2007 Forestry Extension Programs and Personnel

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  Dr. Terry Conners – Forest Industry and Wood Technology
  Dr. Deborah Hill – Non-Timber Forest Products and Agroforestry
  Dr. Jeff Stringer1 – Forest Management, Timber Production, Logger Education

Extension Professional Staff
  Doug McLaren – Forest Management – General Forest Management and Youth
  Bobby Ammerman2 – Forest Industry Training and Economic Development
  Billy Thomas – Non-industrial Private Forests

Extension Affiliates
  Carroll Fackler2 – Wood Utilization Center – Superintendent
  Rob Paratley – UK Herbarium – Tree Identification
  Mark Schuster – Kentucky Master Logger Coordinator (KY Div. Forestry)

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  Wood Utilization Center, 859-257-2438  www.ukwoodcenter.net

TREE IDENTIFICATION
Tree and wildflower identification can be obtained directly from the UK Herbarium housed in the Department of Forestry.  Rob Paratley, Curator of the Herbarium handles tree I.D. for county agents, landowners, and the general public. To submit samples use the Woody Plant and Wildflower Identification Form found at http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forestry/herb.htm.  Contact Rob Paratley at 859-257-3094, rparatl@uky.edu

WOODLAND OWNER PROGRAMS – Billy Thomas  257-9153  billy.thomas@uky.edu
Billy Thomas develops woodland owner education programming and assists with the development of state, regional and county forestry programming. Kentucky Woodland Owner Short Course: Annual woodland owner education programs involving forest and woodland management, and other program areas of interest to non-industrial private forest owners.

WILDLIFE AND ECOSYSTEMS - Dr. Thomas Barnes  859-257-8633  tbarnes@uky.edu
  • Urban Wildlife Management
  • Creating and managing native warm season grasslands
  • Integrated Wildlife Damage Management
  • Biodiversity and Ecosystems Management
Dr. Barnes has a number of different wildlife (urban and rural) resources available including photographs, PowerPoint presentations ranging from wildlife damage to backyard gardening for wildlife and other information at www.tombarnes.org. All of these are available for download and use.
Dr. Barnes is currently finalizing a CD based wildlife habitat management course in association with Prairie Farmer magazine. The first installment on bobwhite quail will be released in 2007.

Snake Identification: Dr. Barnes has recently released a snake identification Web Site that can be used to identify snakes in Kentucky. It contains full screen color pictures and can also be used to get information on their location and their scientific name. www.kentuckysnakes.org
FOREST MANAGEMENT – SILVICULTURE – Dr. Jeff Stringer 859-257-5994  stringer@uky.edu

- Management and Hardwood Silviculture
- Timber Sales and Logging
- Forest and Woodland Management - timber and forest health
- Continuing Education - foresters, loggers, woodland owners

Timber Harvesting Programs: Logging operations in Kentucky must have a master logger on site and use appropriate Best Management Practices. The Kentucky Master Logger program is a cooperative program of UK, the KY Forest Industry Association and the Kentucky Division of Forestry. Dr. Stringer is director of the program. www.masterlogger.org

Professional Forestry Workshops: Multi-state continuing education workshops specifically designed for practicing foresters and aligned professionals.

NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS - Dr. Deborah Hill 859-257-7610  dbhill@uky.edu

- Non-Timber Forest Products – shiitake mushrooms, Christmas trees
- Agroforestry and Silva Pasture
- Landowner Education on Non-Timber Forest Products
- 4-H Forestry Programs

Shiitake Mushrooms: Dr. Hill, has developed publications and videos on Shiitake Mushroom production for growers. This represents a significant low initial investment alternative income source for rural landowners in Kentucky.

GENERAL FORESTRY - Doug McLaren 859-257-2703  dmclaren@uky.edu

General forest management and tree information can be obtained from Doug McLaren. Doug also provides teacher education on natural resource related issues.

Forestry Youth Leadership Program - Doug runs the annual forestry youth leadership program at Jabez Leadership Center. This week long camp uses state and local foresters including foresters from the KDF to assist in educating youth about forests and forestry.

YOUTH AND 4-H

4_H Dr. Deborah Hill provides Forestry support for the Junior Forestry 4-H Competition and Dr. Terry Conners the Senior Forestry 4-H Competition. Win With Wood is a forestry competition program for youth in eastern Kentucky. It has many 4-H similarities however it is open to all schools and organizations in eastern Kentucky. Information about the program can be obtained from Carroll Fackler.

FOREST INDUSTRY / WOOD TECHNOLOGY -Dr. Terry Conners 859-257-2463  tconners@uky.edu

- Forest Industry Support and Training
- Youth Education in Wood and Forest Industry
- Wood Identification and Wood Problems – Homeowner and Industry

Dr. Conners provides established forestry industry with solutions associated with wood processing as well as entrepreneurial assistance to start up wood based businesses in Kentucky. He also assists the homeowners and the general public with wood related issues.

FOREST INDUSTRY SUPPORT - Bobby Ammerman 606-666-3438  bammerma@uky.edu

Technical outreach to the primary and secondary wood industry continues including lean manufacturing, energy audits, manufacturing efficiency, technical support, and log and lumber grading and drying. Technical training classes continue for secondary wood industry personnel. Bobby Ammerman, conducts classes on Computer Controlled Machines and other machinery used in the secondary industry. http://ces.ca.uky.edu/robinsonstation/ammerman/ammerman.htm

Carroll Fackler, Wood Center director, also provides support to the forest and wood industries. Go to: www.ukwoodcenter.net for all Wood Utilization Center Programs.