

# kentucky WOODLANDS

## ***Funding Available to Support Forestry Related Water Quality Practices***

The Ohio River Basin Water Quality Trading Pilot Project is announcing funding for forestry practices (i.e., tree planting) to reduce nutrient runoff and enhance water quality on farmlands in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), American Farmland Trust, and state level partners are supporting installation of management practices that generate “water quality credits”, which can be used towards achieving broader water quality improvements. Under this funding opportunity, EPRI is releasing \$400,000 across Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky and covers up to 80% of the total project costs. Project applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funds are expended. Projects must be fully installed and verified by the state agency no later than November 15, 2019. Visit <http://wqt.epri.com> for more information and application forms.



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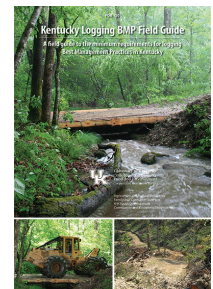
## ***Stringer Named UK Forestry Department Chair***

Dr. Jeff Stringer, an editor of Kentucky Woodlands Magazine, has been selected as chair of the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. Jeff is a former Extension Professor at the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and Natural Resources with expertise in forest management and timber harvesting operations. Many woodland owners and all Kentucky Master Loggers know Jeff through his decades of Extension programs across Kentucky. He is also well known in the forest industry and works closely with many agriculture, forestry, and natural resource organizations and agencies in Kentucky and the region. While we may not see Jeff at as many educational programs as we have in the past he will still be involved in numerous efforts (such as the White Oak Initiative) that will directly benefit Kentucky’s woodland owners, loggers, and forest industry.



## ***Updated Logging BMP Field Guide Released***

An updated logging Best Management Practices (BMP) Field Guide is now available by visiting <https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/loggers>. This updated guide serves as a field reference to ensure logging operations meet the mandatory BMP minimum requirements for water quality protection. Loaded with color photographs and drawings the guide is a great resource for loggers and woodland owners to ensure they are in compliance with logging BMP requirements.



## ***Upcoming Dates To Remember:***

<b>2019 Dates:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
Feb. 21, 28 Mar. 7, 14, & 21	<b><i>Getting To Know Your Woodlands Webinars</i></b>	Webinar Series via web	<a href="http://www.ukforestry.org">www.ukforestry.org</a>
March 26-27	<b><i>KY Woodland Owners Assoc. Annual Meeting</i></b>	Pennyrile State Forest Resort Park	<a href="http://www.kwoa.net">www.kwoa.net</a> or 606-782-1317
March 30	<b><i>Ohio River Valley Woods and Wildlife Workshop</i></b>	Clifty Falls State Resort Park	<a href="http://www.tristatetwoods.org">www.tristatetwoods.org</a> or 859.257.7597
April 2 - 4	<b><i>Kentucky Forest Industries Association Annual Meeting</i></b>	Embassy Suites, Lexington	<a href="http://www.kfia.org">www.kfia.org</a>
Sept. 20 - 21	<b><i>Kentucky Wood Expo</i></b>	Masterson Station Park	<a href="http://www.kfia.org">www.kfia.org</a>

# NEWS TO USE

## Getting to Know Your Woodland Webinar Series

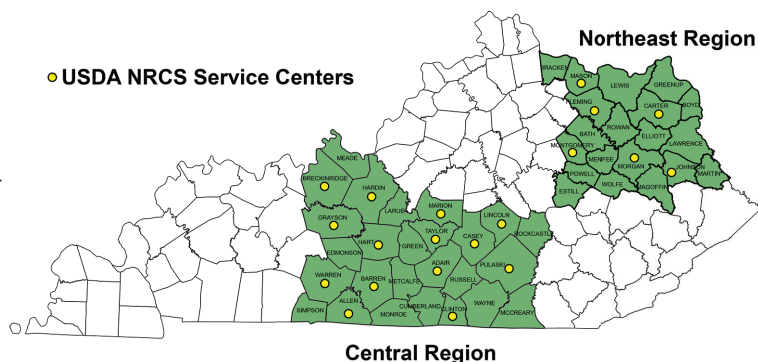
UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension is teaming up with universities around the region to offer a new webinar series titled Getting to Know Your Woodland. This webinar series will be hosted live by participating County Extension Offices with recordings available online after the live events. This 5-part webinar series will take place on February 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21, 2019. Topics include: understanding your woodland and how to develop a woodland management plan; managing your woodlands; identifying and managing woodland threats; wildlife and woodlands; and accessing technical and financial assistance to help you

manage your woodland. Make plans now to attend this webinar series. For more information and to find the nearest hosting location please visit <https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/webinars>



## Woodland Management Help in Central and Northeast Kentucky

Woodland owners in Central and Northeast Kentucky have a new opportunity to receive woodland management plans through a recently awarded Regional Conservation Partnership Program project entitled “Increasing Farm Bill Participation and Benefits”. The project’s primary goal is to service a backlog of requests for woodland management plans in KDF’s Central and Northeast regions. The University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and the Kentucky Division of Forestry developed and were awarded this USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) project that utilizes financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to develop new woodland management plans for Kentucky landowners. A new woodland management template that meshes components of the current KDF forest stewardship plan and the NRCS Conservation Activity Forestry Management Plan has been developed to be more user friendly and valuable for landowners. If you have been



waiting to have a woodland management plan developed and your property is in the project area, please visit your local NRCS office and let them know you want to participate in the UK Forestry—RCPP program. Got questions or need more information? Please email or call Billy Thomas at [billy.thomas@uky.edu](mailto:billy.thomas@uky.edu) or 859.257.9153.

## UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Wins National Family Forest Education Award

The University of Kentucky Forestry and Natural Resources Extension team won the national Family Forest Education Award presented by the National Woodland Owners Association and the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs in October 2018. This is the second time that UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension has won this national award which is presented to an educational institution that has delivered the most effective education program benefiting family forest owners over the past five years. Visit [www.UKForestry.org](http://www.UKForestry.org) to learn more about the programs and resources available for Kentucky woodland owners.



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