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The East Texas Pine Plantation Research Project

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Accomplishments as of Fall 2012

The ETPPRP is a long-term comprehensive research program investigating the factors affecting the management of loblolly and slash pine plantations in East Texas. The Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture at Stephen F. Austin State University conducts the ETPPRP in coordination with private landowners, primarily Timber Investment Management Organizations (TIMOs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

Six integrated forest product companies – Temple-Inland, International Paper, Louisiana Pacific, Champion International, St. Regis Paper Co. and Owens-Illinois, Inc. -- were initial participants prior to merging with other companies and/or selling their land base in East Texas. At present, the ownership is fragmented with mostly TIMOs and REITs managing the properties.

The ETPPRP was initiated in 1982 by Dr. J. David Lenhart. Dr. Lenhart retired in 1999, and the new supervisor of the ETPPRP is Dr. Dean W. Coble, 936-468-2179, dcoble@sfasu.edu.

Original Plots in Unmanaged Loblolly and Slash Pine Plantations

To provide data to drive the ETPPRP, a total of 256 permanent monumented plots were installed in unmanaged East Texas pine plantations between 1982-84 (175 plots in loblolly pine plantations and 81 in slash pine plantations).

As of Fall 2012, due to acts of nature and man, only 49 original plots remain (40 plots in loblolly pine and 9 in slash pine plantations). This number is decreasing rapidly because most plots are located in mature/over-mature pine plantations which are being harvested at an increasing rate. Some plots were also destroyed by Hurricanes Rita and Ike as well as wildfires, but most attrition can be attributed to logging.

Each plot is located in a different plantation and consists of two subplots, and each subplot is 100-ft square (10,000 ft² or 0.23 acres). One subplot is being utilized for model
development and the other subplot for model evaluation. A 30-foot wide buffer zone surrounds the two subplots. Therefore, each plot encompasses 51,200 ft² or 1.18 acres.


Site preparation method, landform, slope and aspect have been determined for each subplot, plus soil characteristics are available. Climatic information for the East Texas area is available. Longitude and latitude coordinates are known for each plot.

All planted pines within a subplot are tagged and numbered for sequential data collection: dbh, total height, height to live crown and crown class. In addition, fusiform rust incidence and visible tree quality of the planted pines are recorded at each measurement.

During the second measurement cycle, we began collecting information on non-planted vegetation at permanent sampling points systematically located within each sub-plot. Beginning with the third measurement cycle, we began recording scenic beauty within each subplot, and for a short time during the third cycle, sample trees located in the buffer zone were felled for wood property analysis. During the sixth cycle, we discontinued the scenic beauty measurements.

New Plots in Intensively Managed Loblolly Pine Plantations

As of Fall 2012, there are 126 new plots installed in intensively-managed loblolly pine plantations located in Texas and Louisiana. These new plots represent the first efforts of the ETPPRP to characterize intensively managed loblolly pine plantations in this region (Western Gulf Coastal Plain). In Summer 2004, 19 plots were installed in plantations owned by Temple-Inland. In Summer 2005, 50 plots were installed in plantations owned by International Paper. In Summer 2006, 30 plots were installed in plantations owned by Temple Inland. In Summer 2007, 28 plots were installed in Temple plantations. In Summer 2011, 3 plots were installed in plantations owned by Rayonier. Currently, four plots have been destroyed by logging, oil/gas activity, or wildfire. The International Paper plantations are now managed by Hancock and Rayonier, and the Temple plantations are now managed by The Campbell Group. Three plots are now owned by NIPFs. We are working with the new owners to continue measuring these new plots (and the remaining old plots). More plots will be installed in the future to fill deficiencies in the database (e.g., north-east Texas), up to a maximum of 180 plots in loblolly pine plantations.

Each new plot is located in a different plantation and is 100 by 100 foot (10,000 ft² or 0.23 acres) in size. This is the same size as the original ETPPRP subplots, but there is only one instead of two per plantation. There is no buffer surrounding the plot, as the plots are
operational in nature. This means that each plot receives the same treatment as the entire plantation, unlike the original ETPPRP plots which were insulated from all subsequent management activities. Treatment history and UTM Nad83 coordinates are known for each plot. More comprehensive competition data are also collected on the new plots versus the original plots.

