

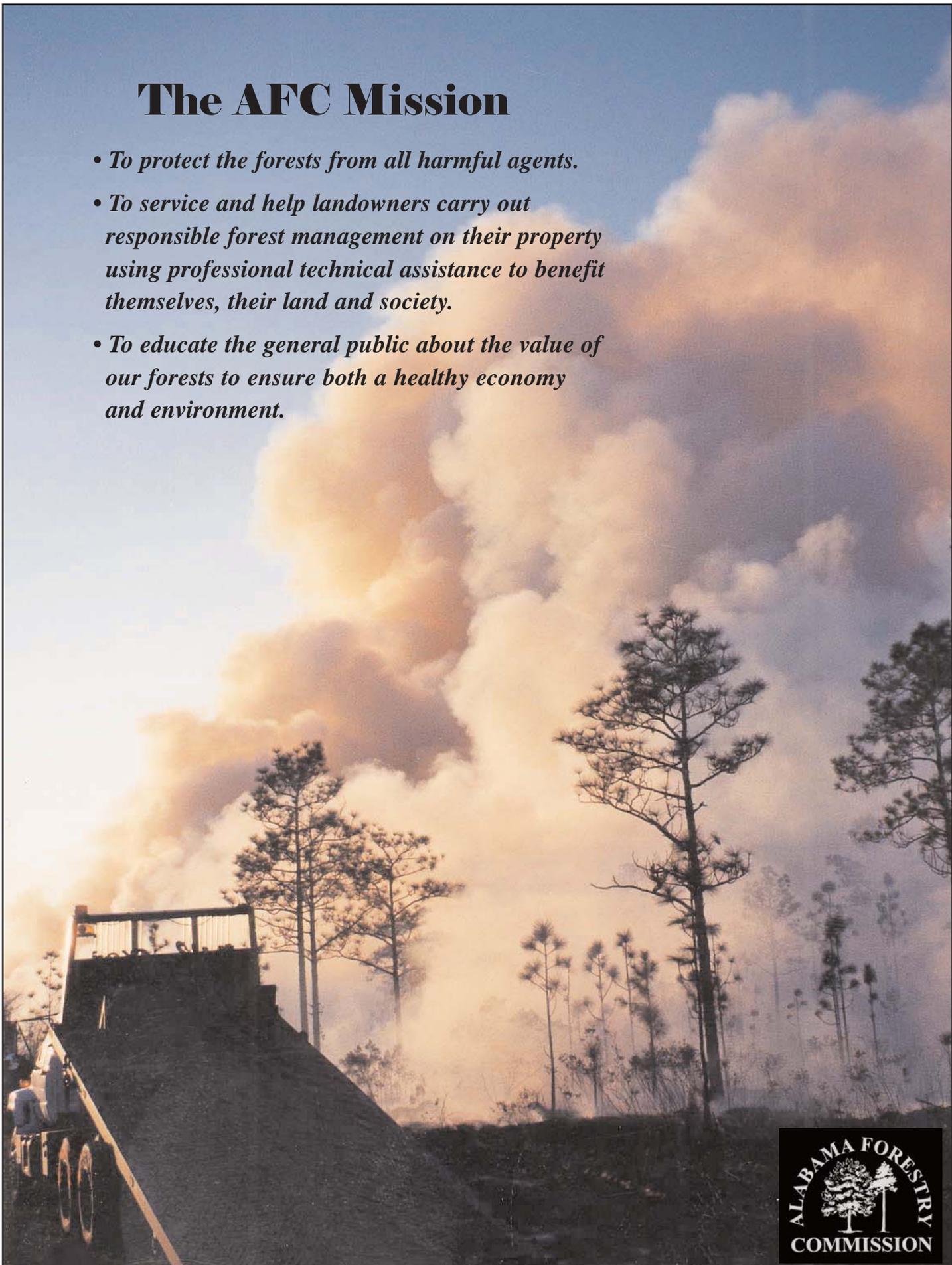
2002-2003

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**Alabama  
Forestry  
Commission**

# The AFC Mission

- *To protect the forests from all harmful agents.*
- *To service and help landowners carry out responsible forest management on their property using professional technical assistance to benefit themselves, their land and society.*
- *To educate the general public about the value of our forests to ensure both a healthy economy and environment.*





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# ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION

October 1, 2003

The Honorable Bob Riley  
Governor, State of Alabama  
600 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36130

It is my pleasure to report the Alabama Forestry Commission's accomplishments and services to the public in this 2003 Annual Report.

The past year was marked by attrition at the Commission. As a result of the State's impending dire financial crisis, we lost a total of 26 employees to separations and retirements during the year who were not replaced, reducing our statewide staffing to 358 personnel. Also of note, a number of AFC associates have been deployed both abroad and at home for active military duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Noble Eagle as members of our state's National Guard and Reserves. I commend not only these fine men and women for their sacrifice, but also the remaining employees who have often been required to work longer hours and expend extra efforts.

During the 2002-2003 fiscal year, our professional foresters prepared 592 TREASURE Forest management plans covering 87,768 acres. This resulted in the certification of 145 new TREASURE Forests totaling 69,209 acres. Currently, there are 1,899 certified TREASURE Forests in Alabama that collectively represent 1.81 million acres of forestland under TREASURE Forest management. The Commission also continues its commitment to outreach efforts, implementing programs that will help identify and serve the needs of our state's minority landowners. In the past year we published a brochure dedicated to that purpose.

In this past year Alabama experienced 1,350 wildfires that burned 12,406 acres, the lowest number of wild land fires and acreage since such statistics started being recorded in 1941. I am proud to say that Commission firefighters helped protect 382 homes and 146 other structures from damage or destruction from wildfire. Also, during the summer the Commission lent assistance to the USDA Forest Service by sending a fire crew of 12 AFC associates to help with wildfires in Montana. The AFC also assisted in the formation of three new volunteer fire departments in areas where fire protection was needed, bringing the total number of 995 volunteer departments currently serving the majority of the citizens of our state.

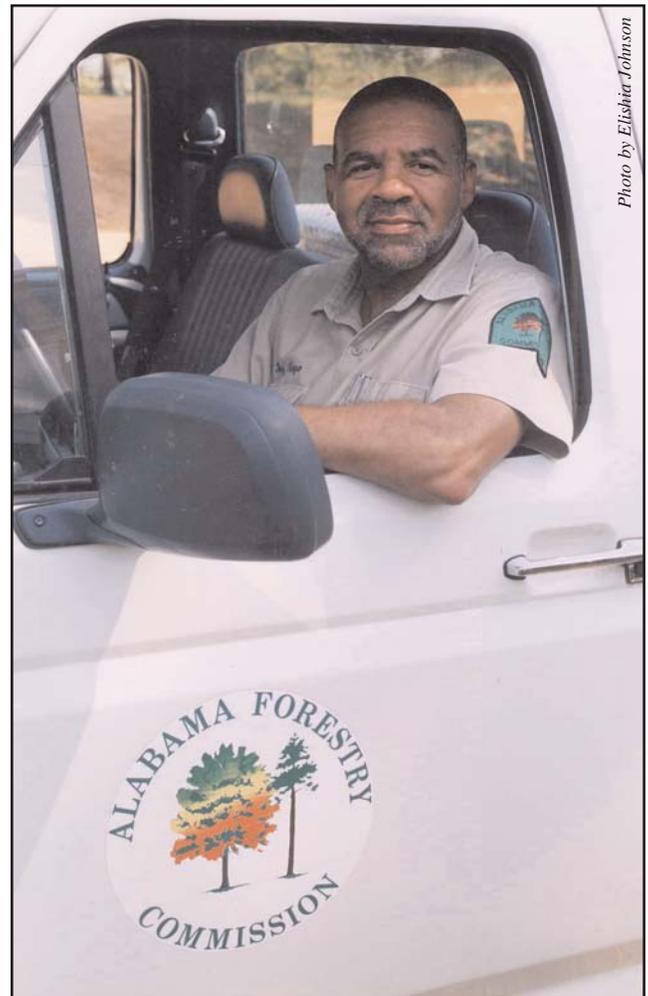
I am very proud of the job done by the men and women of the Alabama Forestry Commission. These associates are listed on pages 20 and 21 of this report. As forestry represents the second largest agricultural industry in the State, we have a huge responsibility. I know that each individual will continue to carry out their responsibilities with efficiency, professionalism, and pride while making Alabama a better place through forestry.

