

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Carbon Credit?

One Carbon Credit = One Metric Ton of Carbon

What are my Carbon Credits Worth?

Like the Timber Market, the Carbon Credit Market is variable. The price that you get for your Credits will depend on the market price for the time period in which the Credits are sold.

How many Carbon Credits will my property produce?

The volume of credits that will be produced will vary for each tract. The volume of Carbon Credits for a piece of property is calculated on ton/acre basis. After performing an inventory of the property, the data that is collected will be placed into a specialized model that will calculate how many tons of carbon/acre will be produced for a set period of time. Some of the factors that affect the amount of carbon that will be sequestered include: species of timber, its origin (natural or planted), amount of competition, site index, type of site preparation, vegetation control, fertilization, and stocking level.

Are all types of landowners eligible to sell Carbon Credits?

Yes. Private Landowners, Industrial Landowners, Forestry Consultants, and Land Managers are eligible.

How do I sell the Carbon Credits produced by my property?

First, you should contact MidStar Timber Harvesting, Inc. to setup an appointment for us to evaluate your property. After we evaluate your property, we will work with you to create a Carbon Emissions Reduction Project. After the project is completed, the credits that will be produced on your property will be marketed.

How long are the contract periods?

The length of the contract will be decided by the landowner. A typical contract is for a 3-5 year period.

Does this contract restrict my timber harvesting or forest management activities?

No. This does not restrict any normal forest management activities, including timber harvesting. However, all management activities that occur during the contract period must be accounted for within a written management plan.

What are the costs associated with the development of a project?

The costs associated with a project vary with each project. However, all costs could be deferred until the credits produced by your property are marketed.

Who purchases Carbon Credits?

Anyone can purchase Carbon Credits. The buyers of these credits range from small businesses to large corporations.

Why do companies purchase Carbon Credits?

Companies buy Carbon Credits for many reasons. One of the most common reasons is to offset the amount of carbon that they release into the atmosphere during the production of their good and/or services. Another reason is so that they will have "Green", environmentally friendly image.

What type/age of timber is most productive?

The most productive sites are young pine plantations that range from 1-15 years of age. However, the species of timber, its origin (natural or planted), amount of competition, site index, type of site preparation, vegetation control, fertilization, and stocking level must also be considered. Although older stands are not as productive, they are still capable of sequestering a measurable amount of Carbon.