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Kentucky Tree Farmer Inspectors of the Year Named

Connie Woodcock and Sean Godbold with the Kentucky Division of Forestry were recently honored as the 2008 Kentucky Tree Farm Inspectors of the Year at the Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA) 44th Annual Meeting in Lexington, KY. Connie from the Campbellsville, KY office and Sean from the Betsy Layne, KY office each completed 4 new inspections and tied for the inspector award. They received a plaque recognizing their achievement from the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee.

Both Connie and Sean have helped advance forest management on private forestlands through their work with the Tree Farm Program. 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 national Tree Farm Program 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 800 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 National Tree Farm Program 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 Vice Chair Cary Perkins with Inspectors of the Year Connie Woodcock (South Central District and Sean Godbold (Eastern District)