Bridge' is projected for high completion*

**Other:**

Oregon Professional Logger (OPL) Qualified Professional individuals (QP) and their employing companies are recognized throughout Oregon's forest sector. An OPL Directory listing qualified companies and individual QP and OS individuals is made available to others online at: [www.oregonloggers.org](http://www.oregonloggers.org)

**Program Funding:**

Each course in 2024 costs \$60 for AOL members. Oregon Professional Logger program funded primarily by registration fees and Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc., as a service to its member companies. Additionally, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative - State Implementation Committee of Oregon (OR-SIC) pays a minority portion of OPL program operating expenses—recently amounting to \$10,000/year stipend. During the one-time, 2023-24 OPL Standard transition 'Bridge' period, the OR-SIC has pledged to pay a one-time \$42,500 in 2024, to cover a portion the OPL's two years of extraordinary course delivery expenses. The one-time OR-SIC added funding supports an intensive OPL 'Bridge' training effort of a projected 900 individuals – encompassing 42 in-person course offerings and 5 online course curriculums delivered during 2023-24.

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**

**Name:**        **Pennsylvania SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training Program**

The Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Implementation Committee (PA SIC) manages all aspects of the Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program; the primary logger training program in Pennsylvania. The PA SIC is housed as an independent subcommittee of the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association (PFPA).

The PA SIC administers the program's training policies, develops course curriculum, schedules and delivers training statewide, and manages training records for the more than 7,000 individuals that have participated in our training program since 1995. The PA SIC utilizes paid and in-kind support from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resource (DCNR) Bureau of Forestry, Penn State and Penn State Extension, industry, county conservation districts and a number of paid and volunteer instructors.

The program is operated within the SFI Standards and Rules related to Qualified Logging Professionals. The PA SIC does not audit the work of those who participate in the program and therefore does not "certify" individuals who maintain a current training status. The PA SIC recognizes training for individual loggers, not logging companies; however, the PA SIC does not endorse the work of individual loggers or businesses but verifies that they have met the training standards described in our Training Program Policy. Any person who has successfully completed our core training requirements and maintains a current training status in accordance with our program's continuing education requirements is recognized as a SFI Qualified Logging Professional in Pennsylvania.

Participation in the Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program is voluntary; however, SFI-Certified Organizations operating within the state, including the Pennsylvania DCNR Bureau of Forestry, and many non-certified entities such as the Pennsylvania Game Commission, other landowners, companies, agencies, and organizations across Pennsylvania require or recommend trained logging professionals for their timber harvesting operations.

The Pennsylvania SIC maintains training reciprocity MOUs with New York Logger Training and the Maryland-Delaware Master Logger program and has reached out to other border states.

**Program****Funding:**

Program funding is provided by forest products companies and forest related organizations operating in Pennsylvania, grant monies when available, and registration fees from logger education workshops.

SFI-Certified Organizations and other consuming mills that are not SFI certified but contribute to the program as PA SIC Partners are assessed SIC dues early in the year based on consumption from the previous year. Landowners are assessed based on acreage holdings. A number of additional companies and organizations that are not SFI certified but contribute to the program as PA SIC Supporters pledge a flat financial contribution each year.

Grant monies and other funding support have also come from the Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council, Pennsylvania's Hardwood Utilization Groups, Pennsylvania Game Commission and from County Conservation Districts.

Course registration fees somewhat vary based on the characteristics of each course and the availability of grants to supplant training costs. Typically, registration fees are \$100 for day long courses and \$50 for half day courses. Our program recognizes the economic situation the logging community is confronted with and strives to ensure training is accessible to everyone. Registration fees are set with a goal to achieve a break-even scenario at the end of the training block. However, when overhead expenses such as staff salaries and office expenses are factored in, registration fees account for less than ½ to ⅓ of total expenses.

**Required****Courses:**Core level

The core training component of the Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program consists of two 8-hour courses, Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials and Game of Logging – Level 1 and requires that participants provide proof of current First Aid and CPR certification as required by OSHA standards for logging operations. Core training must be completed within a 24-month period. Upon completion of the core training requirements an individual receives a Pennsylvania SFI training credential valid through the end of the following calendar year and is recognized as a SFI Qualified Logging Professional.

Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)

This two-part course focuses on safety and environmental logging practices. Part one focuses on recognizing and avoiding hazards that timber harvesting operations encounter daily. It includes modules covering accident avoidance, chainsaw safety, equipment safety, truck safety, and an overview of OSHA regulations applicable to logging. Part two focuses on Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Laws and provides an overview of Pennsylvania's Erosion & Sediment Pollution Control Plans, permits a logger may need when working near streams and wetlands, Best Management Practices (BMPs), hazardous spill prevention and cleanup, and the importance of harvesting aesthetics, job layout, and planning.

Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)

This well-respected training curriculum teaches chain saw skills and focuses on introducing participants to the “open face” felling technique and the development of fundamental skills to safely fell trees. Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, the 5-step felling plan, and understanding hinge wood function and characteristics.

First Aid and CPR (4 hours)

First Aid and CPR training is accepted from a variety of credible providers such as American Red Cross, American Heart Association, and the American Safety & Health Institute. The PA SIC coordinates some First Aid and CPR trainings at cost; however, training is readily available and often offered more conveniently outside our program. In accordance with OSHA regulations, the PA SIC does not accept online First Aid & CPR training.

Continuing Education (CE)

The PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program requires that individuals complete a minimum of four (4) hours of continuing education (CE) each year in order to progress their training card validation date and maintain a “current” training status. Individuals are allowed to take additional CE courses but cannot accumulate more than three (3) years of extended CE credit.

