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An Update Concerning the SRS FIA Program

SRS FIA Information Update

I've discussed this previously in this exact place (October 2017 issue of *The Inventory* to be specific), but I recently attended meetings with individuals from the National Forest System of the USDA Forest Service which reminded me that FIA can do a better job on data-information-knowledge sharing/transfer. We have tools in place that can query the online FIA database and systems that allow users to download FIA data files, but they need training and guides to use these systems. Based on my conversations at these sessions, this is not enough!

The solution forward needs to be two separate but related paths. The first is online tools and systems that do NOT require a detailed understanding of FIA data—its structure, format, definitions, and data collection procedures. More on that later in a future edition of *The Inventory*. The second aspect is better training and communication of existing tools and systems to assist users of FIA data. I'm reiterating my previous request for some input on questions that could assist FIA in developing the next steps and moving forward:

- How do we increase the use of FIA data to nontraditional FIA data users?
- Does the training being provided need to be altered depending on the FIA data user?
- How to improve training on the use of FIA data through online database applications?
- Are there additional tools/guides that would improve the understanding and use of FIA data?
- What training activities should FIA do more of? Less of?
- Are there different delivery mechanisms for FIA data that should/could be implemented?

Your input on this topic will be greatly appreciated by the FIA Program. Please contact me via phone and/or email (contact information is below) if you have answers to these questions and suggestions to offer.

If you have technical questions regarding FIA, please submit them to Janet Griffin (janetgriffin@fs.fed.us) and we will address them in a future issue of *The Inventory*. Thank you for your interest in FIA and please let us know how we may serve you in the future.

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***The 2019 FIA
Stakeholders Science
Meeting—Celebrating
Progress, Possibilities,
and Partnerships***

*November 19–21, 2019
Knoxville, Tennessee*

We invite you to join us for the 2019 Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Stakeholders Science Meeting to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, November 19th–21st, 2019.

This meeting and workshop draws a world-class group of partners, practitioners, and scientists with regional, national, and international inventory and monitoring missions. Maintaining the Forest Service’s leadership in this area requires both regular consultation with FIA’s users, as well as periodic technical exchange among scientists cooperating with FIA in fields such as data visualization, statistical inference, and remote sensing inventory techniques.

The 2019 FIA Stakeholders Science Meeting is being hosted by the USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station FIA program and NCASI. Specifically, we invite presentations that help advance the goals of:

- Maximizing the value of the “annual” sample design;
- Advancing the development of delivery tools to meet client needs and take advantage of ever-expanding options for data visualization and communication;
- Assuring data continuity and tools that support a variety of land management and NFS planning needs;
- Integrating more powerful and efficient monitoring technologies and statistical techniques into established analysis lines; and,
- Supporting FIA’s expansion in areas such as enhanced timber product monitoring, improved carbon/biomass estimates,

enhanced ownership study, land cover/use research, urban inventory, monitoring of Interior Alaska, and small area estimation.

As we prepare the 2019 agenda, please consider offering an organized session, presenting an oral presentation of your research, or a demonstration of your work during the popular Digital Engagement session. Please visit fiascience.org to submit an abstract.

Types of abstracts/proposals we are seeking:

- Organized Session
- Oral presentation
- Digital engagement (applications, tools, databases, websites, storymaps, digital poster)

Deadlines:

- Deadline for submission of oral presentation abstracts is June 28th, 2019
- Deadline for submission of digital engagement abstracts is August 30th, 2019

Submission Instructions: Please visit <https://fiascience.org/call-for-abstracts/> to submit your abstract.

Publication of Proceedings: Submitted abstracts will be distributed digitally at the meeting. Meeting presenters are encouraged to more fully document their contributions by submitting an extended abstract for inclusion in a General Technical Report to be published shortly after the conclusion of the meeting. Extended abstract submission details will be provided to all authors and made available on the meeting website.

For more information, please contact the meeting organizers: fia_science@fs.fed.us.