Sincerely,



Timothy C. Boyce  
State Forester

# ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION



## PERSONNEL

Certainly, the story of the 2002-2003 Fiscal Year was how the Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) coped with the 5% reduction of the fourth quarter personnel budget. In jargon usually associated with the private employment sector, “downsizing and budget reductions” have become reality in State Government.

This fiscal year represented a significant amount of belt tightening, keynoted by the freezing of merit increases in April of 2003, which was reflected in the increased number of new employee separations. The separations and retirements resulted in a loss of 26 Commission personnel, reducing our statewide staffing to 358 personnel. In keeping with the stark reality of operating within the strict limitations of our reduced personnel funds, the AFC has been unable to maintain our commitment of maintaining two-man fire crews in each county. This situation puts a strain on other aspects of our budget as we transfer manpower and equipment around to ensure the safety of our associates and protect the natural resources and property in these counties.

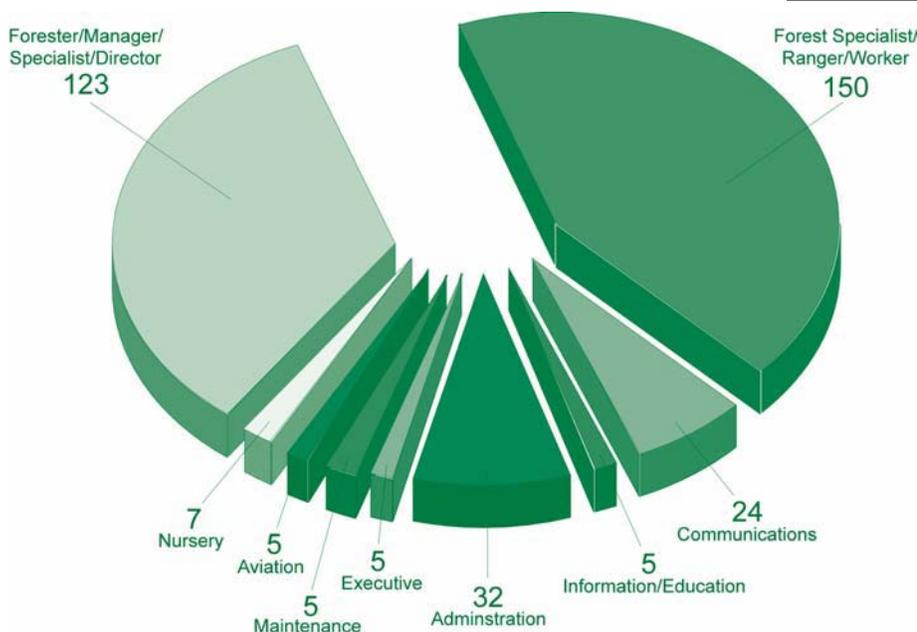


Figure 1

2002/2003 Forestry Commission Personnel (Statewide - 356)

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

Financial records of the Alabama Forestry Commission are maintained in accordance with accepted accounting procedures and conform to state and federal law as defined by the Comptroller, Examiners of Public Accounts, and the USDA Forest Service.

The 2003 Operating Statement on page 7 (Figure 2) was prepared with unaudited data. Also included in this annual report is a Balance Sheet for Fiscal Year 2002-2003, which is found on page 8 (Figure 3).

Figure 2

## Alabama Forestry Commission Statement of Operations for Fiscal Years Ending September 30

	Actual					
	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY03 Budget	Balance
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Personnel	12,631,591	13,059,551	13,644,792	13,448,098	13,448,098	0
Fringe Benefits	2,950,984	3,231,699	3,517,946	3,636,987	3,637,467	481
In State Travel	305,571	279,243	369,598	229,442	396,082	166,640
Out Of State Travel	11,169	8,445	9,985	15,096	20,900	5,804
Repairs and Maintenance	365,407	282,906	310,176	303,690	421,481	117,791
Rental and Leases	317,271	202,214	171,217	137,759	200,144	62,385
Utilities and Communications	658,937	761,620	738,412	759,235	808,330	49,095
Professional Services	1,005,519	714,768	723,419	531,084	721,996	190,912
Supplies	1,047,091	1,067,061	1,202,923	1,181,636	1,185,930	4,293
Transportation Operations	1,372,516	1,308,437	1,244,835	1,175,018	1,175,165	147
Grants and Benefits	3,872,123	4,249,712	4,630,343	4,025,171	4,025,171	0
Transportation Equipment	3,116,145	2,060,745	1,521,530	50,000	414,876	364,876
Other Equipment	83,357	217,457	189,549	247,119	324,634	77,515
Excess Available						
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>27,737,680</b>	<b>27,443,857</b>	<b>28,274,726</b>	<b>25,740,334</b>	26,780,274	1,039,940
<b>Revenue Budget</b>						
AFC Funds:						
Severance Tax	7,452,067	5,630,264	5,702,757	5,184,818		
Timber and Turpentine	46,141	43,438	44,744	41,968		
Fishing Permits	565	0	1,089	3,454		
Fines and Forfeits	22,234	11,185	6,387	3,407		
Radio Leases	600	0	0	0		
Oil Royalties	6,623	6,929	7,833	11,128		
Miscellaneous	2,877	1,836	3,790	4,724		
Prior Year Refunds	23,966	36,155	90,887	14,279		
Contract Services	131,045	0	0	0		
Equipment Sales	0	60	40,813	23,274		
Timber Sales	959,484	724,930	1,629,997	1,078,963		
Other Sales	16,944	23,369	975	6,650		
Seedling Sales	1,458,880	1,009,068	606,450	446,878		
Donations	0	0	0	0		
Intragovernment Sales	18,541	52,704	0	12,676		
Equipment Rentals	1,347	46	49	150		
Other Rents	17,692	19,975	18,710	24,939		
Plowing Firebreaks	126,079	96,999	150,515	138,540		
Prescribed Burning	185,944	104,674	165,344	123,912		
<b>AFC Funds</b>	<b>10,471,029</b>	<b>7,761,633</b>	<b>8,470,340</b>	<b>7,119,760</b>	7,378,600	258,839
State General Fund	13,699,132	14,168,191	14,269,611	13,273,934	13,273,935	1
Federal Funds						
Federal Grants	2,912,454	4,253,792	4,750,389	3,711,591		
Federal Agreements	13,135	244,942	209,913	13,134		
Federal Reimbursements	11,428	124,563	26,924	79,010		
<b>Total Federal Funds</b>	<b>2,937,018</b>	<b>4,623,298</b>	<b>4,987,225</b>	<b>3,803,735</b>	1,183,069	(2,620,666)
Local Funds						
County Appropriations	255,860	268,571	243,261	271,614		
Acreage Assessments	1,777,097	1,792,214	1,814,335	1,810,861		
Local Grants	9,651	565	4,349	4,291		
<b>Total Local Funds</b>	<b>2,042,608</b>	<b>2,061,350</b>	<b>2,061,945</b>	<b>2,086,766</b>	2,119,108	32,342
<b>Budgetary Transfers In (Out)</b>						
Supplement						
Severance Tax—County Share						
Operating Transfers						
Capital Transfers	(967,569)	(362,821)	(418,060)	(322,900)	(322,900)	0
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>(967,569)</b>	<b>(362,821)</b>	<b>(418,060)</b>	<b>(322,900)</b>	<b>(322,900)</b>	<b>0</b>
AFC Balance Forward	615,204	1,343,396	369,884	1,470,271	1,470,271	0
Federal Balance Forward	144,864	176,747	1,958,052	1,954,000	1,954,000	0
Local Balance Forward	315,537	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Forward</b>	<b>1,075,605</b>	<b>1,520,143</b>	<b>2,327,936</b>	<b>3,424,271</b>	<b>3,424,271</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Revenues and Transfers</b>	<b>29,257,823</b>	<b>29,771,793</b>	<b>31,698,997</b>	<b>29,385,567</b>	<b>27,056,083</b>	<b>(2,329,484)</b>
Capital Transfers	967,569	362,821	418,060	322,900	322,900	0
Capital Outlay	342,913	199,707	190,459	291	322,900	322,609
Unallotted Capital Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reserve for Capital Outlay	624,656	163,114	227,601	322,609	0	0
Agency Cash Available	30,225,392	30,134,614	32,117,057	29,708,467	27,378,983	(2,329,484)
Agency Expended and Reserved	28,705,249	27,806,678	28,692,786	26,063,234	27,103,174	1,039,940
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>1,520,143</b>	<b>2,327,936</b>	<b>3,424,271</b>	<b>3,645,233</b>	<b>275,809</b>	<b>(3,369,424)</b>

