

KENTUCKY TREE FARM COMMITTEE
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Forest Facts – United States

- Over 2.7 billion trees are planted annually in the United States.
- There are more trees growing in America today than there were 70 years ago.
- In the United States, we are growing almost twice as much hardwood sawtimber volume as is being consumed.
- Nationally, forest growth rates have exceeded harvest rates since the 1940's.
- Private individuals own 57 percent of the forestland in the United States.
- Each year the average American uses the equivalent of 1 tree, 100 feet tall and 16 inches in diameter for paper, lumber, and other wood products.
- Forest product companies rank among the top 10 employers in 40 out of the 50 states.
- Insects, tree disease, windstorms, and wildfire consume almost as much wood each year as people use.



Tree Farms- Our Mission is Growing

Kentucky's Tree Farms are dedicated to producing wood products, maintaining wildlife habitat, improving water quality, and providing outdoor recreational opportunities.

The American Tree Farm System is committed to increasing the amount of good forestry on America's family forestlands.

The Tree Farm mission is to promote the growing of renewable forest resources on private lands while protecting environmental benefits and increasing public understanding of all benefits of productive forestry.

Tree Farms approved for the American Tree Farm System are certified under the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), and are recognized by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and meet current standards qualifying tree farms as SFI certified wood.



KENTUCKY FORESTS Our Renewable Natural Resource

TREE FARMS



The Sign of Good Forestry

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Kentucky Facts

State Tree: Yellow-Poplar
 Heritage Tree: Kentucky Coffeetree
 State Bird: Cardinal
 State Flower: Goldenrod
 State Fish: Kentucky Spotted Bass
 State Wild Animal: Gray Squirrel
 State Butterfly: Viceroy
 State Gemstone: Fresh Water Pearl
 State Soil: Crider Silt Loam
 State Fossil: Brachiopod

Kentucky Forests Provide

- Wood and paper products
- Wildlife habitat
- Erosion control
- Water quality
- Recreational opportunities
- Aesthetics
- Employment opportunities
- Economic impact



Kentucky Forest Facts:

- Over 47 percent of Kentucky is forested (11.9 million acres).
- Hardwood trees account for 92 percent of the total volume of growing stock
- Oak/hickory is the dominant forest type, accounting for 72 percent of Kentucky's timberland.
- Eighty-nine percent of forest land is privately owned.
- National Forest is the second largest ownership of timberland, occupying 5 percent of Kentucky's timberland.
- Timber growth to timber harvest ratio is 1.6 to 1.
- Over 30,000 Kentuckians are employed in the wood products industry.
- The forest products industry is the third largest manufacturing industry in Kentucky.
- Kentucky annually ranks in the top five hardwood lumber producers in the United States.
- Kentucky's forests are renewable.

Kentucky Tree Farm Committee Activities:

- Certify and re-inspect Kentucky Tree Farms as part of the American Tree Farm System and the National Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI).
- Provide Tree Farm certificates and signs to recognize Kentucky Tree Farmers.
- Recognize Kentucky Tree Farmer of the Year, Logger of the Year and Tree Farm Inspector of the Year.
- Sponsor Tree Farm Field Days throughout the state and educational programs throughout the state.
- Undertake special projects designed to educate Kentucky landowners on proper forest management.
- Certify Tree Farms in conjunction with the nationwide Sustainable Forestry Initiative designed to provide sustainable wood products from managed forests throughout the United States.
- Certify Tree Farms to supply certified wood through the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

For more information on Tree Farms and on Kentucky forests, contact:

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AMERICAN TREE FARM SYSTEM

I own approximately _____ acres of woodland in _____ County, KY.

I would like to receive advice on how to manage my woodlands to qualify for Tree Farm status. Please make arrangements for an inspecting forester to contact me.

NAME: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: () _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ CITY STATE ZIP