



The Voice for Illinois Forests

To act on issues that impact rural and community forests and to promote forestry in Illinois

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President's Message

J. B. Gates, IFA President

The Illinois Forestry Development Council has been reinstated. The first meeting was held on April 30 and listened to a presentation of the "Statewide Forestry Assessment and Strategy" paper, re-establishing the Council and its various committees, and funding of the Council. This, as Martha Stewart would say, is a 'good thing'.

The council, when selections are completed, will be composed of 29 members. Eighteen of those members are of the General Assembly, appointees of the Governor, or members of governmental agencies. The remaining members are academicians, or presidents of statewide associations working for the good of Forestry in Illinois. The purpose of the council is to study and evaluate the forest resources and forest industry in Illinois.

This has not been done in a very productive manner in the past. When one looks at the statistical data of the state under 'natural resources', you find only grain production and coal as revenue producers. Of the 35 million acres in Illinois, 4.5 million acres are forested lands. The timber owner is not being heard from, until a tree is harvested and then heard very little. We must stand up for our investment in Illinois and have our interests listened to and taken care of in a positive manner. If we do not stand up and take charge of our interests, the government will and it may not be to our desires. This is what has happened today. The people have wanted, and government has been, more than willing to say they know what is best for the population and have moved forward, and in some cases, to the detriment of the people. Why, because we are unwilling to take charge of our destiny, let the other guy do it. Stand up - let your voice be heard!

The Illinois Forestry Association, through your officers, is working to have the 'Voice of Forestry', your voice, heard by working with legislators to enact favorable legislation. The officers and directors along with our lobbyist are doing a great job, but they need your assistance. Call your legislator and let them know your desires, pro and con. Thank them for voting for legislation you agree with. A "Thank You" goes a long way.

This past month we held Lobby Day and presented each legislator with a white oak bowl with the IFA logo embossed on the bottom. Thanks to our vice-president and the Springfield Turners Club for the great job. I would encourage you to join us next year. When we talk to legislators and their staffs, they want to know how many members we have. You can read the numbers in the secretary and memberships information reports.

Remember, this is your association, be involved and be active. When we work together things can and will be accomplished. If you have a friend or know of a forest landowner who is not a member, ask them to join with you in promoting Illinois Forests. To use the words of the past president of IFA, Ray Herman, "We are growing together as we need to in order to make a difference".

In a couple of the regions, members have started meeting together at the county level. This is a good way to get to know those in your county who have similar interests in forestry.

IFA Web site
www.ilforestry.org

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Upcoming Events

June 12

Illinois Arborist Association
Free tree clinic at the Barn in
Vogelei Park, Hoffman Estates
9 am- 4 pm
Chris Mest at 847-562-6215
[http://www.illinoisarborist.org/
calendar.htm](http://www.illinoisarborist.org/calendar.htm)

June 12

Tour of Bader Custom Cabinets
near Scales Mound
1:00 pm
Northwestern Illinois Forestry
Association
[http://nifatrees.org/Site/Calendar.
html](http://nifatrees.org/Site/Calendar.html)

June 18

U of I Extension Sustainable
Agriculture Tour:
Jackson County
Donna Cray at 217-241-4644
[http://web.extension.illinois.edu/
smallfarm/ag_tours.cfm](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/smallfarm/ag_tours.cfm)

August 7

Tour Glen Peterson Saw Mill north
of Morrison
10:00 – Noon
Northwestern Illinois Forestry
Association
[http://nifatrees.org/Site/Calendar.
html](http://nifatrees.org/Site/Calendar.html)

August 13

U of I Extension Sustainable
Agriculture Tour:
Jo Daviess & Stephenson Counties
Donna Cray at 217-241-4644
[http://web.extension.illinois.edu/
smallfarm/ag_tours.cfm](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/smallfarm/ag_tours.cfm)

September 25

IFA Annual Meeting
2010 at the Stoney Creek Inn
101 Mariners Way
East Peoria, IL 61611
(T) 309-694-1300 or 800-659-2220

Secretary Report

Dave Gillespie, Secretary

Since my last report for the IFA Newsletter, our membership has grown to 729 members. This is a wonderful increase in numbers and I want to give a big thanks and a job well done to the Membership Committee. They did a great job of contacting members from past years who had not paid their dues for 2010. The response to their efforts is encouraging.

