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Welcome Back!

If this spring weather has made you want to get outside, you're not alone. The growing season is back and so are we! The Kansas Forestry Association is *YOUR* resource for news and events in Kansas forestry.

It's been a while since our last issue, and for our new members this will be their very first one, so we would like to start by sharing who we are and what we're all about.

Please enjoy this spring issue and look forward to a new edition every quarter. Share this with your friends and neighbors...The more members we have the more we can do!

About the Kansas Forestry Association

The Kansas Forestry Association (KFA) was established in 2009 when members of the Kansas Tree Farm Program and the Kansas Chapter of the Walnut Council agreed to merge their governing boards into one to represent both organizations. The resulting By-Laws of KFA were approved by the American Tree Farm System and the National Walnut Council.

The KFA Board advises the Kansas Forest Service in the operations of the Rural Forestry and Forest Stewardship Program.

KFA not only serves as the "umbrella" organization for both groups, but also offers membership to anyone enthusiastic about **"Sustaining the Health and Productivity of Kansas Woodlands and Windbreaks and Related Natural Resources"**.

KFA achieved not-for-profit status and was approved as a 501(c) 3 in 2014.

KFA currently has a little over 260 members that include;

Kansas landowners who manage woodlands and windbreaks, Tree Farmers, walnut growers, ranchers, farmers, foresters, wildlife biologists, research scientists, loggers, natural resource organizations, government agencies, **and people who simply love woodlands and windbreaks and the wildlife and recreational opportunities they provide.**

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Heads Up!

National Walnut Council
meeting is coming up soon!
7/20-7/26
Columbia, MO

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Why a Forestry Association in Kansas?

Kansas forests, woodlands, windbreaks, and trees cover about 4.11 million acres (9%) of the state. The linear nature of Kansas forests creates benefits well beyond the land they occupy. Kansas forests tend to follow streams and rivers while crop fields are often protected by windbreaks and shelterbelts. These trees improve water quality and crop yields and provide important soil conservation benefits and wildlife habitat for bald eagles, wild turkey, white-tailed deer and songbirds.

Woodlands also provide important recreational and quality of life opportunities. Trees like black walnut and bur oak are highly sought after by loggers and Kansas forest industry provides an estimated \$2.3 billion annually to the Kansas economy in 2021 dollars. Since 92% of Kansas woodlands are privately owned, the responsibility for sustaining their health and productivity falls squarely on the shoulders of Kansas landowners. That is why membership in KFA is so important.

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Benefits of Membership

JOIN KFA TODAY!

Join friends, neighbors, landowners and professionals to share experiences and explore research-based programs on forestry, wildlife, windbreaks and other important subjects. Enjoy great outdoor experiences at our many field day opportunities throughout the year. We learn directly from professional foresters, wildlife biologists, scientists, forestry industry and natural resource professionals.

You'll receive "on-site" educational opportunities in natural resource management. You will also receive the Kansas Forestry Association Newsletter to keep you up to date on current forestry events and news. *Even if you just love nature and being in the woods, take this great opportunity to join KFA TODAY!*

Membership

includes an annual copy of the National Woodland Owners magazine.

Members

receive invitations to the Field Days, conferences and other educational events.

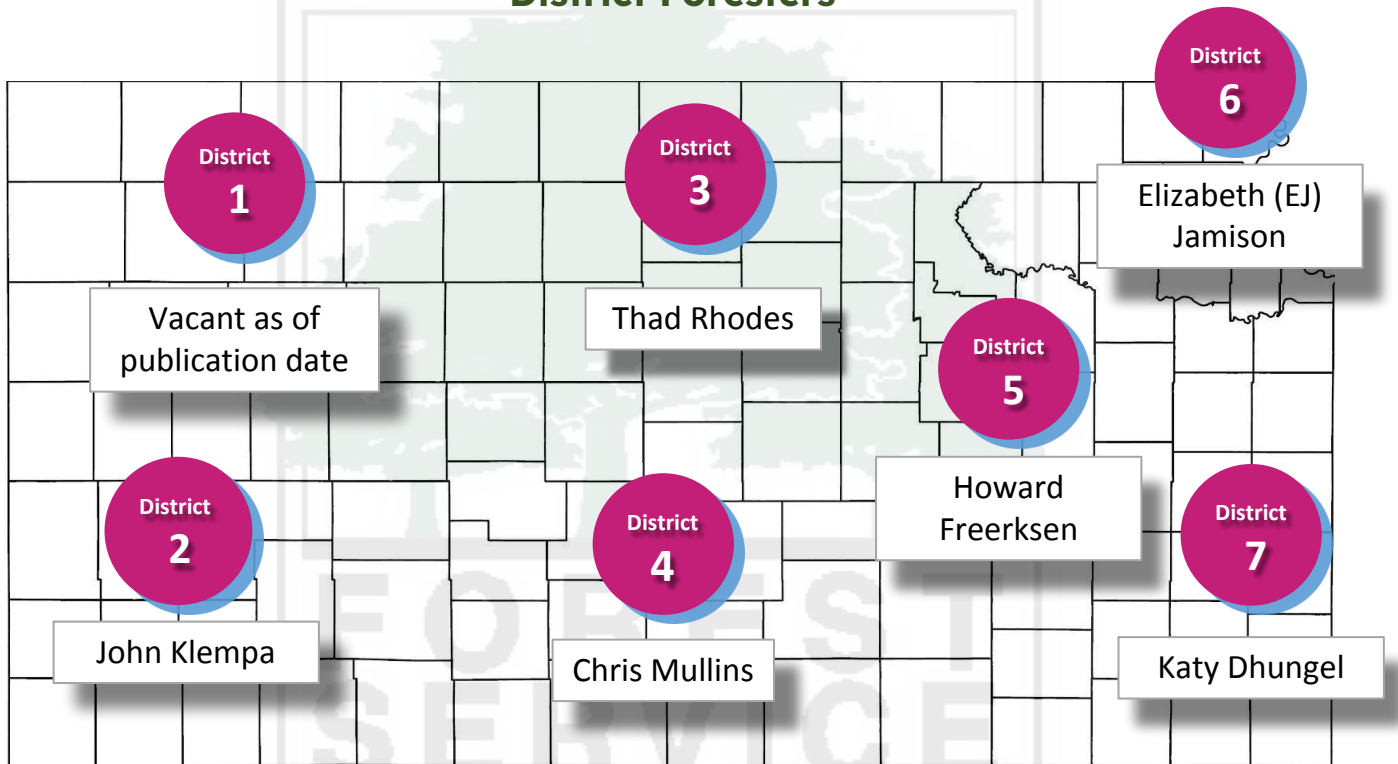
Members

receive free quarterly copies of the Kansas Forestry Association newsletters that provide the most current forestry news in the state.

Provides

a network for woodland owners, natural resource professionals, forestry industry, scientists and nature enthusiasts to share experiences and research-based information on the management of woodlands, windbreaks, wildlife and related resources.

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The KFA would love to hear from you!

What have you been doing with your land?

What would you like to see KFA doing for you?

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