

Farm News

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Dead and Dying Woodland Trees

The effect of last summers drought is now becoming apparent in forests throughout Kentucky. The dead and dying trees that are noticeable in woodlands throughout the state are, by in large, a result of last years severe drought. Forest trees are in competition with one another for water. When extreme conditions occur, as they did last year, some trees will not get enough water to keep all of their roots and branches alive. It is useful to consider stressed trees falling into 1 of 3 categories. In the most severe cases, the entire tree died in the fall or winter. However, this was not noticeable until this spring when the trees did not produce leaves. The second category is less severe, where only some of the roots and branches died. Many of these trees have less than their normal quantity of leaves and their crowns look sparse. Whole branches, branch tips or sections of branches may have died. The future of some of these trees will depend upon the amount of rainfall this summer. If we have less rainfall than normal some of these trees may die. This may occur later in the summer or over the course of the next several years. Remember that most tree species live a long time, several hundred years in some cases. In this context, death which takes a year or two or more to develop rapidly. The final category are trees that have been stressed but are showing no outward signs of a problem. This last category appears to be about 90 percent of the trees in our woods. Few trees totally escaped the effects of last years drought. Unfortunately, there is little that can be done to revive a tree which already has died and little that can be done to help trees in the woods that are showing signs of severe stress. A wide range of species have been

affected. Even trees growing in moderate to moist soils have been effected. Even large yellow-popular, southern pine, chestnut, redland, as well as tulip poplar or tulip tree, are showing signs of stress. This is particularly evident in areas where they are growing among oak trees which are more drought hardy. In other woods, oaks may be dying either because they were already weakened or because other tree species were more drought hardy. It will not be uncommon to see insects or fungi attack these weakened trees. There are a number of pests which home-in on weakened trees and may ultimately kill the tree, but the drought set the stage for their demise.

In most of our woods leaving dead or dying hardwood trees does not pose a serious threat to the remaining trees. This is different from situations with some conifer species where removal of dead or dying trees is important to prevent spread of lethal insects such as the southern pine beetle, redland saw, spruce saw, spruce for dead or weakened hardwood trees and harvest them if they wish to reduce losses which may occur in the future. Generally, the wood in them is still useful if they are not left to rot. For trees which died this winter, they should be removed now. If a harvest is being planned, it would be wise to remove trees which are showing dieback or thinned crowns. For woodland owners who are not from situations with some conifer species where too few trees are dying to warrant a harvest, the dying trees should be viewed as part of life in the forest. The dead trees provide food and shelter for a number of wildlife species and other trees will replace them.

Callie Bray Carpenter would like to announce the birth of her twin brother and sister, Keith Edward and Kennedy Alexandra. Keith and Kennedy were born at St. Joseph East in Lexington on April 10, 2000. Keith weighed 4 lbs. 2 ozs and was 17 1/4 inches long. Kennedy weighed 5 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Parents are Eddie and Jennifer Carpenter of Scaffold Cane. Grandparents are Eddie and Judy Carpenter of Lamer and Keith and Susan Coffey of Renfro Valley. Great grandparents are Willis and Ada Coffey of Scaffold Cane and Virginia S. Meecce of Mt. Vernon. Also, they are the great great grandchildren of Lula Sutton of Freetown, Ind.

Alexander Reunion

The Fifth Annual Alexander Reunion was held May 28th, 2000 at the Rockcastle Saddle Club Clubhouse. There were many friends and relatives in attendance. The attendance was down slightly this year with approximately 73 people. Hopefully this list will contain all the people who were in attendance. If there is anyone left off please forgive me. We hope that next year our attendance will be backed up, so plan now to attend and if you didn't attend this year you were missed. Please mark calendar for next year May 27th, 2001, same place, same time.

Leonard Alexander Descendants
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Croacher of Mt. Vernon and Mr. Ron Bowling and daughter, of Barbourville.
Delbert Alexander Descendants
Mr. and Mrs. James Wattenbarger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carey and family, Mrs. Ann Carey all of Crossville, Tennessee, Tracy Alexander of Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wilson of Hudson, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Alexander, Mrs. Donna Jones and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. David Alexander and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Alexander, all of Berea, Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander of Brodhead, Mrs.

