



Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Newsletter

The Kentucky Tree Farm Committee is responsible for administering the Tree Farm program in Kentucky. One of the most difficult but enjoyable responsibilities of the committee is selecting the annual Tree Farmer and Logger of the year award winners. Read on to learn about the most recent Kentucky Tree Farm Committee award winners.

American Tree Farm System Sustainability Standards Review Process

One of the unique aspects of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) program is that it is internationally endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). PEFC requires that endorsed certification systems like ATFS undergo a review at least every five years to ensure conformance with its international requirements. This process provides an opportunity to engage with ATFS community of landowners, partners, and stakeholders concerning certification and its delivery to family forest owners. The process looks at

Woodland owners were invited to submit comments during the review period (June 2 - August 2, 2020) for the proposed new 2020-2025 Standards.

For more information about the standards revision process and public comments on the standards, please follow these links: <https://www.treefarmssystem.org/standards-process-overview> and <https://www.forestfoundation.org/atfs-public-comment-standards-2020> or contact Leigh Peters at lpeters@forestfoundation.org



Photo courtesy: Loyd Family

Tree Farmer of the Year Oliver Loyd, Loyd Family Woodland Reserve Tree Farm.

First insert left from left to right: Herb Loyd, Toby Loyd, Lina Loyd, Jonas Loyd, Renata Kenney. Second insert: First row left to right: Josh Frazier, Haley Frazier, Neely Ann Frazier, Zoe Keck, Zeke Keck, Joe Bill Frazier. Second row left to right: James Keck, Katelyn Loyd, Tara Loyd, Murti Nauth, Parke Loyd. Third insert left to right: Katelyn Loyd, Brooke Loyd, Ty Collins

the latest forest scientific developments, including technologies and new landowner engagement principles.

American Tree Farm Program is in the process of revising the 2015-2020 Standards of Sustainability for Forest Certification (Standards). The new standards are to be put in place in 2021. The revision process is led by an Independent Standards Review Panel (ISRP) appointed by the American Forest Foundation Board, which oversees the Tree Farm System. The ISRP is comprised of a representative cross-section of forestry community leaders and stakeholders in the ATFS Program who have interest in the sustainability of small forest ownerships in the US.

The Standards are intended specifically for the size, scale and intensity of small forest ownerships, and the capacities and resources of those ownerships. The Standards are the benchmark for all ATFS forest certification and are third party audited. The program launched a 60-day public comment period on the current Standards. Feedback is valued by tree farmers and the public alike.



Kentucky Tree Farmer and Logger of the Year

The 2019 Tree Farmer and Logger of the Year were selected by the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee. Congratulations to Tree Farmer of the Year Oliver Loyd, Loyd Family Woodland Reserve Tree Farm in Wallingford, KY, and Logger of the Year Brandon Brock, Mayking, KY. They were honored at the Kentucky Forest Industries Association Annual Meeting, rescheduled from April to August 25 - 27 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY.

Logger of the Year Brandon Brock. Photo courtesy: Stewart West