**Graduate Students Completed**

**Doctoral**

Tang Derui

Major Professor ... Dr. Lenhart.

Dissertation Title ... *Assessing stand and environmental factors affecting quality of planted loblolly pine trees in East Texas.*

**Completed** ... December, 1989.

Alexandros A. Arabatzis

Major Professor ... Dr. Gregoire.

Dissertation Title ... *Qualitative response models theory and its application to forestry.*

**Completed** ... January, 1990. (Note: Was located at VPI&SU.)

Oliver Schabenberger

Major Professor ... Dr. Gregoire.

Dissertation Title ... *The analysis of longitudinal ordinal data.*

**Completed** ... April, 1995. (Note: Was located at VPI&SU.)

Young-Jin Lee

Major Professor ... Dr. Lenhart.

Dissertation Title ... *Yield prediction models for unthinned loblolly and slash plantations in East Texas.*

**Completed** ... May, 1998.

Louis W. Beer

Major Professor ... Dr. Coble.

Dissertation Title ... *Soil-site Index of Loblolly Pine (Pinus taeda, L.) in East Texas.*

**Completed** ... May, 2009.
Masters

Jock A. Blackard
  Major Professor ... Dr. Lenhart.
  Thesis Title ... *Estimating site index and individual total tree height for loblolly and slash pine plantations on non-old-fields in East Texas.*
  Completed ... May, 1986.

Terry Hackett
  Major Professor ... Dr. Lenhart.
  Thesis Title ... *Predicting the cubic foot volume of individual slash pine trees planted on non-old-fields in East Texas.*
  Completed ... May, 1987.

Charlie Laman
  Major Professor ... Dr. Lenhart.
  Thesis Title ... *Predicting green weight of individual slash pine trees planted on non-old-field plantations in East Texas.*
  Completed ... May, 1987.

Fred Burnett
  Major Professor ... Dr. Fountain.
  Thesis Title ... *The role of non-planted vegetation within planted stands of loblolly and slash pine trees on non-old-field lands in East Texas.*
  Completed ... August, 1987.

Pilis Malim
  Major Professor ... Dr. Lenhart.
  Thesis Title ... *Assessing stand and environmental factors affecting diameter growth in loblolly pine plantations in East Texas.*
  Completed ... December, 1987.

Andy Kallus
  Major Professor ... Dr. Lenhart.
  Thesis Title ... *Estimating site index for loblolly and slash pine plantations on non-old-fields in East Texas.*
  Completed ... August, 1989.

Tom Hartz.
Major Professor ... Dr. Lenhart.
Thesis Title ...  *FRMPS: A forest resource management planning simulator for East Texas pine plantations.*
Completed ... December, 1989.

Eric Taylor
Major Professor ... Dr. Lenhart.
Thesis Title ...  *A product yield estimation model for loblolly and slash pine plantations in East Texas.*
Completed ... December, 1990.

A. Gordon Holley
Major Professor ... Dr. Lenhart.
Thesis Title ...  *Analysis of visible tree quality of planted loblolly and slash pines in East Texas.*
Completed ... May, 1992.

Jaffirin Lapongan
Major Professor ... Dr. Lenhart.
Thesis Title ...  *Predicting site index, diameter and survival for loblolly pine plantations in East Texas.*
Completed ... August, 1993.

Chris Brown
Major Professor ... Dr. Reeves.
Thesis Title ...  *Effects of climatic conditions on growth and mortality of loblolly pine in plantations in East Texas.*
Completed ... December, 1994.

Rob Taylor
Major Professor ... Dr. Fountain.
Thesis Title ...  *Successional trends and competition within unmanaged loblolly and slash pine plantations in East Texas.*
Completed ... May, 1996.

Andy Burrow
Major Professor ... Dr. McTague and Dr. Coble.
Thesis Title ...  *Predicting Basal Area Growth and Yield of Thinned Loblolly Pine (Pinus taeda, L.) Plantations in the West Gulf Region.*
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Micky G. Allen II
Major Professor ... Dr. Coble.
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