A number of CE course titles and descriptions periodically offered through the PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program are available on the PA SIC website ([www.sfiopa.org/requirements](http://www.sfiopa.org/requirements)). Credit for courses taken outside of the PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program are available as long as the material is deemed to be relevant, similar in content, and if a legitimate form of attendance documentation is provided.

**Training  
Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors	39	274	25	250
Logging Employees	23	140	20	150
Other*	15	143	30	100
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>500</b>

\* Other may include some Logging Contractors or Logging Employees with undeclared job classifications

The summary figures above reflect the actual and estimated 1) number of individuals who successfully completed the core training requirements of the Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program, and 2) number of individuals

participating in at least one core or CE course during the year, either directly or through an outside offering approved by the PA SIC, excluding those who completed the core training requirements (i.e. the same individuals are not included in both categories). They do not reflect the individuals who participated in multiple core or CE courses throughout the year (i.e. total training units – see below).

During 2023 the PA SIC conducted 48 training programs (24 core and 24 CE), through which 483 individuals completed 702 units of training. To clarify, a single individual taking three different courses during the year would constitute one individual and three units of training. Furthermore, the PA SIC approved 397 additional training units completed by 232 individuals (152 additional) through approved outside training opportunities. At the end of 2023, Pennsylvania had 674 SFI Qualified Logging Professionals. It should be noted that the Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program is open to anyone interested and that not all the individuals who participated offer timber harvesting services (landowners, foresters, other resource professionals, etc.).

### **Production**

#### **Data:**

Production data for Pennsylvania’s trained Professional Timber Harvester workforce is not available. 2019 US Department of Labor data for Pennsylvania indicates there are 2,205 fallers and logging equipment operators working in Pennsylvania. While not directly tied to production, it does give some comparison to the number of individuals with a current SFI Qualified Logging Professional status (674 at the end of 2023). As previously mentioned, DCNR, SFI Certified Organizations, and others have requirements to use SFI Qualified Logging Professionals.

### **On-Line Training**

#### **Modules:**

The PA SIC has expanded online training opportunities in the form of live meetings or webinars. The PA SIC does not currently have in-house asynchronous online training modules but does recognize relevant outside training modules of this type (e.g., TEAM Safe Trucking, Virginia SHARP Logger training, etc). The PA SIC is still working to convert our PTHE core training class into an online module. Additionally, external organizations, such as Penn State University, offer a variety of 1-hour live webinars presenting relevant content which the PA SIC approves for CE credit when appropriate.

### **Training Records**

#### **Location:**

[www.sfiofpa.org/search](http://www.sfiofpa.org/search)

**QUEBEC**  
**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**

**Name:** Quebec SIC developed an on-line Wood Producer Training Program. This program is based on the training modules posted on its web site and the SFI Guidelines of minimal content for wood producer training program. The e-learning registration is open to everyone who wishes, but you have to create an account.

Public Land:

Forestry activities on public land must be done by certified companies. It can be ISO 14001 certification or Forest Management Certification Program (CEAF). CEAF applies specifically to forest development activities and has been adapted to the Quebec context. It may be more suitable for small-sized companies.

Some of the program participants have their own training program. Those programs are based on the SIC Wood Producer Training Program to guarantee that they meet the SFI Standards requirements. If not, the program participant has to make sure that all requirements the SFI Standards requirements are covered by its training program.

All program participants who have supply from public forests, require their suppliers to ensure that the training given to their workers covers all the elements required by the standard. They must provide the Self-Declaration Training Content Form.

Private Land:

Program participants also promotes the on-line Wood Producer training Program and encourages wood producers to do the training and obtain the "Certificat d'Exploitant Forestier Qualifié" (certificate of Qualified Logging Professional).

Also, many Marketing Board and Agency are promoting their own Wood Producer Training Programs (Formation entrepreneur accrédité).

**Required**

**Courses:**

Public Land:

In addition to the SIC Program for qualified wood producer, each program participants have mandatory annual training session associated with ISO 14001, CEAF, BNQ and SFI,

or other certification program, to make sure that every worker involve in the operation has the knowledge and are qualified.

For example:

- Domtar trained their logger every year on Health and Safety, environmental concern and forest certification.
- Resolute Forest Products have annual training session for all employee covering:
  - Health and Safety;
  - Maintenance and repair – Lockout Procedure
  - Code of conduct;
  - Environmental concern and certification;
  - Roles and Responsibilities in FM certification;
  - Spill prevention

Private Land:

Program Participant with procurements from small private wood lots, promotes the e-learning Wood Producer Training Program.

Program Participants with large private land have minimum requirements of trained wood producers (Quebec SIC e-learning training program) for each contractor doing forest activities on their land. For those which only sell stumpage fees to contractors harvesting on their lots, the SFI Wood Producer training program is a contract obligation.

**Production**

**Data:**

Public Land:

Because of the certification obligation for companies working on public land, 100 % of the wood from public land is considered as coming from fully trained loggers and foremen.

Private Land:

Quebec SIC has centralized in this web site the information about qualified logging professionals trained by Program Participants.

Program participants provide the list of trained workers after each training session and those lists are available for consultation by SIC members on the intranet section of the SIC website. This information is summarized in the training summary in this present report.

In 2021 the Quebec SIC developed an e-learning platform and revisited the content of its training for assuring its adequation with the 2022 SFI Standards, including the new requirements on climate changes.

In 2023, 96 participants (contractors, foresters, landowners ...) have completed the on-line training program.

**Continuing  
Education:**

Public Land:

On public land there is mandatory annual training. Each year program participants offer annual training and maintain a registry of participants at those trainings. Training material is updated annually to include any changes in the legislation, in the SFI requirements or intern requirements of each company.

Private Land:

Program participants work in collaboration with Marketing Board and Forest Agency to make audit with producers and contractors, and field visits to small woodlot owners for education on BMP's and SFI Principles.

