

Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer of the Year

Eligibility and Guidelines:

- State Forest Stewardship Landowner and Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Awards are combined into one award.
- Must be a certified member of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS).
- Must have a Forest Stewardship Management Plan.
- The award will follow the guidelines of the ATFS's Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Competition and the standards and guidelines of the Forest Stewardship Program.
- Landowner's property must be located in the eastern or central KFS districts.
- Applications of nominees who do not receive the award will be kept on file as official nominations for the following year. The Rural Forestry Coordinator will be responsible for updating these nominations.

Awards Materials:

- A sign will be presented to the winner each year that includes KACD, Forest Stewardship, Tree Farm, Walnut Council, KS Forestry Association and KFS logos, award title, landowner's name and year of the award.
- In addition to the sign, an outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year plaque (includes a brass plate that must be engraved with the winner's name), and a \$200 gift certificate from KFA will be presented to the award winner.
- The award will be presented by the State Forester, KACD Executive Director and Kansas Forestry Association President at the Fall Forestry Field Day and KACD annual meeting.
- The KFA Program Director is responsible for awards materials and placing the awards order with ATFS a minimum of 30 days prior to the Fall Forestry Field Day.

Nomination Procedure:

- Kansas Forest Service foresters, members of ATFS, members of KACD, Forest Stewardship landowners and Kansas State Tree Farm Committee and KFA members are all invited to submit nominations for the Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer of the Year.
- Nominations are best received by June 14th.
- Award criteria will be based upon ATFS Outstanding Tree Farm of the Year guidelines and Forest Stewardship Program standards and guidelines. The KFA Board will select the award winner during their July meeting by majority vote.

Promotion:

- The Rural Forestry Coordinator is responsible for promoting the award and award winners.
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**FOREST STEWARDSHIP TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR
AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

(please attach Forest Stewardship Management Plan with map)

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone:

Location of Tree Farm:

Occupation (if retired, prior occupation):

Total woodland acreage:

Woodland acreage certified as a Tree Farm:

How long has Tree Farmer owned the land?

How long has the land been under a written forest management plan?

How long has the property been a certified Tree Farm?

What are the primary objectives of Tree Farm (i.e. financial, recreation, wildlife habitat, timber, etc.):

How much of the actual Tree Farm field work is done by the owner?

How is the rest accomplished?

What forest management work has been done in the last five years?

1. Harvesting (type of cut, volume & products):

2. Reforestation (natural, artificial and number of acres):

3. Other practices (protection and TSI):

Is the Tree Farm under the multiple use concept?

If so, what uses are allowed?

Not allowed?

Is the Tree Farm sign in good condition and correctly displayed?

In your own words, tell why you feel this is an exceptional Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer (why he or she especially deserves this recognition):

What, if anything, has this Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer done to promote forest management? (Examples: used property as a demonstration site, promoted forestry to youth groups, influenced other landowners to plant or manage their forest):

Does the Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer belong to any forestry organizations, i.e. Walnut Council, Forest Products Association, etc., or has he or she received any special awards for forestry or conservation efforts?

Nominator's Name:

Address and phone number:

Nominator's Signature:

Print Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

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