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KWOA Wood Post



## Winter 2026 Kentucky Woodlands Newsletter

The Winter 2026 Kentucky Woodlands Newsletter is now available. Learn more about the successes of the 2025 Fall Conference and Membership Meeting, get to know the new KWOA Board Members, and more!

Read the Newsletter

## News Items of Interest

### Harlan County Farm Bureau Program Earns National Spotlight

The American Farm Bureau Federation will honor 24 counties at its 107th Convention in Anaheim, California, Jan. 9-14. From Kentucky, [Harlan County Farm Bureau's County-Wide Ag and Forestry Field Week](#) has earned the spotlight by promoting ag and forestry careers by hosting a field day showcasing educational opportunities in these fields. Congratulations to Harlan County Farm Bureau!



[Read More](#)

## KNLT Celebrating 100 Square Miles Protected

Kentucky Natural Lands Trust wrapped up our 30th year completing two important land conservation projects that take us over 64,000 acres safeguarded – that is 100 square miles of wildlands protected! This milestone was made possible by the power of partnership, which is foundational in KNLT's wildlands conservation successes.



[Read More](#)

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## Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award Seeks Applicants

Applications are now being accepted for the 2026 Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, March 31.



[Learn More & Nominate](#)

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## Killer Fungi Targets Beetle Destroying American Forests

Emerald ash borers have carved a deadly path through North America's ash trees, leaving foresters with few practical options at large scales. Now, scientists in Minnesota have uncovered an unexpected ally already living in those forests: native fungi that can rapidly kill the invasive beetles.



[Learn More](#)

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## Upcoming Events & Learning Opportunities



# Kentucky Conservation Committee Legislative Summit 2026

*An environmental conference  
on issues of statewide importance*



**Sunday, January 25th 2026 from 1PM-5PM**  
**Ky. State University, 400 East Main St., Frankfort**  
**KSU Extension Building Room 238**  
[kyconservation.org/legislative-summit-2026](http://kyconservation.org/legislative-summit-2026)

## Kentucky Conservation Committee Legislative Summit 2026

Sunday, January 25, 2026, 1 PM-5 PM

KSU Extension Building Room 238

[Learn More](#)

KCC is a valued partner of KWOA. KCC will keep us informed as forestry issues come up and the summit is an overview of all issues that the legislature may address.

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### Free Tax Education Webinar

January 29, 2:00 – 3:30 pm ET

Join Ruby Ward, Utah State University, and Adam Kantrovich, Clemson University, for a presentation on Demystifying Tax Records. They will discuss general information on 1) how long to keep records for tax purposes, 2) what information is needed, and 3) when and what information a tax professional will require.



[Register Here](#)

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### Maple Sector Energy Efficiencies Webinar - Free!

Thursday, January 29, 2026, 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Join CCE Columbia-Greene, Adam Wild, Cornell Maple Program, Ryan Staychok, Environment/Natural Resources Educator for Cayuga, Schuyler, and Seneca CCE and Maple Producer, along with Ag Energy to learn Energy Efficiencies for Maple Production. Whether you're a small operation or large producer, this webinar is for you! Get informed on equipment upgrades, and recommendations for maple energy efficiency. Hear from a maple producer who successfully implemented custom modifications.

[Register Here](#)

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## Kentucky Prescribed Fire Council: Controlled Burn Workshops

# CONTROLLED BURN WORKSHOP

For the spring of 2026, the KPFC currently has 3 Crew Member Training planned:

- February 7: [Hardin County UK Extension Office](#)
- March 7: [Christian County UK Extension Office](#)
- April 10: [Rockcastle County UK Extension Office](#)

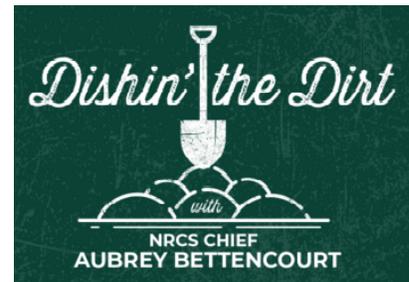


[Learn More](#)