Mary "Elvira" Alexander Descendants
Mrs. Mary Alexander Dowdle, Mrs. Brenda Burrell, Mrs. Freddie Moore all of Asheville, North Carolina.

James Alexander Descendants
Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander, Jr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander all of Alexandria, Indiana.

Ruby Alexander Descendants
Mrs. Ruby Alexander Poevler and Jim Alexander of Loveland, Ohio.

Ray Alexander Descendants
Mrs. Karen McPherson, Tim Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander, all of Berea, Mrs. Diana Sumner and family, Mrs. Deborah Alexander and family, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Alexander all of Cincinnati, Ohio and Mrs. John Alexander and family, Mrs. Angela Alexander and sons, all of Brodhead.

Friends attending were: Mrs. Sarah Ann Kirby Harris and husband, of Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. Jason Rawlins of Richmond and Mrs. Jean Hanley of Asheville, North Carolina. Diana Robinson and son, Mrs. Susan Lovell and daughter, Gerald Alexander and son, Mrs. Halie Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Davidson and family, all of Mt. Vernon.

Care for Wedding Gowns

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Proper storage of wedding gowns is important in order to preserve the original appearance of the gown and to prevent damage.

Always have the gown professionally dry cleaned after wearing to remove any stains that may result in discoloration and possibly fabric damage. Preserving or packaging of gowns can be done in a number of ways. One of the best and easiest ways is to simply pack in an acid-free box with no plastic windows. Use white

acid-free paper liberally to wrap and pad the folds to eliminate sharp creases. Wrap in a cotton cloth or sheet to inhibit dust, light, and moisture, and then put away for storage in a cool, dry, place. In storing the gown, it is also recommended that the foam padding used for shoulder pads, metal buttons, or other metallic trim be stored separately. These materials may oxidize or deteriorate prematurely, permanently staining the gown.

Card of Thanks

Ada Robinson

The family of Ada Robinson wishes to express our appreciation for the kindness shown us during the time of our great loss.

Thanks so much to those who sent flowers, cards and food. Thanks to Dr. Arvin and the hospital staff, Seward Nursing home staff for their kindness and care and a special thanks to Bro. Olen McGuire and Brush Creek Holiness Church. Thanks to Maple Grove Baptist Church, friends and neighbors and to Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for their help and kindness.

Ada's Children
Virginia, Annetta, Carl, Agnes, Billy R., David, Adren, Wanda, Billy C., Mearl and Olen

Jessie D. Nicely

The family of Jessie D. Nicely would like to thank everyone for the flowers, food, phone calls, cards, visits, prayers and the love and support shown during the sickness and loss of our loved one.

A special thanks to the nurses, doctors and staff at Rockcastle Hospital for the love and caring support and to Dr. Griffith, Ramona and staff for the years they showed love and concern.

A very special thanks to Bro. Rick Reynolds and Bro. Gary New for their comforting words, love and support during our loss. And to Bro. Rick and Joy Reynolds, Stephanie and Ora Lee Hurst for the beautiful songs and to Poplar Grove Baptist Church for all their prayers and concern during this time of sorrow.

Thanks to Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for a wonderful job, for their love and compassion shown to our family.

Warm thanks to the pallbearers, Roy Adams, Anthony Brock, Orvil Childress, Barry Hurst, Kenneth Par-

sons, Bryan Riddle. And to the honorary pallbearers, Tony DeBord, Conley Mize, Jeff Todd, Robbie Todd, Lonnie Zanzan.

And most of all, we thank God for giving us strength and his loving comfort.

Words cannot express how much we appreciate everyone for their loving concern during our loss. But, our loss is God's gain. May God bless each and everyone and keep us in your prayers.

We love you all,
Louise Nicely and Family
Arthie L. Kirby

The family of Arthie L. Kirby would like to thank everyone for their flowers, food, phone calls and visits, for their prayers, love and support during this time of the loss of our mother.

Special thanks to the wonderful nurses and doctors in ICU at Central Baptist Hospital for their kindness and encouragement shown to our mother, family and friends.

Heartfelt thanks to Bro. Ovie Baker, Bro. Dale McNew and the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ for the beautiful music and words they gave with love and comfort.