Many wood producers are members of their regional Forest Association. Those associations offer various training to provide continuing education for their members,

Each year many program participants are participating at Marketing Board or Wood Lot Association events. This is the occasion to discuss any changes or new topics with wood producers.

**Additional  
Training**

**Available:**

Additional training is offered by some program participants but not with the Quebec SIC Committee. For example:

For employees and contractors, they are specific training base on their job description:

- Ecosystem-based management
- Field exercise on Emergency Situations (Fire, Spill, Accident)
- Safe driving
- Eco-driving
- First aid
- Annual training for loggers (Induction RADF coupe)
- Annual training for road construction (Induction\_ construction chemin)
- Annual training for truck drivers (Induction SST transport, Induction SST Fardier)
- Annual training for sylviculture workers
- Annual training on specific Health and Safety topics (Induction SST Pyrolyse du pneu)

For small woodlot owners:

- Field visits to small woodlot owners (education)
- Best Management Practices
- Basic SFI training

The Quebec SIC is also participating in many regional outreach activities to inform wood producers about BMP's and sustainability.

**Program**

**Funding:** Quebec SIC provided fund for the e-learning and the training modules available on its web site.

Each program participant is funding their additional training.

**Training**

**Modules:** Quebec SIC training program include specific modules on:

- Sustainable Forest Management Certification
- Quebec SFI Implementation Committee
- Introduction to Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standard
- Qualified Logging Professional
- Species at risk - Invasive specie
- Harvest, wildlife and site protection
- Best practices for access road, water quality, and wetlands
- Reforestation and aesthetic
- Management of hazardous materials
- Legal requirements for forest operations on private lands
- Health and Safety in logging operations
- Business Management
- New technologies

The Training Program is available on the SIC website (<http://www.sfi-quebec.org/informations/formations/>).

Those modules are the core of the SIC e-learning program. Every wood producer who wishes so, can go on-line, register, and do the training modules. They must answer a few questions at the end of each module to make sure they read and understood the information. If they answer with success those questions, they will obtain a training certificate.

**Training**

**Records:** Program participants provide the list of trained workers after each training session and those lists are available for consultation by SIC members on the intranet section of the SIC website.

With this registration process of the e-learning, the Quebec SIC have an up to date list of trained producers.

**Complete  
Training  
Summary  
Details:**

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Actual Number Completing Entire LT&amp;E Program in 2023</b>	<b>Actual Number Attending at Least One Course in 2023</b>	<b>Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&amp;E Program in 2024</b>	<b>Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024</b>
Logging Contractors	431	3	361	2
Logging Employees	670	25	778	5
Foresters	55	2	46	2
Landowners	22	5	17	5
Government Officials	0	0	0	0
Students	53	2	54	1
Other (silviculture workers, TLGIRT, suppliers)	15	0	15	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>15</b>

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**

**Name:** **South Carolina Timber Operations Professional (TOP) Program**

The Timber Operations Professional (TOP) Program is the Forestry Association of South Carolina's commitment to raising the professional standard of timber harvesting. TOP is designed to improve safety, efficiency, and environmental protection.

The TOP Initial training course provides the latest information on timber harvesting, safety, business and environmental regulations. The course is tailored primarily for loggers, job foreman, contractors, and foresters.

An individual is considered TOP trained upon completion of the Initial course. To maintain trained status each person must pay an \$80 annual fee and attend a facilitated video-based TOP Update class each year. The annual training deadline is June 30.

The annual TOP Update classes are offered by many mills, foresters, wood dealers and others. The SC Forestry Commission, SC Timber Producers Association, and Forestry Association of SC also offer classes each year. The class is also available as a live videoconference or on-demand online training.

The Forest Harvesting and Operations classes in the Clemson University and Horry Georgetown Technical College curriculums have been enhanced to meet Timber Operations Professional requirements, and students completing those courses are recognized as TOP Trained.

**Required**

**Courses:** The TOP Initial course is an intensive one-day training program that is normally offered two times each year. Forestry students at Clemson University and Horry-Georgetown Technical college can also become trained through completion of harvesting and operations classes that have been adapted to meet TOP requirements. The primary topics covered in the TOP Initial course are:

- Forest Resource Conservation
- Sustainable Forest Management and the SFI Program
- Best Management Practices
- Wildlife and Biodiversity
- Timber Security and Forest Laws

Safety and OSHA Regulations  
 Employment Rights and Responsibilities  
 Trucking & Transportation Issues  
 Advocacy – Public Policy & Outreach

Instructors for the TOP Initial course are provided by Forestry Association of SC, SC Timber Producers Association, SC Forestry Commission, SC State Transport Police, SC Department of Transportation, SC 811, New-Indy Containerboard, Forestry Mutual, Assured Partners, and others.

**Other:** Total training accomplishments to date include 4,306 graduates of the TOP Program. The 2023 TOP Update continuing education module was completed by 856 people through live videoconferences, small group training, and online training.

**Training  
 Summary:**

Participants*	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors Logging Employees Wood buyers/dealers Forest Industry			
<b>TOTALS</b>	92*	70*	916*

*\* Records do not indicate job classification*

**Production**

**Data:** Estimated 98% of production capacity in SC comes from trained sources.

**Additional**

**Training**

**Available:** N/A

**Funding:**

The TOP Program is a self-supporting program of the Forestry Association of South Carolina. Registration for the TOP Initial class is \$200, and the annual registration fee is \$80.

**Training**

**Modules:**

The 2024 TOP Update Facilitators Guide and training materials are available for download at no charge, or a training packet can be purchased from the Forestry Association of SC for \$50 at [www.scforestry.org](http://www.scforestry.org). Classes must be facilitated by a SC Registered Forester or other person approved by the training committee. On-demand training is offered through the Team Safe Trucking online learning portal.

