Forestland Productivity

This table can help forestland owners or managers plan the use of soils for wood crops. It shows the potential productivity of the soils for wood crops.

Potential productivity of merchantable or common trees on a soil is expressed as a site index and as a volume number. The site index is the average height, in feet, that dominant and codominant trees of a given species attain in a specified number of years. The site index applies to fully stocked, even-aged, unmanaged stands. Commonly grown trees are those that forestland managers generally favor in intermediate or improvement cuttings. They are selected on the basis of growth rate, quality, value, and marketability. More detailed information regarding site index is available in the "National Forestry Manual," which is available in local offices of the Natural Resources Conservation Service or on the Internet.

The *volume of wood fiber*, a number, is the yield likely to be produced by the most important tree species. This number, expressed as cubic feet per acre per year and calculated at the age of culmination of the mean annual increment (CMAI), indicates the amount of fiber produced in a fully stocked, even-aged, unmanaged stand.

Trees to manage are those that are preferred for planting, seeding, or natural regeneration and those that remain in the stand after thinning or partial harvest.

Reference:

United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, National forestry manual.

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Forestland Productivity–Wilcox County, Alabama						
Map unit symbol and soil name	Potential productivity			Trees to manage		
	Common trees	Site Index	Volume of wood fiber			
			Cu ft/ac			
BrB—Brantley fine sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes						
Brantley	Loblolly pine	90	114.00	Loblolly pine		
	Shortleaf pine	80	114.00			
DwC—Demopolis-Watsonia complex, 2 to 8 percent slopes						
Demopolis	Eastern redcedar	40	43.00	Eastern redcedar		
Watsonia	Eastern redcedar	40	43.00	Loblolly pine		
	Loblolly pine	75	100.00			
LvD2—Luverne fine sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes, eroded						
Luverne	Loblolly pine	90	129.00	Loblolly pine		
	Shortleaf pine	80	157.00			

Forestland Productivity–Wilcox County, Alabama						
Map unit symbol and soil name	Potential productivity			Trees to manage		
	Common trees	Site Index	Volume of wood fiber			
			Cu ft/ac			
OkB—Oktibbeha clay loam, 1 to 5 percent slopes						
Oktibbeha	Eastern redcedar	_	57.00	Loblolly pine		
	Loblolly pine	90	129.00			
	Shortleaf pine	80	129.00			
	Southern red oak	_	57.00			
OtE2—Oktibbeha-Brantley complex, 5 to 25 percent slopes, eroded						
Oktibbeha	Eastern redcedar	_	57.00	Loblolly pine		
	Loblolly pine	90	129.00			
	Shortleaf pine	80	129.00			
	Southern red oak	_	57.00			
Brantley	Loblolly pine	90	114.00	Loblolly pine		
	Shortleaf pine	70	114.00			
SaF—Saffell-Smithdale- Luverne complex, 8 to 35 percent slopes						
Saffell	Loblolly pine	70	100.00	Loblolly pine, Longleaf pine		
	Longleaf pine	60	100.00			
Smithdale	Loblolly pine	85	129.00	Loblolly pine		
	Shortleaf pine	70	72.00			
Luverne	Loblolly pine	90	129.00	Loblolly pine		
	Shortleaf pine	80	86.00			
SnA—Sucarnoochee silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes, frequently flooded						
Sucarnoochee	Cherrybark oak	_		-		
	Eastern cottonwood	110	157.00			
	Green ash	85	57.00			
	Sweetgum	100	143.00			

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Wilcox County, Alabama Survey Area Data: Version 6, Dec 19, 2013