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WELCOME MESSAGE



The Kentucky Growing Gold has been around since the 1960's and has served as a way to advertise timber marked by the Kentucky Division of Forestry to the forest industry. Even though a few things have changed over the years, it has stayed true to its service to the Commonwealth by providing useful information to forest landowners and forest industry.

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The Forest Resource Utilization and Marketing (FRU) program supports Kentucky's forest product economy with market development, process improvement and adoption of new technologies. Through the FRU program, the division strives to expand forest resources and wood industries. Some of the services provided to the timber industry through FRU include the following:

- Monitoring changes in the forest
- Matching wood producers and wood users
- Conducting industry surveys
- Compiling and reporting data on quantities and species of wood
- Compiling the Primary Wood Industries of Kentucky directory
- Reporting timber products output
- Monitoring trends in timber harvesting
- Publishing a Bi-annual newsletter called "Growing Gold"
- Offering technical assistance to mills and loggers to increase efficiency
- Resource assessments for economic development opportunities



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ABOUT

KENTUCKY DIVISION OF FORESTRY

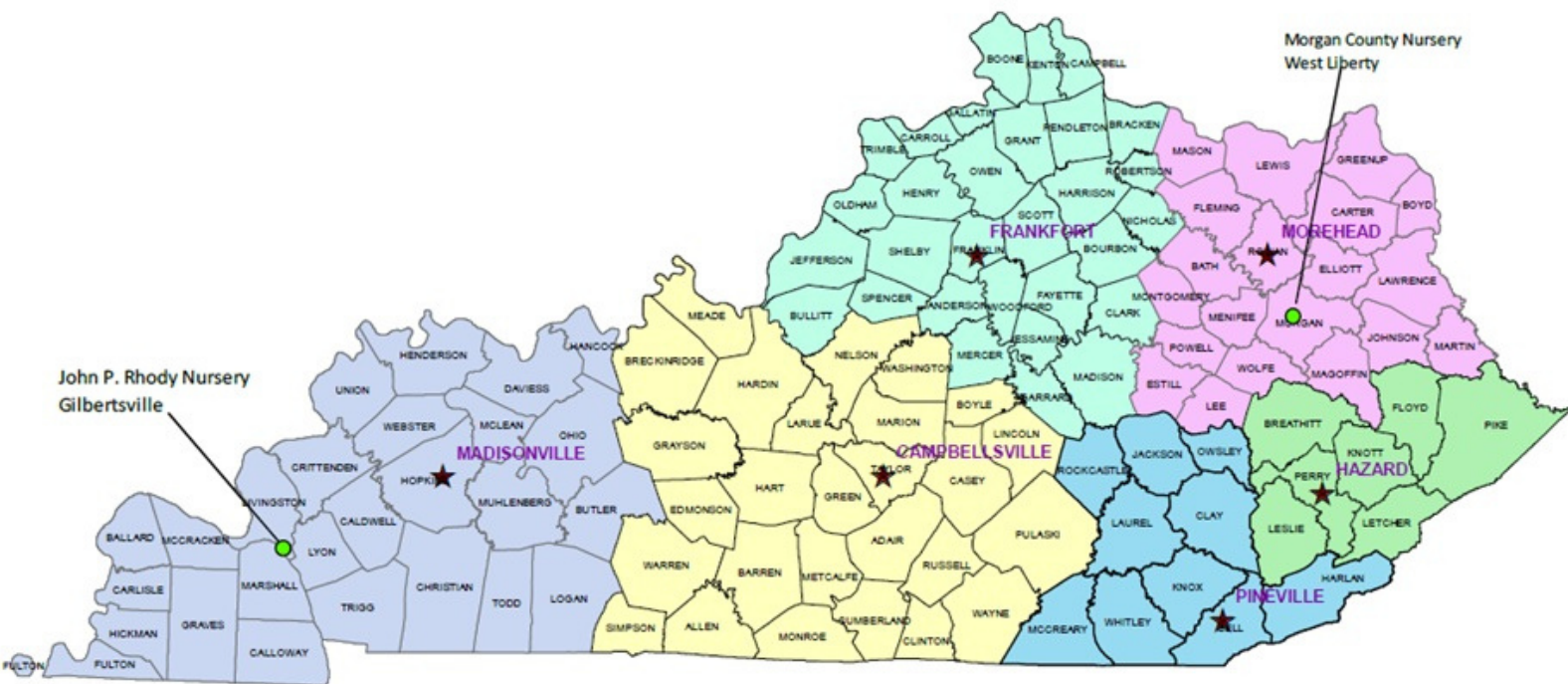
The Kentucky Division of Forestry celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2012. Initially established as the Board of Forestry by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1912, the agency was renamed the Kentucky Division of Forestry following the Reorganization Act of 1936. Today, the division employs 125 full-time staff, with most working from offices across the state, including six field offices, two tree nurseries, and managing 10 state forests with a combined land mass of nearly 50,000 acres. Brandon Howard, the 16th director of the division, currently serves as the state forester for Kentucky.

