

Kentucky Woodland

EAB Updates: Found in Another County; Don't Move Firewood; Trapping

The emerald ash borer (EAB) has recently been located in Gallatin County which was already in the quarantine area. The EAB has been found in these counties: Campbell, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Greenup, Henry, Jefferson, Jessamine, Kenton, Oldham, Owen, and Shelby.

As the summer camping season is approaching all campers are strongly encouraged to not move firewood. The Kentucky Department of Parks has implemented an all inclusive ban on the import of firewood into state parks unless it is bundled and stamped USDA certified clean wood. State park campgrounds will continue selling firewood, but will not sell wood that comes from the 20 county quarantined area (unless the state park is within that quarantined area).

Once again trapping for the EAB will be occurring this summer. About 6,000 purple prism traps are being placed at least 10 feet above the ground in ash trees, when

possible, in a grid pattern about 1.5 to 2 miles apart along the leading edge of the quarantine area established after the insect was discovered in the state in 2009. Additional, traps will be at rest areas, campgrounds, state parks, and other

tourist attractions across the Commonwealth. They will remain in place through the borer's flight period, which ends in August, and collected for examination. The traps are about 2-feet-long and baited with an attractant to lure the borers if they are present in the area. Traps will not cause any harm to humans, animals or trees. They do not contain toxins and will not cause infestations to develop.

To keep up with the latest EAB news visit <http://pest.ca.uky.edu/ext/eab/welcome.html> or www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/EAB.php

Report suspected infestations to the USDA APHIS Emerald Ash Borer Hotline 866.322.4512 or to the Office of the State Entomologist - 859.257.5838.



Photo courtesy: Joe Collins

EAB trap

Kentucky's Forestland Assessment/Strategy Plan – nearing completion

Kentucky is required by the 2008 Farm Bill to prepare a statewide assessment of forest resources and strategy plan by June 18, 2010 or the Division of Forestry will lose federal funding. The Plan includes information on:

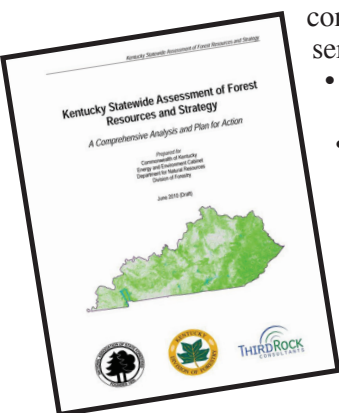
- Conditions and trends of our forest resources.
- Threats to our forest lands and resources in Kentucky consistent with national priorities (conserve, enhance, and protect forests).
- Areas/regions of Kentucky that are a priority.
- Any multi-state areas that are a regional priority.
- Long-term strategies to address threats to our forest resources.
- Description of the resources necessary for the division to address the statewide strategy.

In order to determine the forest issues that were relevant to Kentucky citizens, an online survey was conducted and the comments and suggestions derived from the survey laid the groundwork in determining the important forestry issues in Kentucky.

The top five issues identified by participants included:

1. Forest Health
2. Water Quality and Quantity
3. Forest Loss and Fragmentation
4. Forest Management
5. Funding

The Plan is split into three sections – Forestland Assessment, Priority Areas and the Forest Resource Strategy. Each section has been available for review by the public and all can be viewed at www.forestry.ky.gov/programs/stewardship/Forestland+Assessment+Updates+and+Survey+Results.htm



Forest Health Task Force Update: Stalled in Senate Committee

Although many forestry organizations and agencies including the Kentucky Woodland Owners Association, UK Departments of Entomology and Forestry, Kentucky Division of Forestry, and the Kentucky Forest Industries Association strongly supported the official formation of the Forest Health Task Force as a formal board attached to the Kentucky Division of Forestry the bill stalled again in the

Senate and did not pass despite numerous efforts and appearances before the legislature by the supporters.

This was disappointing news for the supporters—the rationale provided by the Senate committee was Kentucky already has too many boards, commissions, and task forces, and no more should be authorized. Supporters are considering future options on how to proceed.

News To Use

2010 Woodland Owners Short Course

The 2010 Woodland Owners Short Course (WOSC) is coming to a region near you! The WOSC is an excellent opportunity for you and your family to learn how to enhance your woodland ownership experience. Are you fully aware of all the organizations and programs available to help you care for your woodlands? Do you know how to attract more wildlife on your property? Do you know how to sell your timber and receive a fair price? Do you have other questions related to forestry, natural resources, and wildlife? You can get answers to these questions and more at the 2010 Woodland Owners Short Course!

Join fellow woodland owners and forestry/natural resource professionals from across the state for an educational experience that will help you enjoy



and manage your woodlands. Come with questions and leave with answers!



Dates and locations for the 2010 WOSC:

- **August 21; Breathitt County** (UK Robinson Forest)
- **August 28; Caldwell County** (UK Princeton Research and Education Center)
- **September 11; Casey County** (Casey County Cooperative Extension Office)

Would you like to introduce your children to forestry, natural resources, and wildlife information? Make it a family experience! Children ages 6 – 13 can join our environmental educators for a day of fun, hands-on activities. Each youth participant will receive a goodie bag full of forestry fun.

To register or for more information about the WOSC visit www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/WOSC.php. You can also use the registration card provided in this issue; if you have any questions call 859.257.7597.

Looking for the Answers to Test Your Knowledge?

Visit www.ukforestry.org to submit your answers for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to Forestry Suppliers. The answers to this issue's questions will be provided in the next issue of the magazine.

Kentucky Wood Expo - September 17 & 18 - Hopkins Co. Fairground



Don't miss out on the 2010 Kentucky Wood Expo where you can experience the latest technology in sawmills, logging, live demonstrations of machinery and equipment, lumberjack contests, chain saw carving, and more. Tickets for adults are \$3 (\$5 at the gate). Kids \$3; under six are free.

Contact the Kentucky Forest Industries Association at 502.695.3979 for more information.



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Upcoming Dates To Remember:

| Date: | Event: | Location: | Contact: |
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| June 16 | Crop Tree Release Webinar by Jeff Stringer, Ph.D. | www.forestrywebinars.net | 859.257.7597 |
| August 21 or 28 or September 11 | Woodland Owners Short Course | Breathitt, Caldwell, Casey counties | 859.257.7597 or www.ukforestry.org |
| September 17 & 18 | Kentucky Wood Expo | Hopkins County Fairground | 502.695.3979 |

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