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**Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Office of Forestry
and
Department of Revenue
Tax Commission**

Timber Stumpage Values

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Forestry is hereby giving notice of the stumpage values that were adopted at the joint meeting of the Forestry Commission and Tax Commission held on December 8, 2002. The following stumpage values were adopted for the purpose of determining timber severance tax for calendar year 2004.

The Louisiana Forestry Commission, and the Louisiana Tax Commission, as required by R.S. 47:633, determined the following timber stumpage values based on current average stumpage market values to be used for severance tax computations for 2004.

Trees and Timber	Price/Scale	Price/Ton
Pine Sawtimber	\$324.50/MBF	\$40.56/Ton
Hardwood Sawtimber	\$298.22/MBF	\$31.39/Ton
Pine Chip and Saw	\$112.58/CD	\$41.69/Ton
Pulpwood		
Pine Pulpwood	\$19.16/CD	\$7.10/Ton
Hardwood Pulpwood	\$16.09/CD	\$5.64/Ton

Bob Odom
Commissioner

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**Office of the Governor
Office of Financial Institutions**

Judicial Interest Rate Determination for 2004

Louisiana R.S. 13:4202(B), as amended by Acts 2001, No. 841, requires the Louisiana Commissioner of Financial Institutions to determine the rate of judicial interest. The Commissioner has determined the judicial interest rate for the calendar year 2004 in accordance with §4202(B)(1).

The Commissioner ascertained that on October 1, 2003 the approved discount rate of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors which was in effect on October 1, 2003, was 2 percent.

R.S. 13:4202(B)(1) mandates that "on and after January 1, 2002, the rate shall be equal to the rate as published annually ... by the commissioner of financial institutions. The commissioner of financial institutions shall ascertain, on the first business day of October of each year, the Federal Reserve Board of Governors' approved discount rate published daily in the Wall Street Journal. The effective judicial interest rate for the calendar year following the calculation date shall be 3 1/4 percentage points above the discount rate as ascertained by the commissioner." Thus, the effective judicial interest rate for the calendar year 2004 shall be 5.25 percent per annum.

This determination and its publication in the *Louisiana Register* shall not be considered rule-making, within the intendment of R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, particularly R.S. 49:953; therefore, neither a fiscal impact statement nor a notice of intent is required.

John D. Travis
Commissioner

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Veterinary Medicine**

Board Meeting Dates

The Members of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates in 2004:

Thursday, February 5, 2004
Thursday, April 8, 2004
Thursday, June 3, 2004 (Annual Meeting)
Thursday, August 5, 2004
Thursday, October 7, 2004
Thursday, December 2, 2004

These dates are subject to change, so please contact the board office via telephone at (225) 342-2176 or email at lbvm@eatel.net to verify actual meeting dates.

Spring/Summer Examination Dates

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will administer the State Board Examination (SBE) for licensure to practice veterinary medicine on the first Tuesday of every month. Deadline to apply for the SBE is the third Friday prior to the examination date desired. SBE dates are subject to change due to office closure (i.e. holiday, weather).

The Board will accept applications to take the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) which will be administered through the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME), formerly the National Board Examination Committee (NBEC), as follows.

Test Window Date	Deadline to Apply
April 5 through April 17, 2004	Tuesday, February 5, 2004

The Board will also accept applications for and administer the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) for state registration of veterinary technicians as follows.

Test Date	Deadline to Apply
Friday, June 18, 2004	Friday, May 7, 2004

Applications for all examinations must be received on or before the deadline. No late application will be accepted. Requests for special accommodations must be made as early as possible for review and acceptance. Applications and information may be obtained from the board office at 263 Third Street, Suite 104, Baton Rouge, LA 70801 and by request via telephone at (225) 342-2176 or by e-mail at atlsvm@eatel.net; application forms and information are also available on the website at www.lsbvm.org.

Wendy D. Parrish
Administrative Director

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Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation

Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Office of Conservation records indicate that the Oilfield Sites listed in the table below have met the requirements as set forth by Section 91 of Act 404, R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared Orphaned Oilfield Sites.

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
McCormick Operating Company	King's Bayou	L	John A. Montie et al.	001	139007
Campbell & Morris	Bellevue	S	Campbell	001	147178
Lanmarc Resources	Caddo Pine Island	S	Slattery	001	12635
Lanmarc Resources	Caddo Pine Island	S	Slattery	002	37156
Lanmarc Resources	Caddo Pine Island	S	Slattery	003	37205

Lanmarc Resources	Caddo Pine Island	S	AR-LA Gas Fee	001	57475
Lanmarc Resources	Caddo Pine Island	S	AR-LA Gas Fee	002	58223
Lanmarc Resources	Caddo Pine Island	S	AR-LA Gas Fee	005	59246
Lanmarc Resources	Caddo Pine Island	S	AR-LA Gas Fee	003	61110
Lanmarc Resources	Monroe	M	Marcovitz	001	171645
Signal Oil & Gas Company, Inc.	Bay St. Elaine	L	VUB;SL 2517 LL&E	02	93628
Signal Oil & Gas Company, Inc.	Rousseau	L	VUA; Ferdinand A. Leblanc	01	181865

James H. Welsh
Commissioner

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Student Financial Assistance Commission Office of Student Financial Assistance

Scholarship/Grant Programs

(LAC 28:IV.301, 507, 509, 701, 703, 803, 805, 1701, 1703, 1705, 1903, 2103, and 2105)

Editor's Note: The referenced Notice of Intent may be viewed on pages 1839-1847 of the September 2003 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

The public comment period for the processed changes to LAC 28:IV.301, 507, 509, 701, 703, 803, 805, 1701, 1705, 1903, 2103, and 2105 has been extended to January 5, 2004.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed changes until 4:30 p.m., January 5, 2004, to Jack L. Guinn, Executive Director, Office of Student Financial Assistance, P.O. Box 91202, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9202 or by fax (225) 925-7440.

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