

# Kentucky Woodland

## ***Conservation Stewardship Program - a great opportunity for woodlands in Kentucky!***



The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is a voluntary conservation program that encourages agricultural and forestry producers to maintain existing conservation activities and adopt additional ones on their operations. CSP is administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and has a continuous sign-up so applications are accepted anytime. The next cut-off period will be established soon (likely to be mid-January with contracts entered early next spring) to evaluate and rank applications. More than 33,000 woodland acres in Kentucky have been allocated by the Chief of NRCS to annually be served by the new CSP.

The CSP is projected to pay \$6-12 per woodland acre based on acreage enrolled and conservation performance. To be eligible to apply to the CSP the operator of record must be in the Farm Service Agency record system (or establish it prior to application), have documented control of the land for the five year term of the contract, be in compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions, and in compliance with average adjusted gross income provisions. The CSP may be right for you if:

- You are willing to commit time to inventory and document your conservation activities and production system to determine eligibility and ranking.
- You have records of your woodland management activities and are willing to continue maintaining records to document your conservation activities.
- You are ready to enter into a 5 year contract requiring you to apply additional conservation.

Woodland acreage applications for the CSP are separately ranked from agricultural applications and the ranking is based on what conservation practices and activities are currently being done as well as what additional conservation activities the applicant is willing to do. Applicants that meet two or more of the following statements are likely to be strong candidates for the CSP:

- My woodland is “green certified” by one of the following recognized programs: Tree Farm System, Green Tag, Smart Wood, Forest Stewardship Council, or Sustainable Forestry Initiative.
- I have implemented one or more improvements to my woodland in the past 10 years according to a written stewardship plan that was prepared with assistance from a certified/licensed natural resource professional.
- There is no apparent erosion on harvested or burned areas, roads, skid trails and landings.
- Native trees are appropriately stocked on the property and wildfire risk is minimized by strategically placed narrow fire breaks and wider fuel breaks.

To find out more about the CSP check out [www.nrcs.usda.gov/new\\_csp/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/new_csp/) visit your local NRCS office, or call 859.224.7350.

### **Answers to Test Your Knowledge on page 15.**

- A. Carpenter Bees
- B. Alleghany Mound Ants
- C. Trumpet Creeper
- D. Prickly Pear Cactus
- E. Bacterial Leaf Scorch

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

| <b>Date:</b>     | <b>Event:</b>   | <b>Location:</b>    | <b>Contact:</b> |
|------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| Oct. 13 - Dec. 8 | Fall Webinar Series   | Various locations   | see page 25     |
| October 15       | Win With Wood   | Robinson Forest, KY | 606.666.4116    |
| November 2       | Tree Farmer of the Year Field Day   | Logan County        | see page 13     |
| November 12      | Forestry Program: Hunt Leasing, Weed Control in Tree Plantings, and Forest Management | Adair County        | 270.384.2317    |

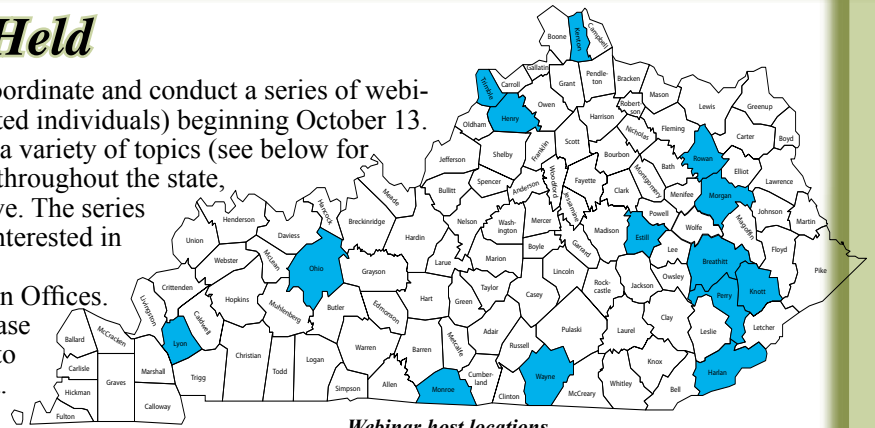
For more information about these programs, visit [www.ukforestry.org](http://www.ukforestry.org)

# News To Use

## Fall Webinar Series To Be Held

The University of Kentucky Forestry Extension will coordinate and conduct a series of webinars for Kentucky woodland owners (and other interested individuals) beginning October 13. Presenters from UK Forestry Extension will broadcast a variety of topics (see below for topics and host locations) to county Extension Offices throughout the state, allowing anyone to participate no matter where they live. The series is designed for woodland owners, farmers and others interested in woodland, timber and wildlife topics.

