

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

Hurricane Helene Agricultural and Timber Relief Fund

Forest Management Plan Assistance Payment

The Forest Management Plan Assistance Payment is established to offset a portion of the cost incurred by eligible forest landowners in obtaining an updated forest management plan as a condition of receiving financial assistance for timber damaged by Hurricane Helene.

Payments shall be determined based on the total verified acres of hurricane-damaged timber as follows:

Damaged Timber Acreage Plan Payment

10 – 75 acres	\$200
76 – 150 acres	\$450
151 – 300 acres	\$650
301+ acres	\$750

Program Administration:

- Payments are subject to availability of funds.
- The Division may amend payment tiers or program requirements if necessary to ensure fiscal sustainability, subject to applicable administrative procedures.
- The payment shall be disbursed only upon submission and approval of the completed forest management plan.
- The payment shall be disbursed only upon submission and approval of an itemized proof of payment for an accredited forester (receipt, invoice, etc.).
- The payment is intended solely to offset plan development costs and does not constitute reimbursement for timber losses or restoration activities.
- The Division reserves the right to deny applications that fail to meet documentation, verification, or plan quality standards.