**2024 TOP Update Topics:**

- SC Forest Resources and Industry Outlook
- SC Logging Businesses Over the Last 10 Years
- BMP Assistance Programs
- Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value
- How to Get the 90,000 lb SCDOT Permit

**Training  
Records****Location:**

SC TOP Program information and training status by name or company are available online at [www.scforestry.org/top-forestry-programs.htm](http://www.scforestry.org/top-forestry-programs.htm)

**TENNESSEE**  
**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program****Name:** **Tennessee Master Logger**

Tennessee's Master Logger Program consists of 5 one-day sessions, given once every two weeks within a ten-consecutive week period. The cost is \$160.00 for the 5-day course. This cost also includes a 2-year TFA membership. (Continuing education cost (every two years) is \$75.)

In 2015 our SFI committee requested that we now show Master Logger card expiration dates as 12/31 two years from the year that the initial course or continuing education (CE) class was taken (e.g., the loggers receiving a Master Logger card any time during 2017 showed an expiration date of 12/31/19, even if they had taken the class(es) in early 2017). Our SFI committee members believed it would facilitate easier reporting with a uniform expiration date.

**Required**

**Courses:** Training is required in the following five areas:

Safety - covers general safety practices, DOT and OSHA safety regulations, trucking safety, and equipment and chain saw safety. SFI principles are also covered in this session.

Water Quality/BMPs - is split into two parts. This first part is a classroom session covering information about Forest Hydrology (water cycles, stream ecology, erosion and sedimentation), Forest Health and Stress (logging, grazing, fire, insects, and disease), and Tennessee's Best Management Practices. BMP session includes an outdoor portion.

The second part is the Water Quality Lab in the field, and covers stream ecology, compaction and infiltration, erosion, road location, soil, and habitat enhancement.

Forest Management - is also split into class and field training. The class topics include a History of Tennessee Forests (types, statistics, physiographic regions, ownerships) Forest Growth and Sites (site index, aspect, site/species relationships, tree biology, succession and tolerance, silvics of important species), Regeneration versus Thinning, Harvest Systems (clearcutting, shelterwood, seed tree selection, group selection), Wildlife Biology, Endangered Species, and Public Awareness.

First Aid/CPR - completion of a Red Cross or equivalent course.

Business Management - financial management, bookkeeping, marketing, insurance, personnel and related laws are taught by professionals (usually local business owners) in each field.

**Continuing  
Education  
Program:**

Tennessee Master Loggers may renew their Master Logger status by completing one day of continuing education every two years. The \$75.00 renewal fee includes membership in TFA for 2 years.

Several new CE classes for 2016-17 were developed by the University of Tennessee, including: Silviculture; Markets & Workforce Development; Timber Measurements & Stand Evaluation; Industry Overview & Forest Products Processing. The TN Division of Forestry continues to provide excellent training on Best Management Practices. We also provide updates on fuel use and efficiency by Parman Oil Company, and Forest Resources Technology gives presentations on efficiency through use of new computer programs. Forestry Mutual Insurance Company provides top-notch and timely safety training.

Our Master Logger Committee continues to be active within TFA and takes pride in the "hands on" training offered in the Master Logger course. Every CE class has an afternoon field trip to the woods component and the loggers are engaged in discussion and activities in the woods. Our classes are still offered throughout the state, usually in about 20 locations for the CE classes during the year; we make every effort to make it as convenient as possible for our loggers to attend.

The 5-day initial Master Logger program and Continuing Education classes still prioritize water quality and BMPs, and loggers are always provided information to ensure that water quality remains a focus.

Other continuing education classes taught in past years include: Log Grading, Logging Costs/Efficiency, Wildlife Biology, SFI Compliance, Advanced BMPs/Road Building, Wetlands BMPs, Visual Impacts, Truck Safety, Woods & Woodyard Safety, Emerald Ash Borer & Thousand Cankers Disease, Biomass Harvesting, Wood Products Certification, Stream Delineation Workshop, Forest Roads/Water Control, Log Bucking taught by UT Extension.

**Training  
Summary:**

<b>Participants</b>	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors Logging Employees Or Other				
<b>TOTALS</b>	3*	335**	70*	350**

*\*Records do not indicate job classification.*

*\*\* Most of these are individuals who completed their one-course continuing education requirements to retain their Master Logger status.*

*The Tennessee Master Logger database was revised during 2008 to indicate if the logger was an owner operator or crew member. However, the reporting numbers were not broken down by classification.*

**Production**

**Data:** Not Available.

**Program**

**Funding:** Funding is provided through registration fees: \$160.00 for the 5-day course and \$75.00 for Continuing Ed (required every 2 years). The Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture generously provides funding support through the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program to assist with staff time, supplies, travel, and other support costs to conduct the training. The TN SFI Committee also provides some funding to help with travel costs and other expenses related to the Master Logger Program.

**Training**

**Modules:** No online training modules were developed or offered. The TN forest industry reps, Univ. of TN and TN Dept. of Agriculture sponsors and instructors, and the loggers believe the person-to-person interaction, time spent in the woods in every Master Logger program class, and the opportunity for instructors and participants to get to know each other serves us well in Tennessee.

**Training  
Records**

**Location:** <http://www.tnforestry.com/files/1131/masterloggerdb.cfm>  
(Master Logger searchable database)

**TEXAS**  
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**2023**

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**Program Name:** Texas Pro Logger Training Program

**Content:**

The following courses are required for persons to attend in order to be classified as a Texas Pro Logger: (1) Awareness of SFI 2022 forestry principles; awareness of SFI's work, both in Texas and in North America (2) Best Management Practices (3) Biodiversity and FECV awareness and resources (4) Logging Safety (5) OSHA Safety Rules and Regulations (6) Other topics deemed appropriate by the SIC All logging contractors and foremen are encouraged take all courses to qualify for the Texas Pro Logger Certificate. All employees should take the Safety Training.