There seems to be a little bit of confusion as to when dues should be sent to IFA. Our year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31 of that year. Dues are due in January. Members who elect to renew their dues in November and December of the previous year, or those new members who pay their dues in those months, get membership credit for the entire next calendar year. For example, current members and new members who paid their dues in November or December of 2009 get membership credit until December 31, 2010. Current members or new members who join and pay their dues in January through October of 2010 get membership credit until December 31, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Do not forget to mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting. It will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Stoney Creek Inn, 101 Mariners Way, East Peoria, IL 61611. The telephone number there is 309-694-1300 or 800-659-2220. More will be coming regarding the agenda and program for the meeting. I hope to see many of you there at this important meeting.



IFA board presented White Oak Awards to Senator John M. Sullivan (not pictured) and Representative Dan Reitz (center).

PAST PRESIDENT'S Perspective

by Ray Herman

Your board has asked for our newsletter to change its look and content. Our thrust in this issue is three-fold: to highlight regions; to kickoff a membership contest; and to provide an array of financial and technical assistance information and contacts you may need to help you improve your forestland. With the exceptional help of NRCS's Jody Christiansen, the design and layout will change in this issue.

Now, for future issues of our newsletter, we need your help! Make a difference in your woods and your region by taking at least one positive action. Call for help; spray or cut an invasive exotic; get a neighbor or friend to join IFA; call your director to thank him or her and offer your help.

Jody and I would love to have pictures of our members in their woods. Send pictures with a short caption to one of your directors any time. THANKS FOR TAKING ACTION!!

President Message

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Also, this past month your association presented White Oak awards to Senator John M. Sullivan and Representative Dan Reitz for being friends to forestry. We thanked them for their efforts in promoting forestry in Illinois.

The IFA Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 25th in Peoria. The nominating committee is looking for good men and women to be officers

and directors. If you are willing and able to share some of your time by working with others in the advancement of forestry in Illinois, contact Mr. Kurt Bobsin at 217-935-6860.

Thought to remember:

Of the total acres in Illinois, 12 percent of the land mass is covered with trees. If you do not tell others they will not know.

Member Information

Membership Drive

Several places in this issue you will see comments about membership. The Membership Committee has set several goals that we believe are achievable for 2010. Our statewide goal is 800 members by the end of the year. (At least a 10 percent increase in membership over 2009 in each region.) And, at least one member in all counties.

To help achieve this, the board is offering several incentives: a **free 2011 membership** for signing five (5) new members; a **free 2011 membership and fees paid for the September Annual Meeting** for 10 signed members. A

Additionally, the top region of our four (4) regions will be honored with appropriate awards at our annual meeting.

Copy the registration form below for your use. Simply include your membership card number in the 'ID No. _____' space at the right bottom of the form to get credit for the new member. Individual member cost is \$25.00.

Meeting with IL NRES

by Stan Sipp, Statewide Director at Large

Ray Herman, Kurt Bobsin and I met with Dr. Jeff Brawn, head of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) on May 4, 2010 to introduce ourselves and the Illinois Forestry Association. We discussed the IFA position paper on the Illinois Forest Resource Center (IFRC) at Dixon Springs Agricultural Research Center, as well as, the state of forestry in the Department in general.

Dr. Brawn and Dr. Kokini, of the University of Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station, support the continuation of the IFRC. In spite of the dire budget situation, Dr. Brawn has recently employed Jim Kirkland as interim director for the Resource Center.

The Forest Science program in NRES has been severely impacted by faculty retirements over the last several years. With the current university budget situation, recruitment of replacement faculty is highly unlikely. Dr. Brawn is hoping to be able to address this situation when finances improve.

IFA Needs YOU ... Now!

by Kurt Bobsin; Chairman, Nomination Committee

I am humbled and thankful for all those who have contributed by volunteering their time and energy towards building and growing IFA. IFA, since its inception in 2005, is now an organization that has endured five years with a sustained membership of over 700. Even the most ardent leaders and supporters realize that even though they could, and would, continue on, it is for the benefit of IFA that they step aside and allow new people, thoughts and ideas to guide the direction and future of IFA.

Won't you step up and help because your help is indeed needed? There are numerous Board positions becoming vacant as well as an entire slate of officers to be elected at this year's annual meeting. Many of you have indicated that you were willing to serve in some capacity when you submitted your initial application or your annual renewal information. **Now is the time** to volunteer. Give me a call at 217/840-1527 or email at kdbobsin@comcast.net to learn exactly what the commitment is and how you can get plugged in. Many thanks in advance from your IFA Board and fellow members for taking a leap of faith!



