

Kentucky EPPC Trains Forestry Personnel

by Joyce Bender, KY EPPC President

The Kentucky Exotic Pest Plant Council (KY EPPC) recently trained service foresters across Kentucky in invasive plant identification and control. With a \$10,000 grant from the state Division of Forestry (DOF), two workshops were held for personnel from the western and eastern regions. A total of sixty foresters attended the two-day trainings held at Mammoth Cave National Park in April and in May at Eastern Kentucky University's Maywoods Environmental and Educational Laboratory.

Among the many duties of service foresters is helping landowners develop management plans for their properties. Some management recommendations in previous years conflicted with the KY EPPC invasive plant list and led to some confusion for landowners and Forestry staff alike.

Training included classroom lectures on the impacts of invasive plants, controlling them, developing vegetation management plans and using native plants as alternatives. Each recipient received a number of handouts including the TN and KY EPPC Plant Flash Cards now available for downloading from the SE-EPPC website (www.se-eppc.org). Outdoor training covered field identification and additional information on control methods.

Responses from attendees were very positive and the Kentucky EPPC is confident that the Division of Forestry met their goal to improve staff understanding of the invasive plant issue. The DOF is hopeful that their foresters will be better able to answer questions from the public and to educate them about the impacts of invasive plants on Kentucky's natural resources.

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[top] Division of Forestry staff at the Maywoods workshop.

[bottom] KY EPPC Board member David Taylor explaining invasive plant identification.



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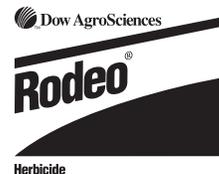
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