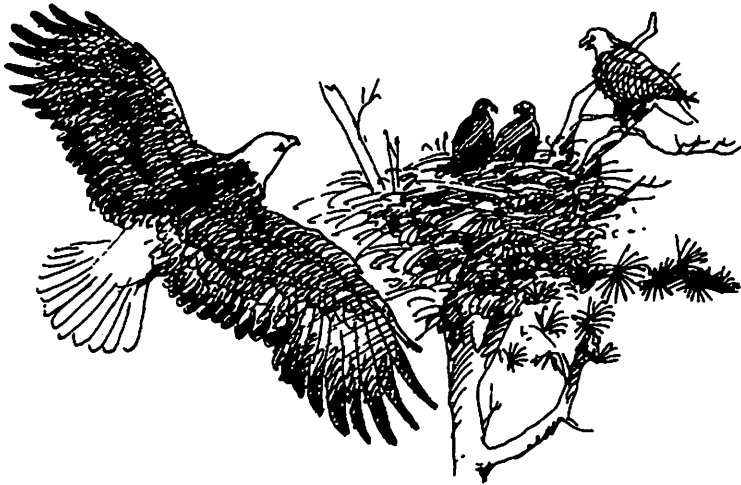


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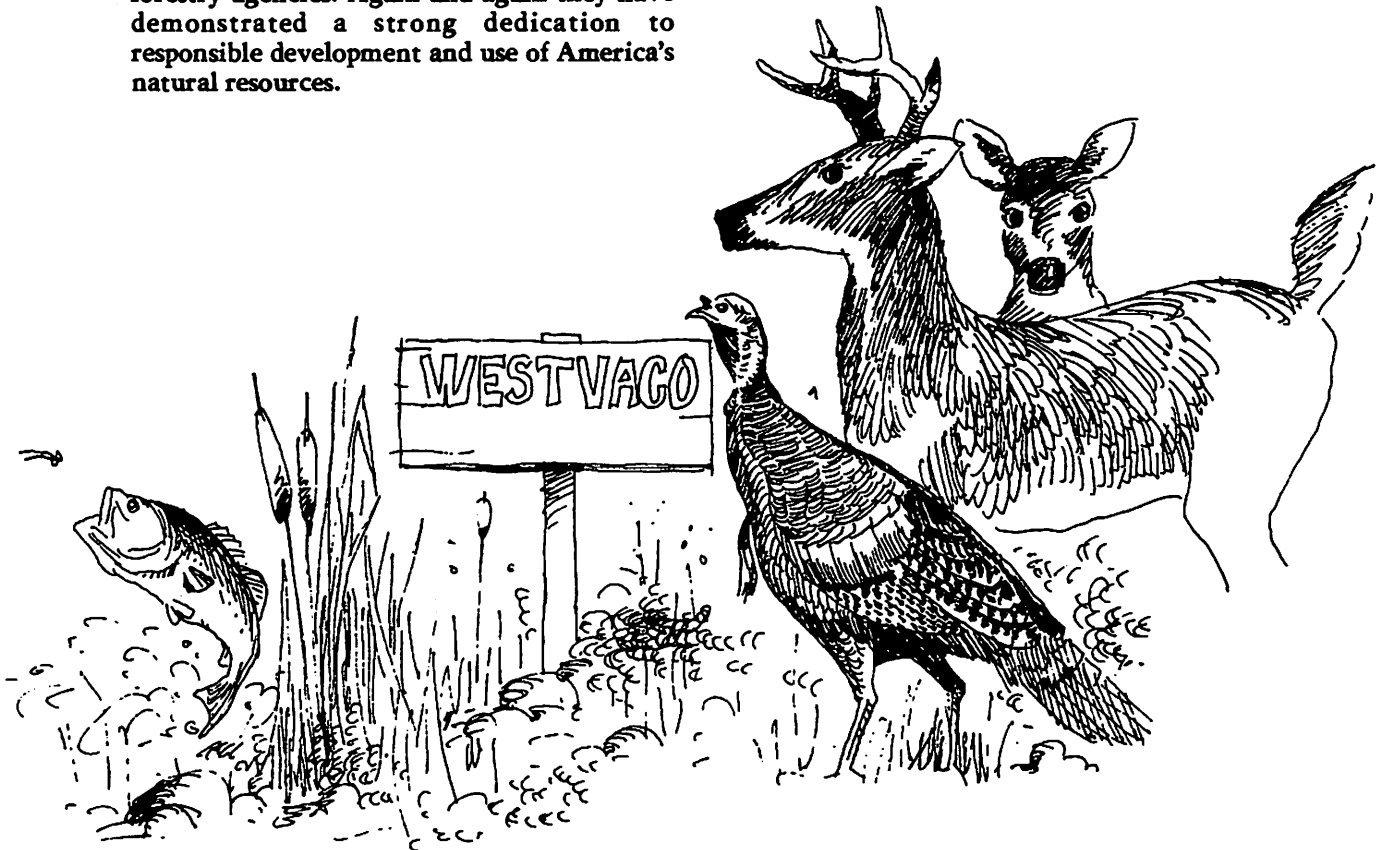
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Mark Deibler, PA State Envirothon Forestry Contest Coordinator, prepares a group of County finalists for the "In Woods" competition.



Is There Wood in Your Future?

Predictions of a coming timber famine were common a generation ago, and those cries of "wolf" spurred a great conservation effort. Fire Control and reforestation among other factors turned things around. Perhaps, however, we have become too complacent (the wolf has been biding his time and is even now licking his chops). A few simple calculations indicate to me that this may be the case.

Here are a few facts on which I'll build my case:

1. The average American uses each year, the equivalent of one tree 100 feet tall and 16 inches in diameter, or roughly 60 cubic feet of wood.
2. The U.S. has approximately 483 million acres of timberland available for the harvesting of trees (that amount decreases with every chartreuse-eyed vireo put on the endangered list).
3. Net annual growth on this land is about 40 cubic feet of wood per acre. With full stocking and some management, we might realistically increase this to 60 cubic feet per year (perhaps I'm being a bit too optimistic).
4. The present U.S. population is about 260 million and increasing at about 1% per year.

Using facts #1 and #3, we can conclude that it takes about an acre of forest to continually supply the wood-product needs of each American. Facts #2 and #4 - with a \$2 calculator and a compound interest formula - show we can expect population to equal our timber production capacity in about 60 years. That is about the length of one more sawtimber rotation.