Illinois Forestry Association

Membership Registration Form



Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ County: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Other: _____

Best time to call: ____ Days ____ Evening Occupation: _____

Membership Category: _____ Total amount due: \$ _____

*Indicate name of representative here if different from above: _____

Would you be interested in serving on a committee? ____ Yes ____ No

Your contact information will remain confidential and will only be used for IFA membership purposes.

Please return this form and your payment to:

Illinois Forestry Association
P.O. Box 224
Chatham, IL 62629
217-494-6982

For IFA use only
ID No. _____
Region _____

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Regional News

Region Changes

At the last board meeting, it was voted to transfer two counties to other regions. Region 2 now includes Jersey County and Region 3 now includes Crawford County. Members note your new directors.

Region 1

Directors

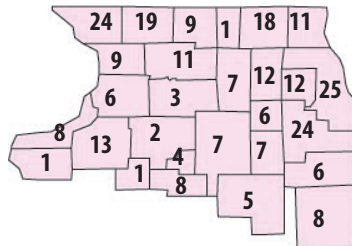
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Contact us anytime with questions, suggestions and assistance needs.

Members in Region 1



Region 1 membership is 267. The three top counties are Cook, Jo Daviess and Will, with 25, 24 and 24 members, respectively as shown in the map above. Six counties have less than five (5) members. We have over 1/3 of the IFA members. Let's add at least one member in each of our 28 counties and we can exceed our 10 percent goal. We are proud of our membership numbers but we will do better.

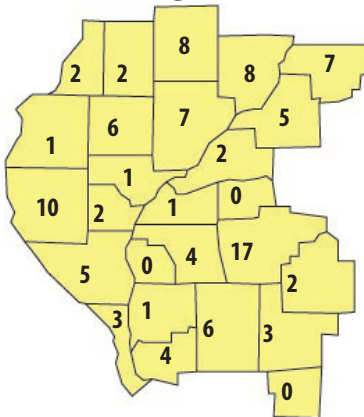
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Members in Region 2



Region 2 membership is 107. The three top counties are Sangamon, Adams, Knox and Peoria (tie), with 17, 10, and 8 members respectively as shown in the map above. We have about 1/7 of IFA's members. We have 16 of our 26 counties with less than 5 members. We have three (3) counties with no members. The regional membership crown can be ours with your help.

Region Update

Lee Rife, IFA Region 2 Director

First of all, WELCOME to Region 2 to those members residing in Jersey County. Bringing Jersey County into the region squared our southern end, and cleared up some confusion about regional lines. We hope to meet with many of you in the near future.

I am glad to say that over 55% of the delinquent members from 2009 residing in Region 2 have paid their dues since the membership committee sent out second notices in March. In addition, we have had several people who stepped away in 2007 and 2008, rejoin. Thank you, to all who have renewed your membership in IFA. Each and every member counts

when it comes to "THE VOICE OF THE FOREST." I urge all Region 2 members to contact Susan or I about your ideas for field days, workshops, etc., or just tell us your concerns. We represent you on the Board of Directors and we need and want your thinking to present it to the IFA state leadership.

On March 27, we started to bring together a small group consisting of members from Morgan, Montgomery, Christian and Sangamon counties. While this meeting was not as well attended as we had hoped, it was a beginning. We received several ideas for future events, either as a small group or as a region, including trespass protection, hunting rights, insurance, species of trees to plant on a given soil type, information on how to use herbicides and fertilizers, etc., etc.

I can't believe that it is May already. The mushrooming season is all but history. Trees have bloomed and, in many cases, seeded. (The soft maples in my yard went into overdrive this year, as did the sweet gum.) It will soon be time for picnics, field days and our annual meeting.

See you there!

Region 3

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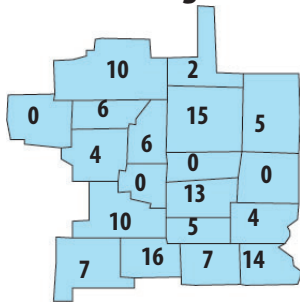
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Members in Region 3



Region 3 membership is 124. The three top counties are Effingham, Champaign, and Crawford, with 16, 15, and 14 members respectively as shown in the above map. We have about 1/6 of IFA members in 19 counties. While we only have 7 counties with less than 5 members, 4 of the 7 have 0 members. Watch us grow!!

KUDOS to Coles County SWCD

Woodland invasive exotics. LOOK OUT!! Your days are numbered!!