Figure 3

**Alabama Forestry Commission**  
**Fund Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2003**

	AFC Operations Fund	Emergency Fund	Stewardship Tag Fund	County Tobacco Tax Fund	Severance Tax Fund
Cash	5,363,678.45	95,778.29	40,663.52	20,900.07	0.00
Accounts Receivable					
Due from Other Funds					
Advance Travel					
<b>Assets</b>	<b>5,363,678.45</b>	<b>95,778.29</b>	<b>40,663.52</b>	<b>20,900.07</b>	
Vouchers Payable					
Seedling Sale Deposits	58,695.55				
Due to Other Funds					0.00
Due to Other Governments					
Clay County				9,831.72	
Henry County				0.01	
Limestone County				0.09	
Randolph County				0.06	
Blount County				11,068.19	
Deferred Revenue:					
Federal Funds					
Local Funds					
Due to Employees					
Accounts Payable					
Receipts Pending Disbursement	20,632.61				
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>79,328.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,900.07</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Reserve for Pre-Encumbrances					
Reserve for Encumbrances	239,557.04				
Reserve for Capital Outlay					
FY 97	0.00				
FY 98	0.72				
FY 99	61,579.20				
FY 00	624,656.14				
FY 01	163,114.20				
FY 02	227,601.10				
FY 03	322,608.68				
Unalloted Capital Transfers					
<b>Reserved Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,639,117.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Unreserved Fund Balance</b>	<b>3,645,233.21</b>	<b>95,778.29</b>	<b>40,633.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>5,363,678.45</b>	<b>95,778.29</b>	<b>40,663.52</b>	<b>20,900.07</b>	<b>0.00</b>

# FIRE DIVISION

## FIRE SUPPRESSION

- A wet winter, spring, and summer resulted in 2003 being an extremely light fire season.
- Lowest number of wildfires (1,350) occurred since records were kept, beginning in 1941.
- Also, the lowest average acreage burned (12,406) since 1941.
- The average size fire in Alabama for FY 2003 was 9.1 acres.
- Wildfires destroyed or damaged 21 houses, 24 outbuildings, 24 vehicles, and 523 large hay bales.
- The efforts of the Alabama Forestry Commission resulted in the direct protection from wildfires of 382 homes, 146 other structures, 212 vehicles, and 1136 large hay bales.
- In an effort to reduce the number of wildland fires in the state, the AFC sponsored a series of three "Fire Prevention" workshops. Over 200 Alabama firefighters were taught ways to improve public awareness of the fire problems in Alabama.

## HAZARD MITIGATION

- The Commission prescribed burned approximately 14,710 acres across the state.
- The AFC also built 655 miles of fire-breaks to protect homes and sites within the Wildland Urban Interface.
- Total prescribed burning, AFC and private, involved 19,902 burns on 795,084 acres. This is way below average for Alabama (normally about 30,000 burns on 900,000 acres). The primary reason for the low burning rate was the very wet weather throughout the year.
- In an effort to increase prescribed burning in the state, the Commission with the Alabama Prescribed Burning Council put on a series of eight workshops on "Smoke Management from Prescribed Burning." Nearly 400 Prescribed Burn Managers across the state attended this six-hour workshop.

## NATIONAL FIRE ASSISTANCE

- The Commission lent assistance to the USDA Forest Service by sending a fire crew of 12 AFC associates to help with the "Primm/Mineral Complex Fire" in Lolo National Forest at Missoula, Montana. The crew received the highest possible rating from the national level Incident Commander.

## RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION (RCFP)

The Alabama Forestry Commission assisted over 995 volunteer fire departments over the past twelve months with the implementation of several beneficial programs.

- Assisted in the formation of three new departments in areas where fire protection was needed.
- Assisted approximately 25 counties with the passage of a local ad valorem tax bolstering the quality of training, equipment, and firefighting vehicles available to each county volunteer fire department.
- Provided a state contract containing over one hundred items for fire departments to purchase equipment and firefighter clothing.
- Administered \$2.4 million dollars of the RCFP federal grant program through appropriations by the legislature. This was divided equally among 990 qualifying volunteer fire departments, amounting to \$2,247.27 for each department.
- Provided assistance for each county association to receive a \$500 grant and each district fire association to receive a \$200 grant used for training.
- Compiled, updated, and printed the 2003 Fire Tag Roster, a directory containing the names of over 32,000 firefighters eligible to purchase a distinctive firefighter license plate.

- Sponsored the 19th "Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Day" on September 26, 2003. Over 500 firefighters and their families enjoyed this year's event, which was co-hosted by the Clarke County Firefighters Association and the Thomasville Volunteer Fire Department. The Semmes Volunteer Fire Department of Mobile County won permanent loan of this year's brush truck (converted federal excess property truck, provided by the AFC). RCFP Steering Committee award recipients were:

- \*AFC County Manager of the Year: Chuck Quinn of Choctaw County.
- \*AFC Associate of the Year: Randy Kinman of Clarke County.
- \*The Ray Tucker Memorial Award, presented annually to an outstanding member of the RCFP Steering Committee: Roger Wilson of Walker County.
- \*The Walter Vest Award, recognizing the outstanding volunteer fire department of the year: Newbern Volunteer Fire Department of Hale County.

## FEDERAL EXCESS PROPERTY PROGRAM (FEPP)

The fire division is responsible for the acquisition of excess federal property from military bases throughout the Southeastern United States. Equipment is screened over the internet and picked-up from the bases. Once received, it is inventoried, warehoused, and distributed throughout the state for fire control use. This equipment is kept on inventory for the duration of its usable life and is then



sold at auction with the proceeds of the sale returning to the Federal government.

Items acquired from the FEPP last year are listed in Figure 4.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- The AFC operates and maintains two complete radios systems and over 200 tower sites.
- Commission personnel use the VHF system statewide for routine communication, as well as fire prevention and suppression operations. It consists of mobile radios, handheld radios, repeaters, and control stations.
- The UHF radio system, containing over 155 repeaters and 50 control stations, is provided for the volunteer fire service at no charge. The AFC provides maintenance on these repeaters 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to the 785 volunteer fire departments that own and maintain over 6,000 radios (mobiles, portables, and pagers) within the UHF system.

### EQUIPMENT

- Worked with John Deere on software upgrades for the H-series tractors.
- Worked with International truck dealership to move air tanks to a better location.
- Refined specifications for all vehicles of interest to our agency.
- Trained 22 associates on new equipment received by the agency.
- Trained 18 new employees in two separate equipment familiarization schools.

### Central Shop

- Repaired 40 RCFP vehicles.
- Repaired 38 transports and 28 crawler tractors.
- Repaired 31 pickups and sedans.
- Repaired 8 trailers.
- Repaired 12 non-firefighting pieces of equipment.
- Pulled and issued 80 parts for volunteer fire departments.
- Processed 62 vehicles, 9 crawler tractors, and 300 miscellaneous items for the state sale lot.

