

Localization and Calibration: Types of Multipliers in FVS

Four Types of Multipliers in FVS

- Automatic Calibration
- Multipliers applied before Calibration
- Multipliers that alter regeneration
- Multipliers applied after Calibration

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Automatic Calibration

- Scales small tree height growth
- Scales large tree diameter growth
- These values are attenuated overtime
- Can be turned off with NOCALIB

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Multipliers applied before Calibration

- Applied before Calibration
- Permanent scale factor (not attenuated)
- Large Tree diameter: READCORD
- Large Tree height: READCORH
- Small Tree height: READCORR

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Multipliers that alter regeneration

- Modifies regeneration establishment
- Height of seedlings: HTADJ
- Probability of stocking: STOCKADJ
- Species occurrence: SPECMULT
- Numbers of stump sprouts: SPROUT

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Multipliers after Calibration

- Not attenuated
- Can be changed cycle to cycle
- Large Tree Diameter growth: BIAMULT
- Large Tree Height growth: HTGMULTT
- Small Tree height growth: REGHMULT
- Small Tree diameter growth: REGDMULT
- Crown change: CRNMULT
- Mortality: MORTMULT
- End of cycle Diameter Growth: FIXDG
- End of cycle Height growth: FIXHTG
- End of cycle Mortality: FIXMORT
- End of cycle crown widths: FIXCW

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Example steps for correcting consistent bias large tree diameter growth

1. Insert CALBSTAT keyword to get values
2. Examine and throw out outliers
3. Re-run
4. Auxiliary file with provide average large tree diameter growth scale factors by species
5. Apply with READCORD keyword

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Table 1—Mean large-tree diameter increment correction scale factors by species and ecological section.

Species name	Species number	Blue Ridge Mountains	Appalachian Piedmont	Ridge & Valley
shortleaf pine	5	**	**	1.304
longleaf pine	8	*	**	1.087
eastern white pine	12	0.842	*	*
loblolly pine	13	**	0.720	1.065
virginia pine	14	0.675	0.586	0.851
hickory species	27	**	**	1.041
yellow poplar	45	0.992	**	**
scarlet oak	64	0.728	**	**
chestnut oak	74	0.749	0.797	1.056
northern red oak	75	0.808	**	**

* Species does not occur in ecological section

** Insufficient data to create mean scale factor or no bias present.