The IFA Board sends congratulations to the Coles County SWCD Board and RC Nancy Pals for their innovative and well thought through "Partnership for Healthy Forests" program. For you other SWCD's, a tough act to follow, but worth copying.

IFA members from Coles County should be calling Nancy at 345-3901, ext. 3 to get involved.

War of the Roses

by Roy Bailey – Region 3 Director

No, I am not talking about the battle that took place in England during the 15th century. I am talking about the war that is raging just outside the back door in your woods! Your newly harvested woodland can become a thorny jungle in a few short years if you ignore those little multiflora roses lurking in the understory. Removing trees by logging or timber stand improvement allows the sun to stimulate plant growth at ground level. Tree seedling growth explodes, but these preferred species will not compete well with roses that also have been waiting for sun. Spot herbicide treatment of these rose bushes, within a year or 2 after you open the

sky can be a very effective control. It is common to ignore this kind of situation too long making control more difficult and expensive.

If the rose explosion has already blessed your woods with house sized groups of plants, consider a controlled burn/foliar herbicide alternative. A detailed inventory of preferred tree species and target species is the first step. Get an experienced professional to help plan your burn. The focus must be to minimize damage to the desired oaks and other species while killing the above ground rose growth. Burn in the late fall or early spring while preferred species are dormant. Typically, fall burns are hotter. Fall is a better time to burn areas with wetter soil conditions and lower wind velocities.

The next step in this war is to apply an herbicide to the new spring rose re-growth. Applications work best after about two weeks of rose growth and prior to dormancy break for preferred tree seedlings. Rose leaves should be free of dew and fully opened. Use a backpack sprayer to treat each clump of re-growth separately. The clumps will be easy to spot. There is not much else growing at this time, thanks to the fire and dormancy of desirable tree species. A two percent solution (2.56 oz. per gallon of water) of a growth regulating herbicide, like Crossbow or Crossroad, will provide adequate control in most situations. Read and follow all herbicide label directions carefully. Keep spray pressure low to reduce particle and vapor drift. Avoid pre-storm conditions when the air is dead with no wind. Surfactant and dye can be added to help leaves absorb herbicides and for identifying where you have already sprayed. Apply herbicides during a period of several warm days when plants are actively growing. Apply materials only to the point of runoff. Don't pass up treating a stray woody undesired seedling like bush honeysuckle, box elder or locust. Spray results can usually be seen within 10 days. Inspect the treated area then and be prepared to use a follow-up application.



Photo: biocontrol.ento.vt.edu

Some areas with rose infestations do not have enough tree leaves and other fuels to carry a fire. Cutting the larger rose plants with a brush cutter (big weed whip with a circular saw) can substitute for burning. Cutting works best in the late fall when roses have dropped their leaves. Spring re-growth will develop earlier as compared to burned plants. Cutting is slow work, but weather is not as restrictive as with burning. Another option after cutting is to apply Tordon, or a comparable product, on the rose stumps immediately after cutting. A foliar application could serve as a backup to the stump treatment if resprouting occurs.

Foliar herbicide applications can control roses without fire or cutting. The downside of this option is potential damage to desirable seedlings, and the need for multiple treatments. Larger, wide spreading rose bushes make it more difficult to avoid spray drift on to non-target species.

Foliar applications only work well in early spring. An intensive inventory of potential damage is critical. In areas with only undesirable species, a broadcast foliar application is practical. Repeat applications are almost always needed.

Another alternative for these areas would be to mow the area using a bush hog or comparable implement. This should be done in the late growing season or during dormancy. Wait for active spring re-growth to apply the foliar herbicide.

Develop a detailed multiflora rose eradication plan that fits your situation. Check with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service about developing a plan under EQIP. There are cost share incentives to assist in getting the plan implemented. To minimize damage, follow each step with diligence.

Waiting for bigger roses is not a good alternative. Don't forget your chain saw chops.

Thorny roses are a curse, but competition is worse!

Region 4

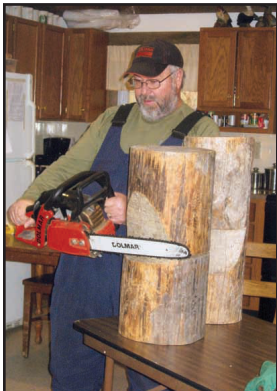
IFA Chain saw Safety Class

by Ray Herman

IFA, along with Walnut Council, sponsored 2 "Game of Logging" chain saw use, maintenance and safety courses in late March and early April. John Torbert, IFA and Walnut Council member from Henry County, coordinated the Mercer County session that included seven (7) students. Ray Herman, IFA and Walnut Council member from Champaign County, coordinated and hosted the Crawford County session for eight (8) students.

