



## **Kansas Forestry Association 2010 Plan of Work**

*Note: The Kansas Forestry Association serves as the umbrella organization for the Kansas Tree Farm Committee and the Kansas Chapter of the Walnut Council. The organizations share by-laws and this Plan of Work.*

### **A. Committee Governance**

**Objective(s):** Chair will create & assign task groups as necessary to accomplish the POW.

**Activities:** The Chair will assign action items to accomplish POW goals to every person on the State Committee and seek assistance from broader membership to accomplish the POW.

### **B. Required Sample Inspections**

**Objective(s):** Tree Farm inspectors will complete the two sample inspections required by the national sample for 2010.

**Activities:** Program Administrator will distribute Karl & David Brecheisen's national inspection 004 form to inspector Connie Robinson-Clemons and Joe Kennedy's 004 form to inspector Dave Bruton.

Progress will be reported at each Committee meeting.

The Program Administrator will ensure that inspection funds will be invested as an inspection incentive.

The Program Administrator will complete the quarterly reimbursement report and submit to ATFS for inspection incentive reimbursement of \$200.00.

### **C. Program Growth**

**Objective(s):** 10 new Tree Farmers will be certified by the end of 2010.

**Activities:** Program Administrator will monitor the number of new Tree Farm certifications by inspectors and solicit awards from the National Office based on the following schedule: 25 new certifications - Bronze Hard Hat; 50 new certifications - Silver Hard Hat, 100 – Gold Hard Hat.

For every 5 new Tree Farms certified inspecting foresters will receive an award to be determined by the Committee.

Tree Farm inspectors attending the new Standards of Sustainability for Forest Certification training session will receive a Tree Farm shirt.

## **D. Outreach and Education**

**Objective(s):** The Tree Farm Committee will effectively communicate and educate landowners, media, legislators and natural resource professionals through radio programming, news releases, television, KFS Kansas Canopy newsletter, web sites and workshops/field days throughout 2010.

**Activities:** Provide \$100 sponsorship and assist with the organization and promotion of the Agroforestry Field Day scheduled May 20, at Cimarron, KS.

Provide \$100 sponsorship and assist with the organization and promotion of the Walnut Council Field Day scheduled for June.

Provide \$100 sponsorship and assist with the organization and promotion of the Fall Forestry Field Day scheduled for October.

Members of the KS Tree Farm Program will be kept abreast of ATFS activities by the Program Administrator receiving Committee meeting minutes.

Dave Mitchell will work on developing a mentoring program that will place new Tree Farmers in touch with established Tree Farmers.

Roy & Carolyn Turney, Charles Barden and Ryan Neises will apply for an Outreach and Education grant to create a Tree Farm bill board along I-35 on the Turney's property.

Ryan Neises with assistance from other committee members will maintain the Kansas Tree Farm web site.

Roy and Carolyn Turney will represent the State Committee at the ATFS National Leadership Conference scheduled for February 23-25 in New Orleans. KTFC will reimburse them for expenses.

Connie Robinson will represent the KS Chapter of the Walnut Council at the National Walnut Council Meeting scheduled for August 2-5 in Michigan.

Provide representation at the annual Aromatic Redcedar Association meeting.

Extension Forester, Program Administrator, and Larry Rutter will provide leadership in the development of a seed orchard at Tuttle Creek Forestry Research site through scheduled workdays.

## **E. Recognition**

**Objective(s):** Outstanding Tree Farmers will be recognized through the presentation of the Agroforestry and Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer of the Year Awards.

**Activities:** Program Administrator will seek nominations for the Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer of the Year Award by January 31<sup>st</sup>. The State Committee will select an award winner by February.

Program Administrator will seek nominations for the Kansas Agroforestry Award by October 31<sup>st</sup>. The State Committee will select an award winner by November.

Dave Bruton, Leonard Ellis and Bob Atchison will develop criteria for a recognition award for forest industry.

## **F. Advocacy**

**Objective(s):** Issues that affect Kansas Tree Farmers (based on 2006 Survey & 2008 Committee input) include 1) invasive plant species, 2) wildlife damage, 3) lack of time and money to accomplish forestry projects, 4) protecting forestland, 5) development of more forestry contractors, 6) education on taxes and estate planning relating to forestry and 7) water quality.

**Activities:** An ad hoc committee appointed the Chair will brainstorm possible activities associated with the identified issues not already addressed in the POW and present findings at the November meeting.

Steve Floersch and Carolyn Turney will represent the Tree Farm Committee on the Kansas Forest Service Advisory Council by attending their meetings in 2010.

Larry Rutter will contact NRCS to see if a Kansas Tree Farm Committee member can become an official member of the Kansas Technical Committee.

## **G. Fundraising**

**Objective(s):** In 2010 KS will receive a little over \$1,000 of pass thru funding. An additional \$2,419 will be needed for the program to break even in 2010 based on an cost of living increase and total expenses in 2009 of \$1,301. With a current balance of \$11,569.66 there should be plenty of funding to operate the program. However, to accomplish long-term goals listed in the POW additional funding sources are needed.

**Activities:** Carolyn Turney will administrate and promote the Memorial Honors Giving Program (MGHP) to Kansas Tree Farmers and other appropriate audiences through annual mailings and by listing on the new web site.

Committee member Dennis Morriss will estimate the cost of obtaining non-profit status for the Kansas Forestry Association.

Committee member Charles Barden will estimate the cost needed to establish a walnut seed orchard at the KSU Tuttle Creek Forestry research site.