Figure 4 **Property Acquired During Fiscal Year 2003**

Property	Value
58 Trucks	\$ 1,727,938.00
2 Farm Tractors	17,523.00
6 Heavy Equipment	371,016.00
5 Fire Trucks and Firefighting Equipment	142,172.00
Tools	<u>801.00</u>
<b>Total Value of Property Received</b>	<b>\$2,259,450.00</b>

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

At one time, the AFC had 150 law enforcement officers. In FY 2003, there were 55 officers. Only four of these 55 were dedicated strictly to law enforce-

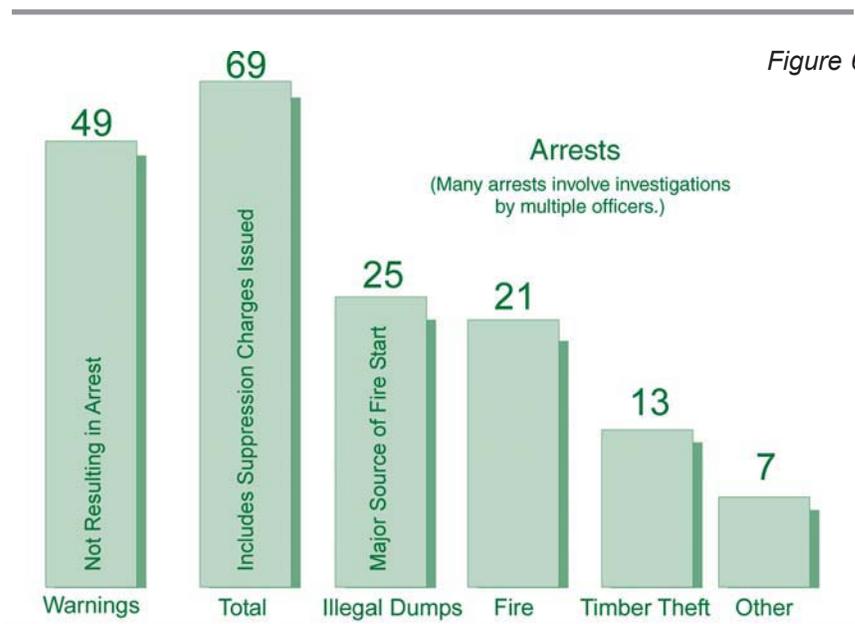
ment. See Figures 5 and 6. (Accomplishments were down in relation to the reduction in number of fires.)

Figure 5

### Enforcement Related Statistics



Figure 6



# MANAGEMENT DIVISION

## FOREST MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

The forests of Alabama provide valuable economic, environmental, and social resources to every Alabama citizen. Forestry is the second largest agricultural industry in the State. It provides the most efficient natural filtration system available to ensure clean water. It provides an abundance of habitat for wildlife, including threatened and endangered plants and animals. Finally, it provides recreational opportunities for the hiker, hunter, and outdoor enthusiast.

Forestry is extremely important to the economic stability of Alabama. Over 60,000 people are employed in the industry. It is the second largest agricultural industry in Alabama with an annual payroll of over \$2 billion. Of the 22.9 million acres of commercial forestland, 78% is owned by private, non-industrial landowners. Last year, 60% of the harvested timber came from these lands. Therefore, it is extremely important that these lands be properly managed. Our foresters and ranger technicians assist landowners with making forest management decisions. These landowners range from being extremely knowledgeable to having no knowledge of forestry practices. In addition, our agency refers landowners to forestry consultants where applicable. The following programs are the primary avenues used to provide direct and indirect assistance:

- TREASURE Forest and National Stewardship Programs
- Landowner Assistance Programs
- Insect and Disease Protection Programs
- BMP Monitoring and Complaint Investigations
- Landowner Outreach Education Program
- Nursery and Tree Improvement Programs
- Resource Information, Marketing, and Economic Development Programs
- Forest Inventory and Analysis Survey Program
- State Lands Management and Assistance



- Forest Legacy Program
- Urban Forestry Program

Collectively, Commission assistance through these programs was a catalyst for the implementation of professional forest management practices (6,219 cases) on over 400,000 acres of private forestland in Alabama (Figure 7).

## TREASURE FOREST AND NATIONAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS

The word **TREASURE** is an acronym for **T**imber, **R**ecreation, **E**nvironment, and **A**esthetics for a Sustained Useable

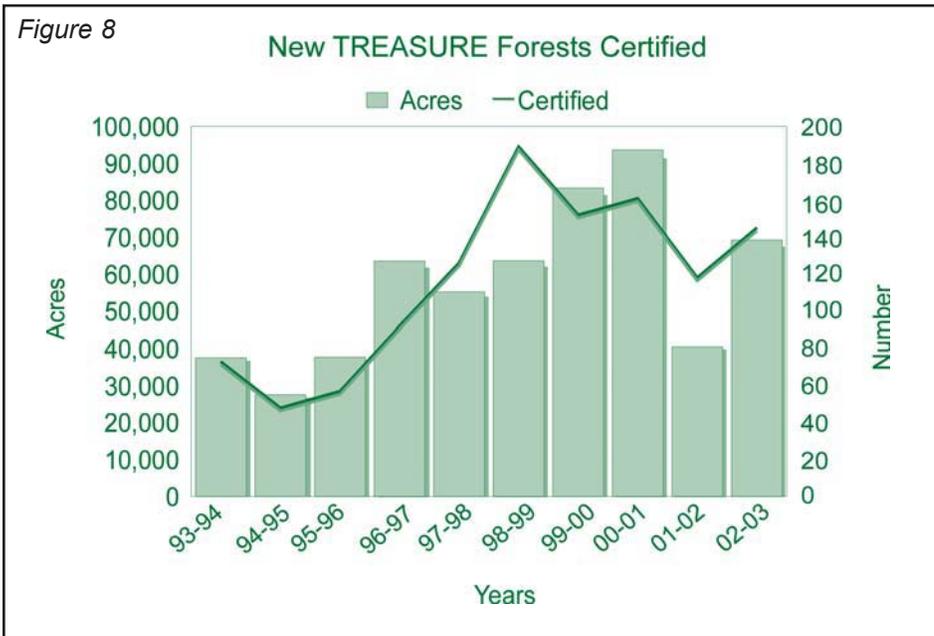
**RE**source. The program, which was established in 1974, promotes sound multiple-use forest management through education and recognition. Education is accomplished through Alabama's *TREASURED Forests* magazine, on-the-ground technical assistance to forest landowners, and various educational workshops. Recognition is accomplished through the certified TREASURE Forest award, which is given to landowners that are actively implementing TREASURE Forest principles on their land. This helps gauge the progress of increased land management.

- During the year, the Commission received 97 web application forms from landowners interested in managing their property under the TREASURE Forest philosophy. These were each followed up with a visit from an AFC resource professional.
- During the year, our professional foresters prepared 592 TREASURE Forest management plans covering 87,768 acres.
- The Commission is developing a new TREASURE Forest Plan writer to more efficiently prepare management plans for landowners. Additionally, we are revising standard management prescription sheets that incorporate latest technologies in an easy-to-read format for landowners. These new prescriptions will also be available on the AFC website.

Figure 7 **Statewide Forest Management Accomplishments**

Program	Landowners Assisted	Acres Impacted
TREASURE Forest Management Plans	592	87,768
New TREASURE Forests Certified	145	69,209
Stand Management Recommendations	1,827	184,691
Tree Planting	576	22,069
Timber Stand Improvements	517	29,410
BMP Investigations/Consultations	60	560
Prescribed Burning	342	16,437
Fire lane Plowing	459	662 miles
Landowner Workshops/Tours/etc.	250	27,587 people
Forestry Consultant Referrals	1,145	N/A
Southern Pine Beetle	306	N/A

Figure 8



- Under the Stewardship Program, three wildlife biologists provide specific wildlife information to landowners. During the past year, they provided assistance to 196 landowners covering 74,270 acres and also conducted wildlife presentations at 14 landowner tours attended by 657 people.
- The Commission published *Alabama's TREASURED Forests* quarterly magazine, which contains valuable information for forest landowners. These were mailed to over 13,000 individuals. The magazine is also available through the AFC web site.
- During the year, 145 new TREASURE Forests totaling 69,209 acres were certified. Currently, there are 1,899 certified TREASURE Forests in Alabama that collectively represent 1.81 million acres of forestland under TREASURE Forest management.
- The average number of annual landowner certifications and acres accepted into the TREASURE Forest Program has increased during the past ten years (Figure 8 above).

## LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Once a management plan is prepared, the landowner must then carry out these activities. The Commission assists private landowners through the following programs:

- Forestry Cost-share Assistance Programs

- Direct Landowner Service
- Forestry Information and Education

### Forestry Cost-share Assistance Programs

- One state and three federal cost-share programs provide financial assistance specifically to forest landowners. They include the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP), the Stewardship Incentives Program (SIP), and the Alabama Agricultural Conservation Development Commission Program (AACDCP).
- The Commission serves as technical advisors for each of these programs and makes prescriptions for landown-

ers enrolled in these programs. Follow-up ensures that each practice is completed according to the program requirements and that government funds are appropriately utilized.

- During the year, Commission personnel provided written guidance and inspected completed forestry practices such as tree planting, timber stand improvement, and habitat improvements on more than 1,698 sites. These sites covered approximately 75,503 acres of Alabama forestland under the four cost-share assistance programs.
- During the year, the federally funded SIP Forest Health Initiative was instrumental in reducing risk of dense pine stands susceptible to the Southern Pine Beetle (SPB). Through this program, financial assistance was provided to encourage timber stand improvement practices, such as thinning, to reduce the susceptibility of SPB attacks.

### Direct Landowner Service

- As previously mentioned under the Hazard Mitigation section, the AFC provides direct landowner services on a fee basis. During the year, the Commission installed 655 miles of permanent firelanes and completed 14,710 acres of prescribed burning. These practices proactively protect our valuable natural resources from the destructive force of wildfires while also improving tree growth and forage available to wildlife.



Photo by James Wade



### **Forestry Information and Education**

- Commission professionals provide technical forestry assistance to landowners on an individual basis. This assistance is provided in the form of a written Stand Management Recommendation (SMR), which usually includes current site conditions, a map, and recommended management prescriptions. During the year, Commission personnel prepared 1,827 SMRs covering 184,691 acres.
- The Commission also maintains a current list of registered consulting foresters, forestry vendors, and timber buyers known to provide services in the local area. Each AFC county office is required to maintain these lists and provide them to landowners upon request.
- The Commission produces many publications designed to educate forest landowners with proper management techniques.
- The Commission continues to support other organizations and groups who promote good forest management. These groups actively engage landowners and educators to properly manage and understand our natural resources. They provide training workshops and mentoring programs to landowners. Examples include the Alabama Treasure Forest Association, Teachers' Conservation Workshop,

Forests Forever, and Project Learning Tree.

- The Commission continues to support the annual Alabama Forestry Camp for young people interested in forestry. AFC employees mentor these youths who are interested in becoming natural resource professionals.
- The agency has a specialized staff of outreach foresters to locate and provide technical assistance and education to undeserved landowners. During the year, Commission employees provided assistance to 397 underserved landowners.
- Through the AFC website located at <http://forestry.state.al.us>, landowners can obtain valuable forestry information. This website receives over 20,000 visits per month. It contains information on southern pine beetles, placing orders for seedlings, cost-share programs, protecting your home from wildfires, forest statistics, and much more.
- Landowners can also apply online for additional services from Commission professionals. The website receives over 500 requests from the public each year. The Commission has professionals that can provide information on timber taxes, pest management, wildfire prevention, cost-share programs, urban forestry, and forest management.

### **INSECT AND DISEASE PROTECTION PROGRAMS**

#### **General Insect and Disease Protection Program**

- The most destructive disease to Alabama forests is from the fungus, Annosus Root Rot. The disease causes mortality to pine stands second only to the Southern Pine Beetle. These two destructive pests cause more damage than wildfires. An increased control effort is being initiated by including prevention recommendations in all TREASURE Forest management plans.
- Tree stress from recent droughts continues to show up as 'die back' in many hardwood stands, especially on upland sites. To reduce this loss, the Commission encourages landowners to only plant species appropriate to a specific site and soil type.
- Increasing amounts of invasive, non-native plants infest Alabama's forests and dominate small openings, increasingly eroding forest productivity, hindering forest use and management activities, and degrading diversity and wildlife habitat. Invasive species consist of trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, ferns, and forbs that are usually introduced into the country. This problem continues to be addressed at the national level as the USDA Forest Service has identified this issue as one

of their top four priorities. Concerned individuals in forestry, agriculture, horticulture, conservation, and the general public came together this year and formed the Alabama Invasive Plant Council. The purposes of the Council are to focus on the issues and concerns regarding invasive plants, promote public understanding regarding invasive plants and their control, facilitate action campaigns to monitor and control invasive plants, and serve as an advisory Council regarding funding, research, management, and control of invasive plants. The Alabama Forestry Commission is a charter member of the Invasive Plant Council.

**Southern Pine Beetle**

- The Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) situation in 2003 was the least destructive that it has been in years with only 163 spots statewide and no epidemic counties. (Last year at this time, Alabama had 1,012 spots containing 100,134 infested trees and 21 epidemic counties!) The cold, wet winter and spring held the SPB population in check. The good weather continued through the summer allowing trees to grow with little weather-related stress.
- The few spots that appeared were quickly detected, and Commission staff immediately alerted and helped landowners control them. This control effort removes the beetles from the

*Figure 10 Number of SPB Spots by Detection Flight FY 2003*

Jan/Feb	Apr/May	Jun/Jul	Aug/Sep
58	25	55	70

pinetrees and prevents the spots from spreading. The AFC performs this work for landowners with the help of federal forest health grants administered through the USDA Forest Service. First, Commission staff locate SPB spots from the air using our fleet of airplanes (these infestations are easily identified from the air, see Figure 9). Next, the AFC correlates the spot location using landowner property maps to determine the landowner, and then sends them a letter alerting them about the spot and advising how to control it. The number of SPB spots by aerial detection flight is shown in Figure 10.

- The Commission provides cost-assistance in getting SPB spots controlled.
- In times of low beetle populations, the Commission helps landowners prevent future SPB attacks by lowering the SPB hazard potential of their pine stands. Some cost-share assistance is also available for this activity. A new federal program (to be implemented next year) will greatly enhance this assistance.

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES PROGRAMS**

The citizens of Alabama demand protection of our waterways and improvement in water quality. Past research has proven that if forestry practices are conducted while following Alabama’s Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Forestry (EPA-approved guidelines) that they both protect and improve water quality. The Commission’s role is to ensure that Alabama’s BMP’s are followed when implementing forestry practices. This is done by randomly monitoring forestry practices for BMP compliance and investigating BMP complaints received from concerned citizens. The AFC also provides education and training to landowners and loggers (pre-harvest consultation) and serves as technical advisors on clean watershed partnership committees.

**BMP Random Monitoring**

- A total of 198 active harvest operations were monitored in the northern half of the State (north and south are alternated every other year). Six monitoring sites were completed in each county. Similar to previous years, implementation of appropriate practices is high. Figure 11 shows compliance results by type of practice conducted. During the last ten years, this random sampling has consistently shown good results.