All this ignores the export/import picture (timber is one of the few bright spots in our balance), changes in the use of substitutes which might place more pressure on wood resources, possible population growth rate increases, etc. Nevertheless, I think there is reason to be concerned for the future unless society is convinced that wise-use conservation, not new-age preservation, is the sensible course our nation must follow. ♠

*Harry V. Wiant, Jr., Chairman
Allegheny Society of American Foresters*

Members and Views

Taber Forest Dedicated

William S. Taber was appointed Delaware's first state forester by the legislature in 1927. In April, Taber's name was again being discussed by the General Assembly.

In honor of Taber's dedication to the Delaware Forest Service, a 414-acre tract has been named the W.S. Taber State Forest. Recently, a resolution was passed making the title of the state forest official.

Taber became the State Forester when the Delaware Forestry Department was created in 1927. He served in that position until he retired in 1970. Taber is responsible for the purchase of virtually all of the forest land (approximately 7,000 acres) purchased by the Forestry Department up to 1985. The very first state forest property was purchased under his leadership in 1927, when 46 acres near Ellendale were purchased for \$100.

Under Taber's guidance, the American holly was designated as Delaware's state tree in 1939. ♠

50 Years in SAF

by Bill Kidd

Alvin C. (Al) Allison was recently presented with a Golden Member certificate by **Dave Lilly**, Chair of the West Virginia Division. Al's fifty years as a SAF member began in 1942 with graduation from Penn State University. With the exception of five years in Washington State as an Extension forester, his entire career was spent with the WV Division of Forestry. He served in various capacities before his retirement in 1988: Farm forester, Nursery Superintendent, District Forester, and Assistant State Forester.

Since retirement, Al and his wife Roberta have remained active in their professional societies and have carried out a good many of their travel plans. In early March, they left for another trip to Alaska. ♠



Al Allison receives his Golden Member Certificate from Dave Lilly.

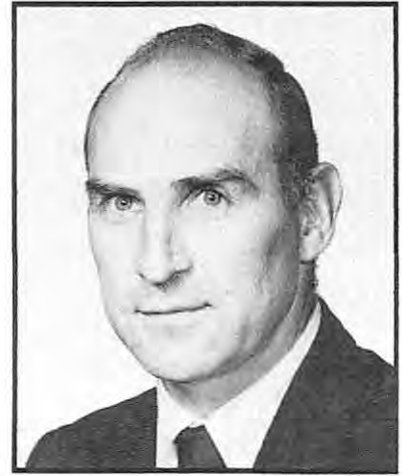
Wilbur E. Wolf, Jr. Retires

Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company of Spring Grove, PA has announced the retirement of **Wilbur E. Wolf, Jr.** as Pennsylvania District Manager.

A native of Pennsylvania, Wolf received his B.S. in Forestry from Penn State University in 1959. From 1959 until 1964 he served in the U.S. Army,

achieving the rank of Captain. He was employed by the Virginia Division of Forestry in 1964, joining Glatfelter in 1965 as the Carlisle, PA Area Forester.

From 1965 until 1986, Wolf served as Glatfelter's Area Forester. A member of the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company's Board of Directors, he assumed the position of District Manager in 1986. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters, past Chairman of the S.A.F. Allegheny Section and the Pennsylvania Tree Farm Committee of the American Forestry Council, and is currently Secretary of the Pennsylvania Wildlife Society, and a Director of the Cumberland County Conservation District. Wilbur and his wife Margaret have "retired" to their farm, south of Carlisle in Cumberland County. ♠



Ben Roach Forum



Bob Bauer presents a black cherry "Biltmore stick" to **John Oliver**, recent speaker at the Ben Roach Forum. In a lively but respectful exchange, Oliver emphasized the conservation objective of the Conservancy. This objective results in the preservation of unique ecosystems through their policy of purchase and resale to organizations with long term management goals. Jim Moore of the Warren lab makes these coveted "sticks" which have become a symbolic presentation to Forum speakers. ♠

Awards Deadlines!

One of the principle responsibilities and privileges as a professional society is to recognize outstanding work by its' members. The Allegheny SAF awards program is one way we honor exceptional effort of those in our society.

See the Fall 1992 issue of *The Allegheny News*, page 3, for information relating to the Allegheny SAF peer awards, Forester of the Year, and Outstanding Service to Forestry.

The deadline for both Forester of the Year and Outstanding Service to Forestry Awards is November 1, 1993. Nominees should be submitted to Tony Mollish, (304) 392-6373. ♠

Personnel Changes



Dr. Alfred D. Sullivan, Director of the School of Forest Resources at Penn State University for the last five years, resigned to become Dean of the College of Natural Resources, University of Minnesota, and Associate Director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station. Dr. Sullivan began his new duties May 1, 1993.

Sullivan received his doctorate degree specializing in forest biometrics in 1969 from the University of Georgia and a master's in wildlife management from Louisiana State. His baccalaureate degree in forestry was also from LSU. Prior to appointment at Penn State, Sullivan taught in the Department of Forestry at Mississippi State University for 15 years, and before that at Virginia Tech. He spent 1987-88 on leave as an American Council on Education Fellow working in the chancellor's office at North Carolina State University.

In addition to SAF, Sullivan is a member of the American Fisheries Society, the Society of Wood Science and Technology, and the Wildlife Society.

Dr. Kim Steiner, Professor of Forest Biology at Penn State will serve as interim Director of the School of Forest Resources until a permanent replacement is selected. Dr. Steiner holds degrees in Forest Biology from Colorado State University, and Forest Genetics from Michigan State University. He has been at Penn State since 1974. ♠



1993 Penn State Issues Conference "Penn's Woods - Change and Challenge"

The 1993 School of Forest Resources Issues conference examined Penn's Woods and the changes that have occurred in the 10 years since the USDA Forest Service last released data on the state's forest resources. What the more than 200 participants heard was that the change is going to result in unique challenges and opportunities.

The 1989 inventory shows that timber volumes have continued to grow substantially since the last inventory as the forest has matured. In fact, Pennsylvania now has more hardwood growing stock than any other state - higher than at any time in living memory.

Other trends include:

- PA forests are accumulating volume two times faster than they are being harvested or lost to natural mortality.
- Average stocking is almost double that of 1955.
- Sawtimber volume is up 39 percent over 1978, with all species showing increases.

Volumes are rising despite an annual harvest of more than one billion board feet.

