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Providing Environmental, Safety, and Professional Information to Kentucky's Timber Harvesting Operators



2024 Logger Web TV

In 2024, more than 1000 master loggers will need six hours of CE (continuing education credits) to keep their Master Logger designation. On **February 27, 2024**, the Kentucky Master Logger Program will host its third triennial Logger Web TV to make obtaining these six credit hours more feasible and convenient. Logger Web TV will be offered at the extension offices in the following counties:

Boone, Breathitt, Breckinridge, Casey, Crittenden, Cumberland, Elliott, Fleming, Graves, Grayson, Hancock, Harlan, Henderson, Jefferson, Letcher, Logan, Madison, Martin, Morgan, Nelson, Ohio, Owen, Perry, Russell, Taylor, and Whitley.

Web TV will be hosted from 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. EST (8-11 a.m. and 12-3 p.m. CST). The class will be broken into six – 50-minute segments. The agenda will follow as:

9-9:50 – Introduction, House Keeping, and Economic Update for 2023/2024

10-11:50 – White Oak Initiative

12-1:00 – Lunch (On Your Own)

1-1:50 – Water Maps, Safe Hauling, Trucking Cost Estimator

2-2:50 – BMP Refresher and Changes update

3-3:50 – What log buyers are looking for (Tie's, Stave, Saw/Grade Logs, Way wood/Pulp)

By attending Logger Web TV, you will receive six hours of continuing education and be eligible to renew your designation. The class costs \$50, and the renewal fee will be an additional \$25 (\$75 in total). Please register and send a check, cash, or money order to Beth Williams at: Kentucky Master Logger Office 222 T. P. Cooper Bldg Lexington, KY 40546

Please do not send money to extension offices.

If you have any questions, you can:
Email: KML@uky.edu
Phone: 859-257-6230

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KFIA Annual Meeting

April 2-4, 2024

Embassy Suites-Lexington, KY

The 59th Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA) will be held at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, Kentucky, on April 2-4, 2024. The theme of the meeting will be KFIA Makes Forestry Work. The recent year has been highly challenging, and KFIA has continued to work with many partners to address the issues. On the agenda will be market reviews, including an update on future white oak demand, the Kentucky Forestry Works program, and much more. Additional speakers will discuss stormwater issues and changes, Real American Hardwood Promotion, and the Hardwood Federation. The meeting will feature several activities, including a welcome reception for early arrivals and a golf outing on Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday mornings will include speakers on topics of importance to the industry. On Wednesday, a luncheon and evening exhibitor reception will provide plenty of opportunities to meet attendees. The exhibit area will be open throughout the meeting, with several activities to allow exhibitors to meet with potential contacts.

Please join us to meet with hardwood industry owners and operators throughout Kentucky and the region.



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Passing on the Reins

by Scott Dane, Executive Director for the American Loggers Council



In my travels over the past 18 months, I have met with loggers in 30 states to hear and listen to their issues, opinions, and challenges. For the most part, the challenges are all common, regardless of the region: profitability, workforce, and markets. But recently, I was

approached by some younger loggers who expressed a concern that the American Loggers Council was not hearing the “next generations.”

These guys aren’t looking at the exit but are prepared to invest in the future of the American logging industry. So, we held an impromptu side meeting with about twelve loggers to get their insights and options. Aside from the universally common issues, I was surprised by one new concern that was shared amongst nearly all of them frustrated with the unwillingness of their family business to “Pass on the Reins.”

It is critical that multi-generational companies continue to be passed on from generation to generation. After all, this has been the most successful succession plan for maintaining the logging infrastructure. At the Associated California Loggers conference, one presenter asked the group how many are second, third, fourth, and fifth-generation companies. Many hands were raised, including a fifth-generation family logging business.

Unfortunately, due to the many challenges within the logging industry, it cannot be assumed that the next generation will continue the family business. In fact, I have heard many across the country state that they do not want their children to enter the business. So, those family businesses in which the next generation is willing to commit to the long hours, difficult environment, challenging markets, and uncertainty are fortunate that they have the opportunity to hand over the reins and ensure that their lifetime of investment and sacrifice will be a living legacy carried on by the next generation.

However, the risk in not recognizing the readiness of younger loggers is that they will become frustrated and discontent and either take the next step on their own or leave the timber industry. In this case, the succession of a company will be too often occurring, selling off their equipment and “retiring.” Because of this, it is important

for the senior member of the family to be willing to take the lead and start the conversation. Acknowledge that your son or daughter is just like you: raised in the business, proud of what they have learned, and eager to follow in their father’s and grandfather’s footsteps. Don’t wait until you are sure they are ready. None of us are ever as ready as we would like, but we have the foundation of experience, as well as the skills and ability to handle the uncertain challenges that are inherent in the logging industry. Besides, you’ll be there to fall back on for advice if necessary.

There are two types of reins/reign. One refers to reins that guide and direct. After you have successfully navigated the route, steered your logging business on its successful course, and brought it to the point it is, the time will come to hand over the reins for someone else to continue the journey. Reins can also stop forward progress if the trip is over or the direction is unknown.

