

WOODLAND DATA FORM
SUBMIT WITH APPLICATION FOR FARMLAND ASSESSMENT
SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FILING INFORMATION

TYPE OR PRINT

MUNICIPALITY _____
File in each municipality where woodland is situated.

COUNTY _____

SECTION I—IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Owners: Name _____ Phone () _____
Mailing Address _____

Location of land (nearest road, etc.) _____

Block(s) and Lot(s) _____

Forestry Number _____

(Contact your forester if unknown. If new property, D.E.P. will assign.)

If portions of the same tract are in more than one municipality, name the municipalities and give acreage in each. _____

How are boundary lines of woodland property established, i.e., fence, paint, blazes, etc.? _____

SECTION II—WOODLAND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Woodland Management Plan prepared by _____

Date plan prepared _____ Amount of acres in plan _____

Plan developed for year(s) _____ to _____

Date of last revision to plan previously submitted _____

Status of Woodland Management Plan (Check appropriate statement):

- New plan for the land is being filed with this form.
- Revisions to plan are being filed with this form.
- Plan previously filed continues to be followed.

NOTE-A PLAN MUST BE SUBMITTED THE FIRST TIME THIS FORM IS FILED

SECTION III-FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES COMPLETED DURING PAST YEAR

PRACTICE	ACRES	Products Harvested (cords, board feet, etc.)	Income received anticipated from sale of forest products or cost share payments	PRACTICE	ACRES	Comments
Timber Stand Improvement (TSI)	_____			Reforestation	_____	
Commercial Harvest	_____			Regeneration (Natural)	_____	
Firewood/Pulpwood	_____			Weed Control	_____	
Sawtimber/Veneer	_____			Treatment	_____	
Other Products	_____			Insect Control	_____	
				Treatment	_____	
				Prescribed Burning	_____	
				Site Preparation	_____	

Comments or description of other activities _____

***PLEASE BE CERTAIN TO SUBMIT A SCALED MAP SHOWING WOODLAND ACTIVITY**

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

I certify that the above property is actively devoted to an agricultural use and I am following the approved woodland management plan and program as evidenced by the forest management practices completed this year.

I certify that I have reviewed this woodland data form and the landowner is in compliance with the provisions of the filed woodland management plan. I hereby attest that the forest management practices as cited on this form have been completed.

Signature (owner) _____ Date _____

Approved Forester's Name (print) _____

Signature (forester) _____ Date _____

FILE THIS FORM AND THE INFORMATION NOTED UNDER N.J.A.C. 18:15-2.7 WITH:

**LOCAL TAX ASSESSOR
AND
DIVISION OF PARKS AND FORESTRY
BUREAU OF FOREST MANAGEMENT, PO BOX 404
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0404**

FILING INFORMATION

WHO IS REQUIRED TO FILE THIS FORM? - An owner seeking farmland assessment status for land devoted exclusively to the production for sale of tree and forest products, with the exception of Christmas trees, is required to file this form. An owner of woodland not supportive or subordinate woodland as defined in N.J.A.C. 18:15-1.1 is also required to file this form. (Refer to N.J.A.C. 18:15-1.1 and 2.8)

IS THERE OTHER INFORMATION THAT I MUST FILE WITH THIS FORM? -Yes. In addition to completing and submitting this form and an application for farmland assessment, a map drawn to scale showing the location of woodland activity during the past year is required to be filed on an annual basis. Also, a woodland management plan must be submitted with this form when it is initially filed. If still appropriate, the plan does not have to be resubmitted in subsequent tax years; however, any revisions to the plan are required to be filed. (Please be certain to check appropriate statement under "Status of Woodland Management Plan" in Section II of this form.)

WHEN AND WHERE DO I FILE? - An application together with all other information, must be filed annually on or before August 1 of the pretax year, with the local tax assessor and the Division of Parks & Forestry, Bureau of Forest Management.

WHAT IS A WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN? - A woodland management plan is a written document prepared in accordance with criteria noted under N.J.S.A. 18:15-2.10.

HOW WILL COMPLIANCE WITH THE WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN BE DETERMINED? - An approved forester must annually certify, as provided on this form, that a landowner is in compliance with the provisions of the filed woodland management plan. Furthermore, foresters from the Bureau of Forest Management will perform spot inspections and coordinate inspections with assessors where non-compliance may be suspected.

HOW DO I KNOW IF A FORESTER IS APPROVED? - The Bureau of Forest Management will provide a list of approved foresters on request. (The Department of Environmental Protection has adopted approved forester qualifications under N.J.A.C. 7:3-2.7.)

EXCERPTS FROM REGULATIONS

N.J.A.C. 18:15-1.1 "Supportive and Subordinate woodland" means a wooded piece of property which is beneficial to or reasonably required for the purpose of maintaining the agricultural or horticultural uses of 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 to the production for sale of trees and forest products, exclusive of Christmas trees.

N.J.A.C. 18:15-2.7 The owner of land which is devoted exclusively to the production for sale of trees and forest products other than Christmas trees or the owner of woodland which is not supportive and subordinate woodland shall annually submit to the assessor, in addition to a completed and timely filed application for farmland assessment (Form FA-1), the following accompanying information:

1. A copy of a woodland management plan prepared in accordance with provisions noted under N.J.A.C.18:15-2.10;
2. A scaled map of the land showing the location of woodland activity and the soil group classes of the land; and
3. A completed woodland data form (Form WD-1), as prescribed by the Director of the Division of Taxation.

N.J.A.C. 18:15-2.8 Supportive and subordinate woodland presumption.

- (a) A wooded piece of property as described in the definition of subordinate woodland in N.J.A.C. 18:15-1.1 shall be presumed to be supportive and subordinate woodland when its area is less than the area of the farmland property qualifying for agricultural or horticultural uses other than the production for sale of trees and forest products, exclusive of Christmas trees.
- (b) An owner claiming farmland assessment for a wooded piece of property exceeding the amount set forth in (a) above as presumed to be supportive and subordinate woodland shall submit an explanation and additional proofs the assessor may require to support the claim that such woodland is supportive and subordinate.