**Continuing Education:**

To maintain the Texas Pro Logger status, each must have at least six (6) hours of continuing education annually. Several opportunities for continuing education were available throughout the year, either in-house (6) or qualifying hours were available through other organizations; topics vary according to FSS Objective 6, PM 6.2.2. CEU training must be completed by November 1. Renewal cards are issued in January.

**Other:**

The Texas SIC conducts all core trainings LIVE, and several continuing education trainings LIVE. In addition, online training is provided for additional Safety, Business Management, and Forestry BMPs at <http://tfatraining.org>.

In 2023, the Texas SIC completed a new and updated online Safety course. The course was funded in part by the SIC and in part by additional donations from SFI-certified mills. Also in 2023, the SIC created an FECV assessment summary document and list of imperiled species, FECV database and FECV presentation for logger training. The documents are stored online at [texasforestry.org](http://texasforestry.org).

**Training  
Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Core LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Core Course in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Continuing Ed Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete Core LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024**
Loggers	48	0	388	50	438
*Other	17	0	116	10	126
TOTALS	65	0	504	60	564

*\*Other – consists mainly of industry procurement foresters and timber buyers.*

*\*\*Includes CEU and Core training*

**Production:** In 2022, 426 million cubic feet of pine and 81 million cubic feet of hardwood were harvested in Texas for industrial consumption, which is a slight decrease from the previous reporting period. The Texas SIC estimates that 95% is produced by trained loggers.

**Funding:** Consuming mills in Texas are assessed SFI dues early in the year, based on consumption for the previous year. In addition, TIMO's and REIT's and other large landowners are assessed SFI dues based on acreage holdings.

**Training  
Records**

**Location:** In 2023, the online training database was revised. Training records are posted in real time on Texas Forestry Association's website at <https://www.texasforestry.org/loggers>

**VERMONT  
2023  
LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUMMARY**

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**Program**

**Name:** **Logger Education to Advance Professionalism (LEAP)**

The purpose of the Vermont LEAP program is to promote a professional approach to logging by providing the knowledge necessary for loggers to work safely, efficiently, and in an environmentally conscientious manner while harvesting timber in Vermont.

**Required**

**Courses:** The Vermont LEAP Program is working with the State to implement a Workers' Compensation Safety Program that will reduce the cost of WC by 15%.

All loggers will take the following two workshops:

Managing and Using Forest Ecosystems  
Professionalism in Forestry

Our Primary Curriculum has been updated to add two tracks of Safety Workshops depending on the operation:

**Mechanized Logging Contractors will take:**  
Mechanized Safety & Advanced Logger Safety

**Non-Mechanized Logging Contractors will take:**  
At least Levels 1&2 of the Game of Logging & Advanced Logger Safety

Completion of the primary curriculum leads to provisional certification that meets the minimum requirements of Vermont's Sustainable Forestry Initiative. A Logger must also complete a secondary curriculum within 2 years to achieve full certification with LEAP. The secondary curriculum consists of three day-long workshops, one of which is First Aid for Loggers, A Safety Review Workshop & an Elective.

Examples of Elective Workshops can be selected from the following subject areas, but are not limited to:

- Wildlife Habitat
- Low-Impact Harvesting
- Log Marking
- Surveys & Boundaries
- Business Management
- Garage Safety
- Trucking Safety
- Technology in the Industry
- Marketing
- Game of Logging Levels 3,4 & 5
- Game of Logging Storm Damage Cleanup

**Continuing Education Program:**

To maintain full certification a logger is required to participate in two days of related continuing education, within two years of completing the secondary curriculum and every two years thereafter. One of the workshops must be Safety Related. It is also necessary to maintain First Aid and CPR Certifications. We are allowing Loggers to challenge the FA & CPR course vs. repeating the whole day every two years.

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors & Employees	25	112	15	120
Others, Foresters & Landowners	1	18	2	25
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>145</b>

**Production Data:**

Very much an estimation of 200,000 Cords produced by certified loggers.

**Funding Sources for the Program:**

LEAP is primarily funded by the one time Registration fee of \$300 and workshop day fees. International Paper has graciously sponsored the program with donations between \$500 and \$1,000 / year. Most of the local Mills in VT sponsor some or all of the workshops. We received \$400 from SFI SIC.

**Online Training Modules:**

(No online training modules are used or have been developed at this time. We are considering this.)

Information about the LEAP Program and its members can be found at [www.vtleap.com](http://www.vtleap.com)

**VIRGINIA**  
**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**

**Name:**           **Virginia SHARP Logger**  
The Sustainable Harvest and Resource Professional (SHARP) Logger program was implemented in April 1996. The curriculum includes course subjects in safety, sustainable forestry and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative<sup>SM</sup>, silviculture, harvest planning, and Best Management Practices. It is geared towards logging business owners and/or selected crew members and foresters. Virginia Tech Forestry Extension is responsible for coordinating the SHARP Logger program.

**Required**

**Courses:**       The core program covers the following topics:

Core 1 – This classroom session covers the topics of sustainable forestry and logging safety. Sustainable forestry presentations include the development and implementation of the SFI Program, the key components for achieving sustainable forestry, threatened and endangered species, invasive species, special sites, biodiversity, and forest management. Safety presentations include OSHA and labor law regulations, transportation safety and federal motor carrier requirements, and logging equipment and in-woods safety.