The other reign refers to exercising authority in the manner of a monarch (i.e., as a king) over a period. The reign of a good leader is vital to governance and order. However, the reigning period is fixed and will always require the coronation of a new leader to continue the orderly progress of the endeavor, your logging business.

So, as your reign ends, be willing and prepared to pass on the reins to the next leader of your company. You’ve prepared them well to continue what you have built. Allow them to build upon that foundation.

This concept applies to the American Loggers Council and state associations as well. When these young loggers approached me about not hearing their voices, I confessed that they are right because my input comes primarily from the Board of Directors, men with considerable experience and knowledge who have built the American Loggers Council into the leading timber industry association in the country. The same can be said for the leadership of the state associations.

Likewise, we need to begin developing the next generation of association leaders to ensure the ongoing growth and success of the associations. That is why the American Loggers Council will establish the Next Generation Logging Leadership program for tomorrow’s leaders in the timber industry.

2023 Kentucky Wood Expo Review

(Story adapted from KFIA)



Chad Niman, UK FNR, helping visitors make cutting boards at the Wood Expo.

The 35th Kentucky Wood Expo occurred on September 15 and 16 at Masterson Station Park. We celebrated 40 years of the original Kentucky Logging Show, which began in Morehead, Kentucky, in 1983. A big thanks goes out to the Parks and Recreation Department for their assistance and cooperation during the week and VisitLEX, along with the Lexington community, for all their support for the show. The Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA) conducts the expo to allow members to see new technology and make purchasing decisions.

Robert Bauer, KFIA executive director, was pleased with the support and participation of those who brought their equipment and products to demonstrate at the expo. Bauer and other association leadership spoke with exhibitors and reported positive feedback.

The weather was perfect, bringing an estimated attendance of 2,100 visitors, over 300 students from around the region and from other states, and 200-plus vendors through the show. The industry crowd was more quality than quantity, with exhibitors making contacts and selling equipment. Several manufacturers exhibited portable sawmill machines, logging equipment, and many other tools.

This year's Kentucky Wood Expo was a success thanks to many of our members and partners throughout the community. The show featured several events that brought in additional attendees and provided many educational

benefits and additional things to do while at the show. A shout-out goes to the Kentucky Division of Forestry for supporting the event by helping with the setup, tear down, and arena competitions. The industry is lucky to have such excellent partners to support forestry and the wood industry in Kentucky.

In addition to the educational events, the lumberjack arena had a full slate of activities between the FFA forestry competition and the Collegiate Conclave. On Friday afternoon, the show hosted the Kentucky Lumberjack Games Invitational competition, allowing anyone to participate. We had teams from the University of Kentucky Forestry Club, the Kentucky Division of Forestry, the U.S. Forest Service, and others who wanted to compete. We also had Hotsaw World Record holder Mike Sullivan, who represented Haix Inc., and KFIA member Aden Troyer of Troyer Hardwoods to offer advice for the competitors and some fun competition. Congratulations to the U.S. Forest Service, who took first place in heated competition. The Kentucky Division of Forestry took 2nd place.

On Saturday, the arena was busy with the college student competition with teams representing the University of Kentucky, University of Tennessee, and Southern Illinois University. After a full day of events, including an axe throw, sawing, log rolling, and chopping, Southern Illinois University Forestry was declared the winner with the most points and took home the coveted trophy as the champions of the Kentucky Wood Expo conclave events.

The University of Kentucky Forestry Extension offered several educational opportunities to benefit landowners or anyone interested in forest health-intensive plant management and small-scale logging: cutting and moving logs with ATVs and tractors. The popular Critter Tent allowed visitors to handle and gaze upon several live, nonvenomous amphibians and reptiles. The tent also featured live tarantulas, scorpions, giant roaches, and other creatures.

The cutting board program was again a success, giving away over 300 cutting boards to those in attendance. Participants also learned about the value of the wood industry to the state's economy and then had an opportunity to rout, sand, and finish an actual wood product. All of these activities helped to make the show better.

Students Attend Expo

by KFIA

The Kentucky Wood Expo hosted around 300 elementary and high school students from Central and Southeastern Kentucky. The students attended the show free of charge thanks to the generosity of KFIA members. This is a small price to help educate the next generation of leaders and consumers about the importance of forest products. Each year, KFIA receives several positive comments about this program from schools and teachers.

While at the wood expo, the younger students participated in activities designed to show the value of forest products, the many ways that wood is used in our everyday lives, and the forest management practices used by the forest industry.

The high school students participated in an expanded FFA program. They tried their hands at ten events ranging from tree wood ID to log grading and measurement. They finished their day with a friendly lumberjack competition. KFIA thanks Michael Froehlich of the Kentucky Division of Forestry, for his organization. Congratulations to Whitley County High School for finishing first overall. Special thanks to Laurie Thomas and Stacy White, UK Forestry Extension, for organizing the youth program and to our dynamic and loud announcer Billy (The Voice) Thomas, also with UK Forestry Extension.

