

# FY 2009 PROPOSED WORK PLAN

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As presented to the Forest Health Cooperative  
Advisory Committee

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# AUBURN UNIVERSITY - FOREST HEALTH COOPERATIVE

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### GOAL A: RESEARCH

#### Objective 1. Identify research projects

Proposed:

1. Delineating loblolly pine decline in the Southeast using county survey and FHM/FIA data
2. *Hylastes* population dynamics and forest health evaluation in association with thinning and harvesting
3. Resistance of *Pinus taeda* families under artificial inoculations with native and non-native *Leptographium* species involved in premature mortality

#### Objective 2. Recruit graduate students

There are currently openings for 3 graduate students for the Coop. These will depend on the projects chosen by the membership.

#### Objective 3. Initiate research projects

Determine location, cooperators, and set up research plots dependent upon projects chosen by the membership.

### GOAL B: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

#### Objective 1. Serve as a clearinghouse of information related to forest health issues.

The Forest Health Cooperative Staff will continue to update the Forest Health Cooperative website for use by Forest Health Cooperative Members.

#### Objective 2. Efficiently and regularly transfer the results of cooperative research to the membership.

*Research Reports* – We plan on producing Research Reports and Technical Notes in FY09.

*Newletters* – Newsletter distribution will be planned for March and September. Members are encouraged to submit articles.

#### Objective 3. Provide a limited consultancy function to the membership in the area of forest health.

*Individual and Organized Contacts* – Will be handled as individual situations and cases arise.

*Short Courses* – If there is enough interest, a Short Course in Forest Health will be planned for August 2009.

## **GOAL C: COOP DEVELOPMENT**

**Objective 1. Provide for the continual relevancy and efficiency of the Cooperative research and technology transfer programs.**

*Advisory Committee Meeting* – The FY10 Advisory Committee Meeting will be held the second week in November 2009. A 2 ½ day meeting will be planned. If there are any meetings that conflict with this time frame, let us know and we can try and accommodate Advisory Members.

*Forest Health Cooperative Membership* – The Forest Health Cooperative staff should make an effort to recruit new members.

*Update the Coop Membership Directory* – An on-going activity.

**Objective 2. Increase the visibility and effectiveness of the Cooperative as a source of information on issues related to forest health.**

*Presentations at Meetings* – Forest Health Cooperative staff will continue to be encouraged to participate as a speaker or attendee in regional and national meetings.

*Publications* – Forest Health Cooperative staff are encouraged to publish research results in scientific journals.