Core 2 – This session includes an outdoor portion, as conditions allow, and covers the topics of BMPs, preharvest planning, and additional sustainable forestry material. BMP presentations include state and federal water quality regulations, the Virginia Forestry BMP Manual, and water quality monitoring results. Preharvest planning presentations include an overview of harvest planning. Field exercises include one or more of the following: working in teams to develop a preharvest plan, evaluating BMP installation on a recent harvest, and/or a tour of silviculture and forest ecology sites.

**Continuing Education:**

The SHARP Logger program requires 8 hours of CE every two years to maintain SHARP status. At least 2 CE credits must come from the required SHARP Logger Update. Continuing Education programs offered in 2022 include:

- SHARP Logger Update Class
- Legal Issues Seminar
- Area Logger Day with Chainsaw Demonstration
- Hardwood Management
- Topics in Sustainable Forestry
- Wildlife Topics
- Mill Tours

**Training Summary:**

	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Participant Totals	83	770	100	1000

**Production**

**Data:** It is estimated that over 90% of Virginia’s wood is produced by fully trained loggers.

**Other:** The [SHARP Logger Newsletter](#) mailed quarterly by Virginia Tech Forestry Extension. A new feature in 2023 is a video version of the newsletter geared towards those with vision or literacy challenges. The [Virginia SFI](#) website offers a description of the Virginia SFI<sup>SM</sup> program including links to the SHARP Logger website.

**Program**

**Funding:** The SHARP Logger Program Coordinator’s position is funded by Virginia Cooperative Extension and program operating costs are funded by the VA SFI SIC. SHARP Logger classes are offered at no charge to participants.

**Online Training**

**Modules:** Online trainings have been available through the SHARP Logger website at [www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu](http://www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu) since 2009. Trainings are available to anyone that wants to access them, and there is no fee for using the online training. Trainings utilize Adobe Captivate software and the Kaltura video platform: Viewers simply click on a link and the training module will start automatically. In 2021 and 2022, the SHARP Logger program partnered with its counterparts in Maryland/Delaware, Ohio, and West Virginia to create the Mid-Atlantic Logger Training (MALT) webinar series. These webinars are available for credit through the WVU Extension Service Online Learning Community

([WVU Extension Service Online Community Learning System](#)). The webinars are free but require registration.

Current Online Trainings Include:

- BMPs for Temporary Haul Roads and Skid Trail Closeout
- Limbing and Topping Safety
- Forestry BMPs: Applied Research Results
- Protecting Water Quality with Best Management Practices in Virginia
- Laws Affecting Water Quality and Forestry Operations in Virginia
- Basic Timber Cruising – Timber Inventory & Assessment
- How to Conduct a Property Deed Search
- Basic Chainsaw Safety & Directional Felling
- Skidder Safety & Efficiency
- Invasive Insect Pests
- SHARP Logger Update Class
- SFI & Logger Training (MALT)
- Endangered Species and Loggers (MALT)
- Weathering the Storm (MALT)
- OSHA’s Most Dangerous Occupation (MALT)
- Deer and Forest Management (MALT)
- Truck Accidents and Other Casualty Claims (MALT)
- Drones for Loggers (MALT)

**Training  
Records**

**Location:**

Virginia’s SHARP Logger Program information, including training records of individuals, may be found at [www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu](http://www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu) or by contacting the SHARP Logger Program Coordinator at 540-231-6494



SHARP Logger Update & Legal Issues Seminar, Colonial Heights VA 2023.

**WASHINGTON  
LOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUMMARY**

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**Program**

**Name:** **Master Logger Program**

In July 1994, the WCLA Board approved the formation of a training program for loggers, run by loggers, called the Master Logger Program (MLP). It is designed for the company owner as well as supervisory personnel; however, any employee may attend, as it is a voluntary program. An MLP Steering Committee was chosen to prepare the guidelines, select courses, set schedules, and answer any formation questions. After the Steering Committee completed its duties, WCLA formulated a board to oversee the program

WCLA implemented the MLP in early 1995. As of 12-31-2023 a total of 871 individuals representing about 390 companies meet the requirements for the MLP. WCLA utilizes state agency personnel and private individuals that are qualified in the subject areas as a core of instructors. The courses are typically held two or three times a year.

**Required**

**Courses:** The Master Logger Program (MLP) consists of completing the following curriculum:

1. Forest Ecology and Silviculture

- Principles of ecology and silviculture
- Forest health
- Forest soils
- Reforestation
- Managing forests for wildlife

2. Safety & Workers Compensation Issues

- Accident prevention programs, safety training, hazard recognition, complying with regulations, and accident investigation procedures
- Transportation safety
- Worker's compensation regulations and claims management
- Employer record keeping and reporting
- Overview of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative

3. Forest Practices
- **Forest practice applications**
  - **Riparian and wetlands protection**
  - **Regeneration requirements**
  - **Wildlife tree requirements**
  - **Road construction and maintenance**
  - **Cultural resources**
  - **Enforcement and assistance**

4. Logging Business Management
- **Business taxes**
  - **Insurance requirements**
  - **Operational costs**
  - **Financial management and credit**
  - **Ethics and image of the logger**

- First Aid Training (must include CPR and First aid)
- **A valid first aid card is required. However, first aid is not included in the curriculum**

**Other:** 8 hours of continuing education is required every year to maintain Master Logger status – a number of elective courses are available.

In 2023, WCLA trained about 675 loggers in first aid, and provided other safety training to over 550 employees.

