

WOODLAND DATA FORM
SUBMIT WITH APPLICATION FOR FARMLAND ASSESSMENT
(See reverse side for filing information)

TYPE OR PRINT (File in each municipality where woodland is situated)

MUNICIPALITY _____ COUNTY _____
Block(s) and Lot(s) _____

SECTION I—IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION (If changed since prior WD-1 filing, please check:

Owner: Name _____ Phone () _____

Mailing Address _____

Location of property (nearest road, etc.) _____

If portions of the property's woodland are in more than one municipality, name the other municipalities:

SECTION II—WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN INFORMATION

Amount of woodland acres in plan _____ Plan period: start date _____ end date _____

Status of Woodland Management Plan (Check appropriate statement):

- New plan for the woodland is being filed with this form
- Revisions to plan are being filed with this form
- Plan previously filed remains valid and continues to be followed

SECTION III—FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Describe all practices completed or to be completed during the pre-tax year (January through December)
- Submit a scaled activity map with this form showing the location(s) on the property of the activities

PRACTICE/ ACTIVITY	TYPE (see back for examples)	EXTENT (in acres/ft.)	(if applicable)	
			PRODUCT (in cords/board ft./etc.)	INCOME (\$ of gross sales, received or to be received)
Forest Stand Improvement (FSI)				
Harvest				
Reforestation				
Weed/Brush Control				
Insect/Disease Control				
Site Preparation				
Prescribed Burning (RxB)				
Wildlife Habitat Improvement				
Forestry Infrastructure				
Other				

Were any practices funded in whole or part through a soil conservation program administered by a Federal agency? No _____ Yes _____ Amount \$ _____

SECTION IV—CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS (Owner and forester must sign)

I certify that the land is woodland, actively devoted to agricultural use, that the above reported activities and practices reported are those specified for the pre-tax year in the filed woodland management plan and are being carried out in compliance with the plan, and that the information provided on this form is true and correct. I additionally certify that the income reported on the form as received or anticipated to be received from the sale of forest products is valid and true and that, if any activities and practices reported on the form have not been completed at the time of form submission, they will be completed within the pre-tax year.

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Approved Forester's Name (print) _____

Signature (forester) _____ Date _____

Signature (Owner or Co-owner) _____ Date _____

Approved Forester's Most recent on-site inspection _____ Date _____

OR: Signature (Corporate Officer) _____ Date _____

Corporate Name _____

FILE THIS FORM WITH THE LOCAL TAX ASSESSOR WITH YOUR FARMLAND ASSESSMENT APPLICATION; AND FILE THIS FORM, YOUR ACTIVITY MAP, AND YOUR FA-1 FORM WITH THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE STATE FOREST SERVICE THAT SERVES YOUR COUNTY
(see addresses for State Forest Service offices on back)

FILING INFORMATION

WHO IS REQUIRED TO FILE THIS FORM? An owner who wants to seek approval for woodland on a property, other than appurtenant woodland, to be valued, for local property tax purposes, under farmland assessment must include this form with the annually-filed Application for Farmland Assessment for the property. However, an assessor will not approve an application that requests such tax status for non-appurtenant woodland unless the owner has a woodland management that has been approved by the State Forester as satisfying the criteria at N.J.A.C. 18:15-2.10 and the owner has managed the woodland in accordance with the approved plan for at least the two successive years immediately preceding the tax year for which valuation, assessment, and taxation under farmland assessment is requested. (Refer to N.J.A.C. 18:15-2.7(d))

IS THERE OTHER INFORMATION THAT I MUST FILE WITH THIS FORM? Yes. This form must accompany an Application for Farmland Assessment that includes all forms and other components required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 18:15-2.1 through 4 and N.J.A.C. 18:15-2.7. When a WD-1 form is submitted, a property map that shows the location(s) of forest management activity in the pre-tax year must also be filed. This map must be prepared in accordance with the mapping standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 18:15-2.7 and 10. Also with a WD-1 form, a copy of the woodland management plan must be submitted, unless that assessor already has the plan on file. However, if any revisions have been made to the plan on file, the revisions must be submitted to the assessor. (Please check appropriate box under "Status of Woodland Management Plan" in Section II of this form.)

WHEN AND WHERE DO I FILE? An Application for Farmland Assessment must be filed annually, on or before August 1, with the local assessor in each taxing district in which the property is located. If a WD-1 form is included with the application, a copy of the FA-1 form, the WD-1 form, and activity map must be submitted to the Regional Office of the State Forest Service that serves the county in which the property is situated:

Regional Offices of the State Forest Service

Northern Region 240 Main Street Andover, NJ 07821 Counties served: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren	Central Region PO Box 239 New Lisbon, NJ 08064 Counties served: Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, Union	Southern Region 5555 Atlantic Avenue Mays Landing, NJ 08330 Counties served: Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem
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HOW WILL COMPLIANCE WITH THE WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN BE DETERMINED? Both the owner and the Approved Forester must certify on the WD-1 that the forest management activities and practices are being carried out in compliance with the plan. Furthermore, a forester from the State Forest Service may carry out an on-site inspection to verify compliance with the plan and communicate and coordinate with the local assessor if non-compliance is suspected.

HOW CAN I FIND AN APPROVED FORESTER? The Department maintains the List of Approved Foresters on-line at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/ACF.pdf>. Upon request, the State Forest Service will provide a print out of this list.

EXAMPLES OF VARIOUS TYPES OF FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES:

Practice	Examples
Forest Stand Improvement (FSI)	thinning, crop tree release, pruning, weeding, sanitation
Harvest	single-tree selection, clearcut, seed tree, group selection, shelterwood
Reforestation	natural or artificial means
Weed/Brush Control	mechanical, chemical, hand, animal (e.g. goats)
Insect/Disease Control	aerial, backpack, integrated pest management (IPM)
Site Preparation	mowing, drum chop, scarification, chemical treatment
Wildlife Habitat Improvement	practices to enhance or create habitat
Forestry Infrastructure	access roads, boundary marking, trail improvements
Other	non-traditional forest products

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS FORM: (Refer to N.J.A.C. 18:15-1.1)

"Appurtenant woodland" means a wooded piece of property which is contiguous to, part of, or beneficial to a tract of land, which tract of land has a minimum area of at least five acres devoted to agricultural or horticultural uses other than the production for sale of trees and forest products, exclusive of Christmas trees, to which tract of land the woodland is supportive and subordinate.

"Non-appurtenant woodland" means woodland that is neither supported nor subordinate to other farmland and which can only qualify for farmland assessment on the basis of being in compliance with a woodland management plan filed with the Department of Environmental Protection. Non-appurtenant woodland is actively devoted to the production for sale of tree and forest products.

"Pre-tax year" means the calendar year immediately preceding the "tax year."

"Tax year" means the calendar year in which the local property tax is due and payable.