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CLP Mission – Professional Growth

It is the mission of the CLP program to provide the best possible training and education to people working in the Maine logging industry. The program is equally committed to recognizing the skill and professionalism of those who meet and exceed the CLP standard. The successful CLP candidate will be prepared to work safely, productively, and in a manner that protects, enhances and sustains the forest. Our program will evolve to reflect changes in the forest products industry and will provide a means for continued professional growth.

CLP History

The CLP program offers professional training and certification for Maine loggers. The program was founded in 1991 as a combined effort of loggers, landowners, environmental specialists and safety consultants to establish a standard for professionalism in the Maine woods. An immediate goal of the program was to combat the high rate of logging accidents and the resulting Worker's Compensation costs for logging contractors.

Today, under the sponsorship of the Maine TREE Foundation, the program takes pride in the fact that the accident rate for loggers is less than what it was when the program began. As a result, mechanical certified loggers have earned a Workers Compensation rate less than that on non-CLPs. Equally as important, our participants have helped CLP meet its overall objective of cultivating skill, knowledge and pride in the Maine woods.

Required Course Work:

To be certified, candidates must attend a CLP sponsored four day (34 hours total) workshop (outlined below) and then pass a work-site evaluation. The workshop included three days of classroom instruction in first-aid/CPR, forest management and silviculture, safe and efficient wood harvesting, and business. The final day is devoted to on-site instruction and hands-on tree felling using the nationally recognized Game of Logging system or mechanical harvesting safety. Times devoted to each topic may vary depending on the needs of the class.

Day 1 (10 hours)

Introduction to CLP & SFI – 2.5 hrs.
Professional Code of Ethics - .5 hrs.
Introduction to Safe and Efficient Harvesting – 4 hrs.
Logging Safety rules, OSHA regulations –
Transportation Safety - .5 hrs.
Introduction to the Business of Logging –
Worker's Compensation - .5hrs.
Independent contractor status - .5 hrs.
Understanding insurance - .5 hrs.
Marketing and utilization - .5 hrs.
Tracking operating costs - .5 hrs.

Day 2 (8 hours)

First Aid and CPR – 8 hrs.
Evacuation plan
CPR and rescue breathing
First aid for loggers
Blood borne pathogen program
First aid kit inventory

Day 3 (8 hours)

Forest Management and Silviculture – 2.5 hrs.
Forest Ecology and Management Systems
Harvesting Laws
Conserving Fish and Wildlife – 1.5 hrs.
Water Quality and Logging – 1.5 hrs.
Best Management Practices
Water Quality Laws
Controlled Yarding – 2.0 hrs.
Safe skidding and mechanical harvesting
Cutting area layout exercise
Hazardous Material Training - .5 hrs.

Day 4 (8 hours)

Directional Felling – 6 hrs.
Level I Game of Logging
Certification Interview Form Review – 1.5 hrs.
Ice Storm Damage Harvesting and Safety - .5 hrs.
or
Mechanical Harvesting Equipment Safety

Certification

To be certified, CLP candidates must pass an inspection at their work site. Evaluators interview each participant, observe their work practices, and then determine whether the logger adheres to the principles presented in class. The evaluators recommend either certification or non-certification to the CLP Board of Directors, which makes the final decision. If the initial interview does not result in certification, candidates are allowed as many follow-up interviews as necessary to meet CLP standards.

CLP candidates are offered certification in five separate categories:

- Conventional – skidder and chainsaw operators
- Mechanical – harvesting equipment operators
- Contractor/Supervisor – employers and people who supervise loggers
- Associate – people who have an interest in logging but who do not actively log or supervise loggers. This group includes foresters, truckers, and others who have a connection with the logging industry.
- Apprentice – graduates of high school and post secondary wood harvesting programs who qualify for the apprentice program can earn certification once they have six months paid experience and pass the field interview.

Re-Certification

A one day re-certification course and field inspection is required within a year of the initial instruction and certification, and every other year thereafter for all categories except supervisor/contractor. Because of their added responsibility for the performance and safety of others, supervisor/contractor CLPs must complete an additional day of job-site supervisor training within their first year. All CLPs are subject to periodic inspections and are kept abreast of program updates through newsletter, mailings, and an annual banquet.