The mission of the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) is "to protect, conserve and enhance the forest resources of the Commonwealth through a public informed of the environmental, social and economic importance of these resources." As a means of meeting this mission, the division offers a variety of programs and services ranging from landowner assistance and master logger training to forest health protection and wildland fire management. The division is also involved in the operation of tree seedling nurseries, urban and community forestry assistance, forest resource utilization, forest inventory and analysis and forestry education.

OUR OFFICES



Division of Forestry Field Office Locations



Field Office Contact Information

Campbellsville

Seth Dykes
120 Gaines Drive
Campbellsville, KY 42218
270-465-5071

Frankfort

Strider Deaver
105 Corporate Dr, Ste 1
Frankfort, KY 40602
502-573-1085

Morehead

James MacDonald
255 Rodburn Hollow
Morehead, KY 40351
606-783-8625

Hazard

Jason Hunt
154 Grand Vue Plaza
Hazard, KY 41701
606-435-6073

Madisonville

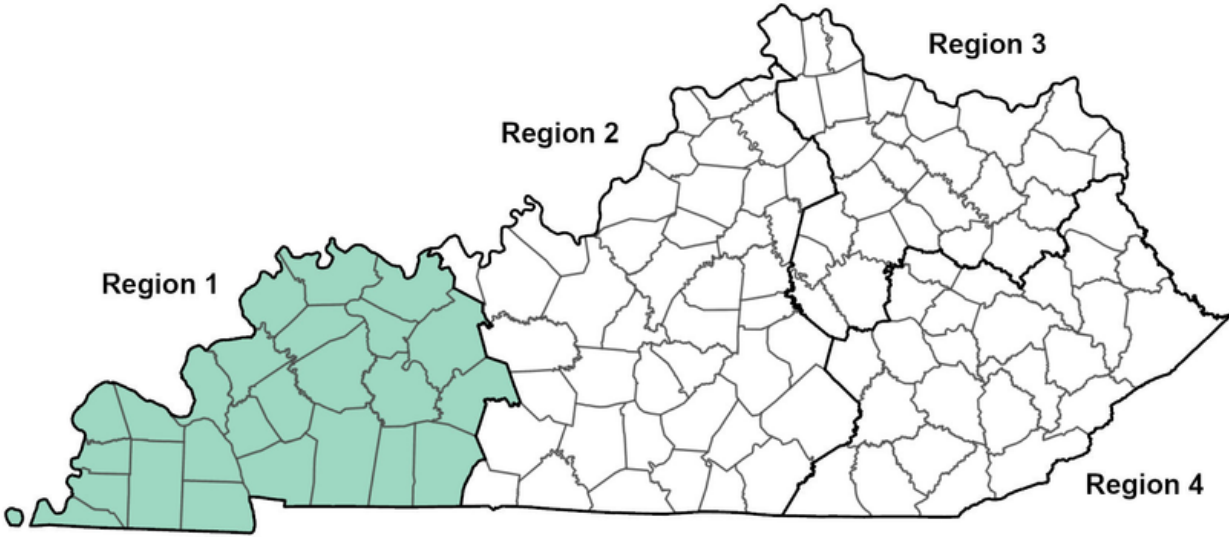
Stephen Hammond
625 Hospital Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431
270-824-7527

Pineville

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12008 US Hwy 25E
Pineville, KY 40977
606-337-3939