There are reasons for concern however:

- The area of seedling and sapling stands is declining.
- Volumes of pole timber growing stock has increased relatively little compared to that of sawtimber, implying an imbalance in age classes.
- The dominance of red maple continues to increase, as it has since the 1950s.
- Oak growing stock volumes declined by 3 percent between 1978 and 1989 due to drought, Gypsy moth, poor regeneration, and high cutting rates. Almost all of this decline occurred in the pole timber classes.
- Inadequate advanced regeneration. Only 28 percent of sample plots had sufficient regeneration of any commercial species to provide a reasonable probability of successful regeneration under even the most favorable conditions (including low deer population densities). The picture is even worse when just desirable species are considered.

To receive a copy of the 1993 Issues Conference proceeding, contact the School of Forest Resources, Penn State University, 110 Ferguson Building, University Park, PA 16802 (\$15 per copy, make checks payable to Penn State). Single copies of Forest Statistics for Pennsylvania - 1978 and 1989 can be obtained by writing the USDA Forest Service, 5 Radnor Corporate Center, Suite 200, 100 Matsonford Road, Radnor, PA 19807-4585. ♠

The above are excerpts from a summary paper given by Dr. Steve Thorne, Goddard Professor of Forestry, The Penn State University School of Forest Resources.

Councilman's Corner



What's Happening at Council?

By Brian Payne

The spring meeting of the Council, April 25-27 in Montgomery, AL was lively, but not as lively as the month that followed. We heard a report on how SAF had influenced the Forest Conference in Portland on April 4... our views were quoted on the front page.

We learned that we had ended the fiscal year with revenues \$46,000 above operating expenses - a welcome gain. We learned that our long decline in membership has pretty well stopped. We heard a report on plans for the 1996 convention in Albuquerque following Anchorage in 1994 and Portland, MA in 1995. We heard exciting plans from the Policy Committee, the Science and Technology Board, and great progress toward a report by the Clean Water Act Task Force. Another task force is looking at our dues structure, and still another at the organizational structure of the entire SAF. Members of Council reported high activity levels in their voting districts. I mentioned the excellent winter meeting of the Allegheny SAF and the success of *The Allegheny News* in reaching our members.

Council also reaffirmed its approval of the Foreword to the Task Force Report on sustaining Long-Term Forest Health and Productivity, and we voted to continue plans to distribute the report among our members and widely elsewhere to encourage discussion and debate before considering any possible position statement, and to let the public know that foresters were thinking actively about this important and potentially controversial subject. No doubt you heard what happened. Before the report and the study guide were even in the mail to State Societies, we were on the front page again.

Be sure to read the report. To whet your appetite, here are two quotes by members of SAF, neither of which I find accurate, and both of which I find more controversial than anything you'll find in the report: (1) "what the profession was taught, and what it helped teach, has turned out to be wrong and we are going to have to

make amends for past mistakes," and (2) "It is unbelievable! It is insane! The actions required to implement it are constitutionally illegal!"

Who said forest policy is boring? Get a copy (\$9 from headquarters), read it, think about it, plan a meeting around it. Do NOT quit the Society because you don't agree with the task force; do NOT quit the Society because some members criticize the report; DO use your membership in the Society to talk about the issues raised by the report. You might even get on the front page yourself, and most of us have been trying to do that for decades.

The next Council meeting is in December. You have plenty of time to let me know your feelings about this report or any other subject. In the meantime, go to Indianapolis and participate in the Critical Issues Forum. I'll bet you can guess the topic! ♠

Glatfelter Promotes

The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company, a forestry subsidiary of P. H. Glatfelter Company, Spring Grove, PA, recently promoted several employees in the Spring Grove Area operations.

Charles R. Brown has been promoted to the position of Pennsylvania District Manager, responsible for wood supply, forest management, and technical forestry assistance to private woodland owners in Pennsylvania and northern Maryland.

Scott J. Kurtzman will be responsible for Company land management, wood and chip purchases, and the purchase of standing timber in the Spring Grove area in his new position as Area Forester.

Scott R. Cary, who joined the staff of the Pulp Wood Company as a forester in the North Central area of Pennsylvania, is a 1992 Penn State graduate with a B.S. in Forestry.

Mark A. Miller, will serve as The Glatfelter Tree Farm Family Forester in the Spring Grove area, providing assistance to private woodland owners. His B.S. in Forestry is from Penn State in 1989. ♠

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Thirty-Seven Job Openings!

by Tim Kaden, Allegheny SAF Secretary/Treasurer

The Allegheny Society of American Foresters is alive and healthy. The most current membership roster indicates that we have over 1,150 members. Every update roster from the national this year has shown an increase of ten to fifteen new or reinstated members. It is even possible that we could have 1,200 members at the end of the year - close to our all time high over the last 25 years. Keep on asking eligible professionals you know to become members. I know one of us who carries a signed application in his coat pocket, complete with a stamped, SAF addressed envelope. It's hard for someone who receives that envelope in hand not to respond by writing a check.

Aside from membership, the 1993 fall election for Allegheny Society officers is upon us. We all work diligently in our respective fields without giving much thought to returning something to our professional society. We have and have had some excellent leadership in Chapter, Division and Society offices - there is a lot of talent among us. How about it, is it time for you to pay the rent?

A little review of the offices. The Chair-elect, Secretary/Treasurer and the four Executive Committee members are all to be elected this fall, to take office at the Winter meeting. These offices are two-year terms. The Chair-elect automatically becomes the Chair in two years, and then is on the Executive Committee for another two years (you could look at this as two years in training, two years in the top leadership role, and two years of debriefing - all that wisdom to pass on)! If you want involvement at this level contact Nominating Chair **Bob LaBar (717-775-9741)** now. Check the many committees listed on the last page of the Allegheny News. Incoming Chair, **Mark Vodak (908) 932-1766**, will be putting together his support staff for 1994-95, call him and offer your help as a committee member or chair.

If you feel you need to start on one of the "farm teams," contact your Chapter or Division Chair and ask to be placed on the ballot in the upcoming election - some are for a one-year term, but most for two years. As a Chapter Chair, you are automatically a member of the Allegheny Society Executive Committee - with all the opportunities for honing your leadership skills.

And don't forget that **Brian Payne's** term as our Region VII Representative on National SAF Council expires this year. Here is an opportunity for someone in



the Allegheny Society or the National Capital Society to become our voting representative on Council. Will someone from the Allegheny stand up to this challenge?

Alive and healthy we are in the Allegheny SAF, but only because of those of us who step forward to the challenge. There are opportunities for service at all levels. I count 37 offices that need you - and me!

If you've never served the Society, take these words of advice of **Councilman Payne's** column in the spring issue of *The Allegheny News*, "... run for an office... believe me, you'll never regret it, win or lose. And if you lose, offer your services to the winner in a Chair of your choice until the next election."