Registration will be handled by local county Extension Offices. Not all counties are participating in every webinar. Please call each location to register for the webinar you wish to attend and to find out where the webinar will be hosted. The topics and locations are as follows:



Webinar host locations

### Tree Identification - October 13

Kentucky has over 120 native trees and nearly 50 of these are commercially important for its wood industry. How can you learn how to identify all these trees? How can you learn how to identify any tree? Join other landowners from across Kentucky and learn the process and the skills needed to identify trees.

Hosting Counties: Henry, Knott, Lyon, Monroe, Morgan, Perry, Rowan, Trimble, and Wayne

### Wood Identification - October 27

Have you ever wondered whether that dresser in the antique store is really cherry, or wanted to know what kind of trees were cut down to make that old log cabin? In this class, you will learn the basics of wood structure.

Hosting Counties: Lyon, Monroe, Morgan, Rowan, Trimble, and Wayne

### Timber: Harvesting, Sales, Trespass, and More - November 10

Harvesting and selling timber could be one of the largest financial transactions a woodland owner ever makes and a poorly planned/conducted timber harvest can undo years of good management! Learn how to get the most from timber harvesting operations and how to protect yourself from timber trespass/theft.

Hosting Counties: Breathitt, Estill, Harlan, Henry, Knott, Lyon, Monroe, Morgan, Ohio, Perry, Rowan, Trimble, and Wayne

### Wildlife Management for Woodland Owners - November 17

Do you know the habitat requirements for various wildlife species, or your woodland's carrying capacity, how about limiting factors and how to alleviate them? During this webinar we will cover all that as well as wildlife habitat management tools used to achieve habitat management goals and sources of assistance for private landowners.

Hosting Counties: Breathitt, Estill, Henry, Kenton, Knott, Lyon, Monroe, Morgan, Ohio, Perry, Rowan, Trimble, and Wayne

### Invasive Species Identification and Control Techniques - November 24

Invasive species are a serious threat to Kentucky's woodlands

and natural areas. During this webinar you will learn how to identify and control a variety of invasive plant species types (ex. trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, and forbs).

Hosting Counties: Estill, Harlan, Lyon, Morgan, Trimble, and Wayne

### Non-Timber Forest Products - December 1

During this webinar we will cover a wide variety of non-timber forest products such as mushrooms, Christmas trees, craft materials, bees, and more. Learn how these non-timber forest products can help generate extra income.

Hosting Counties: Estill, Knott, Lyon, Morgan, Ohio, Perry, Rowan, Trimble, and Wayne

### Getting the Most from your Woodlands:

#### What you can do and who can help! - December 8

This program will cover the variety of management options available to Kentucky woodland owners, the organizations/agencies that can provide assistance (including cost-share \$), and generally how to get the most from your woodlands.

Hosting Counties: Estill, Harlan, Lyon, Knott, Monroe, Morgan, Ohio, Perry, Rowan, Trimble, and Wayne

Visit [www.ukforestry.org](http://www.ukforestry.org) for more information.

#### Webinar Host Extension Offices:

- Breathitt County Extension Office - 606.666.8812
- Estill County Extension Office - 606.723.4557
- Harlan County Extension Office - 606.573.4464
- Henry County Extension Office - 502.845.2811
- Kenton County Extension Office - 859.356.3155
- Knott County Extension Office - 606.785.5329
- Lyon County Extension Office - 270.388.2341
- Monroe County Extension Office - 270.487.5504
- Morgan County Extension Office - 606.743.3292
- Ohio County Extension Office - 270.298.7441
- Perry County Extension Office - 606.436.2044
- Rowan County Extension Office - 606.784.5457
- Trimble County Extension Office - 502.255.7188
- Wayne County Extension Office - 606.348.8453