

Kentucky Woodland

Emerald Ash Borer Trapping in Kentucky

In 2008, trappers set 3,066 purple prism traps around Kentucky, primarily north of I-64, but also throughout the state in high-risk areas such as campgrounds, state parks, and nurseries. The color of the traps and the lure, which smells like ash tree volatiles, are both attractive to emerald ash borer (EAB). Traps were in place from May through August. Personnel from the Department of Entomology at the University of Kentucky and USDA APHIS screened these traps for EAB. We have not found emerald ash borer on any of the purple traps. Many beetles in the same family (Buprestidae) were captured as well as a wide variety of insects, but no EAB.

The Department of Entomology at UK is planning to work with the USDA on this trapping program again in 2009 with nearly double the traps (6,000). In 2008, we hired several certified arborists to assist with the trapping program and paid them a fixed amount per trap. In 2009, we will again be looking to hire certified arborists that can identify ash trees and devote time to the trapping program. If you are interested, contact Joe Collins, Carl Harper, or Janet Lensing at 859.257.5838 or Joe.Collins@uky.edu.

Visit www.emeraldashborer.info for the latest information about this beetle. If you suspect emerald ash borer in your ash trees, call the USDA EAB hotline at 1.866.EAB.4512.

-- Janet Lensing, State Survey Coordinator, University of Kentucky



More than 3,000 of these traps were set in northern Kentucky to detect EAB.

Photo courtesy: Above: Joe Collins Left: Howard Russell, Michigan State University, www.forestryimages.org

Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for 2008 Available

Did you know that you may be able to claim income from a timber sale as long-term capital gains as opposed to ordinary income? This can be particularly advantageous to woodland owners as the long-term capital gains tax rates are lower rates than ordinary income. You can also deduct outright the first \$10,000 per year (\$5,000 per year for married couples filing separately) of reforestation expenses per qualified timber property and amortize (deduct) any additional amount over 8 years. Having the "right" information can save you money on your taxes!

Tax time is fast approaching and fortunately there is some specific information available to woodland owners, foresters, loggers, forest product businesses, and tax practitioners. Linda Wang and John Greene with the US Forest Service recently released Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2008 Tax Year. This publication is available at www.ukforestry.org (click on New Information) or by calling 859.257.7597 and requesting it. Of course, you should always consult your tax and legal professionals for advice on your particular tax situation.

2009 Kentucky Woodland Owners Association Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on March 20-21, 2009 at General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton, Kentucky. The agenda includes: Friday afternoon and evening -- Field trips to woodlands, log grading, veneer log valuation, reception and dinner. Saturday -- Presentations of topics of interest to woodland owners.

Please make your room reservations separately with General Butler State Resort Park at 866.462.8853. A block of rooms with a special rate has been reserved until Feb. 18, 2009. Please state that you are attending the KWOA MEETING when making your reservations. For more information or to register call Betty Williamson at 270.821.8657 or e-mail at willdan@bellsouth.net.

Dates To Remember:

Date:	Event:	Location:	Contact:
January 27, 2009	Certification for Kentucky Forests and Products	Lexington, KY	502.695.3979
March 2, 9, 16, 2009	Master Tree Farmer Series	Various	859.257.7597
March 20 - 21, 2009	KWOA Annual Meeting	Gen. Butler State Park	270.821.8657
April 1 - 3, 2009	KFIA Annual Meeting	Lexington, KY	502.695.3979
April 4, 2009	Ohio River Valley Woodland & Wildlife Workshop	Cincinnati, OH	614.688.3421

For more information about these programs, visit www.ukforestry.org

News To Use

Master Tree Farmer Series

The Master Tree Farmer Series: Forest Risks and Risk Management will be held on March 2, 9, and 16 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) at various county extension offices across Kentucky.

Program Overview

Risks exist with every endeavor we face in life and this is certainly true with forest management. This three-week event will concentrate on the risks associated with forest management and allow woodland owners and natural resource professionals to consider how they can manage forests and forestland to plan for and minimize problems they may face. Participants will receive an information binder with presentation and reference materials.



March 2, 2009: An Introduction to Managing Risk in Your Woodlands; Understanding and Managing Natural Disasters & Changing Climate

- Changing Times - what it means for the private woodland owner
- Introduction to risk and risk management
- Risk and landowner objectives – understanding the connection
- Wind, fire, drought and ice – examples and management/mitigation advice
- Global climatic change – what this means to woodland owners (carbon credits)

March 9, 2009: Managing and Mitigating Invasive Plant Species, Insects & Diseases

- Invasive Plants
- Insects & Diseases (Exotic and Native)
- Control issues (cost-share, technical assistance, cooperative agreements, landowner-to-landowner agreements)

March 16, 2009: Taxes, Policy, Regulations, Law and Land Use Change

- Trespass, timber theft and contracts, boundary marking, liability, etc.
- Regulations and Right-to-Practice Forestry Laws
- Federal and state taxes and risk
- What are my next steps for managing risk on my forest
- Making a difference – the importance of getting involved in woodland organizations

Registration is being handled locally by county extension offices hosting the series. At press time, locations included the following counties:

Bullitt (502.543.2257), Clark (859.744.4682), Letcher (606.633.2362), and Menifee (606.768.3866). Additional counties are being added, for the latest list of locations visit www.ukforestry.org or call 859.257.7597. You may also contact your local extension office to find the host site nearest you.

Answers to Test Your Knowledge on page 21.

- A. Persimmon
- B. Artist Conk
- C. Asian lady beetles
- D. Mistletoe
- E. Osage-orange or Hedge Apple

Certification for Kentucky Forests and Products Seminar

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There will be a seminar on all aspects of forest and wood products certifications on Jan. 27 in Lexington.

Subject areas include: reasons for certification, options and recognition for certification efforts, improved forestry performance on ground, market opportunities, cost and benefits vs. pitfalls.

The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Jan. 27 at the Fayette County Cooperative Extension Office, 1140 Red Mile Place, Lexington. Advance registration fee is \$25 (due January 19). On the day of the program the fee will increase to \$35. For directions visit: <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/fayette/directions/> For more information or to register: call Kentucky Forest Industries Association at 502.695.3979.

Seminar partners include: Kentucky Forest Industries Association, Kentucky Tree Farm Committee, UK Department of Forestry Extension, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Woodland Owners Association, Kentucky Farm Bureau and the KY SIC committee.