



Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Newsletter

Tree Farm Legislative Network

by Bob Bauer, Kentucky Forest Industries Association and Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Treasurer

The American Forest Foundation's Grassroots Action Network is mobilizing Tree Farmers in all states to join a network of family forest owners who share the common goals of keeping family forest owners on the land, maintaining our forests, and encouraging sustainable forest management.

The foundation has set two long-term goals for the network:

- Rallying family forest owners and bringing their voices to the public policy process
- Advancing policies that support and encourage the viability of family forest ownership

To achieve these goals, the network is focusing on public policy advocacy at the federal, state, and local levels. In 2009, the network is focusing on a number of public policy issues, including forest-related taxes,

renewable energy from forests, climate change, green building legislation, issues related to the Endangered Species Act, and farm bill- funded forestry and wildlife programs.

We need tree farmers in Kentucky to join the network, take time to build relationships with their state and federal legislators, and provide legislators information as issues arise. Our federal and state representatives want to hear from their constituents—your voice really does matter!

There are now over 90,000 Tree Farmers in 46 states and over 800 in Kentucky. Think about what a powerful voice we can be when we join together to make a difference. You can join the network and become an active voice for landowners by going to the following link to register: <http://capwiz.com/forestfoundation/mlm/signup>. Contact Bob Bauer at the office of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association, 502.695.3979, for additional information.

Kentucky Tree Farm Web Site

by Pam Snyder, Kentucky Division of Forestry and Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Vice Chair

Did you know the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee (KTFC) sponsors a Web site for landowners, tree farmers, and inspectors alike? It can be found at www.kytreefarm.org. This site has the latest KTFC news and events calendar, a member list for the tree farm committee, a mission statement, and links to the National Tree Farm Web site. It is a communication hub for inspectors. Check it out!

If you don't have access to the Web but are interested in becoming a Kentucky Tree Farmer and part of the American Tree Farm System, contact the Kentucky Forest Industries Association at 502.695.3969 or the Kentucky Division of Forestry at 502.564.4496.



Kentucky Tree Farm Inspectors

by Pam Snyder

Kentucky Tree Farm Inspectors are foresters or forestry technicians who meet the educational qualifications and have completed the required American Tree Farm System certified training program. Did you know that all tree farm inspectors are volunteers? Yes, volunteers. The Kentucky Tree Farm Committee (KTFC) appreciates the dedication and time that inspectors give to promote the American Tree Farm Program and to inspect and certify tree farmers across Kentucky. Inspectors do a lot of work for the KTFC.

What do inspectors do for landowners? It may be as simple as writing a forest stewardship plan and/or providing silvicultural guidance to landowners who have the opportunity to become certified tree farmers. Inspectors may be forestry technicians, consultant foresters, industry foresters, or foresters with the Kentucky Division of Forestry. Inspectors are required to complete refresher courses to keep their status current. If you are interested in becoming a Kentucky Tree Farm Inspector contact Pam Snyder with the Kentucky Division of Forestry at 502.564.4496 or check out the American Tree Farm System Web site at www.treefarmssystem.org. This article is dedicated to all past and present tree farm inspectors. We appreciate all the time you have donated to the Kentucky Tree Farm Program and the support you have given to Kentucky Tree Farmers.





Profile of a Tree Farmer — Angus M. MacLean

by W. Cary Perkins, Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Vice Chair

I first met Angus M. MacLean in 1977 when I was Chief Forester for the Kentucky Division of Forestry's Bluegrass District. Mr. MacLean was managing the woodland on the farm of his father, Angus D. MacLean. The property is located on the Ohio River and Morris Branch, its tributary, in Oldham County. The property was first certified as a Tree Farm on March 1, 1959, in a state-wide ceremony.

One-hundred acres of the woodland was passed on to Angus M. MacLean when his father passed away, and it remains an exemplary Tree Farm today. This past spring, Angus M. MacLean was presented a Golden Tree Farm sign to signify the properties' 50 years as a Tree Farm.

There have been eight timber harvests of various sizes on the Tree Farm since 1959, including walnut veneer sales, tornado salvage, a cedar sale, and three selective harvests. The most recent harvest was 238,000 board feet in 2005.

In addition to commercial harvests, rough lumber from the property has been used for the construction of a shed and two barns and over 2 miles of plank fencing. The fence posts were black locust harvested from the property. In addition, an extensive amount of firewood has been salvaged from dead or dying trees or the

unused tops of harvested trees.

Over the years, the MacLeans also planted over 20 acres of white pine and walnut and engaged in various practices for timber stand improvement. It's hard to top the aesthetics of the property, with the view from the MacLean residence high on the Ohio River bluff. There has always been abundant wildlife, including deer, turkey, and waterfowl on the Ohio River.

The latest ongoing project is a cooperative effort with the American Chestnut Foundation. Some 150 Kentucky back-cross seedlings, a cross of 15/16 American chestnut and 1/16 Chinese chestnut, are being propagated in an orchard. As the trees reach sapling size, they will be inoculated with the chestnut blight to test blight resistance. It is expected that 12.5% of the trees will show moderate blight resistance. These surviving trees will help form the basis of the next intercross generation and hopefully the future restoration of American chestnut in Kentucky.

For his many years of work and dedication to the ethic of sustainable forest management, the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee salutes Angus M. MacLean. Thanks for a job well done!



Angus M. MacLean

Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Field Day

by Billy Thomas, UK Forestry Extension and Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Field Day Coordinator

The Kentucky Tree Farm Committee recognizes the Outstanding Tree Farmer of Year by hosting and sponsoring a field day for woodland owners. The Tree Farmer of the Year field day will be Nov. 2 at Henry Duncan's farm in Logan County. Mr. Duncan was honored with the title of Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year for 2008 at the Kentucky Forest Industries Association annual meeting in April. We will start and end the field day at the office of the Logan County Cooperative Extension Service. Mr. Duncan's farm is just a couple of miles from the extension office, and following a tour of the farm, we will return to the extension office for dinner.

The field day is free, but pre-registration is required so that we can plan accordingly for the meal. To register and for directions, call 859.257.7597 or visit www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/calendar.php.

Tree Farmer of the Year Field Day Agenda - November 2

- 1 – 1:30 p.m. Registration (*Logan County Extension Office*)
- 1:45 – 4:45 p.m. Tree Farm Field Tour (*Henry Duncan Tree Farm*)
 - Tree Farm History and Overview — Henry Duncan
 - Forest Management Plan and Selective Timber Marketing — James Morris, Kentucky Division of Forestry
 - Timber Sale Discussion — Kraig Moore, Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters; Bob Bauer, Kentucky Forest Industries Association
 - Cost Share Programs (EQIP Streamside Fencing and Streamside Management Support) — Craig Givens, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 5 p.m. Dinner, Presentations, and Fellowship (*Logan County Extension Office*)

