NEFF Regen and Mills Crop Trees

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REGENERATION STUDY - 2007 - 2009 5 to 10 years post harvest Si Balch – Director of Forest Stewardship

All plots results - the graph of these results is on the next page.

453 plots - 99 with 0% removal, 101 with 5- 25% removal, 102, with 30 – 50 % removal, 85 with 55 – 75 % removal, 93 with 80 to 100% removal.

Plots are grouped by the commercial value and shade tolerance of the species of the regeneration.

SPECIES	bc	bb	ro	wp	yb	sm	wb	hi	wa	wo	as	be	bf	hm	rm	rs
VALUE	hi\$	hi\$	hi\$	hi\$	hi\$	hi\$	mid\$	mid\$	mid\$	mid\$	lo\$	lo\$	lo\$	lo\$	lo\$	lo\$
SHADE TOLERANCE	int	mid	mid	mid	mid	tol	int	mid	mid	mid	int	tol	tol	tol	tol	tol

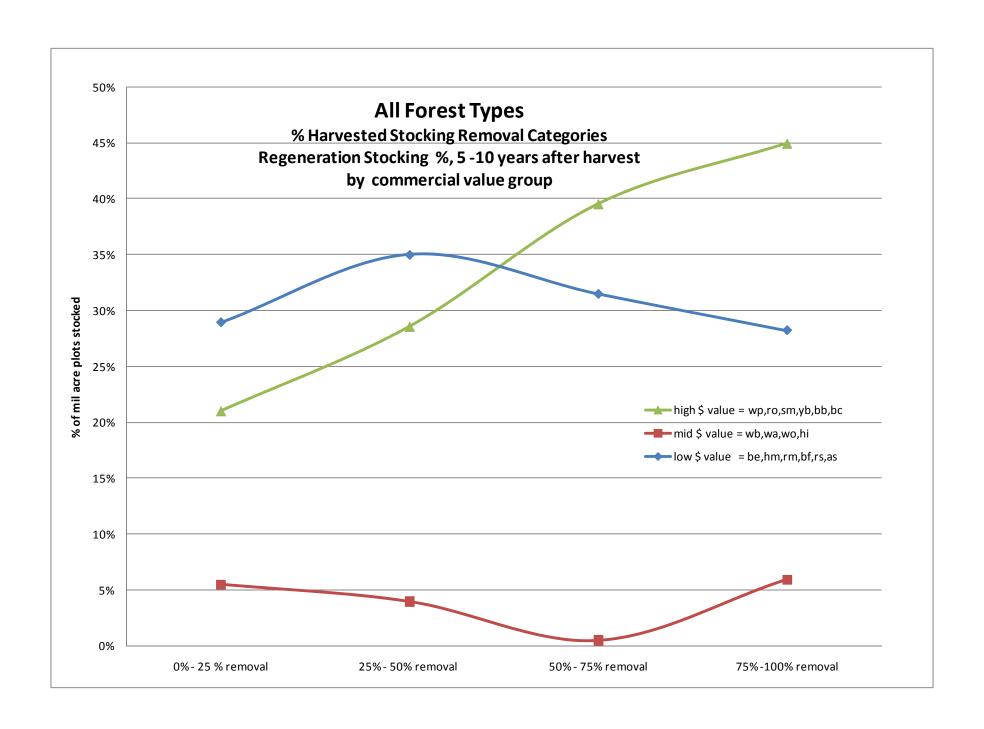
Categorized by % stocking removed during harvest.

- The % of the plots successfully stocked with high commercial value species rose from 21% in stands with 0 25% removal to 45% in stands with 75 100% removal.
- The % of plots with low commercial value species hovered around 30%. It rose slightly and then declined as more of the stand was removed and more light reached the forest floor.

There is a clear message here.

The stocking % switch between low value and high value species is dramatic, as % removal increases and more light falls on the forest floor.