Involvement is what it's all about! Δ

Keystone Spring Meeting

by Jack Winieski

At the spring meeting of the Keystone Chapter, SAF member **Kent Fox** from Invesco of Pennsylvania, spoke on the subject of Forester Activism. Among other things, Kent is one of the 800 lobbyists registered with the Pennsylvania State legislature.

"Public policy is not made in a vacuum!" With this statement, he proceeded to explain that there are **players** - who are the actual movers, and **spectators** - who are the "victims." The solution of problems requires movers who become involved (sound familiar?), that is, commit to an active role in their society or association.

Keystone members were also introduced to the positive functions which lobbyists perform in governmental policy and law (the term lobbyist connoted negative reactions to many followers of the past presidential election campaign). Lobbyists perform positive functions: as credible information and education sources, as able planners of strategy and the engineering of policy and legislation, and are the public relation specialists for their client(s) to legislators and public interest groups. Δ



Ken Fox (right) discusses the lobbyists' role with Jim Nelson.

Accepting the Challenge

Dear Colleagues:

It has been a long time since someone from Allegheny SAF has been elected to SAF Council. With your help, I would like to change that. I have been asked by some Allegheny and National Capital SAF members to consider running for the Council seat that will be vacated soon by Brian Payne, and I have decided to accept the challenge.

You should receive your ballot in September which will include my 100 word statement along with my

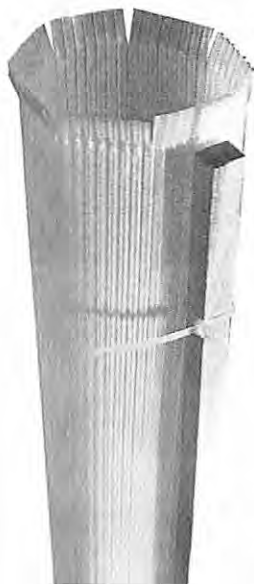


biographical sketch. I hope I can count on your vote! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at work (703) 235-2725.

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October 22, 1993 "Walk in the Forest"

by Jack Winieski

On Friday, October 22, 1993, take a walk in the forest! Start planning this walk in the forest as you read this. Not just any walk - a walk with some group that doesn't know and understand what you do about the forest. Consider school children, friends and neighbors from your daily contacts, a civic or local historic or garden club, your media contacts, local legislators, planning/zoning boards, supervisors, etc. Walk and talk with them about the many benefits of healthy forests and related systems, spark their awareness of the natural community features obvious to you but not to some of them, make it a fun walk with well planned stops and refreshments.



The National office is distributing "Walk in the Forest" kits this month, with guidelines and materials to help in your planning (call 301-897-8720). The kit includes examples of successful projects, generic press releases, talking points, and other useful materials to insure a productive walk.

The idea is to have as many SAF members and chapters as possible conducting "walks" on October 22nd, but if you can't use this date, choose one more convenient for you or your targeted audience. Think of the walk as a more "hands on" Mission Possible contact with the public - an educational service right up front. ♠

**FINISHED WITH THIS ISSUE?
HAND IT TO A NON-MEMBER WITH
AN INVITATION TO JOIN SAF!**

WV Division Underwrites Public Radio Programing

The WV Division is underwriting "Dateline West Virginia," the most popular evening State news program from 4:30 to 5:00 pm daily on WV Public TV. The twice daily message: "This program is being underwritten by the West Virginia Society of American Foresters... natural resource professionals, quietly studying, protecting and working with forest ecosystems for over 90 years."

The underwriting has been purchased for one year with funds generated from sales of the "Forester at Home" print. This is the second use of the air ways by the WV Division - recall they sponsor a five minute message on the history of forestry and logging in West Virginia on Visitor Information Radio for highway travelers from south of Bluefield, highway I-77 and I-64, to the western border of I-64. ♠

Consulting Foresters Select Loren Larson

Loren Larson II, a former National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA) legislative intern, has been named Executive Director of the Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) with offices in Bethesda, MD. ACF and NWOA collaborate on many issues in the NATIONAL FORESTRY NETWORK. Larson is currently working with the USDA Extension Service national office on private forestry issues. ♠

Did You Know?

- The 26-member staff of the national SAF office provides support to 34 state societies, 16 divisions, more than 240 chapters, 19 working groups, 24 standing national committees, 11 task forces, 11 voting districts and three nationally elected officers.
- SAF accredits forestry curricula at 45 colleges and universities, and the accreditation program is a model for other professions.
- SAF recognizes 26 forestry technician education programs within the United States and Canada.
- SAF sponsors nearly 600 conferences, seminars, and other continuing education meetings each year.
- SAF responds to nearly 10,000 requests for forestry career information each year.
- SAF's flagship publication, the *Journal of Forestry*, is the most widely read forestry periodical in the world.
- SAF also publishes *Forest Science* and three regional journals of applied forestry, each carrying the latest in research findings and other technical information. ♠

Nevermo', Y'know

No words were ever as overworked
As these two words: "You know,"
They punctuate each phrase that falls
From the lips of Jane and Joe.
Kids from college, kids from slums,
Kids both bright and slow,
They stick it in with every breath:
"Y'know... y'know... y'know."
Oh, me. We've reached a pretty pass.
Our culture's mighty low
When young folks can't communicate
Without "Y'know... y'know."
If this had been the custom
In the time of Edgar Poe
D'you s'pose the raven would have quothed
"Nevermo', y'know'?"
Or maybe Patrick Henry
Would have muttered, very slow,
"You-all give me liberty
Or give me death, y'know."
I know one thing: it's tiresome.
I may be square, but oh,
I'm weary of those worn-out words.
"Y'know" has got to go!

Forestry Staff Gets Information Officer

Vicki Davis of Lewes joined the Delaware Department of Agriculture's Forestry Office as a Public Information Officer, effective February 1, 1993.

Davis has 14 years of experience working as a newspaper reporter, freelance writer and professional photographer. She earned a bachelor's degree in communication arts from Wilmington College.

According to Forestry Administrator Bob Tjaden, a communications specialist was sorely needed to complete a number of public relations and educational projects within the forestry office. One of Davis' first priorities was to complete an Arbor Day education packet for elementary students. Other projects include assisting with the department's environmental education program, Project Learning Tree; writing and revising informational pieces; and cataloging existing resources. She also is handling media relations for the forestry office.