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**Celebrating Progress, Possibilities, and Partnerships
The 2019 FIA Stakeholders Science Meeting**

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National FIA Users Group Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky

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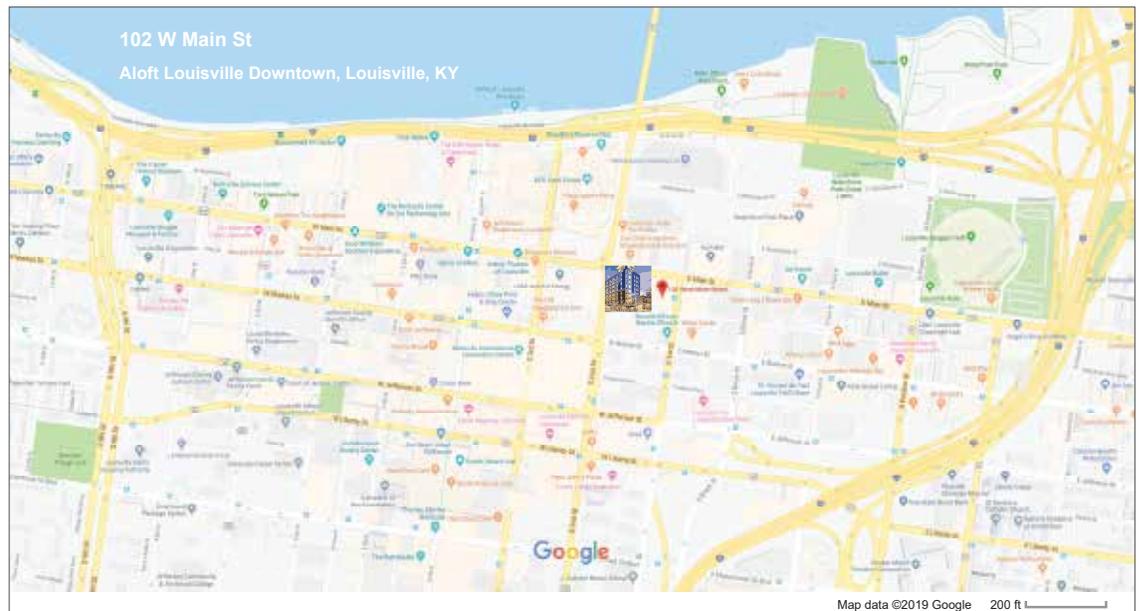
The Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program of the USDA Forest Service is the most important source of data and information about forest conditions and trends in the United States. FIA data are used for many purposes, including wood supply analysis, conservation planning, carbon cycle modeling, and assessment of sustainability.

The 2019 National FIA User Group Meeting will be in Louisville, Kentucky on April 16th–18th. Participants will learn about current issues affecting the FIA Program, status of various FIA projects, user applications of FIA data, and

will have the opportunity to provide input to FIA program leaders on the needs and priorities of FIA data users. This meeting is organized and planned by FIA Data Users and Partners.

Registration is free, and we ask everyone who plans to attend to register so that we can arrange for food and transportation. A more detailed agenda, information about the venue and lodging, and access to registration are available at <https://www.regonline.com/fiausergroup2019>.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Louisville!



