

2008 Forestry Extension Programs and Personnel

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2008 Programs

FOREST INDUSTRY / WOOD TECHNOLOGY – providing established forestry industry with solutions associated with wood processing as well as entrepreneurial assistance to start up wood based businesses in Kentucky. Programs and assistance are also provided for homeowners and the general public on wood related issues. Contact Terry Conners or Bobby Ammerman for assistance.

FOREST INDUSTRY SUPPORT - technical outreach to the primary and secondary wood industry, including lean manufacturing, energy audits, manufacturing efficiency, technical support, and log and lumber grading and drying.

Technical Training Classes - Bobby Ammerman conducts classes on computer controlled and other machinery used in the secondary industry. For information specific to these programs go to www.ukforestry.org (Programs/Secondary Wood Industry).

Wood Center Utilization Programs provide support to primary and secondary forest and wood industries including wood drying. Go to www.ukwoodcenter.net for all Wood Utilization Center Programs or contact Carroll Fackler for more information on Wood Center activities.



FOREST MANAGEMENT and SILVICULTURE – includes continuing education programs, assistance and publications on forest management including timber production, sustainable timber management, timber sales and forest health and Best Management Practices.

Professional Forestry Workshops – continuing education and training programs for forestry and aligned professionals. Workshops are run in Kentucky and in Tennessee in partnership with the University of Tennessee. Contact Jeff Stringer for details.



Professional Hardwood Notes – technical publications on important aspects of hardwood silviculture. Published in cooperation with the University of Tennessee and Southern Regional Extension Forestry available at www.ukforestry.org and <http://sref.info/>.



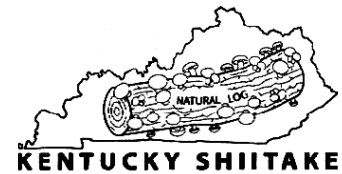
LOGGER EDUCATION AND TRAINING – UK Forestry Extension provides statewide comprehensive logger training and education programs, logger training publications, and Best Management Practices training and education materials.



Kentucky Master Logger Program - The Kentucky Master Logger program is a cooperative program of UK, the KY Forest Industries Association and the Kentucky Division of Forestry, Jeff Stringer, director and Mark Schuster, coordinator. www.masterlogger.org

NEW for 2008 - Certified Master Logger Program – This program certifies the performance of logging firms owned by master loggers in Kentucky and Tennessee. The program is SmartWood certified under SmartLogging standards. Contact Jeff Stringer, director of the Certified Program.

NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS – UK Forestry Extension provides programs and assistance for producers of non-timber forest products with specialization in shiitake mushrooms and Christmas tree production. Assistance and programming is also available to woodland owner and County Agents in agroforestry. Contact Deborah Hill for further information.



TREE, WILDFLOWER, AND WOOD IDENTIFICATION – Tree, wildflower, and wood identification can be obtained directly from the UK Herbarium housed in the Department of Forestry. Rob Paratley, Curator of the Herbarium handles tree and wildflower identification and Terry Conners works with wood identification. To submit tree and wildflower samples use the Woody Plant and Wildflower Identification Form found at www.ukforestry.org (Programs/Tree ID) and send wood samples to the forestry extension office (see above).

WILDLIFE AND ECOSYSTEMS – includes programs in urban wildlife management, creating and managing native warm season grasslands, integrated wildlife damage management and biodiversity and ecosystems management. Tom Barnes, wildlife extension professor heads wildlife programs and has a number of different wildlife (urban and rural) resources available including photographs, PowerPoint presentations ranging from wildlife damage to backyard gardening for wildlife and other information at www.tombarnes.org. Wildlife programming includes maintenance of a snake identification website at www.kentuckysnakes.org



NEW for 2008 - CD based wildlife habitat management course in association with Progressive Farmer magazine.

NEW for 2008 – Programs on: Global Climate Change
Conservation of Rare Wildflowers
Caring for Creation

WOODLAND OWNER PROGRAMS - UK forestry extension runs continuing education programs for woodland owners in Kentucky and provides assistance for County Agents and aligned organizations to help develop woodland owner programs.

Kentucky Woodland Owner Short Course – a three day field based education program offered three times a year specifically for Kentucky woodland owners. The program is run in cooperation with the Kentucky Division of Forestry and the Kentucky Woodland Owners Association. Contact Billy Thomas for information.



Kentucky Woodlands Magazine – a full color publication for Kentucky woodland owners, and the natural resource professionals that work with them, promotes the stewardship of Kentucky's non-industrial private forests. Kentucky Woodlands Magazine is also available online at www.ukforestry.org. The magazine is a partnership venture with the Kentucky Division of Forestry. Editors, Jeff Stringer and Diana Olszowy (KDF), associate and assistant editor, Billy Thomas and Renee Williams.

Local Forestry Organizations - are grassroots organizations with strong support from local/state level forestry and natural resource agencies. They are formed to address forestry and related issues in their area. Formation and development of LFO's is being facilitated by UK forestry extension and partners including the Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Woodland Owners Association, Farm Bureau, Kentucky Conservation Districts, and the Kentucky Forest Industries Association. Publications and information is available at www.ukforestry.org.

YOUTH - UK Forestry Extension runs and assists with youth programming in Kentucky.

Kentucky Forest Leadership Program – an annual forestry youth leadership program at Jabez Leadership Center. This week long camp uses state and local foresters including foresters from the KDF to assist in educating youth about forests and forestry. Contact Doug McLaren.



4-H – including both Junior and Senior Forestry 4-H Competitions is coordinated by UK Forestry Extension. Contact Deborah Hill (Junior) and Terry Conners (Senior) for more information.

Win With Wood is a forestry competition program for youth in eastern Kentucky. It has many 4-H similarities however it is open to all schools and organizations in eastern Kentucky. Information about the program can be obtained from Carroll Fackler.