

Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program

Forestry Practices

Forestry programs under the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) were developed to promote long term investments in Tennessee's forests by providing cost share incentives to qualifying producers. The programs help promote sustainable forest management practices on non-industrial private forest land, which provide multiple resource benefits such as timber, wildlife habitat, clean water, and stable soil conditions.

Forest landowners are eligible to receive a 50% - 75% cost share reimbursement for funds spent with a combined maximum reimbursement of \$10,000 per landowner per twelve month period. Cost share programs and maximum amount may vary year to year based on availability. Landowners may apply for TAEP forestry practices at any time during the year.



The Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) was developed to promote long term investments in Tennessee's livestock, farming operations and forest resources by providing cost share funds to qualifying producers and communities. TAEP is a direct result of Tennessee's continued commitment to supporting rural and urban forest resources along with Tennessee's agricultural community.



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TAEP for Forest Landowners



Cost Share Programs for Forest Establishment & Forest Stand Improvement



**Forest Resource
Management**

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DIVISION OF FORESTRY

Forest Establishment Cost Share

The Forest Establishment cost share is an incentive for landowners to establish hardwood or softwood forest stands for multiple benefits. Eligible practices include site preparation, planting seedlings, and vegetation control. The cost share amount is based on the components required by the forester and the corresponding rates and maximums found below. Maximum cost share for TAEP Forestry Practices combined is \$10,000 per landowner per twelve month period.

COMPONENT DESCRIPTION	COST SHARE RATE	MAXIMUM PER UNIT
SITE PREPARATION (prior to planting thru October after planting)		
Chemical or mechanical site preparation for artificial regeneration of hardwoods and softwoods	50%	\$45.00 per acre - woody vegetation control
	50%	\$25.00 per acre - herbaceous vegetation control
	50%	\$100.00 per acre - woody vegetation control, requires special need
Rotary mowing to help facilitate artificial regeneration of hardwoods and softwoods	50%	\$7.50 per acre – rotary mowing
Subsoiling to break up compacted subsurface layers	50%	\$12.50 per acre - subsoiling
Midstory and vine removal	75%	\$82.50 per acre - midstory removal
Site preparation for natural regeneration of hardwoods	75%	\$82.50 per acre – natural regeneration
SOFTWOODS		
Planting softwoods on applicable agricultural, pasture, and cutover timberlands	50%	\$38.40 per acre loblolly pine
	50%	\$42.83 per acre shortleaf pine
	50%	\$54.50 per acre white pine
	50%	\$87.50 per acre bald cypress
	50%	\$27.50 per acre, planting softwoods (labor only)
HARDWOODS		
Planting hardwoods	50%	\$87.50 per acre – planting hardwoods (seedlings & labor)
	50%	\$59.40 per acre, planting hardwoods (labor only)

Forest Stand Improvement Cost Share

The Forest Stand Improvement cost share is an incentive for landowners to actively manage existing forest stands. Active management improves the long-term health and vigor of forests which provide multiple benefits. Maximum cost share for TAEP Forestry Practices combined is \$10,000 per landowner per twelve month period.

COMPONENT DESCRIPTION	COST SHARE RATE	MAXIMUM PER UNIT
COMPETITION CONTROL - YOUNG STANDS		
Chemical or mechanical release of natural or planted stands of hardwood or softwood, 1 to 10 year old stands	50%	\$45.00 per acre - woody vegetation control
		\$25.00 per acre - herbaceous vegetation control
CROP TREE RELEASE - POLE-SIZE TIMBER		
Chemical or mechanical release of crop trees where active thinning markets do not exist, 15 to 45 year old stands	75%	\$67.50 per acre - woody vegetation control