KFIA appreciates George Crawford and Larry Norfleet from Merrick Hardwood Lumber for assisting students with guessing the weight of a log and donating a free log guess. GreenTree Forest Products, Wallingford, KY, supplied a 2,840 lb. log for the contest and sponsored the prizes: Bluetooth headphones for kids under 12 and a \$50 gift card for students 13 and over. The winner of the 12-and-under category was Max D. from Mt. Sterling, KY, with a guess of 2,250 lbs. Hannah Tapley from McCreary Central High School, won a gift card in the 13-and-older category with a guess of 3,607 lbs.



Kentucky ForestryWorks Workforce Initiative Underway

There is a new forest industry and logging initiative underway in Kentucky. The Kentucky ForestryWorks Initiative will make available to teachers and students a high school forestry curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to take an exam after completing all modules in the curriculum. If they pass the exam they will be awarded a Forestry Worker Certificate, which is recognized nationally. The program provides basic information about Kentucky forests, timber cruising and measurement, forest products, regulations and many other topics covered in 10 modules. The program is being developed in partnership with University of Kentucky Forestry and Natural Resources, Kentucky Forest Industries Association, Kentucky Division of Forestry and ForestryWorks. There is a placeholder website up and running with general information. The link is: <https://forestryworks.com/kentucky>

The Kentucky content will be completed and uploaded to this site in summer 2024. In addition to the high school curriculum there will be a two-week summer field course held at Robinson Forest and Robinson Wood Utilization Center for high school students, with all meals, lodging and other expenses covered. Students will stay in historic American chestnut cabins at Robinson Forest. The accommodations are bunk bed-style and students will need to bring their own pillow, bedding, towel, and toiletries. Closed-toe shoes are required, and personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided. Topics covered will include tree measurements, tree identification, tree and log grading, tree felling, log bucking, bandsaw milling, hardwood lumber grading, railway tie log grading, wood drying, finished wood products, logging site visits, industry tours and more. The field course will run Monday through Friday, with the students going home over the weekend and returning the following week. The field course is capped at 20 high school attendees. Preference will be given to juniors and seniors, but any interested high school age student should apply. Please help us share the news of the high school curriculum, certificate, and summer field course with interested students and teachers in your community. Interested high school students should apply using this form.



ForestryWorks of Kentucky

2024 ForestryWorks Field Course Application

Dates: June 17-21 and June 24-28

*Please provide one letter of recommendation
Send application and recommendation letter to chad.niman@uky.edu or mail to: Attn: Chad Niman Address: 214 T.P. Cooper Bldg. Lexington, KY 40546

Applicant Name: _____
(First, Last)

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Shirt Size: _____
(freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

1. What type of forestry careers are you interested in?
2. Why do you want to attend the ForestryWorks Field Course?
3. Are you interested in testing for the Forestry Worker Certificate at the end of the Field Course?

2024 Kentucky Master Logger Programs



Continuing Education Schedule

- **February 27:** Logger TV Webinar (Multiple Counties)
- **March 27:** Sustainable Forestry - Christian County Extension Office
- **April 11:** Principles of Forestry - Warren County Extension Office
- **April 24:** Log, Tie, and Lumber Grading - Whitley County Extension Office
- **April 30:** Basic Timber Cruising - Magoffin County Extension Office
- **May 8:** Chainsaw Safety - Boyd County Extension Expo Center
- **May 15:** White Oak Production & Harvesting - Marshall County Extension Office
- **May 29:** Directional Felling - Keeneland Lodge, Camp McKee (Montgomery County)
- **June 5:** White Oak Production & Harvesting - Metcalfe County Extension Office
- **June 13:** First Aid / CPR / Stop the Bleed - Morgan County Extension Office
- **June 19:** BMP Refresher - Bert T. Combs Bldg., KDF Pineville Office (Bell County)
- **July 10:** Principles of Forestry - Butler County Extension Office
- **August 29:** Principles of Forestry - Lincoln County Extension Office
- **September 18:** Directional Felling - Cumberland County Extension Office
- **October 10:** White Oak Production & Harvesting - Laurel County Extension Office
- **November 6:** Basic Timber Cruising - Harrison County Extension Office

3-Day Schedule

- **Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 1** - Hardin County Extension Office
- **March 5, 6, 7** - Fleming County Extension Office
- **March 26, 27, 28** - McCreary County Hardwoods
- **April 16, 17, 18** - Christian County Extension Office
- **May 21, 22, 23** - Floyd County Extension Office
- **July 16, 17, 18** - Owen County Extension Office
- **September 24, 25, 26** - Barren County Extension Office
- **October 22, 23, 24** - Marshall County Extension Office
- **November 19, 20, 21** - Clay County Extension Office

3-Day Registration Form

FEES: \$85 per person

Program Date & Location _____

Name (First and Last) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Have you attended the KML 3-day program in the past? _____

CEU Registration Form

FEES: \$50 class fee and \$25 for card renewal
Courses are 6 CE credits, 9 am - 4 pm

Program Date & Location _____

Name (First and Last) _____

Designation Number _____

Mailing Address _____

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