

## GROWFOR workshop

The next training workshop on GROWFOR will be held in **Newport, Tipperary on Friday 1 July**. This course is delivered by Paddy Purser of Purser Tarleton Russell Ltd. on behalf of Forest Sector Development/COFORD Division of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine. The course attracts eight points under the Society of Irish Foresters Continuous Professional Development system.

GROWFOR is the software interface for Irish Dynamic Yield Models for different tree species and facilitates:

- Timber volume assessment and production forecasting using user specific forest management plans.
- Flexibility with regard to the timing and intensity of harvest operations across a range of conifer species and uses the user's own forest inventory data as input. It produces product assortments at every stage of stand development and users can avail of a range of price / size data to value timber harvests.
- The calculation of Net Present Value of crops.

The workshop involves a field session in a local forest in which participants gain a clear understanding of the necessary field data input requirements of GROWFOR and a brief session on how these data are collected. Then participants are shown how to use GROWFOR and complete a series of exercises using the package. Participants are asked, where possible, to bring their own laptop computers in order that the package can be installed correctly and in order that they can familiarize themselves with it on their own machines.

The cost of the workshop is €100, which includes a GROWFOR licence, access to ongoing back-up support via email and any GROWFOR updates as they are developed.

If you would like to book a place on this workshop then please contact Paddy Purser directly via [ptr@eircom.net](mailto:ptr@eircom.net) . Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. A waiting list for this course is maintained and further courses can be held based on demand.

The event will attract

**8 Society of Irish Foresters CPD points**