Special thanks to Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for their kindness and comfort shown to our family.

Warm thanks to the pallbearers Raymond David Kirby, Robert P. Kirby, Barry A. Kirby, Anthony R. Barron, Jeffrey D. Barron, Phillip E. Stephens.

May God bless each and everyone of you.

We Love You Mom,
Ruby H. Lozier, Estil E. Kirby,
Carville L. and Carol Kirby,
Lillian M. and Jessie Snyder,
Raymond and Rita Darlene Kirby,
Jewell W. and Robert Barron,
Brenda S. and Edward Stephens

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Tobacco Leasing.

July 3rd is the last deadline to sign a tobacco lease. Producers are reminded leases filed and/or on file in the county office must have all signatures (transferring and receiving farm) by the deadline to be approved. Leases with all signatures not obtained by the deadline shall be disapproved. If someone is growing your tobacco quota on a farm other than the farm the quota is established to remember, you MUST sign a lease with the county office by the deadline of July 3rd.

Farm Acreage Reports

New information indicates that all tobacco quota owners will be required to file a crop report for the 2000 crop year even if they have leased their tobacco quota away from the farm. Farm acreage reports of crops are now being taken for the current year. When all crops are planted, producers are encouraged to report all acreages of crops for history, disaster programs and loan deficiency programs. The final reporting date for all crops, except small grains and tobacco, is July 15th. Producers failing to file by the final reporting date will be charged a late fee.

Farm Changes

Producers who have purchased or sold land need to contact the local FSA office for proper reconstitution of farms. Farms controlled with PFC have until the deadline of June 1st to file for reconstitutions of farms. Farms not enrolled with PFC have until the deadline of July 1st. Remember to bring your deed and/or title to the new owner to do so. Also notify this office of any and/or all address changes. REMEMBER: our records are only as current as producers inform our office.

Pasture Recovery Program (PRP) Signup

According to new information received by the FSA office the lifespan of the PRP practice will now be three years. Producers may not have any hay from these practices until after December 31, 2003. The Pasture Recovery Program signup period ended on Friday, April 14, 2000 and required a request for funds report. Regulations for PRP have not been published in the Federal Register and payments are not to be issued until funding is available. For this reason, PRP has been extended until further notice. If you failed to sign up for this program the first ground plane come to the FSA office and sign up now. Remember, we have no idea when sign up will end.

Dairymen Deserve Recognition During June

June has been selected as dairy month, a time designated to celebrate the dairy industry by promoting milk and other dairy products. The high profile "milk mustache" campaign with the new "Farm Gate" dairy promotion that will feature pop-on milk celebrity stickers on 200 million gallons of milk appearing in stores this month. Tremendous prizes like a helicopter, CD players and the grand prize package to star in your own milk mustache commercial and tour as a celebrity for one year, will provide additional incentives to buy milk this month. This commercial promotion will benefit the sales of fluid milk and hopefully in the process bring attention to the health benefits of all dairy products.

Farmers who operate dairy farms work long hours, seven days a week, to maintain healthy cows that will produce safe and nutritious milk. The dairy farmers' contribution to the industry is very significant, and all too often they are the unsung heroes who receive a disproportionately small reward for their efforts. Charlie Price of Red Cedar, Wisconsin is an example of a dairyman that has decided to quit the dairy business because of low milk prices. His 80 head of Jersey milk cows were ranked one of the top herds in the United States for milk protein, and fat content. Despite his dairy success, recent low milk prices have made it impossible to remain in business. Like any business, the dairy farm operating at a loss face tough decisions, and in more and more cases producers are being forced to abandoned their life's work due to substandard milk prices.

The Farm Service Agency has assisted dairy operators with programs like the Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program (DMLA). The most recent assistance came to dairy farmers in the form of DMLA II, a supplemental payment of just over 13 cents per cwt. earlier this year. The financial aid was based on each dairy's production in either of 1997 or 1998 up to a maximum of 26,000 hundred weight. For some producers that is the helping hand they need to stay in business. Federal assistance to farmers is an investment in the future and an assurance that ample supplies of safe and nutritious food will continue to be available. Family sign up for a valuable resource that should be supported to guarantee future generations access to quality food and fiber.

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