

Longleaf, Seed, Seedling, and Native Species Conference:

August 25th-27th, 2009 at the UGA Tifton Conference Center

Sponsored by The Longleaf Alliance, the Auburn Univ. Center for Longleaf Pine Ecosystems, and the Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, and North Carolina Forestry Commissions

Who is the audience: First and foremost, nurserymen that grow longleaf pine seedlings. Also: seed companies, nurseries that grow native species, producers of native herbaceous species seed, and consumers of longleaf and native species materials.

Structure of the conference. This will be a 3-day conference. 1st day in classroom. 2nd day for field trip to one or two local nurseries. 3rd day will be morning session in classroom.

#1 Native Herbaceous Species Session. Potential topics include: Growing wiregrass and other warm season grasses in plugs: Germination and other tests to determine quality of seed. Provenance, distance to move seed from origin; Seed Company Perspectives Growing and selling bareroot legumes and native shrubs that are good alternatives to invasive Asian exotics.

#2 “Big Picture” Longleaf Seedling and Seed Production Session Potential topics include: The future of longleaf and The Longleaf Alliance, from Co-Director and/or new Executive Director of the LLA: Historical Production, state by state, private vs. state, container and bareroot. Trends going forward Path going forward: Perspective from agencies that will be funneling large amounts of funds into longleaf restoration including: NRCS, USDA- FS State & Private, FWS Partners Program. National Wild Turkey Federation. Longleaf Orchard and Seed Production Resources : Regional mapping project.

#3 Longleaf Seedling Production Technical Session: Sub-session on root morphology: Copper treatment and root development. Copper treatment with other species and on other continents. Slit-side containers, Long-term costs of planting plugs that contain: weeds, doubles, and hybrids. Dr. Ed Barnard on fusiform rust resistance testing with Asheville, NC seed lab and consequences of chicken houses in the pine forests. Hydrogen Peroxide trt/ Alternatives to Benylate– Possibly NC Div. of Forestry

#4 Field Trip: to a longleaf container nursery and to a property that grows and produces native plant species.

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Registration will be available through the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center online at <http://www.ugatiftonconference.org/>

Informational flyer and mail in/fax registration form also available from the website.
All registration must be done online, by mail or by fax. No phone registrations will be accepted.

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