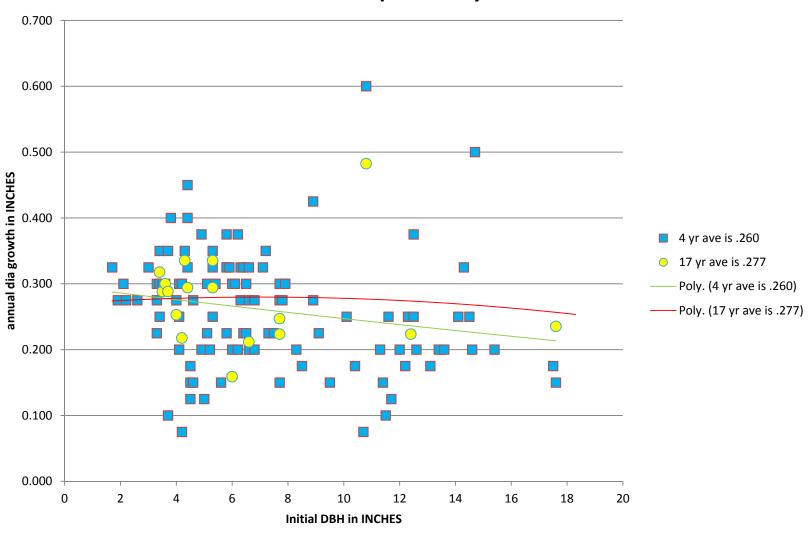
Without the higher light levels available in stands with over 50% harvest removal, the species that will dominate the future stands will be the lower commercial values ones (Beech, Red Maple, Hemlock, Balsam Fir, Red Spruce).



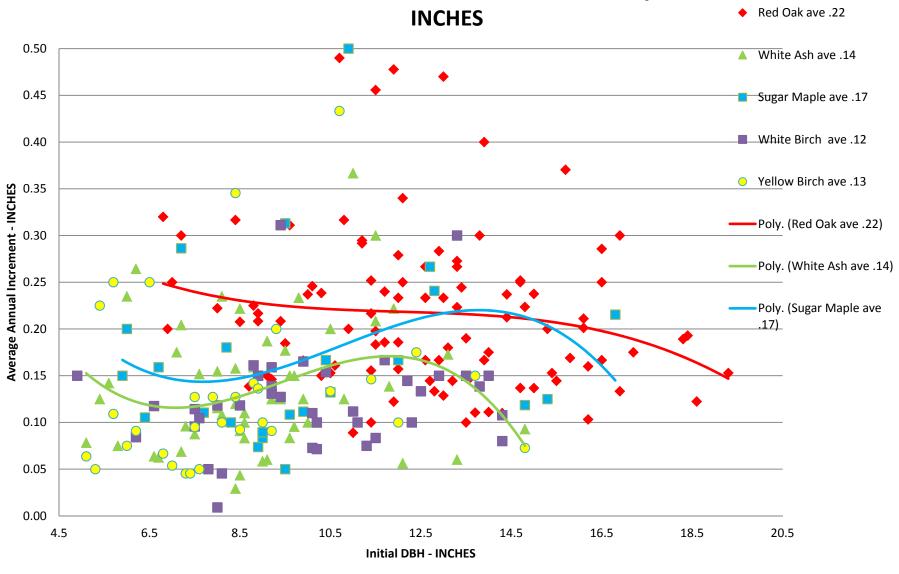
Data from Brooks Mills Land

- On three wood lots Brooks installed two CFI plot sets and designated over 1400 individual crop trees.
- He started recording DBH growth in the early 1980's and continued until 2007.
- Torturing both myself and the data has yielded a few observations

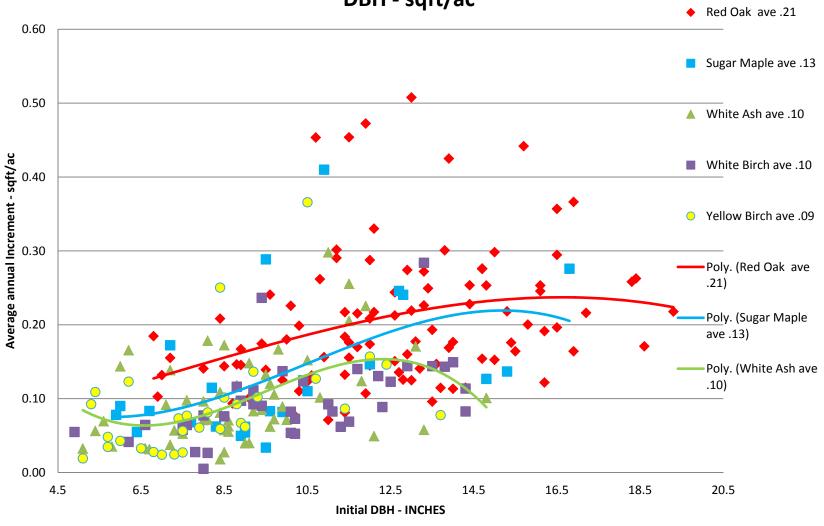
Home Place Red Oak Crop Trees - DBH average annual increase over different measurment periods by initial DBH in INCHES



Brooks Mills Sweet Lot - DBH ave annual increment by initial DBH -



Brooks Mills Sweet Lot Basal Area Ave Annual Increment by Initial DBH - sqft/ac



Brooks Mills Sweet Lot Basal Area Compound Interest of BA increase by Initial DBH - CM

