

American Tree Farm System®

The American Tree Farm System® works to sustain forests, watershed and healthy wildlife habitats through the power of private stewardship by offering affordable forest certification for family forest landowners in the United States.

ATFS is internationally recognized as a credible forest certification system. The American Tree Farm System certifies forest management to eight standards of sustainability.



For over 70 years, ATFS has enhanced the quality of America's woodlands by giving forest owners the tools they need to keep forests healthy and productive. Third party certification through ATFS is one of these important tools.

ATFS Certified Tree Farmer

ATFS includes 27 million acres of certified forestland managed by America's family forest owners who are meeting the highest standards of sustainability and managing their lands for water, wildlife, wood and recreation.



Certified Tree Farmers meet the following criteria:

- Own 10 acres or more
- Manage the property under a written management plan that accounts for water quality, wildlife habitat, soil

conservation as well as production of forest products

- Protect the land from fire, insects, disease and destructive grazing.

Qualified landowners committed to sustainable forestry have their property inspected, and if it meets Tree Farm standards, the landowner is enrolled in the Tree Farm System.

Tree Farms are initially certified by qualified inspectors, and then recertified periodically to ensure compliance with American Tree Farm principles and guidelines.

Tree Farm in Texas

Texas joined the American Tree Farm System in 1944. Today, there are more than 2,300 Tree Farms covering 900,000 acres in Texas. The program is administered by the Texas Forestry Association.



Would you like to become a Tree Farmer? A forester would be happy to meet with you on your timber tract to discuss the program with you. Contact the Texas Forestry Association today.



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Become a Certified Tree Farmer

(Please print or type)

Name _____

I own _____ acres of woodland in _____
_____ County

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home telephone _____

Work Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Directions to Property _____

Do you have a written management plan for your land?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you use the services of a professional forester?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, who is your forester? _____

Return this information to:

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fax to (936) 632-9461

Tree Farm Sign

The green and white Tree Farm sign is the sign of good stewardship. ATFS certification gives family forest owners confidence and validation that they are doing right by their land.



“Our forest land is important, it’s valuable, and it should be managed in a way that is beneficial to everyone and everything. That’s the main reason we became certified Tree Farmers.”

We manage our forest for timber production, yet we provide a habitat for wildlife and recreational opportunities for our family. And we do all this while taking care not to jeopardize water quality or soil conservation. We hope to instill this same stewardship ethic in our children and grandchildren.”

*Dr. Jerry & Mary Marcontell
2012 Texas Outstanding Tree
Farmers of the Year*



Tree Farm
A Certified Forest

