

## **Dr. H. Lee Allen Jr.**

Dr. H. Lee Allen Jr. is Professor Emeritus and Director Emeritus, Forest Nutrition Cooperative, Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, North Carolina State University and a forestry consultant.

Dr. Allen received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Sciences degrees in forestry from the University of Maine in 1976 and 1978, respectively. He earned a Ph.D. in forestry from North Carolina State in 1981 and joined the faculty of North Carolina State that same year.

Dr. Allen has devoted his teaching and research career to developing and communicating the scientific and practical basis for managing and conserving forest lands in order to provide the goods, services, and values needed by society.

He assumed the directorship of the Forest Fertilization Cooperative in 1981. Under his leadership it became the internationally recognized Forest Nutrition Cooperative – a teaching, research and service partnership of North Carolina State, Virginia Tech, the University of Concepcion in Chile and 38 commercial and public forestry interests across the southern United States and Latin America, with 24 million acres of forest plantations under management.

Allen's research on sustainable production and silviculture, the development and care of forests; ecophysiology, the study of the relationships between the physiology of organisms and environmental factors; and genetic differences in resource acquisition and use has yielded more than 240 research publications and millions of dollars in research funding.

He has supervised 18 doctoral and 35 master's students – including 26 international students – who now hold influential positions around the world. He has delivered workshops to more than 3,500 foresters and forest landowners. His service to the Southern forestry industry has increased its competitiveness, annually resulting in an estimated 15 million more tons of wood and \$400 million in additional value.

In recognition of Dr. Allen's outstanding career, North Carolina State University awarded him the Alexander Quarles Holladay Medal for Excellence, the highest honor bestowed on a faculty member by the trustees and the university.

Dr. Allen is a member of North Carolina State's Academy of Outstanding Teachers, a recipient of an Outstanding Extension Service Award and Outstanding Teacher Awards, and has received a U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Certificate of Appreciation.



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