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in <b>2023</b>	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in <b>2023</b>	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in <b>2024</b>	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in <b>2024</b>
Logging Contractors	21	41	15	30
Logging Employees	21	49	30	40
1) Other	35	36	15	20
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>90</b>

**Production**

**Data:** 2.5 billion board feet produced by Master Loggers in 2023.

**Program**

**Funding:** Each module costs each attendee \$40 if they are a WCLA member, \$125 if they are not. The Washington SFI State Implementation Committee donated \$5000 in 2023 to support logger training. Companies with Master Loggers must be active members of

WCLA or pay an annual non-member service fee of \$175. Overhead for the training classes is minimized by utilizing WCLA staff and state agency personnel as instructors.

**Training Modules:**

(No online training modules were developed or offered in 2023)

**Training Records Posted or Available At:**

<http://63.134.238.39/MLPList.asp>

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**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**  
**Name:**        **West Virginia Logger Training and Education**

West Virginia's Logger Training and Education Program operates under the auspices of the West Virginia Forestry Association (WVFA) and the West Virginia Division of Forestry (WVDOF).

The WVFA, the WVDOF, the Appalachian Hardwood Center (AHC) at West Virginia University, and the WV Sustainable Forestry Initiative-State Implementation Committee (SFI-SIC) are all involved in logger training programs in West Virginia.

Logger Certification is required under West Virginia's Logging Sediment Control Act. At least one person on each logging job must complete the following courses to obtain initial certified logger status.

**Required**  
**Courses:**

First Aid Training - Conducted by West Virginia Forestry Association Safety Committee in various areas of the state according to need. Cost is \$65 per person. The Standard First Aid and CPR course, including Bloodborne Pathogens training, is eight hours. The schedule is announced through WVFA and the WVDOF. Individuals may also obtain this training from other sources including online training.

BMP Training - More than twenty Best Management Practices for Loggers Workshops are scheduled (typically one or two each month) rotating among the six WVDOF Regions. Workshops are conducted by WVDOF staff and are announced and publicized by the WVDOF. The schedule of training sessions is available on their website ([www.wvforestry.com](http://www.wvforestry.com)). The workshops are six to seven hours in length, and there is no cost to the logger. The WVDOF provides staff support for this training in excess of \$120,000 annually.

Tree Felling Safety & Personal Safety Equipment Workshop - These classes are conducted monthly by West Virginia Division of Forestry personnel and sub-contractors at a central location in the state.

**Continuing Education**

**Courses:** West Virginia's Logging Sediment Control Act requires loggers to maintain a valid First Aid card and complete an additional six "credit hours" of classes every two years to retain certification. Two of these six hours must be in a "BMP Update" class. The other 4 hours can be obtained from any training approved by the West Virginia Division of Forestry. Any SAF approved training is acceptable. Proof of attendance and completion must be given to the WVDOF. The Best Management Practices for Loggers Workshops are also used for recertification training. A certified logger may participate in just the 2 hour "BMP update" portion of the training or may participate in the entire workshop to obtain the six hours of continuing education credits for the two-year period. The Best Management Practices training modules continue to be updated and revised.

Current Training modules include:

1. Best Management Practices Instruction
2. Road and Operations Planning
  - a) Topographic Map Reading
  - b) Impacts of Soil Types
  - c) Positive and negative control points to use or avoid
3. Safety
  - a) Chainsaw and Tree Felling
  - b) Equipment
  - c) OSHA Requirements
4. Quarantine Information from the Dept. of Ag. for Exotic Pests
5. Sustainable Forestry Initiative – topics identified in the SFI Standard (11.2.1) for logger training.

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors/ Logging Employees Others/Foresters				
<b>TOTALS</b>	759*	1658*	353*	826*

\*Records do not indicate job classification.

**Production****Data:** Not Available.**Program****Funding:** Program funding is primarily through registration fees for some classes and through internal support by WVFA, WVDOF and companies that support the SFI.**Training****Modules:** The WVDOF, WVFA, SFI-SIC, and AHC have started efforts to enhance the West Virginia Logger Training and Education. Collectively, these organizations will work to improve the relevance of topics, identify and develop curriculum to include more hands-on, in-field, blended learning activities, and to decrease the period between training contacts. Efforts in 2018 resulted in legislation being passed in 2019 adopting 6-credit hour training requirement every 2 years to maintain logger certification. Training modules can be developed and given by industry representatives or any of the aforementioned groups. Proposed training modules need to be approved and assigned credit hours by the WVDOF and sign in rosters need to be submitted to the WVDOF. SAF approved courses are recognized by the DOF. New training modules were developed in 2021 that included a regional network with Maryland, Virginia, and Ohio. that expose logging contractors to all elements of the SFI standard on logger training.**Training  
Records****Location:** <http://www.wvforestry.com/CLLIST.pdf>

**WESTERN CANADA  
(BRITISH COLUMBIA, ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN)  
Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**

**Name:** **WCSIC Logger Training (online course)**  
Online Logger Training Course that meets all SFI Standard requirements for Logger Training Content. Use of the online course is optional.

**WCSIC Training Policy**

Basic Training Requirements for Logging Contractors Working for SFI Certified Organizations.

**Required**

**Courses:**

1. awareness of sustainable forestry principles and SFI's work across four pillars: standards, conservation, community, and education;
2. best management practices, including streamside management and road construction, maintenance, and retirement;
3. awareness of responsibilities under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, the Canadian Species at Risk Act, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value (critically imperiled and imperiled species and ecological communities), and other measures to protect biodiversity and wildlife habitat;
4. logging safety;
5. U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (COHS) regulations, wage and hour rules, and other provincial, state, and local employment laws

**Production**

**Data:** Reported by individual program participants as part of the annual progress report submitted to SFI Inc.

**Continuing**

**Education:** Online Logger Training Course re-train interval is set annually to address continuing education requirements are met.

Each member company (certified organization) may also prepare their own training program to ensure training is refreshed on a continual basis. Member companies will update training modules based on new information or to address deficiencies identified in inspections, audits or other feedback sources.