Davis works within the department's information office. Her position is being funded through the U.S. Forest Service for 12 months. ♠

1993 Summer Meeting Allegheny Society of American Foresters August 12-13, 1993 Seven Springs Resort • Champion, PA

The Summer Meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters promises to provide information and insight on a number of interesting and current issues of forestry concern.

The meeting will open on Thursday, August 12 at 1:30 PM with a review of the interaction and balancing of forest management activities within the confines of a major year-round resort. Mr. Herman Dupre, owner of the Seven Springs Resort, will provide a history of the facility and discuss various projects which have taken place since its founding. This will be followed by a bus tour through the area in which various timber, recreation and wildlife management programs will be reviewed and discussed.

Thursday evening will feature a relaxing banquet at the picturesque Lake Tahoe portion of the Resort. Those attending previous functions at this cabin and lake facility have praised both food and atmosphere.

At the indoor sessions on Friday, August 13, Dr. William Sharpe will present a program on "The Effects of Forest Soil Acidification on the Laurel Hill." This study evaluates the effect of acid rain and other factors on area streams.

The new forester licensing law in Maryland will be presented with information on the required continuing education provision.

A representative from the National SAF Office will discuss the task force report on "Sustained Long-term Forest Health and Productivity." This segment will allow us to express our thoughts and opinions on the report (which will eventually lead to a Society Position Statement).

And three announced candidates for the District #7 SAF Council election this Fall, representing Allegheny and National Capital Societies, have been invited to present their philosophies with regards to "SAF's Health and Productivity!"

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Registration for 1993 Summer Meeting of Allegheny SAF:

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SAF and the Portland Forest Conference

During the historical day-long Forest Conference in Portland, OR on April 2, President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, along with seven key members of their administration, met with a panel of academicians, forest ecologists, economists, labor union representatives, wildlife biologists, environmental and industry leaders, and members of the general public.

Although the Society of American Foresters (SAF) was not represented on the panel (representation was limited to residents of the Pacific northwest region) 11 of the 50 panelists were SAF members, proof of the diversity of the SAF membership. **Bill Banzhaf**, our Executive Vice President was selected as one of the official observers at the conference. **Sarah Zollman** of the National staff, among other duties, assisted with the distribution of the SAF position statement to the 600 local and national media covering the conference.

The Society was closely involved with the Conference. SAF staff consulted with key members of the Clinton administration on the development and organization of the Conference, providing background information, recommending locations, suggesting formats, and proposing issues to be discussed. See the June issue of the *Journal* (p. 52) for the SAF position statement. ♠

MD Forester Licensing Replaces Registration

by Tunis Lyon

In response to strong support from SAF and other Maryland forestry organizations, the Maryland legislature passed a forester licensing bill which will become effective in October 1993. The bill will be effective for 10 years (sunset provision) and differs from the registration bill now in effect in the State. SAF member **Tunis Lyon** is Chairman of the Licensing Board of seven members appointed by the Governor: five foresters with a minimum of 10 years of experience and two non-foresters.

The new forester licensing law provides for a legal code of ethics not provided for in the expiring registration bill; increases fines from \$500 to \$5,000 for violation of any part of the law; by 1996, eight Board specified continuing forestry education credits will have to be earned every two years to maintain licensing status; and the licensing fee is set at \$100 every two years. ♠

Welcome Transferred Member

Michael Huneke
Maryland-Delaware Chapter

PA Envirothon and SAF

by Jack Winieski



Representatives of Envirothon sponsors and cooperating agencies are briefed by SAF Contest Coordinator, Mark Deibler.

The forestry competition at the 10th Annual Pennsylvania State Envirothon, held on Saturday, June 19th at Pine Grove Furnace State Park, was conducted by foresters **Mark Deibler, Dave Gregg, Bruce Kile, Bob Merrill, Neil Mishler, Phil Vardell, Jack Winieski,** and Biology Intern **Ian Gregg**.

The PA Envirothon is a competition designed to give high school students an opportunity to prove their knowledge of environmental subjects, including forestry, soils, wildlife, aquatics, and a current environmental issue (1993 was pesticides). Early in the school year educational resources are provided to schools for study leading to county competitions. Winners at the county level compete in the State finals.

All of the competitive events are conducted in a forest situation, with stations chosen to provide habitats related to scenarios used in testing problem solving and deductive reasoning skills. Total points accumulated at all five stations determines the winners.

Teams of from three to five high school students, who have won preliminary competitions in their counties, represented their county in this state-wide event. This year, 49 of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania competed. The State Conservation Commission and the PA Association of Conservation Districts coordinates this annual event. The corporate sponsor for the 1993 Envirothon was Hershey Food, of Hershey, PA.

The 1993 Pennsylvania State Envirothon Champs, **Franklin Regional High School** from Westmoreland County, PA will now represent the state at the Fifth National Envirothon from July 31- August 5 in Niagara Falls, NY. A team from Pennsylvania has won the national event in 1988, 89, 90, and 91. Twenty states across the country have now initiated Envirothon contests based on Pennsylvania's program.

In addition to the first place winners, **Blue Mountain High School from Schuylkill County** took second place, and **Parkland Senior High School from Lehigh County** was third. The best performances by a team representing a county in one of the seven Department of Environmental Resources were also presented awards. ♠

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ANF Welcomes New Supervisor



John E. Palmer is the new executive head of the Allegheny National Forest, succeeding Dave Wright, who accepted promotion and transfer to the Panhandle National Forests in Idaho. Palmer, a California native, comes to the Allegheny from the Plumas National Forest, Quincy, CA, where he has been the deputy Forest Supervisor since 1988.

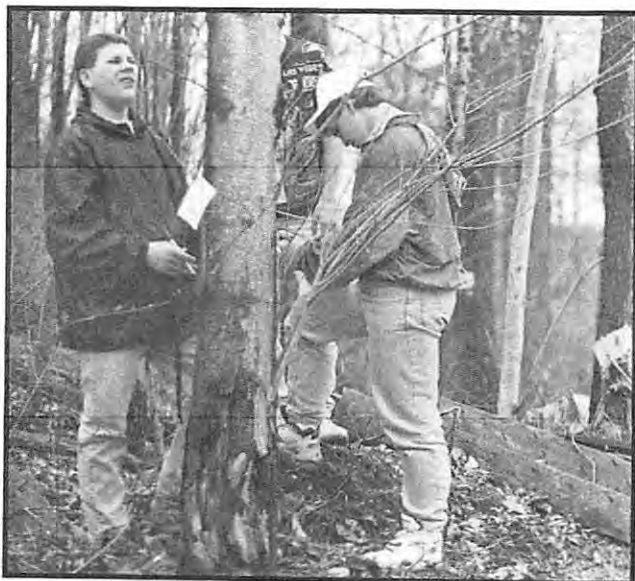
Following graduation from Humboldt State College (California), Palmer joined the Peace Corps, serving in Chile and Paraguay. He began his Forest Service career on the Orleans Ranger District, Six Rivers National Forest in California. Later, on the Tahoe National Forest, he served in Environmental Coordinator and Timber Management positions.

