Forest Ownership in Kansas, 2006

This information is adapted from "Family Forest Owners of the United States, 2006" General Technical Report NRS-27. Contact Brett Butler (bbutler01@fs.fed.us) for more information.

The U.S. Forest Service's National Woodland Owner Survey (www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos) is conducted to improve our understanding of who owns the forests of the United States, why they own them, how they use them, and what they intend to do with them. This information is used by foresters, educators, and researchers to create programs, policies, and services that better meet the needs of forest owners and society. The family forest results below are a summary of the 172 owners from Kansas who participated between 2002 and 2006.

### Area of Forest Land and Number of Forest Owners

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### Private and Public Forest Lands

![Map of Kansas showing private and public forest lands](source)

Sources: CBI Protected Areas Database, ver 4.0 and USGS National Land Cover Database 2001

### Family Forest Owners

#### Size of Forest Landholdings

- **Area**
- **Owners**

#### Reasons for owning

1. Part of farm or ranch
2. Beauty/scenery
3. Pass land on to heirs
4. Nature protection
5. Hunting or fishing

#### Five Year Plans for Land

- Leave it as is - no activity
- Harvest firewood
- Minimal activity
- No current plans
- Harvest sawlogs or pulpwood

### Important Concerns

1. Undesirable plants
2. Trespassing or poaching
3. Keeping land intact for heirs
4. High property taxes
5. Misuse of forest land