Re-Certification Classes

Currently, CLP offers re-certification classes in Game of Logging Levels I – IV and Filing and Reduced Downtime for conventional loggers, Reducing Residual Stand Damage, Haz Mat and Jobsite Safety for mechanical loggers, Jobsite Evaluation and GPS & Layout classes for supervisor/contractors. CLP also approves outside workshops for re-certification in topics such as Best Management Practices, business management, estimating timber stand volume, and aesthetics. Candidates for re-certification may submit a request to the Board for approval of outside training classes they have attended or wish to attend. Conventional CLP candidates must complete Game of Logging levels I – III before any other training will count toward their re-certification.

Cost

The fee for the initial course and certification is \$545 per person, and \$150.00 for re-certification.

Training Summary:

Participants	Active CLPs	Total completing CLP certification requirement in 2009	Total fulfilling re-certification requirements in 2009	Total trained since 1991
Logging Contractors	249	8	80	626
Logging Employees	853 – mechanical 389 – conventional	68 – mechanical 21 – conventional	337 – mechanical 102 – conventional	1751 – mechanical 2771 – conventional
Others	112 – associates	3 – associates	22 – associates	492 – associates
TOTALS	1603	100	541	*5640

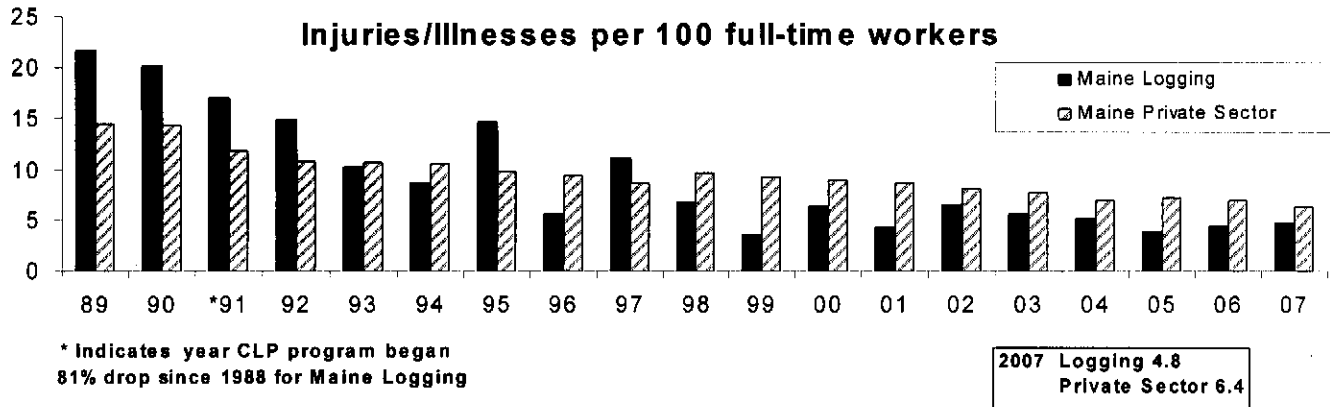
**The total number trained does not represent the number of people currently certified.*

