

Invasive Plants and Cupped Oak Leaves?

Calling all woodland owners and land managers! We have two surveys about emerging issues in the state and would appreciate your response on what you are seeing in your woods. Each survey is short and should take no more than 5-minutes.

- Survey- Invasive Plant Management in Kentucky Woodlands**
 We know that invasive plant species are a challenge for woodland owners across our state. Kentucky Woodland Owners Association, KY Invasive Plant Council, and UK Forestry Extension are working together to identify ways to help. Your survey responses will help us to identify the greatest challenges and priorities in invasive species management within Kentucky woodlands, so that we know where to focus our effort. <https://tinyurl.com/kyinvasivesurvey>
- Survey- Cupped Oak Leaves in Kentucky**
 Over the past few years, an increasing number of oaks have been reported with distorted, cupped leaves, associated with tree decline over time. The cause of these symptoms is unclear, and we are trying to better understand where and when these symptoms are occurring. <https://tinyurl.com/kyleafcurlsurvey>


Oak Leaf Cupping Survey

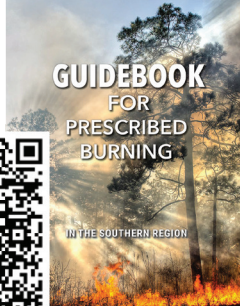
What are you seeing?




Kentucky Prescribed Fire Council and NEW Guide to Prescribed Burning

The Kentucky Prescribed Fire Council (<https://www.kyfire.org/>) promotes the safe use of controlled burns for land management. They offer training and resources to landowners, agencies, and conservationists. The controlled burn workshops cover the basics of prescribed fire, including fire behavior, safety, and legal regulations. This series of workshops is designed to help woodland owners safely conduct controlled burns on their property. The council has also partnered with the Southern Regional Extension Forestry to develop the Guidebook for Prescribed Burning in the South, this guidebook was designed to help prescribed burners of all experience levels set and meet their goals. You can download a free copy of the guide by scanning the QR code.





Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Dates:	Event:	Location:	Contact:
Feb. 1 & 15, 2025	Kentucky Maple Days	Across KY	https://kymaplesyrup.com/ and https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu/ky-maple-day
Feb. 14, 2025	NRCS CSP sign-up deadline	Local NRCS Offices	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/csp-conservation-stewardship-program/kentucky/kentucky-conservation
March 24-26, 2025	KWOA Annual Meeting	Jenny Wiley State Park in Prestonsburg	https://www.kwoa.net/event-details/kwoa-annual-meeting
April 1-4, 2025	Kentucky Forest Industries Association Annual Meeting	Lexington, KY	www.kfia.org

NEWS TO USE

Conservation Stewardship Prog. Ranking - Feb. 14, 2025

The NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) in Kentucky helps woodland owners enhance their land's health and productivity. CSP offers financial and technical assistance for implementing conservation practices that improve soil, water, and wildlife habitats. Woodland owners can receive annual payments for maintaining and enhancing these practices.

To participate, contact your local NRCS office or visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/csp-conservation-stewardship-program/kentucky/kentucky-conservation> for more information.



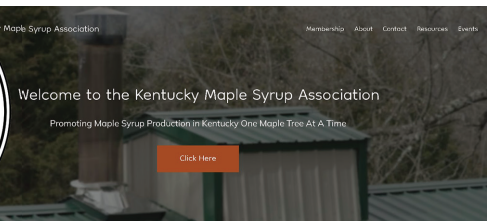
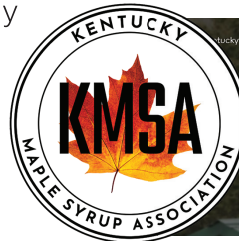
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Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative

The Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative (<https://www.kyfarmlandtransition.com/>) is a program designed to support land owners in Kentucky as they navigate the complexities of land transition. The program was launched in April 2024 to provide resources and guidance to help landowners make informed decisions about the future of their woodlands. It focuses on sustainable practices, ensuring that the land remains productive and healthy for future generations. The initiative will also be offering workshops, financial planning tools, and expert consultations. This program is a vital resource for those looking to balance conservation with economic viability for generations to come. If you are concerned about transferring your property to the next generation make sure to check out the Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative.

2025 Kentucky Maple Days February 1 and 15

Join us for Kentucky Maple Days 2025 this February 1 & 15! Experience the sweet tradition of maple syrup production with tours, tastings, and family-friendly activities. Discover how local producers turn sap into delicious syrup and support our vibrant maple industry. Whether you're a maple enthusiast or just curious, there's something for everyone. Don't miss this unique opportunity to celebrate and learn about one of Kentucky's natural treasures.



Learn more at KMSA's new website: <https://kymaplesyrup.com/> and <https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu/ky-maple-day>.

2025 KWOA Annual Meeting March 24 - 26

The Kentucky Woodland Owners Association will be conducting their annual meeting on March 24-26, 2025 at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. They have a great line-up of topics and speakers to explore the following: estate planning, firefighting/Firewise, timber land management, mined land reclamation, purple paint, carbon sequestration, white oak propagation, and more. There are also optional tours of the Morgan County Nursery and Dewey Lake. If you are a Kentucky woodland owner and you are not already a KWOA member, the annual meeting is a great way to see first-hand some of the great work KWOA does on behalf of all woodland owners in Kentucky. Join KWOA today and make plans to attend the 2025 KWOA Annual Meeting! For more information visit: <https://www.kwoa.net/>



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