

A quick look at
today's research in
**Forest
Management**



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**Creating and extending knowledge in agriculture and natural resources
(forest management) that results in community change**



Extension Activities: Conduct research and demonstrations in the management of forested areas that benefit trees and wildlife habitat. Establish areas to show landowners and interested individuals the results of this management combined with the proper utilization of supplemental food plots. Annually, two to three field days demonstrations are scheduled at the Jay Research Farm.



Conduct workshops and field demonstration to owners of forested lands. Anually, the Master Tree Farmer or Master Wildlifer series will be held in Milton along with a Natural Resource and Conservation Field Day. The NRC Field Day joins the talents of area professionals from Extension, the Division of Forestry and the FL Wildlife & Fisheries Conservation Agency.



Research Activities: Research efforts include an understory control study to remove unwanted vegetation in the re-establishment of a natural longleaf pine system. The area selected for the study has a tremendous amount of yaupon, privet, and many other woody species that are crowding out the longleaf pine seedlings and native grasses.



Other research efforts include a mix-species planting, herbicide control of herbaceous vegetation in a planting of longleaf pines, understory control of woody vegetation using various herbicides and techniques for application, growth of a thinned loblolly pine plantation, and restoration of a slash pine plantation that has become stagnant. These projects will benefit our understanding of the management of desirable trees and wildlife habitat, but also serve as new information available for dissemination to landowners and NRC students. Students will have an opportunity to visit and work on these projects to see how the materials presented in class transform into the field.



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