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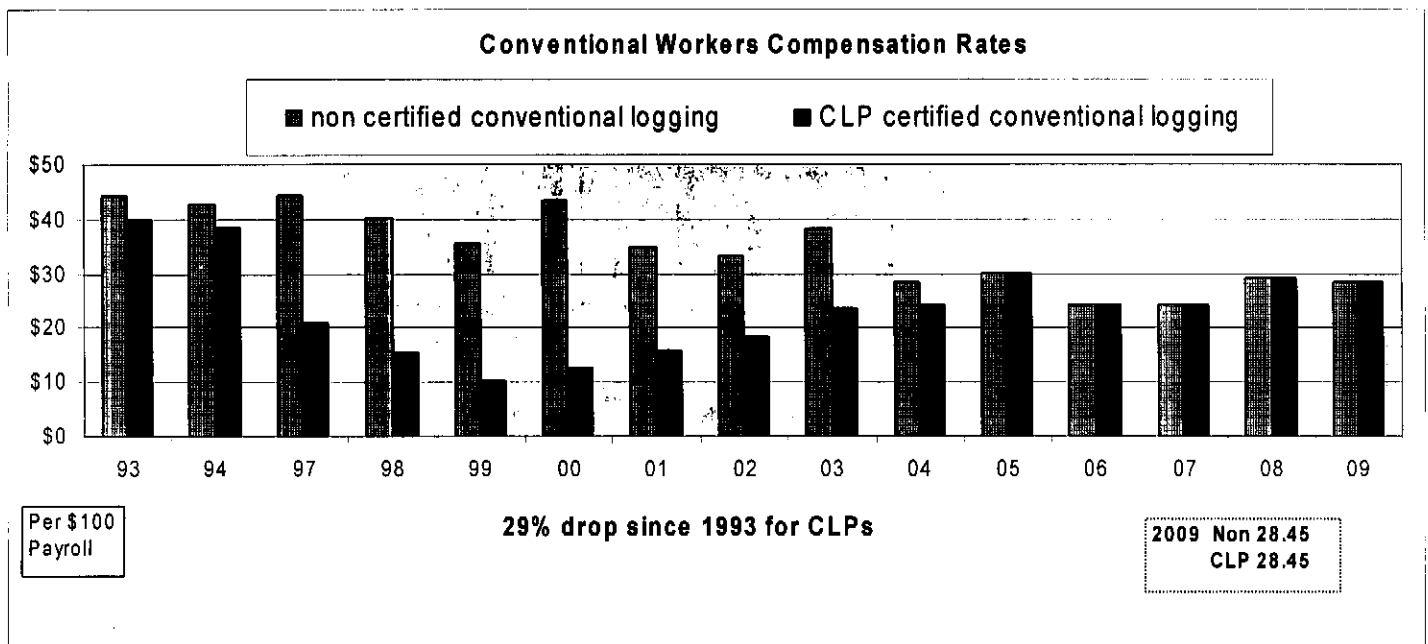
In 2008, CLP graduates produced approximately 5 million cords.

Numbers Don't Lie

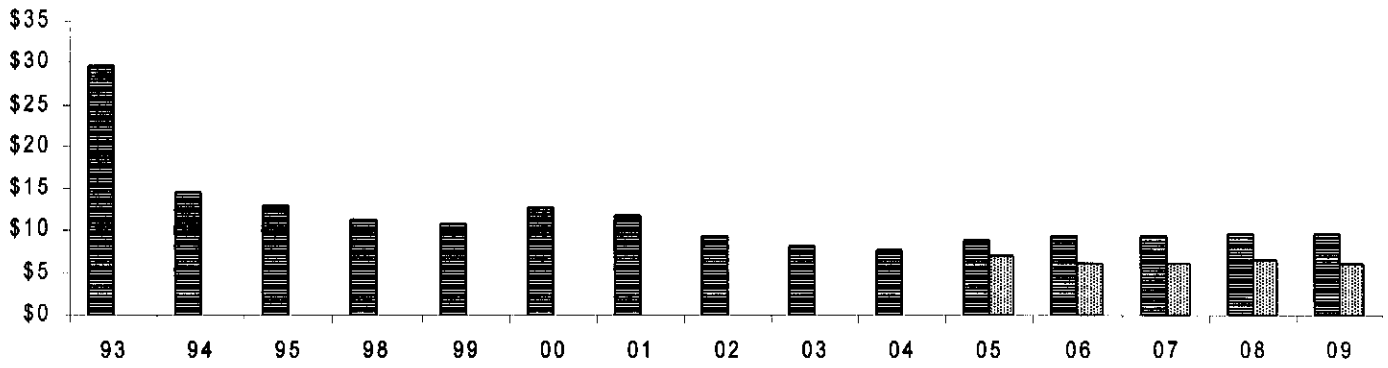
Figures from the Maine Department of Labor show a steady decline in the number of logging injuries and illnesses since the CLP program began in 1991. While several factors may have influenced this decline, the CLP program's emphasis on safety, and its requirement that CLPs maintain a high level of skill have played an undeniable role.



Statistics provided by the Maine Department of Labor



■ Mechanical - Non CLP ■ Mechanical - CLP



per \$100 payroll

Current CLP rate is 4.5 times less than in 1993

2009 Non 9.70
CLP 6.13

per \$100 payroll

■ Trucking

Code 2701
2009 - 9.73

