Established on March 10, 1887, KFS is the 5th oldest state forestry agency in the nation.

Administratively located at Kansas State University in the College of Agriculture.

Mission Statement: “Care of Natural Resources and Service to People Through Forestry”

Programs include Conservation Tree and Shrub Planting, Fire Management, Community Forestry, Rural Forestry, Marketing & Utilization and Forest Health.

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For more information or to nominate a tree visit our website: [www.kansasforests.org](http://www.kansasforests.org)

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**Champion Trees**

National and Kansas Register

**State Champion**

Bur Oak
Pottawatomie County

**State Champion**

Eastern White Pine
Leavenworth County

**National Champion**

Western Soapberry
Johnson County
What is a Champion Tree?
A champion tree is the largest tree of a species

National Register
- www.americanforests.org
- 700+ species
- Established in 1940
- Sponsored by The Davey Tree Expert Company

Kansas Register
- www.kansasforests.org
- 130+ species

How is a Champion Tree determined?
Total points = Circumference + Height + (crown spread/4)

Circumference
- Measured in inches (1 inch = 1 point)
- Measured at 4.5 feet high unless otherwise noted

Height
- Measured in feet (1 foot = 1 point)

Crown Spread
- Measured in feet (1 foot = 0.25 point)
- First measurement is the distance from one end of branches to the other end
- Second measurement is the same distance perpendicular to the original measurement
- The two measurements are averaged for the crown spread and then divided by four

Why are the Champion Tree Registers important?
- Honoring large and resilient trees
- Increasing awareness of a variety of tree species
- Developing interest in the natural world
- Preservation and protection of big trees for both historical and scientific interests
- Celebrating the legacy of the Wye Oak of Wye Mills, MD

State Champion
White Fir
Wyandotte County

State Champion
White Mulberry
Douglas County

State Champion
Dwarf Chinkapin Oak
Brown County