Promoted to the International Forestry Staff in Washington, Palmer served as Latin American and Caribbean coordinator. On loan from the Forest Service to the Agency for International Development (AID), he was assigned to Panama for 1 1/2 years. Back in Washington, he worked in Forest Service international policy, coordinating the National Recreation Strategy, and was Recovery Coordinator for the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee.

John and his wife Robin have one child, a son aged two years. ♠

FFA and SAF

by Dean Shank



SAF member **Dean Shank** organized and conducted a combination field contest and educational experience for members of the Adams County, PA Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapters on April 21, 1993. Forty FFA students from five high schools competed in a private wood lot near Littlestown High School: Bermudian Springs, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, and New Oxford.

Intermittent rain did not dampen the competitive spirit as high school representatives identified trees and equipment, performed cruising and timber stand improvement exercises, and completed a written test requiring technical and current forestry issue knowledge.

The competitive process provided an atmosphere for students to ask questions about careers in forestry and the high school preparation necessary for college entrance - a secondary benefit to this and any SAF member involvement with students.

This year's winners were:

1st - **Pat Redding, Gettysburg**

2nd - **Neal Klinger, Littlestown**

3rd - **Jeff Crosley, Littlestown**

Dean is already planning the 1994 competition in conjunction with **Doug McCracken**, Agricultural Education Advisor at Bermudian Springs High School. ♠



Welcome Transferred Members

Heidi Errichetti, NJ Division Associate
John Fede, NJ Division Associate
William O'Leary, NJ Division Associate
Robert Heselton, Northern Hardwood Chapter
Stephen Miller, Western Gateway Chapter
Morton Moehs, WV Division
Paul Trianosky, WV Division

Weblos and SAF

Jack Winieski, Allegheny SAF Executive Director recently expanded his use of Project Learning Tree (PLT) material to assist in two Weblo (Boy Scouts of America) activities, both in preparation for the young scout's Forestry badges. Sixteen Weblos participated in sessions at the Northern York County School and the Boy Scout Camp Tuckahoe in Dillsburg, PA, April 18 and June 12-13.

PLT activities "Tree Cookies" was combined with the popular "Tree Factory" supplement and "How a Tree Grows" handout to meet two requirements. The "Fire" activity combined with the USFS's poster "Fire's Role in Nature" met a third requirement, and a mix of accumulated basic tree and shrub identification publications was used to identify six trees and six shrubs to fulfill the last two of five badge requirements.



What was most interesting was the exchange in questions from parents and leaders - you guessed it, clearcutting, old growth and the spotted owl, and endangered species. A satisfying experience to be able to interact with the adults and discuss their understanding of these issues. Again, the PLT approach was used: **Awareness, Knowledge**, leading to perhaps **Life Style Change** based on a better understanding.

SAF member **Craig Keeran** had another 30+ Weblos at Camp Tuckahoe on the April 19-20 weekend to prepare them for their Forestry badge. Another opportunity to help the Scout program and maybe more enjoyable (I won't say productive), to teach the parents and leaders. ♠

A Collegial Compact One Response to the Question: What is SAF, and What Should We Become?

As creatures, humans appear to live in two worlds simultaneously; those of nature and culture. Living in these two worlds creates tensions, paradoxes occur and humans find existence and meaning.

As professionals, foresters live in, and enact many roles: scientist, technologist, manager, employer and employee, client and customer, and just plain citizen. Living in these many roles creates tensions, paradoxes occur and foresters find frustration, hope and fulfillment. To help deal with the tensions and paradoxes, the Society of American Foresters adopts this COLLEGIAL COMPACT as the basis for day-to-day relationships and decision-making in professional activities.

First:

The SAF is a *purposeful* community, whose members and guests share professional goals and work together to meet the true needs of landowners, society, and the land itself.

Second:

It is an *open* community where freedom of expression is uncompromisingly protected and where civility is powerfully affirmed.

Third:

It is a *just* community, where the integrity of persons, societies, and the land is honored, and where diversity is protected and pursued.

Fourth:

It is a *disciplined* community, where individuals accept their obligations to the group and to the land, and where well-defined governance procedures guide behavior for the common good.

Fifth:

It is a *caring* community, where service to others and of the land is encouraged, appropriately recognized and rewarded.

Sixth:

It is a *celebrative* community, where rituals affirming both tradition and change are widely shared.

Seventh:

It is a *searching* community, looking to know how the world works, what is right in thought and action, and willing to take responsibility out of love and respect for people and the land. ♠

Adapted from the campus compact model in "Campus Life: In Search of Community," The Carnegie Commission; The preface draws heavily on "Between Two Worlds" by R. Gardiner. Both 1990.

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Computer Mania or Computer Phobia?

by Harry V. Wiant, Jr.

Foresters, like most of the rest of the professional world, can be placed in one of two groups, those who love computers or those who hate them. While I must admit I belong to the first group, I (by virtue of age) can relate to the second. Both groups may cause problems for our profession.

Let's take on the haters first. You probably remember the good old days when the Monroe electric or hand-crank calculators, if you had access to one, provided the answers you needed for cruises or surveys. If not, you may even recall how to get the square-root by the longhand method or the thrill of slide-rule jockeys mysteriously deriving an answer after several seconds of sliding those complicated scales back and forth. There was a certain amount of security back then. Actually, we had progressed little from the tools and techniques available to our grandparents. Those days are gone (good riddance, I say, as I never learned to use the slide rule... the trick is to outlive the technology!). The haters problem is they have lived too long or not kept up (chose the answer you prefer). Few are naive enough to ridicule computers, but secretly you'd be pleased if they disappeared by morning. The cure for haters is simple, tackle those PC's and learn how to use them. You'll enjoy it, I guarantee it, or your money will be cheerfully refunded (just try to catch me!).

