

Master Tree Farmer Mini-Series: Preparing for the Next Owner

The Master Tree Farmer program will be held February 20, 27 and March 6, 2007; 6:00 until 9:00 p.m., Central Time at the Okaloosa County Extension Office. This 3-session shortcourse, hosted by Clemson University and broadcast via satellite and Internet across the South, will focus on the legal and emotional challenges associated with preparing forest, farm or ranch land for the next generation. Agenda topics will include:

- * Understanding heir property and having a clear title
- * Basics on how real estate passes
- * Basic estate planning with a focus on forestland options
- * Intergenerational transfer strategies
- * Conservation easements
- * Charitable giving
- * Generation skipping options
- * Shared ownerships and family limited partnerships and property transfer issues

Experts in these fields from around the country will present the latest information on these topics and more. They will also be available via 1-800 phone lines and the Internet to answer questions that landowners, farmers, ranchers, natural resource professionals, tax experts, financial planners, accountants and others have about these issues.

Registration for Florida locations will be through the Florida Forestry Association. Each attendee will pay \$60 for the course. Those sharing materials with a registered attendee will pay \$25. Registrants will receive a workbook and a CD with presentation notes for each session. Those completing all three sessions will receive a certificate and hat.

Please register by February 6, 2007. *Registrations postmarked after February 6 will be \$70 (\$30 sharing materials) and will be accepted until February 20.*

In Florida this program is a collaborative effort by UF-IFAS Extension, Florida Division of Forestry and Florida Forestry Association. To request a Florida registration brochure, contact Gerald Edmondson at (850) 689-5850. The registration brochure and more details will be on the course Website at <http://mastertreefarmer.org/mtf2007.html>.