**BMP Complaint Investigations**

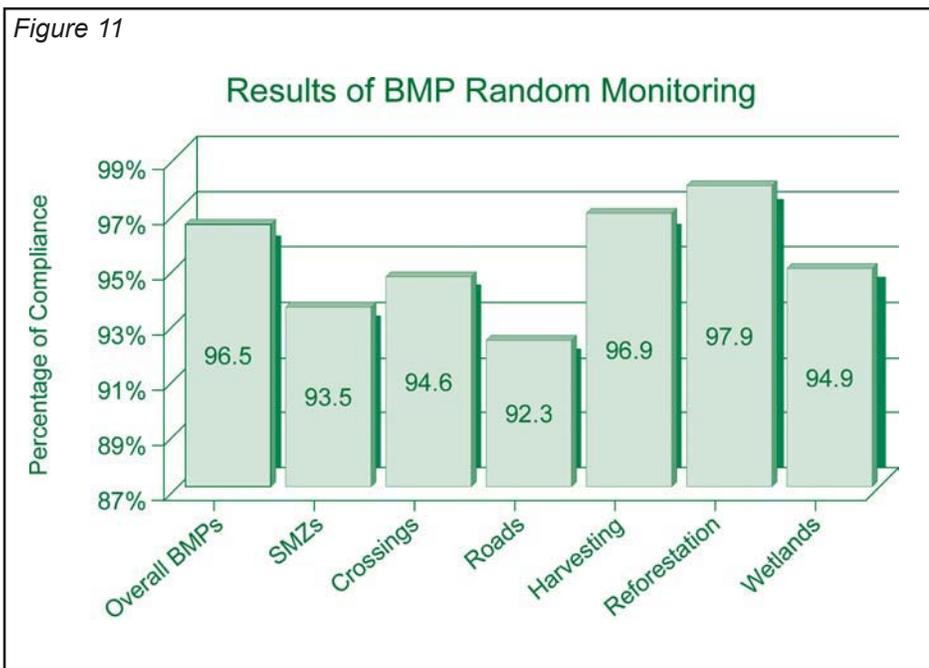
- The Commission received 48 BMP complaints during the year. Of these, 43 were forestry-related. The complaints originated from the four following sources: ADEM-33, AFC-13, AFA/SFI-1, and Alabama Environmental Council-1.
- Of the 43 forestry-related complaints, 40 have been resolved, one is still under the 45-day resolution period and is being corrected, and two were referred to ADEM for administrative action. One complaint has progressed



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*Figure 9: Aerial View of a Controlled SPB Spot*

Figure 11



to the point where the responsible individuals have been sent a Proposed Consent Order with penalties. Most complaints were resolved by providing BMP education and asking that minor remedial corrections be made where necessary.

- There were 29 counties that had BMP complaints as follows: Jefferson-6; Walker-4; Coosa-4; Cullman-2; Tuscaloosa-2; Blount-2; Etowah- 2; Talladega-2; Randolph-2; Tallapoosa-2; Chilton-2; Jackson, Lauderdale, Marshall, Winston, Lamar, Fayette, Bibb, St. Clair, Cleburne, Chambers, Elmore, Lowndes, Bullock, Butler, Crenshaw, Covington, Houston, and Mobile each had 1 complaint.

### Clean Water Partnerships

- The Alabama Clean Water Partnerships are coalitions of private and public individuals, companies, and organizations working together to protect and preserve water resources and aquatic ecosystems. One of the major tasks of the partnerships is to write River Basin Management Plans for the ten river basins in Alabama. The Commission has professional foresters assigned to represent forestry interests and provide technical information for each river basin group. In addition, the AFC has the ability to track accomplishments by river basin.

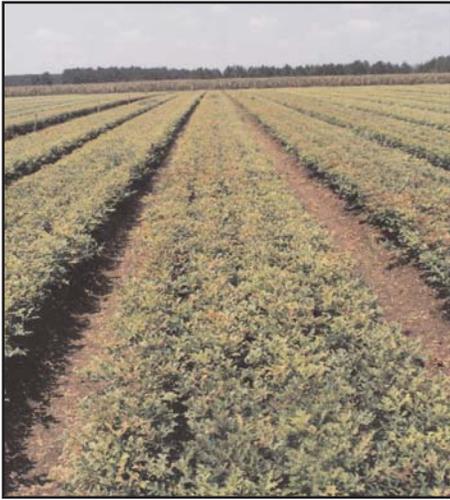
### LANDOWNER OUTREACH EDUCATION PROGRAM

- The Commission is involved in an ongoing research project to determine if goats can be used to reduce fuel loads in forest under-stories and wildfire hazards, while also generating income for the landowner. Alabama A&M University and Tuskegee University are conducting this study and compiling the data. Most of our demonstration sites have in excess of 30 goats per herd. As a result of the success of this project, over 30 additional landowners have decided to raise goats.

- Assisted 20 landowners in attending the Tuskegee University’s Small Farm Conference and participated in the forestry tour.
- Assisted landowners in attending the Federation of Southern Cooperatives’ annual meeting in Epes and participated in their agri-forestry tour.
- Provided funds to the Federation to develop demonstration projects.
- Conducted workshops at the Federation’s training center on estate planning, development of forestry management plans, and firebreaks.
- Identified over 400 new landowners.
- Outreach Foresters made presentations on careers/opportunities in forestry to more than ten high schools representing over 2,000 students.
- Developed a forestry outreach publication that includes landowner testimonials.
- Executive Assistant made outreach presentations to USDA Forest Service Outreach Staff and landowners in Wilcox, Sumter, and Madison Counties.
- Executive Assistant represented the AFC and Southeastern United States at the “World Summit on Sustainable Developments” in South Africa and was appointed to serve on the Forestry Global Caucus (sponsored in part by the Ford Foundation).



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## NURSERY AND TREE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The objective of the Nursery and Tree Improvement Program is to ensure that Alabama’s landowners have access to top-quality, genetically improved forest tree seedlings at a reasonable price. The Commission has been involved in this program for over fifty years. Over this period, the AFC has established orchards producing high-quality pine and hardwood seed. The E. A. Hauss Nursery near Atmore has grown and sold millions of seedlings to landowners.

### Nursery Operations

- During the year, the nursery grew 13 million pine seedlings and 700,000 hardwood seedlings consisting of 18 different species.
- All loblolly, longleaf, and slash pine are 1st, 1.5, or 2nd cycle genetically improved seed collected from Commission seed orchards at Geneva and Thorsby.
- The nursery produced ten species of hardwoods beneficial to wildlife species. These species were available

for purchase in small quantities (minimum of 25 seedlings per order).

- The nursery hosted a tour for the forestry students at Alabama Southern Community College in Monroeville to educate them on seedling production and the importance of reforestation.

### Tree Improvement Operations

- The Commission is a member of the North Carolina Tree Improvement Cooperative. This Cooperative is a collective effort by Southeastern industry and state forestry agencies to improve the forests we grow through breeding, testing, and selection. Improvements that are ongoing include rust resistance, volume, and form. Selections that are established in most of the improved seed orchards are the result of this research.
- Approximately 280 acres of seed orchards, progeny test sites, and production areas across Alabama are maintained each year. Maintenance includes mowing, pruning, herbicide and pesticide applications, fertilize applications, inventory, and tagging.
- The Commission established an additional ten acres of 3rd cycle Piedmont loblolly pine orchard, with approximately 1,000 grafts of improved tree stock. This completes the second year of a three-year plan to establish 30 acres of 3rd cycle Piedmont loblolly pine orchard.
- The AFC continued measuring installed progeny tests to determine success of creating genetically improved trees and their growth and quality factors on specific Alabama soils.
- The Commission harvested genetically improved seed from AFC orchards, as shown in Figure 12.

## RESOURCE INFORMATION, MARKETING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alabama has the second largest commercial timberland base in the United States. Forestry is big business in Alabama. The Commission actively recruits new and expanding markets for forest products and continues to be the lead agency of the “Forestry Team” which brings several agencies and organizations together to more effectively market our natural resources. This team includes members such as the Alabama Development Office, Alabama International Trade Center, USDA Forest Service, and the Forest Products Development Center. The Commission receives federal funding for some of this economic resource and marketing work. Some of the accomplishments of the “Forestry Team” during the year include:

- The Alabama International Trade Center, located on the campus of the University of Alabama, promotes international trade of Alabama-produced forest products. The Center worked with over 65 Alabama wood products firms during the year. This assistance included market research on the Caribbean and China, export counseling, international trade show promotions, lists of overseas importers and contacts, and introduction to foreign buyers from China and Mexico. The combined effort has resulted in sales of approximately \$14.675 million of Alabama wood and value-added products to overseas markets including Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Australia, Latin America, and Canada.
- The Forest Product Development Center, located on the campus of Auburn University, assists the forest products industry and promotes community development. The Center provided assistance to potential investors, guidance to local communities in attracting new forest product manufacturers, and technical information for expanding companies. During the year, the Center provided assistance on a case-by-case basis to many clients and gave numerous presentations and special studies.
- The Commission supported two wildland-urban interface councils to promote wise management of rural/urban areas to reduce wildfire fuel hazards