FY 2019 Publications Published since December, 2018

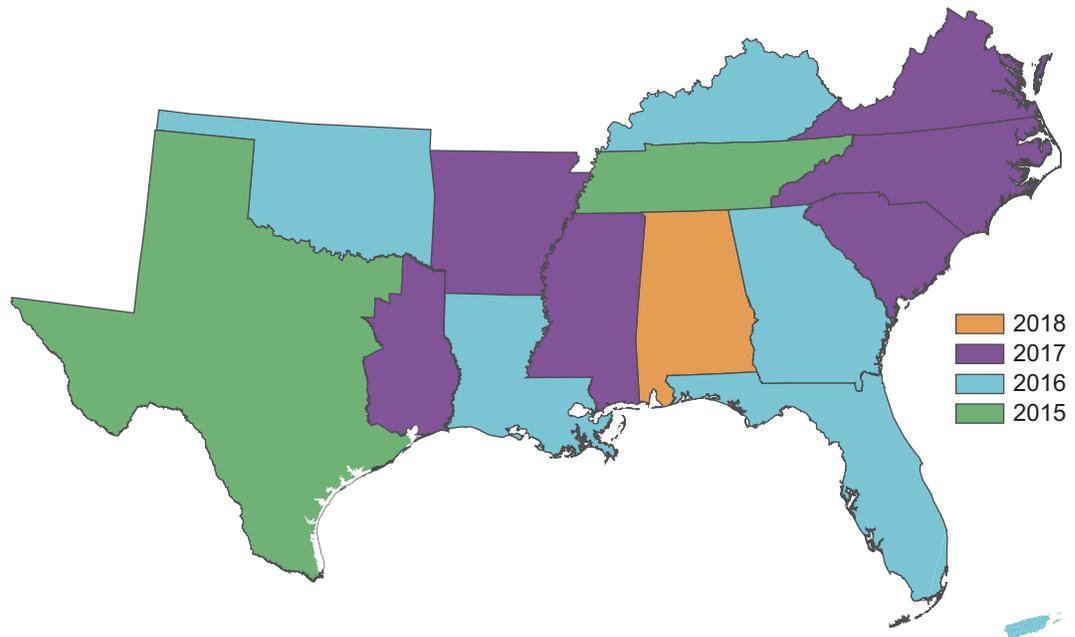
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Frey, G.E.; Chamberlain, J.L.; Prestemon, J.P. 2018. The potential for a backward-bending supply curve of non-timber forest products: An empirical case study of wild

American ginseng production. *Forest Policy and Economics*. 97: 97–109. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.forpol.2018.09.011>.

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Current Status of FIA Data Posted



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Status of Current Field Inventories

State	Cycle start date	Subcycle start date	Cycle and inventory year of current inventory	Percent of current subcycle collection completed
Alabama	2016	Apr., 2018	10:2019	91
Arkansas	2016	Mar., 2018	11:2018	100
Arkansas ^o	2017	Mar., 2019	11:2019	4
Florida	2014	Dec., 2017	10:2017	70
Georgia	2015	June 2018	11:2018	60
Kentucky	2016	June 2018	08:2017	53
Louisiana	2016	Oct., 2017	09:2017	61
Mississippi	2016	Mar., 2018	10:2018	99
Mississippi ^o	2017	Mar., 2019	10:2019	2
North Carolina	2016	Nov., 2018	10:2019	42
Oklahoma (east)	2015	Jan., 2018	09:2017	100
Oklahoma (west)	2009	Mar., 2018	02:2017	53
Puerto Rico	2016	Nov., 2017	06:2018	84
South Carolina	2017	Apr., 2018	12:2018	96
Tennessee	2016	Sep., 2018	10:2017	50
Texas (east)	2013	Feb., 2018	10:2018	99
Texas (east) ^o	2013	Nov., 2018	10:2019	11
Texas (west)	2015	Nov., 2018	02:2017	37
U.S. Virgin Islands	2014	Sep., 2014	03:2014	100
Virginia	2017	Aug., 2018	11:2018	44

Information compiled March 22, 2019.

^oClosing out prior panel—beginning new panel.

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FIA is a USDA Forest Service research work unit which collects, analyzes, and reports on data pertaining to our forest land in the Southern region. This region includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Virginia.

FIA conducts this program of research to improve the understanding of the Southern forest ecosystem.

Government and private agencies utilize this data to monitor forest resources, forest use, and forest health. The collection of data is done on private and public land.

Our system development success is a direct result of our partners, our talented scientists, analysts, computer specialists, and other staff members who have continually contributed to the mission of this complex project.

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National and Southern FIA Web sites of Interest

National FIA Web site: <http://www.fia.fs.fed.us>
National FIA database available at: <http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/>
National Timber Product Output (TPO) database available at: <http://srsfia2.fs.fed.us/>
National Woodland Owner Survey Web site: <http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos/>
Information specific to Southern States: <http://srsfia2.fs.fed.us/>
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