**Additional Training Available:**

Additional training is at the discretion of member companies. WCSIC does not collect additional training data. Training resources and opportunities for wood producers are provided in section 5 of the WCSIC Training Policy.

**Program Funding:**

The WCSIC funded the development and on-going maintenance of the online Logger Training Course.  
Each certified organization funds their individual training program.

**Training Modules:**

Training materials required to deliver the training program identified in Table 2 and 3 of the WCSIC Training Policy to logging contractors working for program participants are maintained by the Online Logger Training Course or by individual certified organizations. For larger program participants with multiple operations these training materials are typically maintained and delivered separately by each operation.

**Training Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024
Logging Contractors	719		700	
Logging Employees				
Foresters				
Landowners				
Government Officials				
Students				
Other	67		86	
<b>*TOTALS</b>	<b>786</b>		<b>786</b>	

\* Combined totals

Other: Information presented may not be a true reflection of the results of this category as reporting by category is not specifically requested. Other category includes Consultants, Planting Companies/tree planters/brushing/, Sawmills/Pulpmills fiber supply, Biologists, Engineers, etc.

**WISCONSIN**  
**Logger Training and Education Summary**

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**Program**

**Name:** **Wisconsin Logger Training and Education Program**  
Historically, various groups and organizations in Wisconsin have offered training workshops and education programs for loggers. During 1995, however, a group of loggers, industry representatives, and other interested stakeholders formed the Wisconsin Logger Training and Education (LT&E) Committee to look at coordinating and funding these programs. The Wisconsin LT&E Committee identified the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA) as the logical umbrella organization to coordinate all new and existing logger training and education efforts in Wisconsin.

**Required**

**Courses:** The Wisconsin SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) has updated the training curriculum to conform to the 2022 SFI® Training Standards. Anyone who needs to become SFI® certified must complete 12 hours of Core Training, consisting of 8 hours of BMP's for Water Quality and the 4 hour Basic Core II class, along with attending a 4 hour continuing education workshop. Hours of training can be obtained by taking a FISTA coordinated workshop or a meeting or conference which has been pre-approved for external credit. The categories listed below constitute Wisconsin's SFI® Training Standard.

**Best Management Practices ( BMP 's) Workshops**

FISTA personnel organize and conduct these sessions along with forest industry professionals and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. As long as SFI ® certification remains current, BMP's only need to be taken one time with updated information and changes being covered in related workshops.

**BMP for Water Quality**

**Core Curriculum (8 hours)**

These workshops address planning, timber harvesting, forest road design and location, wetland and stream crossing, riparian management zones, and permitting.

**Basic Core II**

**Core Curriculum (4 Hours)**

This workshop covers the awareness of responsibilities under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, the Canadian Species at Risk Act, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value (critically imperiled and imperiled species and ecological communities), and other

measures to protect biodiversity and wildlife habitat. Includes U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules for logger safety, wage and hour rules, and other state, and local employment laws.

Continuing Education Workshops (4 hours)

The workshops schedule is as followed:

<u>In-Person Workshop Name</u>	<u># Scheduled in 2023</u>	<u># Held in 2023</u>	<u>Scheduled for 2024</u>
BMP's for Water Quality	5	3	5
BMP's for Invasive Species	0	0	-
Basic Core II Updated	5	5	3
Chainsaw Safety	-	-	-
D.O.T. Compliance	1	1	1
Current Hot Topics in Forestry	-	-	-
Chainsaw Safety Refresher	2	2	3
Hydraulic Safety	1	1	0
OSHA for Loggers	-	-	-
Pesticide Applicator Training & Exam	-	-	2
QuickBooks	-	-	-
Silviculture & Timber Sale Marking	1	1	1
Successioning Your Business	1	1	-
Timber Economics	1	1	1
1st Aid / CPR	0	0	4
Harvester Bar & Chains	2	2	3
Forest Policy	-	-	1
Tire Maintenance & Safety	-	-	-
Mechanized Training	2	1	-
Chemical Spills on Logging Operations	-	-	-
Oak Wilt ID & Management	-	-	1
Cross Training for Loggers & Foresters	1	1	2
Timber Cruising	3	3	3
Log Scaling & Grading	3	3	2
Insurance Basics for Forest Products Businesses	2	2	2
Forest Fire Safety	2	-	-
Adapting to Climate Changes	1	-	-
Water Quality Refresher	-	-	2

Online Workshop Name

Online Water Quality Refresher  
 Online Invasive Species Refresher  
 Online Adapting to Climate Change  
 Online DOT Compliance  
 Online Basic Core II Update

**Training  
Summary:**

Participants	Actual Number Completing Entire Beginning LT&E Program in 2023	Actual Number Attending At Least One Course in 2023	Actual Number Attending Approved Electives in 2023	Estimated Number Expected to Complete LT&E Program in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Some Courses in 2024	Estimated Number Expected to Attend Approved Electives in 2024
Logging Contractors						
Logging Employers						
Other						
<b>TOTALS</b>	41	912	3	30	1500	50

\* Records do not indicate job classification.

**Program**

**Funding:**

The primary source of funding is obtained from the forest industry through a voluntary per cord assessment based on the amount of Wisconsin-based wood consumed. Additional funding comes from Registration fees and, in the past, sponsorship for costs relating to conferences, from forestry related businesses and organizations. Some instructor/facilitator expense is also covered through volunteer efforts of individuals from forestry companies and agencies.

**Training**

**Modules:**

FISTA offers options for online training and approved electives. Online training courses are self-paced and meet the Wisconsin SIC 2022 SFI training standards. These courses can be found on FISTA's website: [www.fistausa.org](http://www.fistausa.org)