DELIVERED LOG PRICES

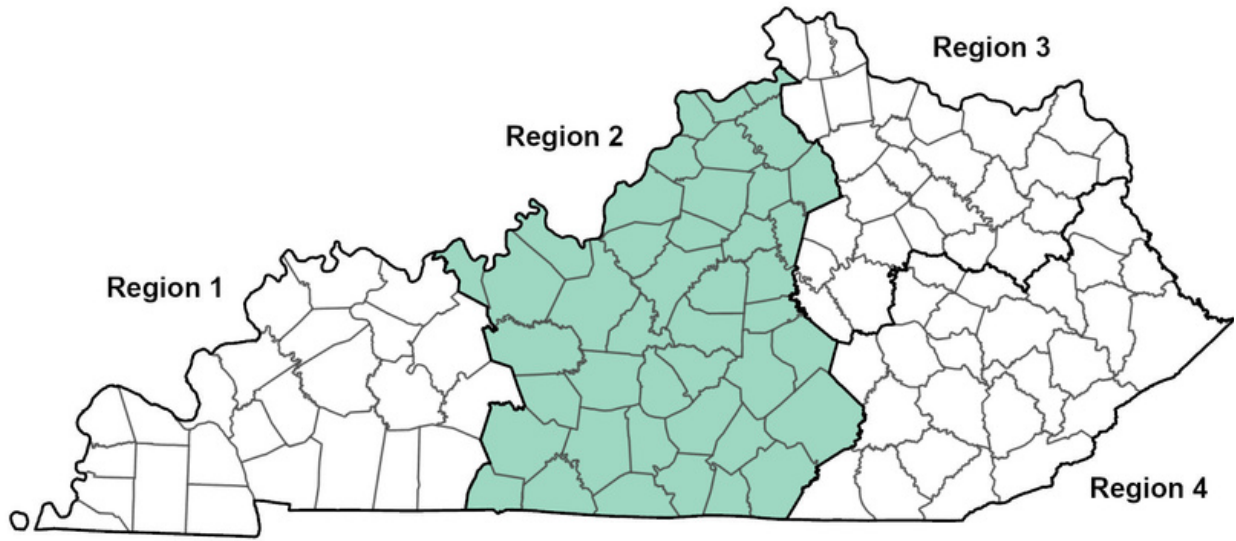
REGION 1



Species	High	Low	Veneer High	Stave High	Stave Low	Tie High	Tie Low	Pallet	Mat	HDWPulp Ton	PINEPulp Ton
Red Oak	750	400				600					
White Oak	1750	400	3300	1975	800	600					
Post Oak	600	500									
Hard Maple	800	375									
Ash	700	400									
Black Cherry	500	250									
Black Walnut	1250	450									
Hickory	500	325									
Yellow Poplar	625	275									
Misc. Hardwoods						475	400	175	475	32	
Pine											32
Misc. Softwoods								200			

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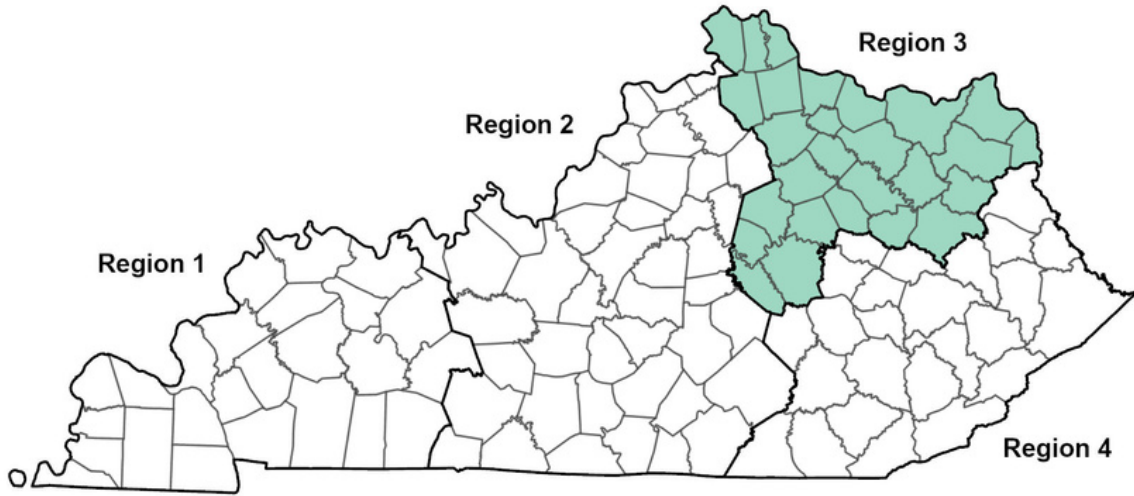
REGION 2



Species	High	Low	Tie High	Tie Low	Tie Ton	Pallet	Per Ton
Red Oak	700	100					
White Oak	1200	100					
Chestnut Oak	1000	100					
Hard Maple	1000	100					
Soft Maple	600	100					
Ash	1000	100					
Black Cherry	600	100					
Black Walnut	4000	400					
Hickory	600	100					
Yellow Poplar	700	100					42
Basswood	300	100					
Beech	250	100					
Cottonwood							80
Misc. Hardwoods			250	250		250	
Pine							
Eastern Redcedar	900	500					90