Joe Glenn, certified instructor and professional logger from Piedmont, Missouri, taught the 4 day, 2 session courses. Joe is pictured (below) using a demonstration log to "show and tell" proper cuts to make to safely cut and directional fall a tree. The cutting of the "notch", the "hinge" and the "back cut" are practiced before he lets students actually cut standing trees.

IFA members Tom and Wes Beyers from Marion County, Mark Herman from Champaign County, and Tim Ward, a U of I forestry student member from Kane County, participated at Crawford County.



Joe Glenn, certified instructor and professional logger from Piedmont, Missouri

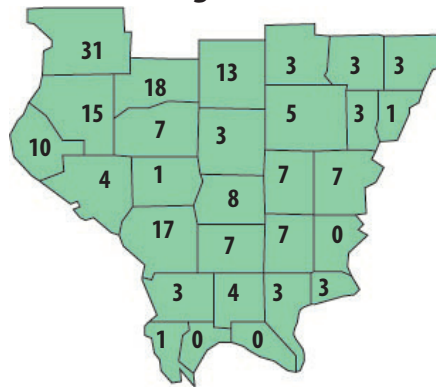
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Members in Region 4



Region 4 membership has 187 in our 29 counties. Our top three (3) counties are Madison, Clinton and Jackson, with 31, 18 and 17 members respectively as shown in the above map. However, 16 of our counties have less than five (5) members, so we have plenty of opportunities to grow. We expect to be the regional growth champion announced at the annual meeting in September!

Tri-State Forestry Conference

Joe L. Newcomb, IFA Region 4 Director

On behalf of IFA, I attended the Tri-State Forestry Conference at Sinsinawa, Wisconsin on March 13, 2010. I set up the IFA display board with the poster and IFA pictures. Three hundred plus landowners and others interested in forestry attended the conference at the Abby. IFA was one among about 20 exhibitors.

The program included 29 50-minute sessions covering 28 facets of forestry. An unknown amount of orange membership application forms and Smokey Bear & IFA items were distributed. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend.

IFA Forestry Management Workshop

by Joe L. Newcomb and John Gunter, IFA Region 4 Directors

The IFA Management Workshop 'Money Does Grow on Tree\$' was held March 23 near Enfield, Illinois. Presenting participants included: Dr. Frank Barbre, landowner; Mike Karcher, consulting forester; David Johnson, IDNR district forester; Justin Hall, timber buyer for Hall's Sawmill; Nancy A. Winter, White County supervisor of assessments; and Rhonda Cox, NRCS district conservationist in Hamilton County.

Several landowners and others attended a forestry management workshop in St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall near Enfield that same evening. The workshops were hosted by the Illinois Forestry Association and the White and Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

David Johnson presentation focused on state programs available for forest landowners. Rhonda Cox followed with federal programs available for assistance with forest management. Nancy A. Winter explained how land is taxed and how forest management plans can put forested land in a lower tax rate category.

Service Providers in Region 3 (not a complete listing)

Jonathon & Zel Adams	Log Carving (winter)	618-843-5662
Justin Adams	Consulting Forester	618-553-6374
Roy Bailey	TSI and Planting	217-821-9778
Ray Herman	Forest seeds	217-687-2712
Tony Kreke	Mobile Saw	217-821-1649
Craig Willenborg	Timber Buyer	217-240-0129

A panel of experts was assembled by Chris Mitchell, White County resource conservationist. Dr. Barbre has a forest management plan and said his working with a consulting forester was a good experience. After a timber sale on his land, state cost share money helped him plant several acres of trees along the Little Wabash River and perform several acres of timber stand improvement work.

Mike Karcher talked about how consulting forester helps landowners get the most out of their forest land. Trees should be treated as a crop. A forest management plan informs the landowner about what's there - board foot, not bushels; the type of crop - oak or maple trees, not corn or beans. This helps the landowner decide how to increase the value of the 'tree crop'. The consulting forester can suggest management techniques to achieve these goals. In addition, when timberland is acquired, a consulting forester can appraise the value of the timber to help establish a timber cost basis which is very important for federal income tax purposes. See www.illinoisforestconsultants.org

Timber buyer, Justin Hall, a third generation owner at Hall's Sawmill in McLeansboro, shared that while all wood is good, their sawmill looks for high quality timber like red and white oak for making quality lumber. However, lower value trees can be used for blocking and cane mats and those markets are pretty good. They can also use other tree species like cottonwood.

