

Farm Business SKILLNET



Forest Assessor

Know the value before you sell

To book the service call IFA on 1890 989 398

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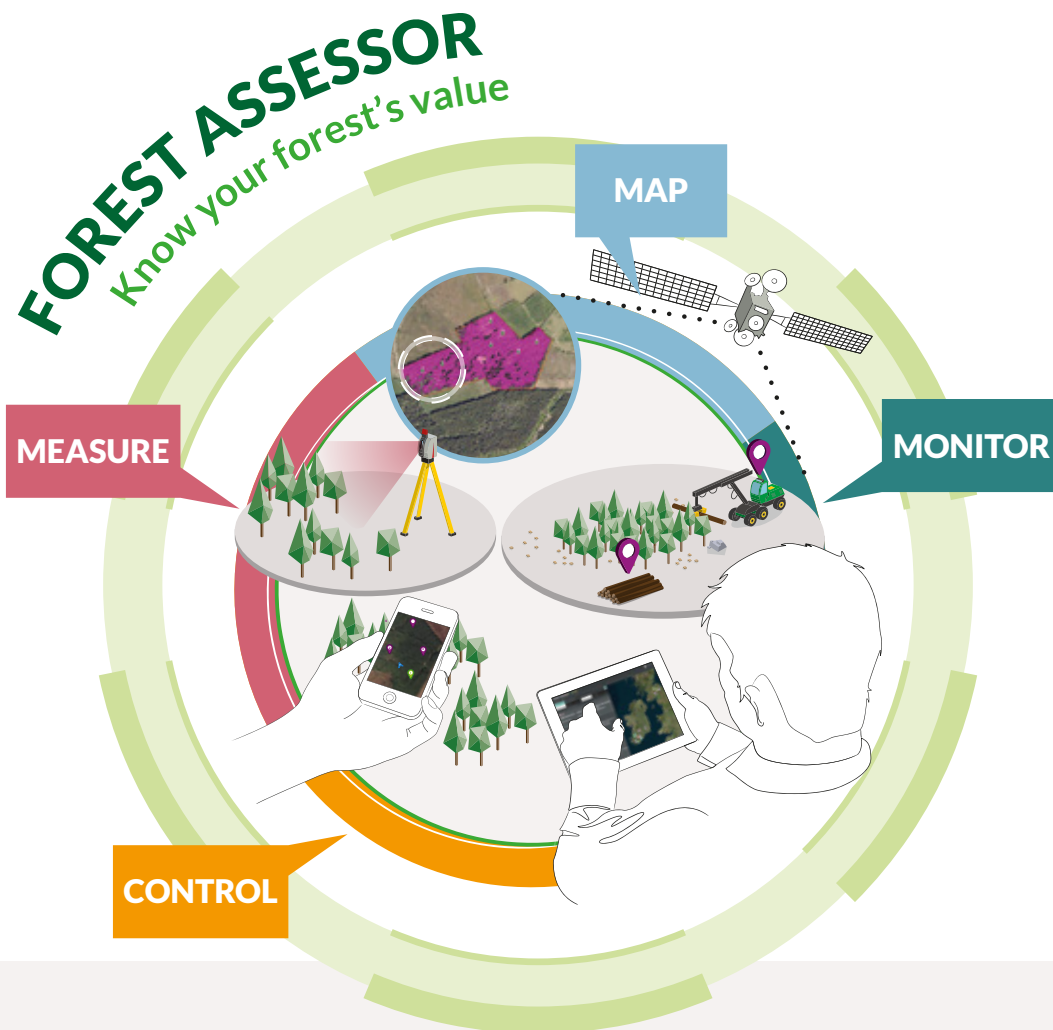
Forest Assessor is a new service provided by IFA to private forest owners, in association with Treemetrics, who are international leaders in forest measurement, valuation and timber yield optimisation.

Why use Forest Assessor?

