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*N.C. Forest Service*



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**MEMORANDUM**

To: All NCFS Field Offices and Forestry Consultants  
From: Jaimee Cappelletti, Forest Development Program (FDP) Administrator  
Ron Myers, Forest Management Branch Head  
Re: Changes to the FDP Prevailing Rates in effect for FY 25-26  
Date: February 21, 2025

**FDP Practice Prevailing Rate Changes for FY 25-26**

**Region 1 – Coastal Plain:(NCFS Districts include D4, D7, D8, and D13)**

- Site Preparation Practices
  - **KG or V-Blade Shear** rate increased from \$205 to **\$215 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 1 Districts.
  - **Rake & Pile** rate increased from \$130 to **\$180 (L)** for a low rate, and \$150 to **\$215 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 1 Districts.
  - **Double (Savannah) Bedding** rate increased from \$105 to **\$110 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 1 Districts.
  - **Chemical Control, Site Prep** rate increased from \$140 to **\$145 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 1 Districts.
- Tree Planting Practices
  - **Hand Plant, Loblolly Pine** rate increased from \$110 to **\$115 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 1 Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, Containerized Pine (Longleaf/Shortleaf/White Pine)** rate increased from \$170 to **\$175 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 1 Districts.
  - **Machine Plant Pine (Loblolly/Longleaf/Shortleaf/White Pine)** rate increased from \$75 to **\$100 (L)** for a low rate, \$95 to **\$135 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$140 to **\$160 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 1 Districts.
  - **Machine Plant Chemical (Loblolly/Longleaf/Shortleaf/White Pine)** rate increased from \$155 to **\$175 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 1 Districts.
- Forest Stand Improvement Practices
  - **Chemical Control, Release** rate increased from \$65 to **\$85(H)** for a low rate, and \$90 to **\$110 (H)** for a high rate for all Region 1 Districts. The \$75 (M) medium rate was removed for all Region 1 Districts.
  - **Mechanical Control, Release** rate was increased from \$45 to **\$80 (L)** for a low rate, and \$75 to **\$115 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 1 Districts. The \$55 (M) medium rate was removed for all Region 1 Districts.

**Region 2 - Piedmont:** (NCFS Districts include D3, D5, D6, D10, and D11)

- Site Preparation Practices
  - **KG or V-Blade Shear** rate increased from \$205 to **\$215 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 2 Districts.
  - **Rake & Pile** rate decreased from \$200 to **\$180 (L)** for a low rate, and \$225 to **\$215 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 2 Districts.
  - **Double (Savannah) Bedding** rate increased from \$105 to **\$110 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 2 Districts.
  - **Chemical Control, Site Prep** rate increased from \$80 to **\$90 (L)** for a low rate and \$135 to **\$145 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 2 Districts.
- Tree Planting Practices
  - **Hand Plant, Loblolly Pine** rate increased from \$110 to **\$115 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 2 Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, Hardwood & Wetland** increased from \$150 to **\$160 (L)** for a low rate in all Region 2 Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, Containerized Pine (Longleaf/Shortleaf/White Pine)** rate increased from \$170 to **\$175 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 2 Districts.
  - **Machine Plant Pine (Loblolly/Longleaf/Shortleaf/White Pine)** rate increased from \$75 to **\$100 (L)** for a low rate, \$95 to **\$135 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$140 to **\$160 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 2 Districts.
  - **Machine Plant Chemical (Loblolly/Longleaf/Shortleaf/White Pine)** rate increased from \$155 to **\$175 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 2 Districts.
  - **Machine Plant, Scalp (Loblolly/Longleaf/Shortleaf/White Pine)** rate increased from \$145 to **\$175 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 2 Districts.
- Forest Stand Improvement Practices
  - **Mechanical Control, Release** rate was increased from \$70 to **\$80 (L)** for a low rate, and \$90 to **\$115 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 2 Districts.

**Region 3 - Mountains:** (NCFS Districts include D1, D2, D9, and D12)

- Site Preparation Practices
  - **Chopping** rate increased from \$155 to **\$185 (L)** for a low rate, \$185 to **\$205 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$205 to **\$225 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 3 Districts.
  - **KG & Pile** rate increased from \$380 to **\$400 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 3 Districts.
  - **Chemical Control, Site Prep** rate increased from \$170 to **\$180 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 3 Districts.
- Tree Planting Practices
  - **Hand Plant, Loblolly Pine** rate increased from \$110 to **\$115 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 3 Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, Containerized Pine (Longleaf/Shortleaf/White Pine)** rate increased from \$170 to **\$175 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 1 Districts.
  - **Machine Plant Pine (Loblolly/Longleaf/Shortleaf/White Pine)** rate increased from \$75 to **\$100 (L)** for a low rate, \$95 to **\$135 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$140 to **\$160 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 3 Districts.
  - **Machine Plant Chemical (Loblolly/Longleaf/Shortleaf/White Pine)** rate increased from \$155 to **\$175 (H)** for a high rate in all Region 3 Districts.
- Forest Stand Improvement Practices
  - No changes to any Forest Stand Improvement practices.