



KANSAS



State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

Programs	FY 2003 Final SPF	FY 2003 Final NFP	FY 2004 Estimate SPF	FY 2004 Estimate NFP
Coop Forest Health Management	10,000	20,000	10,000	20,000
State Fire Assistance	296,784	221,503	372,289	269,787
Volunteer Fire Assistance	172,000	8,000	173,000	9,000
Forest Stewardship Program	249,159	0	230,000	0
Forest Legacy Program	0	0	0	0
Urban and Community Forestry	374,000	0	363,000	0
Economic Action Programs	0	90,000	65,000	0
Forest Resource Information and Analysis	81,109	0	77,861	0
Forest Land Enhancement Program	122,225	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,305,277	339,503	1,291,150	298,787

The cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of Kansas, the USDA Forest Service and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of Kansas forest lands and rural economies. Emphasis focuses on timber and other forest products, wildlife, water resources, rural economies and conservation practices. The goal is to maintain and improve the health of Kansas urban and rural forests and related economies. These programs:

- **Increase cost effectiveness** through the use of partnerships in delivery,
- **Increase values** through sustained productivity of forests, and
- **Are voluntary**, and use non-regulatory approaches.

KEY ISSUES:

Key issues which state and federal programs will address together in the next few years include:

- Protection of existing riparian forests and forest buffers to improve water quality.
- Community capacity building, providing technical service and offering grants to improve public tree resource.
- Wildland urban interface management associated with protection of life and property.
- Forest health concerns related to increased age, density and species diversity.
- Rapid urbanization around metropolitan areas.
- Providing quality service to an ever-increasing number of private landowners with smaller ownerships.
- Establishment, management and renovation of shelterbelts to address wind blown soil erosion, conserve water and improve of crop yields.

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

SELECTED FACTS		FY 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	2,688,418	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	21
Acres of Forest Land	2,229,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	1,382
Acres of NonIndustrial Private Forest Land	2,138,700	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	83,640
Number of NIPF Landowners	39,300	Multi-resource practices implemented on NIPF - Acres	0
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	106
		SPF	103
		NFP	3
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	46,400,000	State Fire – Communities Assisted	309
		SPF	188
		NFP	121
Number of Rural Fire Departments	644	Coop Forest Health - Acres Protected - SPF	167
Number of Cities and Towns	637	Coop Forest Health - Acres Surveyed - NFP	750
Forest Based Employment	3,898	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition - Acres	0
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	12	Urban Forestry-Participating communities	141
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	2,464,778	Urban Forestry –Volunteer Assistance - Days	4,275

Program Highlights:

Urban and Community Forestry: Assistance to communities in developing sustained local efforts to manage public trees, with an emphasis on capacity building by providing program organization, tree inventories, management, tree planting plans and training for tree boards, residents, city employees and arborists. The 103 communities certified as Tree City USA's spent over \$10.3 million and involved over 1,500 volunteers to help improve and protect the local community forest resource.

Fire Management: Protection of state and private lands from wildland fire is accomplished by helping build strong, efficient rural fire programs to protect an estimated 780,000 people and property valued at over \$4 billion. KFS actively supported legislation to provide liability relief in the donation of fire equipment. The bill was signed into law and led to the creation of the KFS Equipment Donation Program. Agreements are in place with 76% of Kansas' fire departments and fields an excess property inventory with an estimated replacement value of \$42 million.

Landowner Assistance: Prepared 71 management plans for 4,088 acres, and 156 practice plans for 1,740 acres for private landowners that provide recommendations on timber harvest, timber stand improvement, tree planting, water quality, wildlife, soil conservation, and recreation through the Forest Stewardship Program. Hosted our annual Fall Field Day and the national Walnut Council Meeting where 276 people participated. Assisted 334 landowners and provided 19,227 person days of forestry education to youth and adults.

Forest Health Protection: Contracted with the Kansas Department of Agriculture to conduct surveys for forest pests to determine occurrence and distribution in the state. Foresters provided technical assistance and information to landowners and communities with assistance from Kansas State University Research and Extension entomologists and pathologists in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of major forest health problems.

Economic Action Programs: Six sawmill demonstrations were conducted to educate the public on the milling process and uses for native hardwoods. Assistance provided in the formation of the Kansas Forest Products Association consisting of industry and landowners. Grant funds provided to four businesses to establish and/or enhance forest industry opportunities. Scholarships were provided to 23 industry cooperators to attend a Utilization and Equipment Expo to build local capacity.

Conservation Education Programs: Contracted with the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) to conduct 26 Project Learning Tree Workshops for 557 teachers, who in turn reached an estimated 11,140 children. Helped sponsor KACEE's fourth annual statewide Environmental Education Conference.

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