- The Forest Assessor system gives you an accurate valuation of the timber in your forest with up to date market prices
- It provides you with a detailed breakdown of the products in your forest i.e. sawlog, pallet, stake, pulp, and explains precisely how the value is calculated
- Area maps and satellite imagery highlight clearly the situation on the ground.

IFA Farm Forestry Members will receive a 25% discount on the cost of this service.

To discuss the Forest Assessor service please call IFA on 1890 989 398.



How does the service work?

MAP – we use a web based mapping system to analyse the number and distribution of trees in your forest and to plan your inventory

MEASURE – our foresters use laser scanning equipment to collect measurements at various locations throughout the forest. This gives us a highly accurate picture of the precise state of all trees in your forest and allows us to categorise them for you by species, size and location.

MONITOR – Real and up-to-date market prices will be used to value the timber in your forest. You will be able to monitor your forest's value, and its condition both online and through automatically generated reports.

CONTROL – With all of the information on your forest available in one place and updating continually, you will be able to make better informed decisions, at the right moments in time to maximise the value returned by your forest.

Cost

Prices of Forest Assessor for IFA Farm Forestry members (excluding VAT). This price includes 25% discount exclusive to IFA Farm Forestry members.

Breakdown of charges	Thinnings	Clearfell
Mapping, inventory planning & data processing	€200	€300
Data collection charge/ha (equipment, labour)	€20/ha	€40/ha
Valuation report	€100	€200
Based on a 10 hectare Forest, the cost of the Forest Assessor to you would be	€500	€900

How to book the service

IFA is the sole booking agent for the Forest Assessor service.

- Call IFA on 1890-989398. A dedicated staff member will discuss the service with you.
- You must provide the address (townland) or GPS coordinate of your forest so your site can be identified.
- Treemetrics will contact you once the service has been booked to arrange a site visit.
- Once the analysis has been complete, a report will be posted to you. You will also be provided with a username and password if you wish to view your report online.



John's experience with Forest Assessor



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I used the Forest Assessor service before I carried out first thinnings on my crop. I was very satisfied and impressed with the service.

Treemetrics visited the site and took various measurements throughout the forest. I was given a copy of the report which predicted that specific quantities of pallet and pulp would be generated from the thinnings with an associated potential value, based on current market prices. I then sold my thinnings to the local mill and the predicted volumes and value were 98% accurate. The data provided in the report gives forest owners greater control and reduces the risk and uncertainty when going to the market. **JOHN MCDONALD, FARMER**

IFA Farm Forestry Member Benefits

The Farm Forestry section has a proven track record for delivering for farmers with forestry.

Under the new Forestry Programme 2014 – 2020, IFA secured a commitment from Government to invest €482 million in the private forest sector. This will fund 44,000 hectares of new forests and

700km of new forest road network to mobilise the private timber resource.

The Farm Forestry section works on behalf of farmers with forestry to protect their right to grow and manage their forests to maximise the economic profitability of the timber crop.

Join Today and Strengthen the Voice of Farmers with Forestry

REPRESENTATION at local, national and European level to positively influence forest policy and reduce red tape.

ADVISORY & INFORMATION SERVICE that provides independent professional advice and information to members on all aspects of forestry from planting to marketing timber.

NEWSLETTER written specially for farmers with forestry to keep them updated on the latest policies, schemes, management, environmental issues and other forestry news.

TIMBER MARKET REPORTS offers the latest timber price information per product based on best available market information.

NATIONAL FARM FORESTRY CONFERENCE is free to members and offers an opportunity to network with other forest owners and professionals.

ON-LINE DIRECTORY provides easy access to contact details for forestry advisors, companies, consultants, harvesting contractors and sawmills in your county and nationally.

To become a member of the IFA Farm Forestry section, you must first be an IFA member which is a minimum subscription of €80. Farm Forestry membership is €25 for forests up to 10 hectares with an additional €1 per hectare up to a maximum of €130. For more information contact IFA Farm Forestry section on 01 426 0343.



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