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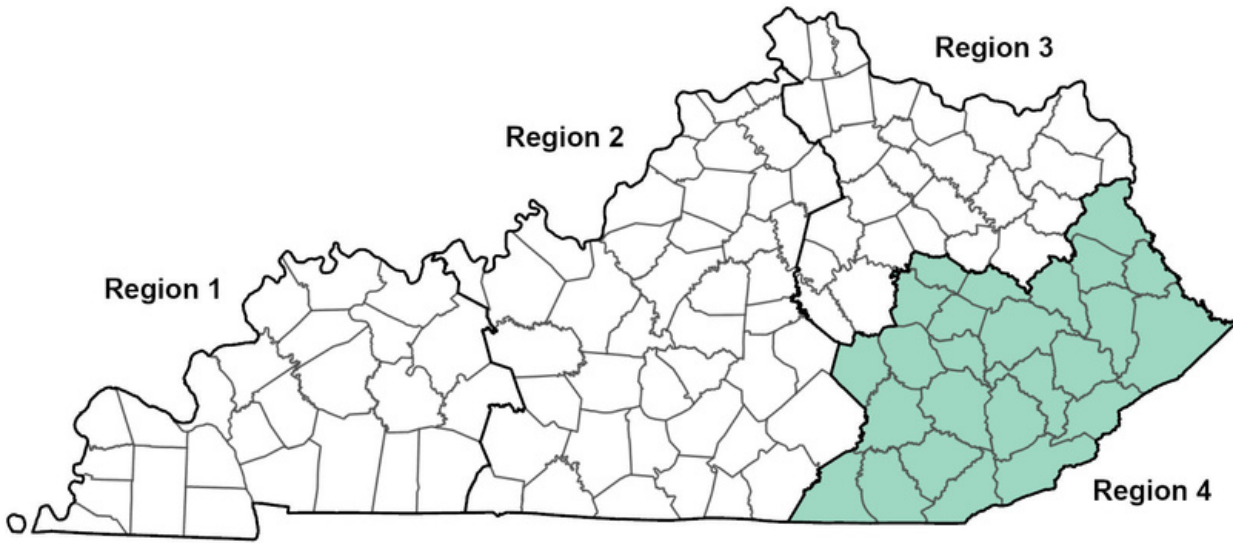
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Species	High	Low	1/4 High	1/4 Low	Veneer Low	Veneer High	Stave High	Stave Low	Qtr Sawn High	Qtr Sawn Low	Tie High	Tie Low	Pallet	Mat	Fencing	Per Ton	Peelers Ton
Red Oak			650	125							500	250	125		375		
White Oak			1250	125	2450	6500	3200	1000	3000	1600	500	250	125		500		
Chestnut Oak			1100	125					2900	1600	500	250	125		500		
Hard Maple			600	125							500	250	125				
Soft Maple			400	125							500	250	125				
Ash			350	125							500	250	125				
Black Cherry			350	125									125				
Black Walnut	3250	300			3250	8000											
Hickory	700	150			600	1000					500	250	125				
Yellow Poplar			650	150									125		350		76
Basswood			250	100													
Misc. Hardwoods			150	100							500	250	125	250		27	

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REGION 4



Species	High	Low	Veneer Low	Veneer High	Stave High	Stave Low	Qtr Sawn High	Qtr Sawn Low	Tie High	Tie Low	Pallet	Fencing	Peelers
Red Oak	675	200							450	250	113	400	
Scarlet Oak	300	300							250		100	325	
White Oak	1850	275	2725	6500	2933	1000	3000	1600	475	250	113	513	
Chestnut Oak	1775	175					2900	1600	475	250	113	513	
Hard Maple	900	250							450	250	113	500	
Soft Maple	675	175							450	250	113	500	
Ash	350	150							500	250	113		
Black Cherry	400	150									125		
Black Walnut	2875	350	3125	8000							100		
Hickory	663	200	600	1000					425	250	113	500	
Yellow Poplar	575	125									113	400	450
Basswood	300	150											
Misc. Hardwoods	150	150							400	250	113	450	
Pine											100		
Black Cherry	500	200							300		100	350	



DELIVERED LOG PRICES

About This Report

This report was compiled by Stephen Rogers, Program Specialist, Forest Resource Utilization and Marketing, Kentucky Division of Forestry. Prices represent average delivered log prices reported by participating mills and may vary by species, grade, log quality, and intended use.

All commercial timber harvesting in Kentucky must comply with the Kentucky Forest Conservation Act.

Important Information

The prices in this report represent delivered log prices paid by mills to the logger or seller. They do not represent the value of standing timber (stumpage) on private property.