Figure 12

**Tree Orchard Seed Harvest (FY03)**

Species	Cycle	Pounds of Seed	Estimated Production
Coastal Loblolly Pine	2nd	30	400,000
Longleaf Pine	1st	304	1,013,000
Autumn Olive	N/A	6	24,000
Sawtooth Oak	N/A	1,880	80,000
Eastern Redbud	N/A	5	75,000
Flowering Dogwood	N/A	50	75,000
White Oak	N/A	1,364	102,300
Chinese Chestnut	N/A	815	2,037,500

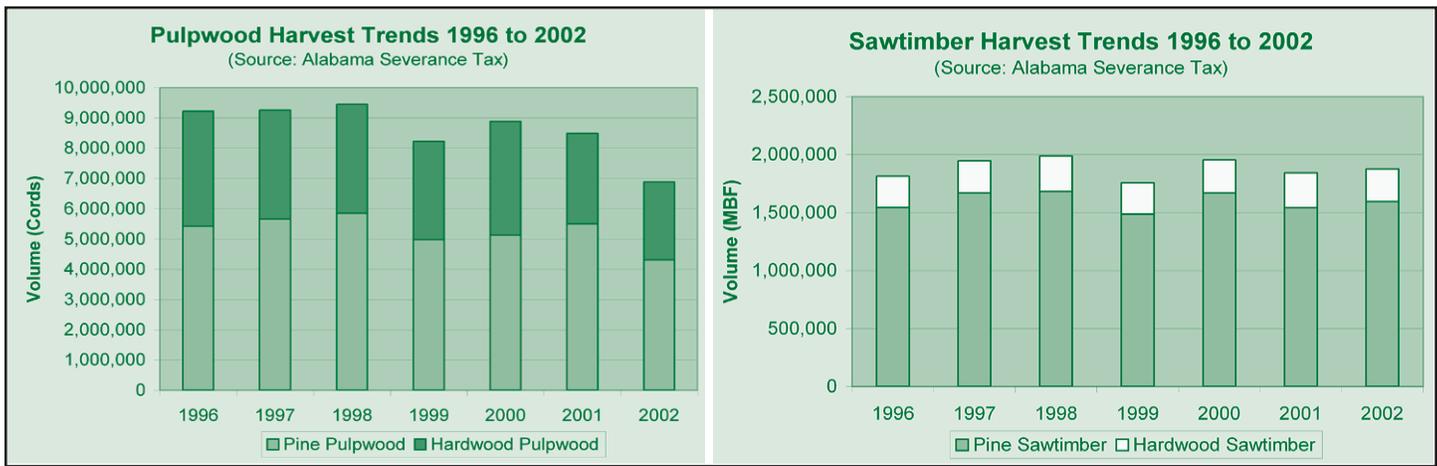


Figure 13: Harvest Trends (1996 to 2002)

and create new markets utilizing biomass material. The two councils funded are located in Birmingham and Mobile.

- Completed the publication, “*Guidebook for Forest-Based Economic Development in Alabama.*” This guidebook, sent to local leaders, provides information about the forest industry and contacts to assist in promoting the forest products sector. This follows a forestry economic development workshop conducted in 2001.
- Completed the publication, “*Secondary Wood Products in the U. S. South: An Assessment of the Current Status, Future Outlook, and Potential Opportunities.*” There are a large number of secondary manufacturers that have great potential to expand in the State. Some of these manufacturing sectors include hardwood dimension & flooring, millwork, wood kitchen cabinets, wood household furniture, upholstered household furniture, wood office furniture, wood partitions & fixtures.
- Completed the feasibility study and produced a final report, “*Assessment of Wood-based Syngas Potential for Use in Combined Cycle Power Plants in Alabama.*” Currently, there is an oversupply of timber. The forest industry, with its vast transportation infrastructure, could easily support a syngas production facility. The facility would coincide with current combined cycle power plants fueled by natural gas. As natural gas prices rise, syngas production from wood products would be an attractive investment. The next step in this process will be to use the

feasibility study to attract investors. Similar work is being conducted in other states.

- Completed the publication “*Forest Resource Report 2002*” which contains a variety of economic indicators of forest industry health in Alabama. Forest commodities, wages, employment, payroll, capital investments, and value-added data is gathered and summarized in this report. The entire report can be viewed on the AFC website. A portion of this information, a summary of harvest trends by year, is shown in the two graphs above in Figure 13.

## FOREST INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS SURVEY PROGRAM

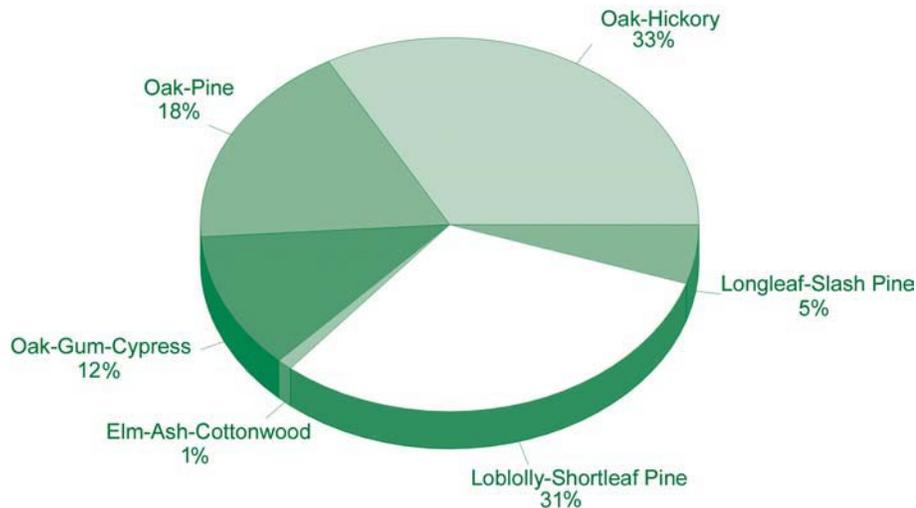
Most of the information on forest resources and its availability for new and expanding markets is obtained from the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) survey data that is being collected nationwide by the USDA Forest Service and state forestry agencies. This data is obtained from permanent inventory plots located on a 3x3-mile grid across the entire United States. Each plot is re-measured every five years. This is the most extensive and complete data available on our natural resources. The Commission receives federal funding for a portion of this inventory work.

Forest resource planners use this information when considering new plants or expansion in Alabama. Foresters also use the information for determining areas in Alabama that may require more intensive forest management, reforestation, and/or protection.

- The Commission has 12 foresters assigned to measure the 5,655 FIA plots in Alabama. The foresters record a wide variety of information from each plot. This data is then transferred to the USDA Forest Service in Knoxville, Tennessee for compilation and analysis. The resulting information can then be queried through the Internet.
- A minimum 20% of the total number of plots are to be surveyed each year. During the year, the crew surveyed a total of 1,207 plots, which surpasses the minimum 20% (1,131 plots).
- Plot data indicates that there are 22.9 million acres of commercial forestland in Alabama. This is one million acres more than in 1990. Over 400,000 private, non-industrial landowners own 78% of this commercial forestland, and the average ownership size is around 80 acres. Ownerships of fewer than 500 acres each comprise nearly 50% of the commercial forestland in Alabama.
- Each year, Alabama landowners plant five trees for every one tree harvested. Hardwood forests make up 46% of the forestland. Oak-pine stands cover 18%; natural pine stands cover the remaining forest, with planted pines making up only 19% of the total as shown in Figure 14 on page 18. Alabama has four billion more trees than in 1953, with enough lumber to furnish nearly 4 million homes! As previously mentioned, approximately 60% of harvested volume comes from private landowners.

Figure 14

### Major Forest Types of Alabama



- The Commission also assisted the Department of Corrections with the Hyundai wetland mitigation project at the Cattle Ranch in Hale County.
- The location of all the tracts managed is shown in Figure 15. Revenue from these management activities is shown in Figure 16.

### FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

Alabama’s growing and expanding population is placing tremendous pressure on landowners to convert their forestlands to other uses that are in conflict with important natural resource values and benefits. Forest fragmentation and urbanization is another one of the top four priorities of the USDA Forest Service. The Forest Legacy Program earmarks federal dollars to purchase sensitive and threatened properties from being purchased by developers and converted to urban uses. The Commission administers this program in partnership with the Alabama Forest Resources Center and State Lands Division of the Department of Conservation of Natural Resources. This is the third year that Alabama has been

### STATE LANDS MANAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE

The Commission is responsible for managing several state-owned forests under the agency’s direct control. Geneva State Forest, Choccolocco State Forest, and Little River State Forest are the three largest tracts that are actively managed by Commission employees. In addition, the Commission has cooperative agreements with three other state agencies to help manage their forestlands and public lakes. All 19,252 acres of forestland are managed under TREASURE Forest guidelines.

- Geneva State Forest consists of 7,120 acres of predominantly longleaf pine. Forestry activities during the year included timber harvesting on 510 acres, road maintenance, bridge repairs, prescribed burning, and other general maintenance. The forest supervisor also manages a public lake, which received more than 1,800 visitors during the year. The forest is also part of the Covington Wildlife Management Area. Public hiking and horse riding continue at Geneva State Forest on an extensive 26 miles of unpaved roads.
- Little River State Forest consists of 2,062 acres of land. The land consists of 2,019 acres of forests, several scattered wildlife openings, and one 35-acre public lake. Part of the lake is managed by the State Parks Division and accommodates camping, fishing, and hiking. Forestry activities during the year included timber harvesting on

250 acres, some salvage timber removals, road maintenance, prescribed burning, and other general maintenance.

- The Commission has an agreement to help manage 15 facilities belonging to the Alabama Department of Corrections totaling 9,005 forested acres.
- The Commission has an agreement to help manage 19 state lakes belonging to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources totaling 4,250 acres.
- The Commission has an agreement to help manage 8 tracts belonging to the Alabama Department of Mental Health totaling 5,657 acres.
- Through these three cooperative agreements, Commission personnel were involved in preparing timber sales and overseeing harvesting activities, prescribed burning for wildlife habitat improvement, aesthetics, and wildfire hazard reduction, site preparation and reforestation activities (where appropriate), and monitoring for forest health.

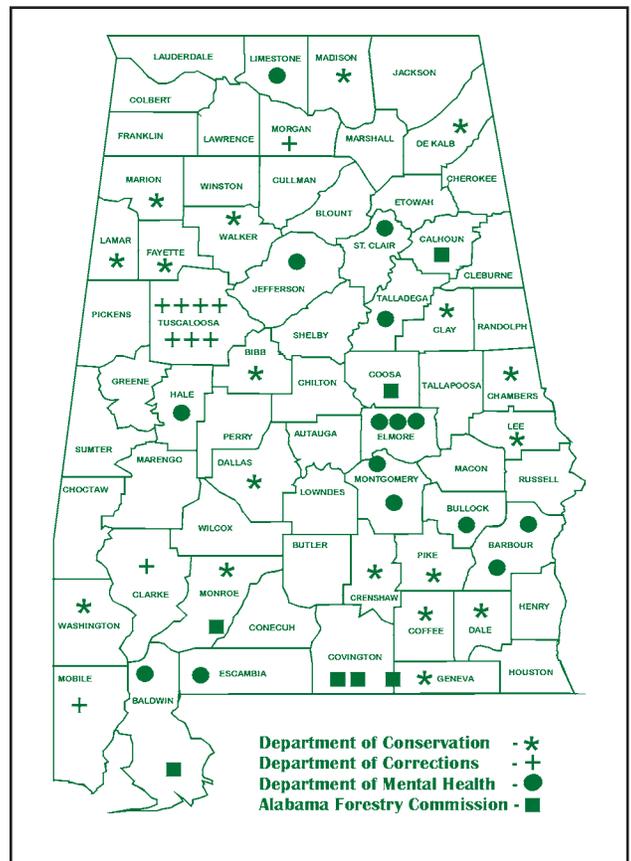


Figure 15: Location of Lands Managed by the Alabama Forestry Commission

Figure 16 **Revenues from State Lands Management Program**

<b>Timber Sales</b>	<b>Sale Value</b>	<b>Revenue to AFC</b>
<i>Department of Mental Health</i>		
Romulus Tract	\$32,459.50	\$3,245.95
Battle-Beck Tract	8,825.70	882.57
Dr. Bell Tract	268,522.00	26,852.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$309,807.20</b>	<b>\$30,980.72</b>
<i>Alabama Forestry Commission</i>		
Little River State Forest	\$512,915.00	\$512,915.00
Geneva State Forest	907,369.65	907,369.65
Miller Nursery	42,127.00	42,127.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,462,411.65</b>	<b>\$1,462,411.65</b>
<b>Prescribed Burning</b>		
	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
<i>Department of Corrections</i>		
Fountain Correctional Farm	300	\$2,726.00
St. Clair Correctional Farm	50	\$725.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>\$3,451.00</b>
<i>Department of Conservation</i>		
Chambers County Lake	50	\$507.50
Monroe County Lake	50	535.00
Lee County Lake	30	330.00
Pike County Lake	50	535.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>\$1,907.50</b>
<b>Management &amp; User Fees</b>		
	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
Department of Mental Health	5,000	\$5,000.00
Geneva State Forest (day permits for public lake)		\$2,722.42
<b>Total Revenue to AFC</b>		<b>\$1,506,473.29</b>

enrolled in this program. Properties purchased with Forest Legacy funds are included with the Forever Wild Program and are managed by the State Lands Division. Some accomplishments to date include (more information can be found on the AFC website):

- Developed an Assessment of Need (AON) document which identifies important forestlands, called Forest Legacy Areas, in need of long-term protection and management.
- Purchased Coon Gulf-Dixon Tract, Alabama's first Forest Legacy Project. The Coon Gulf-Dixon Tract consists of 656 acres located in Jackson County, and offers many unique natural attributes. The site hosts nesting bald eagles and has exceptional bluff-line topogra-

phy and unique caves. This site was threatened from a nearby gated community and strip-mining operations. Forest Legacy provided \$500,000 for the purchase.

- The Perdido River Project was earmarked \$1.9 million by Senator Shelby and preparations are under way to purchase the property. This will protect a sensitive area along Perdido River in Baldwin County.
- The Mobile-Tensaw Delta Project is ranked number one on the National Forest Legacy Project list and should be funded this year at approximately \$3.1 million. It provides habitat for black bears and will protect the property from residential development that has already been surveyed and

planned. This tract will add to the already secured 54,000 acres of sensitive wetlands in the nation's second largest delta.

## URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

The Alabama Forestry Commission participates in urban and community forestry through the Alabama Urban Forestry Partnership. The Partnership was formed in 1999 by the Forestry Commission, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the Alabama Urban Forestry Association, and the Auburn University School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences. Through a memorandum of agreement, each member organization agrees to work together in urban forestry by coordinating their resources and programs.

The AFC supported the Partnership through several activities.

- Assigned an urban forestry specialist to work with Auburn University's State Urban Forestry Coordinator.
- Participated on an urban forestry technical assistance team consisting of Partnership representatives from the Alabama Forestry Commission, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, and Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Resources. This team responded to urban forestry requests from Uniontown, Sylacauga, and Lockhart.
- Served on Urban Forestry Partnership's Technical Committee. This committee is responsible for assessing the accomplishments of the state's Urban & Community Forestry Five-Year Strategic Plan.
- Served on the Urban & Community Forestry (U&CF) Financial Assistance Program's Ranking Committee. This committee evaluated and ranked all U&CF project proposals.
- Served on a committee that wrote and developed "Urban and Community Forestry: Outreach Service Strategies for All Communities." This national effort involved state urban forestry coordinators from eight states and was printed by the National Association of State Foresters with funding from the USDA Forest Service.

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