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## Dishin' the Dirt: Student Opportunities

Join NRCS Chief Aubrey J.D. Bettencourt as she “Dishes the Dirt” on how the agency offers a wide range of opportunities for students and volunteers to get involved – connecting classroom knowledge with real-world training opportunities. From higher education partnerships, the Pathways Internship Program, and the Earth Team Volunteer Program, students have a number of opportunities to gain experience in the field. Through these programs and more, we are working ensure that NRCS continues to provide science-based, innovative solutions to put our farmers first.



[Watch Now](#)

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**\*"From the Woods Today": Wednesdays at 11 a.m. ET.** You can watch via Zoom or Facebook Live Links to live shows are posted just before the show. **Join live or watch recorded shows later at the website at [www.fromthewoodstoday.com](http://www.fromthewoodstoday.com)**

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**Yale Forestry Forum** online series returns Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m. U.S. EST, January 13 – April 26 with From Timber to Tomorrow: Old Challenges, New Pressures, Changing Paradigms **Register.** More information is available on the [YFF website](#).

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## Need Help in the Woods?

Bookmark the [Quick Reference Links](#) on KWOA website[ [home\\_page at kwoa.net](http://home_page_at_kwoa.net) ]

- **Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) Vendors List:** [HERE](#) and [https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/Documents/Statewide\\_Vendor\\_List\\_2-8-17.pdf](https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/Documents/Statewide_Vendor_List_2-8-17.pdf)
- **Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters lists** at [KYACE.org](http://KYACE.org)
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** and **Farm Service Agency (FSA)** are the primary source of information on programs to help you carry out management practices on your land. Use this link to find your local office [Local USDA Service Center](#)

- UK Forestry and Natural Resources Cooperative Extension offers a wealth of helpful publications and programming; learn more <https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/extension>. Also find [your county office](#) and then know you are interested in forestry related programs.

## Planning a Harvest?

A Kentucky Master Logger must be on-site and in charge of every commercial logging operation (excluding horse loggers). Kentucky's best management practices must be used in every commercial logging operation (including horse loggers). Best to Check Out These Resources:

- Kentucky Master Logger Program: [masterlogger.ca.uky.edu](http://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu)
- Kentucky Division of Forestry: [forestry.ky.gov](http://forestry.ky.gov)
- Bad Actor Information & List: [masterlogger.ca.uky.edu/bad-actor-information](http://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu/bad-actor-information)
- Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters: [KYACF.org](http://KYACF.org)

## Just so you know...

- If you haven't already joined the KWOA network, [click here to join](#).
- KWOA members receive a 10% discount at **Forestry Suppliers**. Get the *code* when you join! Note the code is on your emailed receipt when you join or renew online.
- You can share our news! See the links at the bottom of this message.
- You can always contact us; send a message to [info@kwoa.net](mailto:info@kwoa.net) with questions, suggestions, news, or to volunteer.

**Growing Forests for Our Future! KWOA volunteers work year-round providing opportunities that benefit Kentucky's woodland owners and contribute to sustainable forestry.**

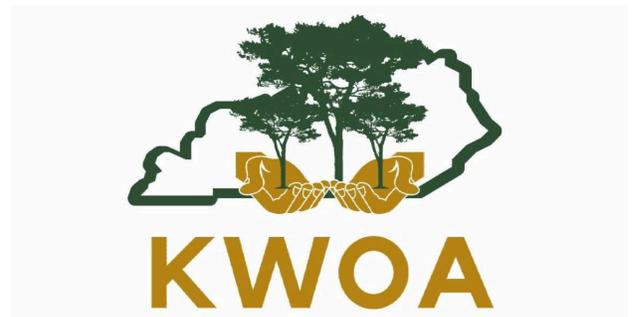
## KWOA Mission

*“Bringing people and woodland sustainability together”*

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