Loblolly Pine PRS



Performance Rating System

Full-sib Family Code: 1-CMP142

PRS Ratings — Predicted Family Performance

Productivity Rating
86

Rust Resistance Grade A

Stem Form Grade A+

The **PRS** ratings indicate that the progeny of family is projected to be:

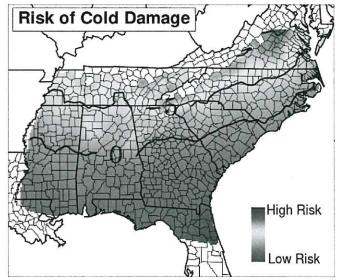
P = 86 → Approximately 86% greater stem volume at age 6 compared to the combined average of local non-improved loblolly pine checklots across the Piedmont regions of Georgia, the Carolinas, and the Upper Gulf Coastal Plain.

 $R = A \rightarrow Excellent$ for resistance to fusiform rust disease

 $S = A + \Rightarrow$ Superior for stem straightness

The minimum winter temperature "origin" of Family **1-CMP142** is 12.18°F (0° line). Planting in the green shaded areas on the map up to 5°F colder (south of -5° line) has minimal risk of cold damage¹. Planting in areas that are 5-10°F colder than the origin (between -5° and -10° lines) will increase the risk of cold damage. Areas that are more than 10°F colder than the origin are too cold and planting is not advised (north of -10° line).

Full-sib family 1-CMP142 has not been explicitly field tested, but both parents of this cross have been tested by members of the NC State University Cooperative Tree Improvement Program. The



performance of this cross is expected to be the average breeding value of the 2 parents for all traits.

¹These adaptability guidelines were developed by the USDA Forest Service (Schmidtling 2001), Southern Pine Seed Sources, available at: http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/gtr/gtr srs044.pdf

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Progeny test results for the average of the 2 parents used in this cross (mid-parent breeding values for measurements taken at age 6 years) are listed in the box to the right.

Volume Rating and Height Rating are predicted progeny performance of full-sib (FS) families² expressed as percentage deviations from the combined average of local non-improved loblolly pine checklots across the Piedmont regions of Georgia, the Carolinas, and the Upper Gulf Coastal Plain (e.g. CCC). Family 1-CMP142 is predicted to be 23% taller and have 86% more stem volume at age 6 years compared to non-improved check trees.

R-50 % of **15** indicates that this family is expected to have **15**% of the trees infected with fusiform rust galls at a site where non-improved loblolly pine would have 50% rust infection.

6-Year Mid-parent Progeny Test PRS Data	
Family: 1-CMP142 over CCC	
Volume Rating	86
Height Rating	23
R-50%	15
Straight %	57
Forking (F-50%) 36	

Straight % score of 57 indicates that this family is expected to have 57% straighter stems compared to the non-improved check trees.

Forking (F-50 %) of 36 indicates that this family is expected to have 36% of the trees with forked stems or major ramicorn branches at a site where non-improved loblolly pine would have 50% forked stems or ramicorn branches.

Use of the PRS™ Ratings

Customers are encouraged to fully understand the **PRS**TM Ratings. For a detailed description and limitations of the **PRS**TM Ratings, go to <u>www.TreeImprovement.org</u>. Version Piedmont 2017 V5 **PRS**TM Ratings can be used to compare the genetic potential of different families at age 6 years and not the absolute performance of a family at the time of harvest. These **PRS**TM Ratings are no guarantee of performance but are indicative of how this family is predicted to perform compared to non-improved loblolly pine if grown in the same environment. The actual performance of any loblolly pine family depends upon on nursery protocols, the quality of the planting site, the silvicultural practices imposed before, during, and after planting, and the climatic / environmental conditions throughout the life of the stand.

Test Data

Each family is tested by members of the NC State University Cooperative Tree Improvement Program. Standard progeny tests evaluate each family in a minimum of 4 test environments with a range of 60 to 144 seedlings total per family. The following traits are measured at 4 to 6 years in the field: total stem height, diameter at breast height (DBH), presence or absence of fusiform rust galls, straightness of each tree relative to the stand average, and presence of forks or major ramicorn branches. Individual tree volume is calculated for each tree using a standard volume equation. The 6-Year Progeny Test Data reported are the means of individual trees and not per acre estimates.

Rotation Age Projections

The ideal productivity rating is a rotation-age per acre volume and value estimate for each family, calculated using growth and yield models where the height, volume, and quality trait gains at 6 years of age are modeled to predict rotation age values. At this time, these projection systems are too variable and are dependent upon which growth and yield model is used. In future **PRS**^M versions, we hope to have more reliable estimates of rotation age volumes and values.

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²A full-sib family refers to progeny from a cross of selected parents that have been established in a loblolly pine seed orchard.