

## 2011 Texas Outstanding Tree Farm Tour set for September 17th

Just above this hill is a Tree Farm owned by the 2011 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year, Ralph Schwausch, Ebarr Investments. Located on FM 95 in southeastern Rusk County, the Tree Farm consists of 454 acres of mostly loblolly pine and hardwood trees, with three acres being planted in longleaf pine.



Schwausch acquired the Tree Farm in several tracts since 1983; it has been under forest management for the past 37 years. He seeks professional management advice from Hap Hachtel-CJT & Associates, consulting forester, and the Texas Forest Service. He was nominated for the outstanding Tree Farm award by Clint Hays with the Texas Forest Service in Henderson.

You are cordially invited to attend a field tour of the Schwausch Tree Farm on Saturday, September 17, 2011, from 9am – 2pm. Professional foresters will be on hand to give management presentations and field demonstrations including a chipper/grinder for biomass and herbicide application. In addition, **Congressman Louie Gohmert** will be the keynote speaker during lunch.

The event is FREE and lunch is provided. Please RSVP before September 1<sup>st</sup> by calling (936) 632-8733, 1-888-TXTREES (voicemail, leave your name, telephone number and the number attending) or email [tfa@texasforestry.org](mailto:tfa@texasforestry.org).

Directions from Mount Enterprise: Take Hwy. 84 East, approximately 5 miles to the intersection with FM 95. Turn right (south) on FM 95. Travel south about 1¼ miles, past a brick house on the right. The gravel drive to the house has a cattle guard, a tree farm sign, and is to the left just past the mailbox with the address on it (22531 FM 95 S). The house is on the hill approximately ¼ mile east of FM 95.

Directions from Garrison: Take FM 95 North in Garrison. Travel approximately 8 ¼ miles. The gravel drive to the house has a cattle guard, a tree farm sign, and is on the right just before the mail box with the address on it.