

#### November 2023

**KWOA Wood Post** 



## **Spotted Lanternfly ALERT!**

This invasive pest is now in the state. The state entomologist is advising that if you should see this destructive bug, take a picture of it first then squash it. Then report it to <a href="mailto:reportapest@uky.edu">reportapest@uky.edu</a> so that they can keep track of it. USDA also has a great information page and downloadable info flyers.

In Louisville, a team with the Olmstead Parks Conservancy is working to minimize habitat for these invasive insects by removing their preferred host plant, Tree of Heaven, from the parks. To learn more about their work, <u>visit their Facebook page</u>.

#### **Community Assessment Survey**

KWOA is asking everyone in the Woodland Community to respond to the <u>statewide survey</u> recently launched by the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and encourage expanded woodland management programming. The survey is a simple ranking of issues and toward the very end there is a place to describe other issues in your community that (in your opinion) need practical education and/or assistance. This would be the place to make a request; suggested wording:

"Please expand programming to educate landowners about woodland management practices and the public about the need for this type of management across the state. The future ability of forest resources in Kentucky to provide timber/wood products and ecosystem services to protect environmental quality and provide economic benefits is dependent upon woodland management."

The survey is open to all Kentucky citizens ages 18 and up. Every voice matters! We hope you'll take the ten-minute survey and encourage others to do the same.

Take the Survey

**Ginseng Harvesting Prohibited in Daniel Boone National Forest** 

The Daniel Boone National Forest will not issue ginseng harvesting permits for the 2023 ginseng harvest season. The Forest has suspended its ginseng permit program for the past seven years to allow wild ginseng populations the time to regenerate. <u>Learn more in the Times-Tribune</u>.

## Latest Data on Foreign Investment in U.S. Ag Land

Read more

# **Upcoming Events**

- KCARD Grow Your Agrobusiness Workshops continue through November. <u>Learn</u> more on our site. December 10 is the last session in Wolfe County.
- Don't miss the final Yale Forestry Forum Fall webinars in November. <u>Click here to learn more and register.</u>
- KWOA 2024 Annual Meeting March 25-27 mat Berea College Forest Outreach Center Save the Dates and learn more.



KWOA is grateful for our Woodland Community. Whether you are hunting wild turkeys in your woods or cooking up a feast for family and friends, we wish you a Happy Holiday Season!

# **Woodland Community Updates**

- Check out the latest on White Oak Resilience Act (WORA) HR 5582 <a href="here.">here.</a>
- Fall 2023 Newsletter Get up to date on all things KWOA and more with our latest newsletter now available on our site at <a href="kwoa.net/newsletter">kwoa.net/newsletter</a>.
- Kentucky Natural Lands Trust is now hiring an Administrative Specialist to oversee essential functions of the organization's key operations. <u>Learn more here.</u>
- Now available 2024 Soils Planner This educational, calendar-style planner is free to the
  public while supplies last. Visit Back to Basics online to learn more about the 2024 Soils
  Planner and order your free copy today!

#### FALL FOREST FIRE HAZARD SEASON

OCT. 1 - DEC. 15

It is illegal to burn between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m Learn More: <a href="https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/fall-fires">https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/fall-fires</a>

#### Current Wildfire Activity in Kentucky

View real-time wildfire activity across the Commonwealth with the Division of Forestry's <u>Interactive Fire Response Map.</u> The map provides the latest information regarding reported, active, contained, and controlled wildfires currently being managed by the Division of Forestry. <u>Click here to learn</u> about the Kentucky Division of Forestry's role in wildfire hazards.

The Woodland Community can be very thankful for the efforts being made, as the entire Kentucky Division of Forestry is fully mobilized for wildfire suppression and out-of-state resources have been brought in to help us during this time. Thank your Forester when you see them and hold their safety in your thoughts.

## **Holiday Stockings Stuffers**

Trying day after day to think of a valued present for the upcoming holidays? KWOA membership is the perfect answer and provides year-round value!



#### - Ongoing -



"From the Woods Today": Wednesdays at 11 a.m. ET. You can watch via Zoom or Facebook Live Links to live shows are posted just before the show. Join live or watch recorded shows later at the website at <a href="https://www.fromthewoodstoday.com">www.fromthewoodstoday.com</a>

## **Need Help in the Woods?**

Kentucky Division of Forestry Vendors List: <u>HERE</u> and <u>https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/Documents/Statewide%20Vendor%20List%202-8-17.pdf</u>

## **Planning a Harvest?**

A Kentucky Master Logger must be on-site and in charge of every commercial logging operation (excluding horse loggers). Kentucky's best management practices must be used in every commercial logging operation (including horse loggers). Best to Check Out These Resources:

- Kentucky Master Logger Program: https://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu
- Bad Actor Information & List: https://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu/bad-actor-information

#### Just so you know...

- If you haven't already joined the KWOA network, click here to join.
- You can share our news! See the links at the bottom of this message.
- You can always contact us; send a message to <a href="mailto:info@kwoa.net">info@kwoa.net</a> with questions, suggestions, news, or to volunteer.

Growing Forests for Our Future! KWOA volunteers work year-round providing opportunities that benefit Kentucky's woodland owners and contribute to sustainable forestry.

#### **KWOA Mission**

"Bringing people and woodland sustainability together"

#### Contact Us

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