

Forest Owner Case Studies

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Case Studies Introduction:

The United States Department of Agriculture and Forest Service (USDA & FS) have invested a lot of time and effort over the last decade and a half to promote land stewardship among private forest landowners, especially the Non-Industrial Private Forest (NIPF) owners. Providing incentive programs for private forest owners to manage their land actively and continually is critical for the continued reproduction, growth, survival, use and sustainment of biological diversity and forest resources.

However, what about the private forest owners that participate in these programs and those we are encouraging to do so? What is their view on these forest management incentive programs and methods? What do they think?

With those critical questions in mind, the West Virginia University and West Virginia State Divisions of Forestry set out in mid 1998 and again in 2006 to get a reality check. In this collection of case studies, a half of dozen landowners from across West Virginia with widely varying perspectives tell the story of their individual forays into the world of forestry incentive programs and activities. They explained what worked well and what did not, and what kind of improvements they would recommend.

- Map of all Case Study properties
- Case Study at Glen's Farm: Kanawha County [LINK](#)
- Case Study at John K's Farm: Fayette County [LINK](#)
- Case Study at John M's Farm: Monongalia County [LINK](#)
- Case Study at Dan P's Farm: Hardy County [LINK](#)
- Case Study at Bill S's Farm: Preston County [Link](#)
- Case Study at Tim C's Farm: Jackson County [LINK](#)