Dr. John Gunter, retired forestry professor, talked about a recent prescribed burn on his family farm in Hamilton

County. Gunter is a member of the Southeastern Illinois Prescribed Burn Association which reaches as far north as Hamilton County.

Where is forestry going in Illinois?

Johnson stated that several years ago there were 22 district foresters with support staff and 5 regional offices with several technicians. Now there are only 13 district foresters available to landowners and many are close to retirement. They are currently overburdened with work and lack support staff. Landowners have suffered by waiting up to a year for assistance. While consulting foresters have picked up some of the slack by writing plans and assisting in timber sales, there is a great need to fill the district forester positions. The better our forest land is managed, the more high value lumber is produced. That will increase the income from our forest land.

Questions

A question from the audience was how you keep deer from eating recently planted trees. Johnson responded with 'for one thing, don't plant in fescue.' Grass roots, already in place, will keep the young tree roots from getting needed soil moisture. He advised to kill the grass and get a good crop of weeds which will hide the trees from the deer. Being passionate about chain saw safety, Johnson asked the audience if they follow safety rules when using chain saws. There are 23 rules to keep in mind when using a chain saw and a violation of any one of them can cause injury or death. To learn how to safely cut down a tree, Google "TrueBlueSam" to see a video Johnson has prepared for his blog.



Panel from left to right: Dr. Frank Barbre, Mike Karcher, David Johnson, Justin Hall, Nancy A. Winter and Rhonda Cox. John Gunter not pictured.

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Recognizes a forestry business that provide valuable services

J+R Goods from the Woods

J+R Goods from the Woods near Mason, IL is owned by IFA Charter Member Joe Jansen.

J+R specializes in custom sawing of grade lumber and specialty project materials. Other services available include drying in their 4000 board ft. kiln along with planer work.

Joe and partner Brent Ready can also provide straight-lining.

J+R Goods from the Woods
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Resources and Assistance Contacts

Introduction

by Ray Herman

The Board has recognized that many of you need to know who and where to turn for help. This section is our first step in giving you contact information. We hope to have a more comprehensive listing for service providers in our next newsletter or as a stand-alone publication at our Annual meeting.

Let Ray Herman, or regional directors, know if you want to be listed and provide some brief information about your business to include your name, service, contact number and/or email. This service will be free to IFA members.

Please retain this portion of the newsletter for future reference.

BUSINESS MEMBERS of the ILLINOIS FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

by Dave Gillespie, Secretary

We thought we would highlight in this issue of the "IFA Newsletter" the members of our association that joined as Business Members. While the majority is in the forestry business in some way, some obviously are not, as you will see, in the list of Business Members below:

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Good Forest Timber Co. 200 Darden Ave. Washington, IL 61571
Greenwood Consulting 815 Greenlee Ave. Winnebago, IL 61088
Phillip Harris, MD 458 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02115
Hites Forest Management 364 E. Old IL 250 Noble, IL 62868
Kemp Farms, Inc. P.O. Box 168 Lexington, IL 61753
Lamer Forestry 1018 W. Mulberry St. Jerseyville, IL 62052
Long Forestry Consultation 808 Illinois Ave. Murphysboro, IL 62966
New Page Corp. P.O. Box 278 Wickliffe, KY 52087
Patton Legacy Woods, Inc. 6470 15th Street Mulkeytown, IL 62865
The Corner Tap 128 N. Main St. Stockton, IL 61085
Wilke Family Trust 16450 Rock Grove Rd. Durand, IL 61024
Xylem, LTD. 18715 Rt. 84 North Cordova, IL 61242

We thank our Business Members for their support of the IFA and forestry in Illinois, and certainly encourage patronage of their business. Me, as an "old" forester, I do favor all things forestry, but the next time I am in Stockton I am going to go to The Corner Tap.



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Meet Jim Kirkland

Jim Kirkland joined the University of Illinois, Illinois Forest Resource Center (IFRC) this past December. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University & Southeastern Illinois College (SIC) with a degree in Forest Management & Forest Technology. Mr. Kirkland previously held a teaching position at SIC, was involved in the pulp & sawmill business as a plantation manager, logger and log buyer and worked with the Forest Service engineering department in Southeast Alaska. Prior to joining the University of Illinois at the IFRC, he was assisting private landowners in forest planning

and implementation, working as an independent forestry consultant.

