



1998 Kentucky Master Logger Program Fact Sheet



The Kentucky Master Logger Program was initiated in the fall of 1992 to provide Kentucky's timber harvesting operators with a training program aimed toward increasing their professionalism and enhancing their understanding and capabilities in dealing with environmental, safety, and statutory issues. The program consists of three days of training in forest ecology and management, best management practices, safety, laws and regulations, chain saw and directional felling techniques.

Program Statistics

Annual Impacts

Each year Kentucky Master Loggers:

- work on approximately 167,367 acres of forestland
- harvest 465,654,000 board feet of standing timber worth \$58,200,750 to forest owners

Cumulative Impacts

Since the program's inception KML graduates have:

- logged more than 522,648 acres of forest land
- harvested more than 1.6 billion board feet of standing timber with a value to the forest owners of more than 203 million dollars

Training Statistics

- Fifty programs through 1998 with 1376 graduates.
- In 1998 the training provided 667 timber harvesting operators with three days of training for a total of 16,000 hours of training.
- Eighty-five percent of KML graduates were loggers. Non-loggers fell primarily into one of three groups; log buyers, state foresters, or industrial foresters.
- In written anonymous evaluations more than 98% of the graduates rated the program as very useful or useful.

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