

Private Sector data working group

Terms of reference

Objectives

- **To improve the accuracy and quality of the private sector production forecast**
- **To encourage and achieve a greater level of engagement in the production forecast process by the private sector, by using its data, where available, as input to the forecast system.**
- To identify and define private sector data availability in terms of:
 - Ease of access
 - Currency
 - Accuracy and reliability
 - Confidentiality
 - Barriers to access and use
- To make the best use of existing data, where it is readily available, and agree ways to resolve any barriers to accessing it to allow straightforward data migration
- To develop a process for making the data available to the forecast at regular intervals.
- To work to create continuity between data input by the private sector to the forecast and that used for the Forestry Commission Estate
- To define cost effective and more accurate assessment of those mensurational values with a high influence on volume prediction such as PS yield classes, area, stems per hectare etc.
- To investigate ways of optimising the process for providing fit for purpose data to the production forecast
- To consider and make recommendations on steps to be taken towards developing plans and methodologies to allow future forecasts of hardwood production to be underpinned by better quality data.
- To foster a sense of shared ownership of the Production Forecast and to provide appropriate Private Sector representatives to the review process of the Production Forecast re write
- To prepare and communicate a project plan to the programme manager relating to the achievement of the above for approval by the Programme Board

- To communicate progress, risks and variances against the groups project plan to the programme manager for approval by the Programme Board

Timescale

To coincide with the requirements of the 2011 production forecast rewrite project