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**New book digs up the dirt on soil change**



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A new book by UGA assistant professor of forest soils Daniel Markewitz and Duke University's Daniel Richter documents the history of the soils underlying the Southeastern United States.

*Understanding Soil Change* specifically documents not only these soils have formed under natural conditions, but how and why the past 200 years of human use have transformed these soils in ways that provide valuable lessons for land management throughout the world. How this land-use history continues to affect Southeastern soils and ecosystems is the mystery the book attempts to solve.

*Understanding Soil Change* draws in large part on records from the long-term laboratory in South Carolina's Calhoun Experimental Forest, a facility owned and managed by the U.S. Forest Service, where Richter, Markewitz and their colleagues documented how four decades of forest growth have altered old cotton-field soil in a number of important and, sometimes, surprising ways.

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