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## **Tax Considerations Associated with Timber Casualty Losses**

Windstorms/tornados, ice storms, floods, and wildfire are among events that can damage standing timber. Even though these events are sporadic, they may be becoming more frequent. One just occurred in late October 2019 along the Tennessee River corridor in west Tennessee. Forest land-owners are making inquiries about salvage opportunities and tax considerations associated with damaged and blown over timber (timber casualty losses). Below are a few web-links with information about timber casualty losses associated with damaged timber.

### **IRS website**

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/timber-casualty-losses-valuation-of-a-single-identifiable-property>

### **Timber tax website**

<https://www.timbertax.org/getstarted/casualty/>

University of Georgia ---- Comprehensive publication on tax considerations with damaged timber

[https://www.warnell.uga.edu/sites/default/files/publications/WSFNR-19-19\\_Li.pdf](https://www.warnell.uga.edu/sites/default/files/publications/WSFNR-19-19_Li.pdf)

Mississippi State University Extension --- Frequently Asked Questions about Timber Casualty Losses

<http://extension.msstate.edu/publications/frequently-asked-questions-about-timber-casualty-losses>

Linda Wang ---- Timber Tax Specialist for the USDA Forest Service, Southern Region

[https://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/library/tax\\_deduction\\_loss\\_casualty.pdf](https://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/library/tax_deduction_loss_casualty.pdf)

University of Georgia --- Assessing Damaged Timber

[https://bugwoodcloud.org/bugwood/productivity/pdfs/assessing\\_hurricane\\_and\\_tornado\\_damaged\\_forest\\_stands\\_Dec-2016\\_final.pdf](https://bugwoodcloud.org/bugwood/productivity/pdfs/assessing_hurricane_and_tornado_damaged_forest_stands_Dec-2016_final.pdf)

University of Tennessee Extension Note on Timber Casualty Loss

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W261.pdf>

## **Mid South Agricultural and Forestry Trade Conference Announced 3/5/2020**

MARTIN, Tenn. – Farmers, agribusinesses and agriculture leaders alike will have a unique opportunity to learn about the role, importance and significance of international trade on local agriculture production, markets and economies at the Mid-South Agricultural Trade Conference. The conference



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will also equip attendees with an increased awareness of agriculture exporting tools and resources.

Planned for Thursday, March 5, 2020, in Martin, Tennessee, the conference is being hosted by the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, UT Extension, UT Martin and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. The all-day event will take place at the UT Martin Boling University Center. The conference format will include various speakers, presentations and a panel discussion with commodity representatives.

Seven experts are slated to share their knowledge. Speakers and panel members include Daniel Whitley, the associate administrator of the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS); Andrew Muhammad, a professor in the UTIA Department of Agricultural and Resources Economics who holds the Blasingame Chair of Excellence in Agricultural Policy; and Jody Campiche, vice president of economics and policy analysis for the National Cotton Council in Cordova, Tennessee. Also on the agenda are Whitney Flatt, Tennessee Department of Agriculture international trade consultant who leads the Business Development Division's trade-focused initiatives, promoting Tennessee value-added food, horticulture, livestock and genetics and forestry and wood products abroad; Jennifer Houston, a Tennessee native and current president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA); Parks Wells, executive director of the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council located in Jackson, Tennessee; and Rob Dongoski, leader of Ernst and Young's (EY) Agribusiness sector.

Due to generous conference sponsorships, the conference registration fee will be waived for the first 75 participants who preregister as well as for all current university students. Preregistration for all others is \$50 prior to February 26, 2020, and \$75 after February 26, including on-site registration. To register, contact Joey Mehlhorn or Carrie Arant at [mehlhorn@utm.edu](mailto:mehlhorn@utm.edu) or call 731-881-7211. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Central, March 5, with Conference Kick-off at 10:00 a.m. Sessions will conclude by 3:15 p.m. Organized by the UT Center for Profitable Agriculture, conference sponsors include the Agricenter International; Farm Credit Mid-America; Tennessee Cattlemen's Association; Tennessee Corn Production Council; Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association; Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation; Tennessee Farmers' Cooperative; Tennessee Forestry Association; Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council, Tyson Obion County Complex; and UT Extension.

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[https://ag.tennessee.edu/news/Documents/UT19-9\\_Mid-South-Ag-Conference-Trifold-7.pdf](https://ag.tennessee.edu/news/Documents/UT19-9_Mid-South-Ag-Conference-Trifold-7.pdf)

## Please Save these Dates:

**Thursday, February 20: East TN Regional Meeting at Ye Olde Steak House, Knoxville**

**Program:** Dr. Andrew Muhammad from UT Dept. of Ag and Resources Economics to discuss the effect of Hardwood Tariffs on TN Wood Products production & exports, as well as other Hardwood Issues of Interest. Flyers will be mailed soon. Contact TFA to RSVP. 5:00 pm ET Social Time & Registration. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. ET program following.

## February 3-5: Biomass Conference & Expo in Nashville

The biomass industry is changing fast. And the best way to get educated, is to plan to attend the Leverage International Biomass and Conference. For more information check out: [www.biomassconference.com](http://www.biomassconference.com) or call 866.746.8395

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## Mid-South Agricultural Trade Conference Brochure (PDF)



## Tuesday, March 10: TFA Tree Day at the Legislature & Legislative Reception

Tree Day meet at Cordell Hull Building at 10:00 am CT; Legislative Reception at Sheraton Downtown/Skye Room starts at 5:00 pm CT. More information on participation, please contact Candace at TFA.