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KANSAS FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Kansans for healthy woodlands



Providing people the tools to care for woodlands, shelterbelts, and related natural resources.



About the Kansas Forest 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 each group, but also offers membership to anyone empathetic to their vision of “*Sustaining the Health and Productivity of Kansas Woodlands and Windbreaks and Related Natural Resources*”. In 2012 KFA achieved not-for-profit status and was approved as a 501(c) 3 in 2014. KFA currently has a little over 200 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.



Why a Forestry Association in Kansas?



Kansas forests, woodlands, windbreaks, and trees cover about 3.8 million acres of the state (8%). 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 song birds. 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 \$2.1 billion annually to the Kansas economy in 2016 dollars. Since 95% 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.

Benefits of Membership

- ✓ Provides a network for woodland owners, natural resource professionals, forestry industry and scientists to share experiences and research-based information on the management of woodlands, windbreaks, wildlife and related resources.
- ✓ Members receive invitations to the Agroforestry Field Day, Walnut Council Field Day, Fall Forestry Field Day, 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.
- ✓ Membership includes an annual copy of the National Woodland Owners magazine.

KFA Activities



Each year KFA sponsors and assists with the organization of the **Kansas Agroforestry Field Day** in May, the **Walnut Council Field Day** in June, and the **Fall Forestry Field Day** in October. These events provide “hands-on” educational opportunities in natural resource management. The field days connect landowners with other landowners who are planting trees and caring for their woodlands and windbreaks as well as professional foresters, wildlife biologists, scientists, the forest industry, and other natural resource professionals. Each year KFA and the Kansas Forest Service present the **Kansas Agroforestry Award** and the **Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer of the Year** to landowners who do an exceptional job caring for their woodlands and windbreaks. Recipients of these awards receive a monetary award, a walnut plaque, and an award sign to post on their property. KFA also informs members of educational and financial assistance opportunities to help cover the cost of implementing forestry practices.



How Membership Works

KFA membership may be obtained by:

- 1) Purchasing an individual membership at your desired giving level. Annual dues are renewed in January. See attached membership form or register at the KFA website.
 - 2) Becoming certified as a Tree Farmer by the American Forest Foundation.
 - 3) Becoming a member of the Kansas Chapter of the Walnut Council
- **Members are encouraged to consider serving on the Board of Directors who are nominated in October for a three year term.**



Membership Form

Name/Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Annual Membership Levels

- \$20 Standard Membership
- \$21 - \$99 Cottonwood
- \$100 - \$499 Pecan
- \$500 - \$999 Oak
- \$1,000 + Walnut (lifetime)

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Please make checks/payment to Kansas Forestry Association and mail to:

Kansas Forestry Association
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Or Register online at:

www.ksforestryassociation.org

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