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Providing People the Tools to
Care for Woodlands, Shelterbelts
and Related Natural Resources

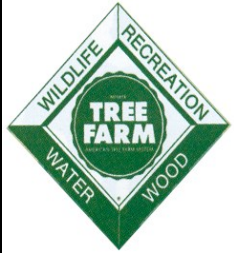
Kansas Forestry Association



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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 also serves as the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee, advising the Kansas Forest Service in the operations of the Rural Forestry and Forest Stewardship Program. KFA now serves as the “umbrella” organization for each group but also extends membership to anyone dedicated 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 is awaiting approval as a 501(c) 3. KFA currently has around 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 5 million acres of the state (10%). 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 \$1.5 billion annually to the Kansas economy in 2013 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. And that’s why membership in KFA is so important.



KFA provides landowners with the tools they need to care for their woodlands, shelterbelts and related natural resources.



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Benefits of Membership

- Members receive free forestry advice from professional foresters who provide forestry project plans and information on financial assistance.
- 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 Canopy newsletter that provides 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, loggers 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 \$250 gift certificate from STIHL, a walnut plaque and an award sign to post on their property. KFA also keeps members aware of additional educational opportunities and financial assistance to help cover the cost of implementing forestry practices.

The KFA Board

The 21 member KFA Board meets in February, July and November of each year to conduct the business of KFA, the Kansas Tree Farm Committee, the Kansas Chapter of the Walnut Council and the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee. Current officers include:

Carolyn Turney	President, KFA, Tree Farm Chair
Dennis Morriss	Vice-Pres., KFA, Tree Farm
Charles Barden	President, WC, KSRE Rep.
Larry Rutter	Treasurer, WC
Cathy Sandoval	Secretary, KFA, WC, TF
Bob Atchison	Program Admin., KFS Rep.

How Membership Works

KFA membership may be obtained by 1) becoming certified as a Tree Farmer by the American Forest Foundation, 2) becoming a member of the Kansas Chapter of the Walnut Council, 3) paying \$10 individual membership or a \$50 association/agency fee. Annual dues are paid in January at the beginning of each year. 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 Fees

- Individual \$10
- Associations/Government Agencies \$50

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