Now for the lovers. Your problem is a bit more subtle, you have been seduced by these one-eyed beauties. They may have increased your productivity, although for some that is questionable, but I'll wager you have wasted a lot of your employer's time playing with your PC (they are more fun than electric trains, I admit). In addition, too many researchers are spending too much time with their binary concubines (or gigolos if you're female) and too little time in the field. You can only massage that old data so long until you pass the point of diminishing returns. Also, I worry some that we are developing magnificent black boxes, e.g. decision-making and growth-projection programs, which produces impressive printed output giving us unwarranted confidence in the meager or poor data we input.

Now that I've straightened all this out, back to my PC to play around a bit! ♠

Welcome New Members!

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Ronald Fowler, West Virginia Division
Michael Rosiek, WVU Student Chapter

What's Up With Billy Penn's Oak?

By David A. Gansner, Stanford L. Amer, Richard H. Widmann, and Carol L. Alerich

It is no secret that Pennsylvania's oak timber has suffered during the past couple of decades. Gypsy moth defoliation, drought, cutting, deer browsing, and other stresses have strained the resource. To see stark evidence of how bad tree mortality has been in some parts of the state, take a ride on the Pennsylvania turnpike and check out the landscape in Bedford and Somerset Counties. Resource managers, the wood-using industry, and a host of others are seriously concerned and want to know more about the severity and extent of this problem.

Much of the decline in Pennsylvania oak occurred during the 1980s. So we're fortunate that a comprehensive re-inventory of the Commonwealth's forests was completed in 1989 (Alerich, 1993). Data from more than 2000 plots remeasured in that survey allows us to review specific trends in the stocking of oak on land that has remained in forest since the last inventory of 1978.

Growth Softens Impacts of High Mortality and Cutting

Cumulative mortality and cutting for all species averaged more than 300 cubic feet per acre between 1978 and 1989 (Table 1). Much of it was in oak, amounting to 30% of the 1978 inventory of oak growing stock (sound trees 5.0+ inches in dbh). This combined rate of mortality and cutting for Pennsylvania was much greater than the average for central Appalachian oaks as a whole (Gansner et al. 1991). It also exceeds rates recorded for the Quaker state's softwoods (13%) and other hardwoods (20%).

Table 1. Mortality and cutting, by species group, Pennsylvania 1978-1989.

Species	Cumulative mortality and cut 1978-1989 cubic ft./acre	Mortality and cut as percent of 1978 inventory
Chestnut oak	37	30
N.red oak	45	28
Black oak	19	33
White oak	22	27
Other oak	9	34
All oak	132	30
Other hardwoods	163	20
Softwoods	16	13
All species	311	23

Residual oak trees grew enough to offset most of the effects of cutting and mortality. So on net, there was little change in the volume of oak per acre of timberland between inventories. At the same time, however, other hardwoods such as maple, cherry, yellow-poplar, birch, ash, gum, and softwoods such as hemlock and white pine have flourished (Table 2). Thus, oaks now represents a smaller share (27%) of Pennsylvania's timber supply than they once did (33%).

Table 2. Change in growing-stock volume, by species groups, Pennsylvania 1978-1989.

Species	Total growing-stock volume		
	% of inventory 1978	% of inventory 1989	% change from 1978
Chestnut oak	9	7	-2
N.red oak	12	10	11
Black oak	4	3	-3
White oak	6	5	-2
Other oak	2	2	0
All oak	33	27	3
Other hardwood	58	63	32
Softwood	9	10	38
All species	100	100	23

Timber Bigger But Trouble in Smaller Sizes

In the wake of drought, gypsy moth, deer browsing, and other pestilence, losses usually are most noticeable in smaller, lower quality, understory trees. That trend certainly held true for Pennsylvania oaks. Oak growing-stock volume in trees less than 12 inches dbh actually decreased between inventories (Fig. 1).

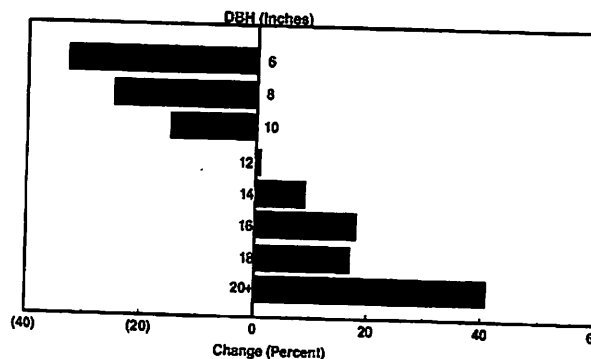


Fig. 1 Percent change in oak growing - stock volume by DBH class, Pennsylvania, 1978-1989.

Volume gains in larger trees made up for the loss in smaller trees. In general, the bigger the trees, the greater the percentage increase in volume. The volume of oak suitable for sawtimber increased by more than 200 board feet per acre or 19% between 1978 and 1989 (Table 3). Again, because increases for other species were much greater than for oak, oaks account for a smaller proportion of the sawtimber inventory than formerly.

The decline in smaller understory oaks could hold serious implications for the future. This situation is further complicated by a growing emphasis on conservative, selective cutting methods that encourage the regeneration and development of shade tolerant species such as beech and maple instead of shade intolerant oaks.

Stocking of Oak-Hickory Forest Has Improved

Even though the average amount of oak growing stock on an acre of timberland didn't change much, the stocking

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of oak-hickory stands improved between inventories. To get a timber manager's view of changes in stocking, we classified more than 900 remeasured oak-hickory plots into stocking classes using standards developed by Gingrich (1967). These standards account for the number, basal area, and size of trees. Only trees 5.0 inches and larger that are acceptable growing stock (trees of commercial species that are not rough or rotten) were considered.

Table 3. Change in sawtimber volume, by species group, Pennsylvania, 1978-1989.

Species	Sawtimber volume		
	% of inventory 1978	% of inventory 1989	% change from 1978
Chestnut oak	7	6	16
N.red oak	15	13	28
Black oak	5	4	12
White oak	7	5	11
Other oak	2	2	18
All oak	36	31	19
Other hardwood	53	58	56
Softwood	11	11	49
All species	100	100	42

In 1978, 5% of the oak-hickory plots were overstocked; that is, they were so dense that individual trees were growing slowly and natural mortality was greater than normal (Fig. 2). Another 43% of the plots were fully stocked and making full use of their growing space. Twenty-seven percent were under stocked; still worth managing, but so sparsely stocked that growing space was wasted. The remaining 25% were poorly stocked; here adequate regeneration of desirable seedlings and saplings is the timber manager's primary concern.

By 1989, overall stocking had improved. Gains outnumbered declines by almost 3 to 1. As a result, fewer plots were poorly stocked and under stocked. And about three-fifths of the total were in a fully stocked or overstocked condition. That means there are still plenty of opportunities for harvesting, thinning, and regeneration in Pennsylvania's oak-hickory forests.

