



Bobby Ammerman Tribute

The Kentucky forestry and wood industry community lost a special person when Bobby Ammerman passed away at the end of 2022. Bobby was a long time employee of the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and was the Director of the UK Wood Utilization Center in Quicksand. He was the first employee of the University of Kentucky to be a board member of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association. Bobby was highly respected and valued, both within the University of Kentucky and among Kentucky's forest products industry. Since 1998, Bobby served as a Wood Products Extension Associate at the University of Kentucky where he earned tremendous respect from years of valued professional service working with the forest products industry. He was responsible for helping numerous forest product industries to remain competitive. He was a driving force behind the Ohio Valley Lumber Drying Association and through continuing education helped generate over \$10 million dollars annually for lumber drying industries in the region. Bobby was manager of the forest industry section of the Center for Forest and Wood Certification, where he managed one of the largest groups of certified small forest products companies in the U.S. With his direct support, these companies sold \$20 million dollars of certified products annually. Bobby's touch went well beyond the industries he was able to help. He will be most remembered by family, friends and those he worked with at the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and at the Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability where the new 80-seat lecture hall he designed bears his name. He was a respected professional, a warm and caring individual, and most importantly a friend, husband, and father that we all truly miss.



Kentucky Forest Sector Economic Contribution

Did you know that the Kentucky forest sector contributed more than \$13 billion and nearly 50,000 jobs to the Kentucky economy? This annual analysis conducted by UK Forestry and Natural Resources includes: Annual Contribution Estimates, Delivered Timber Prices, Wood-Related Exports, Contribution of One Harvested Acre, the Economic Contributions by Congressional Districts and more. The most recent report highlighting the significant economic contribution of Kentucky's woodlands and the forest sector they support is available at <https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/economic-report>.



Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Dates:	Event:	Location:	Contact:
October 5, 2023	KY Tree Farmer of the Year Field Day	Carter County	https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/events
October 16, 2023	Maple Syrup Workshop	Boone County	https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu/workshops
November 4, 2023	Kentucky Maple School	Madison County	https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu/ky-maple-school
March 25-27, 2024	Kentucky Woodland Owners Association Annual Meeting	Madison County	www.kwoa.net
April 2-4, 2024	Kentucky Forest Industries Association Annual Meeting	Fayette County	www.kfia.org

NEWS TO USE

Maple Syrup in Kentucky

The Kentucky Maple Syrup Project partners have been busy gearing up for another maple tapping season. To help producers or those considering tapping into maple syrup production get ready a series of educational and fellowship opportunities have been planned. A (recorded) webinar kicked things off in early September followed by two in-person programs: a workshop on October 16th in Boone County and the 2023 Kentucky Maple School on November 4th at the Berea Forestry Outreach Center. The workshop is in partnership with the Ohio State University and the Maple School will feature maple syrup vendors and experienced producers along with maple syrup specialists to address your maple syrup



production and marketing questions. You can register and learn more about these programs by visiting <https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu>. If you are a current or aspiring maple syrup producer consider joining the Kentucky Maple Syrup Association (kmsa.kymaple@gmail.com) to connect with and learn from Kentucky producers.



Tree Week in Kentucky

The Urban Forest Initiative is pleased to announce the 6th annual Tree Week will take place October 6-15, 2023, a week-long celebration of the trees and greenspaces around us! Through a series of nature and tree-themed events, Tree Week strives to foster a deeper appreciation and understanding for the important roles nature and trees have in improving our quality of life. Tree Week 2023 is taking place in communities throughout Kentucky. To find activities near you make sure to visit: <https://ufi.ca.uky.edu/treeweek>

Kentucky Master Naturalist Program

The Kentucky Master Naturalist (KYMN) program trains dedicated volunteers who promote and support the conservation and management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities. Becoming a KYMN volunteer requires an initial training with 40 hours of combined classroom and field instruction and 40 hours of approved volunteer service. Currently there are more than 300 Kentucky Master Naturalists who have contributed thousands of volunteer service hours. To learn more about the program visit: <https://naturalist.ca.uky.edu>



From The Woods Today

Each Wednesday at 11 a.m. Eastern Time the UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension team offers an online program called "From the Woods Today". The weekly program offers relevant and timely information about woodlands, wildlife and various related topics impacting Kentucky's woodlands, their owners, and those who depend on them. Each week we welcome UK specialists and partner organizations to share their vast knowledge of Kentucky's woodlands and the wildlife that calls them home. Make sure to join us or catch a recording of From the Woods Today by visiting <http://www.FromTheWoodsToday.com>.

