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An Update Concerning the SRS FIA Program

SRS FIA Information Update

It has certainly been an exciting last year or so in the FIA Program, with the Farm Bill being passed, development of a new draft FIA Strategic Plan plus all of the uncertainty regarding the FIA budget. At times, I could do with a little less excitement. In addition to these areas, FIA is being tasked with examining the potential to make improvements and additions to the FIA Program such as urban FIA inventory, expansion of the National Woodland Owner Survey to corporate forest landowners, and nationalization of the Timber Product Output Survey. We have reported on these and other improvements, enhancements, and additions to FIA through this information update.

One area that has remained constant is the dedication of SRS FIA staff to providing the best possible product to our data users, cooperators, and partners. The SRS FIA personnel have always dedicated themselves to delivering the best possible “product” and providing excellent customer service. It is probably one of the major reasons that FIA is the “go-to-program” to meet expanded forest inventory needs. I probably don’t say it enough to the SRS FIA personnel but “**Job well done and keep up the good work!**” I know many of you have expressed similar sentiments to me about the service and effort delivered by SRS FIA. These comments are greatly appreciated. It is our pleasure to meet your forest inventory needs.

As always, if you have any technical questions regarding FIA, please submit those questions to Charlene Walker (cwalker@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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Status of Current Field Inventories

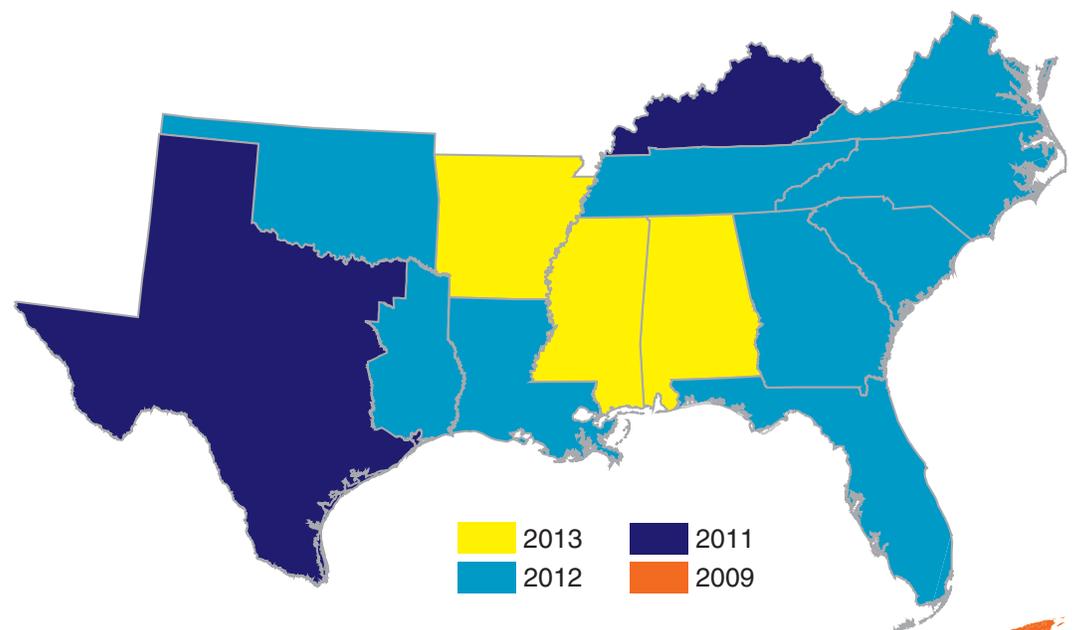
State	Cycle start date	Subcycle start date	Cycle and subcycle of current inventory	Percent of current subcycle collection completed
Alabama	2012	Sept-13	10-2014	61
Arkansas	2010	Jan-14	10-2014	30
Florida	2014	Feb-14	10-2014	30
Georgia	2009	Nov-13	10-2014	47
Kentucky	2010	June-13	7-2013	47
Louisiana	2009	Feb-14	8-2014	22
Mississippi	2009	Aug-13	9-2014	81
North Carolina	2008	Oct-13	9-2014	57
Oklahoma (east)	2010	Jan-14	8-2014	65
Oklahoma (west)	2009	June-14	2-2014	0
Puerto Rico	2011	June-13	5-2013	84
South Carolina	2012	Jan-14	11-2014	31
Tennessee	2009	June-13	9-2013	76
Texas (east)	2013	Nov-13	10-2014	49
Texas (west)	2004	Apr-13	1-2013	51
U.S. Virgin Islands	2009	Aug-09	2-2009	100
Virginia	2012	Jan-14	10-2014	0

Information compiled May 28, 2014.

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Current Status of FIA Data Posted

Most Recent FIA Data by State and Collection Year



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International Forest Inventory Data Analysis Course

Humfredo Marcano and Tom Brandeis along with Noé Pérez and Oscar Lai (Forest Service International Programs) traveled to Siguatepeque, Honduras to teach a forest inventory data analysis short course to personnel from the Escuela Nacional de Ciencias Forestales (National Forest Sciences School) of Honduras and participants from Peru and Mexico from May 6-16, 2014, sponsored by U.S. Forest Service International Programs. The Honduran government conducted a national forest inventory in 2005 and remeasured a portion of those plots in 2011 to 2012. They also just completed an intensified forest inventory in their national parks with special focus on quantifying their carbon stores. They requested assistance from the U.S. Forest Service in analyzing and presenting the results from these data.

The course material, prepared by Humfredo Marcano, Tom Brandeis, Anita Rose, and Chris Oswalt covered data review, tree volume and biomass estimation, forest carbon measurement, and results presentation, as well as additional material on forest inventory principles and use of the SIBP2 software by Johnny Pérez and Asdrúbal Calderón. SIBP2 is a forest inventory data processing and estimation software developed by Asdrúbal Calderón for use with the Hondura national forest inventory and public lands inventory data. The course has been prepared in English and Spanish for use in multiple countries where FIA and SilvaCarbon are providing technical assistance to national forest inventories.



Working on the course agenda with (in clockwise order around the table starting front left) Humfredo Marcano, Noé Pérez, Asdrúbal Calderón, and Johnny Pérez.



Tom Brandeis leading the course module on volume, biomass, and carbon estimation.

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FY2014 Publications Published Since March 2014

Askew, E.A.; English, D.B.K.; Zarnoch, S.J. [and others]. 2014. Mitigating budget constraints on visitation volume surveys; the case of U.S. national forests. Gen. Tech. Rep. SRS-192. Asheville, NC: U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Southern Research Station. 21 p.

Oswalt, S.N. 2014. Forests of Louisiana. 2012. Resource Update FS-5. Asheville, NC: U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Southern Research Station. 4 p.

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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/other/default.asp>

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/>

Electronic copies of SRS FIA publications at: <http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/>