The Illinois Forest Resource Center is an information/educational center to landowners, resource professionals, teachers, students and the general public. The IFRC assists other resource agencies by hosting workshops, seminars and training programs throughout the year and assists with forestry and wildlife research at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center. The IFRC is also responsible for collecting daily weather observations for the National Weather Service and weekly water collection for the National

Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) (nadp.sws.uiuc.edu).

The 21st Annual Stewardship Week event took place during the week of Arbor Day with over 3,200 students, grades K-6th and teachers, attending the four day event. Students received stewardship information from resource professionals on a variety of topics including forest and soil conservation, natural heritage, geology, non-native invasive species and cave ecology. Each visitor, young and old, departed with a free tree (bald cypress this year) for Arbor Day.

Forest Landowners in Illinois get Equipped!

by Wade Conn, NRCS Forester

Through the efforts of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationists, Illinois DNR District Foresters, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Technical Service Providers and Forestry Consultants, Illinois landowners have been increasingly taking advantage of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for forestry planning and implementation practices.

Between 2002 and 2006, EQIP in Illinois included the occasional small acreage Forest Stand Improvement or Confinement Windbreak. Illinois NRCS recognized the increasing demand for Forest Management Plans (FMP's) and established a "Special Project" that provided a \$400 incentive to landowners for assistance in developing a Management Plan for their forested acreage. The FMP incentive became very popular with existing and new forest landowners, resulting in continuation of the opportunity through 2007 and placing a new emphasis on forest management in Illinois.

The 2008 Farm Bill placed additional emphasis on forestry and specifically recognized the Non Industrial Private Forest Landowner or NIPF, you! It offers more assistance than ever before to voluntarily conserve and manage forest natural resources.

EQIP applications compete for funding on a state-wide basis and a ranking process is conducted to determine which applications will be granted financial support. The Illinois NRCS maintains several different EQIP ranking criteria categories, developed with input from the Illinois State Technical committee, to achieve the common EQIP objective of optimizing environmental benefits. Two designated ranking criteria categories were established for Forest Management Plan Development and Forest Management Implementation.

As of May 7th, 175 EQIP applications totaling \$70,240 for Forest Management Conservation Activity Plans and 131 applications totaling \$959,219 for Forest Implementation Practices have been allocated.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up process; applicants can sign up anytime of the year at their local NRCS field office. A continuous sign-up process allows a constant pool of ranked applicants who are able to be considered as additional funding becomes available.

As a forest landowner with a "growing" interest in managing your forestland, you are encouraged to learn more about the opportunities the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). For the "matured" interest, keep up the good work, take the next step in your forest plan and share your knowledge and experience with another!

For additional information contact your local USDA-NRCS Office and visit the Illinois NRCS web site: <http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/index.html>

Illinois Invasive Species Awareness Month – an opportunity for forest landowners in Illinois

By Chris Evans

The Illinois Invasive Plant Species Council has declared May to be Illinois Invasive Species Awareness Month. Many conservation organizations and agencies in Illinois are working together to promote awareness of the impact of invasive species to Illinois' diverse landscape. The organizations also want people to understand the economic and environmental costs we all must bear due to the spread of these species. Invasive species are recognized as one of the leading threats to biodiversity and impose enormous costs to agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and other human enterprises, as well as to human health.

Invasive species are a very important issue in Illinois' forests. Invasive species threaten the health and economic viability of the forestry industry. Emerald ash borer continues to spread across Illinois, permanently changing the species composition of our forests. Other invasive insects, such as Asian longhorned beetle and Gypsy moth, threaten to do the same. Invasive plants can also cause problems. Bush honeysuckle has been shown to reduce the growth rate of trees by over

50% while removing the ability of tree seedlings to get established. By slowing the growth and limiting reproduction of our forests, invasive plants, such as bush honeysuckle, are directly impacting the economics of many of Illinois' private forest landowners. The problem is not limited to forests. Wetlands, waterways, prairies, and agricultural lands all share similar stories.

Illinois Invasive Species Awareness Month was established because of these pressing issues. Raising awareness about invasive species to Illinois landowners and the general public is a vital part of stopping the spread of these species and helping our natural resources withstand this threat. Everyone in Illinois can play a role in fighting invasive species. Simple steps is all it takes, such as not planting invasive species in your yards, cleaning equipment between sites to keep from moving seeds or roots in soil, controlling invasive species if they are on your land.