For Landowners

To estimate the value of standing timber, consult a qualified forester to prepare a timber inventory (cruise) identifying species, grade, volume, and quality. Keep in mind that stumpage values are typically 50% or more below delivered log prices because they do not include the costs of harvesting and transporting timber to the mill.

Stumpage values are influenced by many factors, including:

- Accessibility and terrain
- Distance to the purchasing mill
- Timber species, quality, and volume
- Market demand
- Harvesting and transportation costs
- Compliance with Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Note

Unless otherwise noted, all prices are for unsawn logs delivered to the mill and are reported in dollars per thousand board feet (MBF) using the Doyle Log Rule.





Kentucky Master Logger Program is required by law - the Kentucky Forest Conservation Act requires that at least one graduate of the KY Master Logger (KML) Program is on site and in charge of each commercial logging operation (excluding horse logging). The law also requires the use of appropriate bmps on all commercial logging operations. The KML Program is held 9:00am to 5:00pm local time. To successfully complete the KML program you must attend and participate in all three days. Each program is limited to 50 participants.

KML 3Day Classes 2026

County	Dates	Location
Owen	July 21, 22, 23	Owen County Cooperative Extension Service Office 265 Ellis Highway, Owenton, KY 40359
Metcalfe	September 22, 23, 24	Metcalfe County Cooperative Extension Service Office 422 East Street, Edmonton, KY 42129
Marshall	October 20, 21, 22	Marshall County Cooperative Extension Service Office 2081 Mayfield Highway, Benton, KY 42025
Whitley	November 17, 18, 19	Whitley County Cooperative Extension Service Office 4275 N Hwy 25W, Williamsburg, KY 40769

Continuing Education Schedule

City and County	Dates	Subject
Campbellsville (Taylor County)	Wednesday, August 26, 2026	Principles of Forestry
Princeton (Caldwell County)	Wednesday, October 14, 2026	Sustainable Forestry
Cynthiana (Harrison County)	Thursday, November 12, 2026	Chainsaw Safety
Camp McKee (Montgomery County)	Wednesday, December 2, 2026	Directional Felling



CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2026

- Aug 18** KFIA West/Purchase Regional Meeting, Hopkinsville James E Bruce Convention Center, Contact: Mervin Strader 270-604-1741
straderbrothers.logging@gmail.com
- Aug 25-28** International Woodworking Fair 2026, Georgia World Congress Center, 285 Andrew Young International Blvd., Atlanta, GA. Additional information: www.iwfatlanta.com or Contact: info@iwfatlanta.com or 404-693-8333
- Sept 15** KFIA Southeast Regional Meeting, London Community Center, Contact KFIA office 502-695-3979 or michele@kfia.org
- Sept 12-14** Cross Laminated Timber Conference, Lexington, KY Campbell House, Registration Kymasstimber.org
- Sept 16-18** National Hardwood Lumber Association 2026 Annual Convention, Cleveland, Ohio Contact NHLA at: 901-377-1818 or info@nhla.com
- Oct 1-4** Associated Cooperage Industries of America, 2026 Annual Convention, Teton Mountain Lodge & Spa/Hotel Terra Jackson Hole, Wyoming Contact: ACIA office, 502-261-2242, www.acia.net or email: melissa@acia.net
- Oct 7** KFIA Northeast Regional Meeting, Morehead MeasowView Event Venue, Contact Canon Vice 606-776-5525 or canon@greentreeforest.com
- Oct 18 -24** National Forest Products Week
- Oct 19** Forest Products Week Cookout UK main campus T.P. Cooper Forestry Building
- Oct 20-21** Ohio Valley Lumber Drying Association meeting at The Wood Utilization Center Home | [Ohio Valley Lumber Drying Association \(OVLDA\)](#)
- Oct 22-23** Kiln Drying Short Course, Wood Utilization Center, Quicksand, KY
- Oct 29-30** Moulder and Knife Grinding Training Wood Utilization Center, Quicksand, KY
- Dec 2-5** Kentucky Farm Bureau 107th. Annual Meeting, Galt House, Louisville, KY; Contact KFB Headquarters office: 502-495-5000

MESSAGES

- If you are a new industry to Kentucky and would like to be added to our data of forest industry you can contact me.
- If you are a log buyer in Kentucky and are willing to share log prices, I am always looking to expand my list of contributors.
- Did you enjoyed Kentucky Growing Gold and are not yet on our mailing list, send me a message.
- Would like to submit an advertisement, please get in touch.

Please email me regarding any of the above points.

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