

## **GEORGIA CARBON SEQUESTRATION REGISTRY PUBLIC HEARING**

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### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

#### **What Do You Like Most about the Registry and Why?**

- Potential to make additional \$'s from timber land.
- Science involved in the process (objective, reproducible, etc.).
- UGA and GFC involvement.
- Presenters/organizations have credibility.
  
- Would give growers of timber an incentive to help clean atmosphere and pay them for their efforts.
- Would give industry a way to pay for creating carbon dioxide.
- Would be good for the State of Georgia.
  
- Help global warming maybe.
- CRP planted trees may be eligible.
- Can pasture land be used for grazing?
- How many years would you sign up for?
- Is it a long term commitment; if you chose to sell property would it still be under contract or would it be released immediately?
- If the owner died, what would happen?
  
- Another way to encourage the landowner to plant trees.

#### **Are There Aspects of the Registry Do You Disagree With and Why?**

- How complicated is it to register the timber?
- How large does the tract need to be?
  
- Not knowing the price per ton, etc. weight?
- Don't understand all about it would need more information.
  
- Do not know enough at this time. All sounds good. Keep moving!

- May not be enough “monetary” incentive.
- Can Georgia emitters also sequester?
- Conflicts with CCX?
- Entire process is not easily quantified or understood.
- Political issue trying to be solved with a free market capital based solution.
- General fear of the unknown/future markets.
- Too much general uncertainty (emerging markets are scary).
- Who are my customers?
- What do I need to do to get into business?
- What do I need to do to get out of business?
- My land will be “encumbered” as a result.
- My land will be less marketable as a result.
- Do I have to register my land? (CCX)
- I will need to do a lot more inventory work/accounting/GFC interaction, etc.
- My costs may go up more than my revenues (cost/benefit test).
- If I change land use, do I have to write someone a check?

### **Do You Have Suggestions On How The Registry Can Be Improved?**

- Get website up and running.
- Need G and Y models for wetland stands.
- Need quantification of genetic improvement.
- Outline the certified forester short course (online).
- Coordination/streamlining w/CCX (to avoid).
- Accept national certification of foresters that go thru GA training.
- Minimize cost to landowner.
- Accept remote sensing data for inventory.
- Need to have a national protocol for establishing a registry - This will involve politics.
- Needs to be explained to other states.
- Have a simple contract with needed information for sign up.
- Check with Farm Service Agency (FSA) to see if CRP payment would be affected. I have trees in CRP.