

2024 GA 4-H State Forestry Field Day

Orr Swamp Tree Farm

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Site Evaluation Scenario

The owners of Orr Swamp Tree Farm manage for a variety of uses and benefits. All management follows a stewardship ethic of taking care of the land and water and improving the property. The owners enjoy hosting friends and family on the property regularly. Management priorities for this tract are aesthetics, wildlife (viewing and hunting) and timber production. Generating income from timber production has the least priority.

Plans for this tract include continuing to thin trees and planting longleaf pine under the current loblolly pine canopy. Within this management, trees are left for aesthetics as the landowners do not want to clearcut. Due to the large size of the entire tree farm, there are routine thinnings for periodic income and to maintain diverse wildlife habitat. This management allows the forester to mark specific trees for removal when needed and send to market.

Our site evaluation worksheet does require determining board foot volume and value. Use a sawtimber value of \$309.00 per thousand board feet.