I hope everyone will take advantage of Illinois Invasive Species Awareness Month to get involved in local events and to learn more about this important topic. To find out more about the wealth of events planned for Awareness Month or to learn about the invasive species threatening Illinois, go to www.illinoisinvasives.org.

IFA for Improved Illinois Forests

The IFA was formed in 2006 because of a great concern about the lack of support for the forest resources in Illinois. The Association is interested in many forest issues in the state and strongly believes that the 4 percent timber tax collected at the time of a timber sale should remain available for its stated purpose of funding cost share programs to improve forests of Illinois. Anyone interested in trees and forests can become a member of the Illinois Forestry Association. For membership applications and more information about IFA, go to www.ilforestry.org or contact Joe L. Newcomb, IFA region 4 Director at 618-265-3286.

RC&D Areas & Coordinators

by Wade Conn, NRCS Forester

Some RC&D's have a forester on staff. Most have forestry related workshops. For additional information go to: <http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/directory/index.html>

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NOTE: Areas marked with (*) are currently in the formation process and are not yet Federally Authorized.

IDNR Information

by Kurt Bobsin

The map depicts the current contact information for forestry assistance. Additional IDNR contact information:

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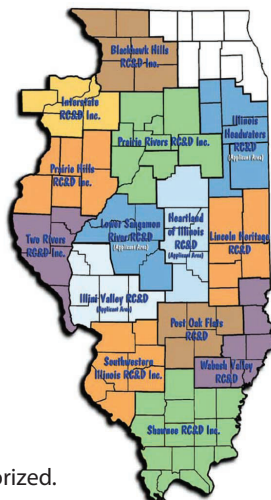
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Illinois Consulting Foresters Association

Michael Karcher, consulting forester

Illinois Consulting Foresters Association members are full and part time professional foresters that provide services to forest landowners for a fee. Consulting foresters work with and for the forest landowner to achieve the landowner's economic and non-economic goals. The consulting forester's role is to assist the landowner in planning and implementing forestry practices based on scientific principles and practical experience. Illinois Consulting Foresters Association members have a Bachelors Degree from a Society of American Foresters accredited University or a technical degree in forestry and four years experience working with a Bachelors Degree forester.

Services that consulting foresters typically offer includes:

- **Forest Management Plans** - Foresters write plans that meet Illinois Forest Development Act and/or NRCS EQIP standards that can make property eligible for lower property taxes, cost share reimbursement for implementing approved practices, and recommend forestry practices to meet the landowner's management goals.
- **Timber Sale Management.** - Consultants can select trees ready for harvest according to the Forest Management Plan, tally the number of trees and board feet for sale, advertise for bids from licensed timber buyers and, in general, assist the landowner throughout the sale and harvest process.

• Timber Inventory and

Appraisals - Timber inventories assist landowners in buying and selling land, establishing a basis for tax purposes, and as the basis for management plans. Separate valuations for timber on timberland can save landowners thousands of dollars if and when timber is sold - even in the distant future.

- **Timber Stand Improvement** - Often unmerchantable trees and grapevines need to be eliminated from woodlands to improve its productivity and concentrate growth on the most valuable species. Consultants can provide supervision and/or labor to complete this type of work.

Members of the Illinois Consulting Foresters Association include:

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Current Status of Code 1084: Timber Buyers or Growers

Fund 0905: Illinois Forestry Development

by Jay Hayek, Extension Forester, University of Illinois

Source: revenues Query, Illinois Comptroller web site

As of May 4, 2010, the mandatory four percent Timber Harvest Fee – via the 1983 IL Timber Buyers License Act – has generated approximately \$424,360 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 (i.e., July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010).

The \$424,360 number does not account for the monies generated during May and June of 2010. If this trend continues over the next two months, FY'10 will be the worst revenue generating year for the four percent Timber Harvest Fee since 1987 when only \$350,608 – unadjusted for inflation – was collected and reported to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Hayek and Bobsin, unpublished data).

It is probably safe to say, even without additional data or analysis, that the global economic downswing and the affected hardwood industry sector negatively impacted FY'10 receipts (i.e., woodland owners sold less timber and/or received significantly lower stumpage values for their standing timber).

Do you have a passion for trees and forestry?

Are you interested in serving on a regional committee?

Contact an IFA officer today to find out how you can help!

Illinois Forestry Association
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