



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.

William & Chris Lagermann Named Kentucky Tree Farmer of the Year

William “Bill” & Chris Lagermann from Edmonton, Kentucky were honored as the 2018 Kentucky Tree Farmer of the Year. Mark Wiedewitsch & Tammy Rogers, with the Kentucky Division of Forestry nominated the Lagermanns. The Lagermanns were selected from a number of nominations submitted to the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee.



Ky Ag. Commissioner Ryan Quarles presents the Lagermann's a Stihl chainsaw donated by Bryan Equipment Sales. Tree Farm Chairman Doug McLaren presents a commemorative plaque.

Their 262-acre Tree Farm in Metcalfe County, Kentucky is managed for a wide range of benefits including timber production, wildlife and recreation. The farm has been certified as a Tree Farm since 2014 and has consistently improved the woodland through a number of active management practices. Improvements on the farm include a 31-acre redcedar harvest to encourage hardwood regeneration as well as 80 acres of timber stand improvement including 14 acres of invasive species control. Reforestation projects have focused on erosion control and trees for wildlife. There has also been work completed on miles of forest roads to maintain access for forest management, fire control and recreational purposes. The wide range of management activities have not only improved timber production but also resulted in better wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities on the property. The Lagermanns are also a past winner of the Kentucky Outstanding Forest Steward Award. They take an active role in all forest management on the property and encourage others to practice good forest management. They are very active with a number of organizations that support forest management and conservation.

S & S Lumber Kentucky Logger of the Year

S & S Lumber/Spencer's Logging of Rogers, KY were honored as the 2018 Kentucky Logger of the Year. The Kentucky Division of Forestry Northeast Branch office nominated them. In addition to a plaque recognizing their achievement, a Stihl chainsaw sponsored by the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee was also presented to S & S Lumber. The company harvests timber for landowners throughout eastern Kentucky and was selected from candidates submitted from across the state.

Spencer's Logging consists of 6 employees and they regularly contact the Division of Forestry to inspect all of their active logging jobs. Four of the crew have been trained as Kentucky Master Loggers (KML) which is a training program for loggers to incorporate proper harvesting techniques, operate safely and use best management practices to protect water quality. Kentucky law currently requires a minimum of one trained KML on the logging site and in charge of the operation. Spencer's Logging operation is independently owned and has an excellent professional relationship with landowners and the forest industry. They have always been committed to serving the landowner and often increase property value by seeding and improving access roads after logging. The crew takes tremendous pride in protecting the trees that they leave after the harvest to sustain the forest resource for the future. The logging crew always makes sure that water quality is protected on the harvest site and that all water quality regulations are followed properly.



KY Forest Industries Executive Director, Bob Bauer presents a Stihl chainsaw donated by Bryan Equipment Sales to Spencer's Logging.

If you are interested in your property becoming a “Kentucky Tree Farm” ask your forester to nominate you or call 502.695.3979.