Impacts Highly Variable

Average trends in oak stocking for Pennsylvania do not tell the whole story because mortality, cutting, and growth response were not uniformly distributed throughout the state. For example, some plots lost nearly all their volume while others flourished. Many such feast-or-famine situations can be found within shouting distance of one another.

Oaks now account for a smaller percentage of the total timber volume in virtually all parts of the state (Table 4). However, some regions fared much worse than others. Woodlands of the Pocono mountain area (Carbon,

Columbia, Luzerne, Schuylkill, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, and Pike counties) have responded to more than offset cutting and mortality and set modern-day records in the stocking of a bigger and better oak resource (Gansner et al. in press).

Percent of Plots

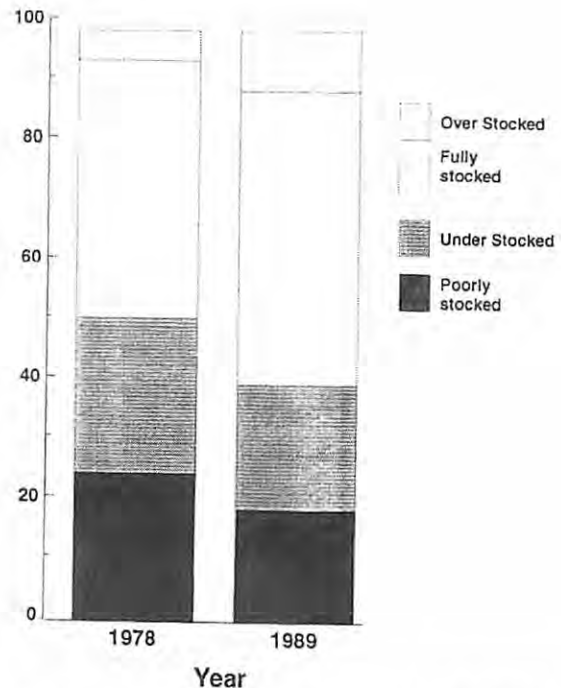


Fig. 2. Change in stocking, oak-hickory forest, Pennsylvania, 1978-1989.

At the other extreme, is the Southwestern region (Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, and Somerset counties) of the state where the combined effects of mortality and cutting during the 1980s were severe. Growth counterbalanced some of the loss, but not enough to keep the per acre volume of oak from declining 17% between inventories. Here, many stands that were well stocked in 1978 are now in poorly stocked condition.

Table 4. Mortality, cutting, and change in oak growing-stock volume, by sub-unit, Pennsylvania, 1978-89.

Sub unit	Oak as % of 1978 inventory	Cut & mortality 1978-1989 as a % of 1978 inventory	Oak as % of 1989 inventory	% change in inventory 1978-1989
West	24	23	20	+15
Northeast	17	28	15	+10
Allegheny	14	25	13	+9
North Central	42	28	35	+4
Southeast	53	26	44	+1
South Central	58	36	48	-9
Southwest	42	44	31	-17
State	33	30	27	+3

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Northern red oak, a favorite timber species noted for its fast growth, fared much better than the other oaks. In fact, it was the only major oak species that recorded an overall gain in volume per acre between inventories (Table 2). The volume of northern red oak suitable for sawtimber is up 28% (Table 3).

Oaks Remain Viable, but Future is Questionable

Most certainly, Pennsylvania's oak resource has suffered through significant amounts of mortality, cutting and reductions in growth in recent years. Damage has been especially noticeable in the smaller size-classes. Still oak averages more than 400 cubic feet per acre of timberland and accounts for more than one-fourth of the state's total growing stock volume. Moreover, the amount of oak suitable for sawtimber has increased to reach a new high of nearly 1400 board feet per acre (Fig. 3). Three-fifths of that sawtimber volume is in big trees; 15+ inches dbh. And more than half the big oak volume is in butt log grade II or better trees. So, despite recent losses, Pennsylvania retains a viable oak resource.

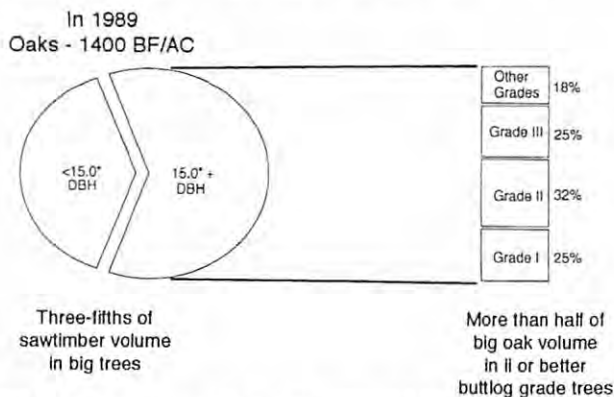


Fig 3 Oak sawtimber volume by size and tree grade, Pennsylvania, 1989.

What about the future?

It depends on a number of interrelated complex factors, for example:

- Will demands for oak significantly increase rates of cutting?
- Will gypsy moth, drought, deer browsing, and other pestilence continue to plague the resource?
- Will more conservative cutting practices discourage the regeneration and development of shade-intolerant oaks?
- Will growth on the residual oak resource continue to offset effects of cutting, defoliation, and mortality?
- Will users of oak be willing to switch to maple, strand board, plastics, and other substitutes?
- Will policy makers, resource planners, and forest land managers take remedial action?

To a large extent, we can control oak's destiny. Only time will tell how it all works out. ▲

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- 15 Plateau and Northern Hardwoods meeting at Heart's Content Scenic Area on the Allegheny National Forest, Tubex plantings and walk through "old growth," 1 pm, in the Day Use Area lot.
- 29-30 Second Northern Forest Genetics Association Conference, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN; Dr. Carl Mohn, (612) 624-7281 (a joint field trip with the Poplar Councils of the U.S. and Canada is scheduled for July 28, 1993 - Poplar Council information from Ed Hansen, USFS Forestry Lab, 1831 Highway 169 E, Grand Rapids, MN 55744-3399.

August

- 12-13 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting at Seven Springs, PA in Southwestern PA's Somerset Co., Mark your calendar now - registration blank in the Summer Newsletter. An interesting program at this Vacation/Ski Resort/Conference Center.
- 17-19 Ag Progress Days, Rock Springs, PA Penn State Ag Research Center, Rt. #45, Forest Stewardship Woodlot tours, 1-800-235-WISE.

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