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Kentucky Tree Farm Inspector of the Year

Michael Froelich with the Kentucky Division of Forestry was recently honored as the 2009 Kentucky Tree Farm Inspector of the Year at the Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA) 45th Annual Meeting in Bowling Green, KY. Froelich from the division's Pineville, KY office completed five new inspections and recertified two tree farms to win the inspector of the year award. He received a plaque recognizing his achievement from the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee.

Froelich has helped advance forest management on private forestlands through his work with the Tree Farm System. Kentucky has over 800 certified tree farms owned by private woodland owners that manage their forests for a wide range of benefits including economic return for wood products and improved water quality and wildlife habitat. The American Tree Farm System is the largest third party certification system in the country for private landowners to certify that they are practicing good forest management on their property.

The Kentucky Tree Farm Committee is sponsored by the Kentucky Forest Industries Association which is the statewide trade association dedicated to serving and promoting the forest products industry of Kentucky. Founded in 1965, it has over 600 members in the areas of primary and secondary wood industry, supplier and service industries, wholesale, loggers and landowners. The Tree Farm Committee oversees the program in Kentucky and is part of the American Tree Farm System that promotes sound forest management through sustainable forestry. For more information about the association or how you can become a certified tree farmer contact Bob Bauer at 502/695-3979.



KY Tree Farm Committee Chair Robert L. Volk with Inspector of the Year Michael Froelich (South Eastern District)