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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 2023-2024  
Date: February 24, 2023

**FDP Practice Prevailing Rate Changes for FY 2023-2024**

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

- Site Preparation Practices
  - **Burning** rate increased from \$35 to **\$40 (L)** for a low rate, \$45 to **\$50 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$65 to **\$70 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Chopping** rate increased from \$120 to **\$130 (L)** for a low rate, added **\$150 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$130 to **\$165 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **K-G, V-Blade Shear** rate increased from \$160 to **\$180 (L)** for a low rate, and \$190 to **\$205 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Bedding, Single** rate increased from \$70 to **\$80 (L)** for a low rate, and \$85 to **\$90 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Bedding, Double or Savannah** rate increased from \$95 to **\$105 (H)** for a high rate in District 7 and District 13.
  - **Chemical Control, Site Prep** rate increased from \$80 to **\$90 (L)** for a low rate, \$95 to **\$105 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$130 to **\$140 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
- Tree Planting Practices
  - **Hand Plant, Loblolly Pine** rate increased from \$65 to **\$85 (L)** for a low rate, \$85 to **\$95 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$100 to **\$105 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, Containerized Pine (Loblolly and Longleaf)** rate increased from \$160 to **\$165 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Labor Only** rate increased from \$50 to **\$60 (M)** for a medium rate in all Districts.



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

- Site Preparation Practices
  - **Chopping** rate increased from \$110 to **\$130 (L)** for a low rate, added **\$150 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$120 to **\$165 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Bedding, Single** rate increased from \$70 to **\$80 (L)** for a low rate, and \$85 to **\$90 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
- Tree Planting Practices
  - **Hand Plant, Loblolly Pine** rate increased from \$65 to **\$85 (L)** for a low rate, \$85 to **\$95 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$100 to **\$105 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, Shortleaf Pine** rate increased from \$65 to **\$85 (L)** for a low rate, \$85 to **\$95 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$100 to **\$105 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, Containerized Pine (Loblolly/Longleaf/Shortleaf)** rate increased from \$160 to **\$165 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Labor Only** rate increased from \$50 to **\$60 (M)** for a medium rate in all Districts.

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

- Tree Planting Practices
  - **Hand Plant Hardwood** rate increased from \$200 to **\$210 (L)**, \$250 to **\$260 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$280 to **\$290 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, Loblolly Pine** increased from \$90 to **\$100 (L)** for a low rate, \$105 to **\$115 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$115 to **\$125 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, White Pine** rate changed from 40% to **60%** reimbursement rate in all Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, Shortleaf/Longleaf/White Pine** rate increased from \$90 to **\$100 (L)** for a low rate, \$105 to **\$115 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$115 to **\$125 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, Containerized Loblolly Pine** rate increased from \$160 to **\$165 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Hand Plant, Containerized Shortleaf/Longleaf Pine** rate increased from \$135 to **\$140 (L)** for a low rate, and \$160 to **\$165 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.
  - **Labor Only** rate increased from \$50 to **\$60 (M)** for a medium rate in all Districts in all Districts.
- Forest Stand Improvement Practices
  - **Understory Release** rate increased from \$80 to **\$100 (L)** for a low rate, and \$120 to **\$150 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts. Medium rate of \$100 removed.
  - **Crop Tree Crown Release** rate increased from \$200 to **\$250 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts. Low rate of \$100 removed.
  - **Non-Commercial Thinning** rate increased from \$120 to **\$150 (M)** for a medium rate, and \$200 to **\$250 (H)** for a high rate in all Districts.

**Practices Suspended - All Districts**

- Forest Stand Improvement Practices
  - **Prescribed Burning** - refer to NC Prescribed Burn Matching Program
  - **Forest Fertilization, P-Fert @ Establishment**
  - **Forest Fertilization, Mid Rotation**